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A Letter From the IDUG President

Jeremy Dodd, IDUG President

This blog is bitter sweet for me. Firstly, the sweet. This month is the IDUG DB2 Tech Conference in Denver, Colorado. There is wealth of education opportunities - regardless of whether you work on DB2 for z/OS or DB2 for LUW. These opportunities range from one day seminars to one hour technical sessions, special interest groups to spotlight sessions, vendor solution presentations to certification and networking sessions to the expo. I certainly have had challenges on trying to piece my schedule together as I cannot be in more than one place at a time.



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Backup & Recovery

Show me Your Recovery SLA and I will Tell You Your Backup Strategy By Kurt Struyf

Just this week a few customers asked me the same question. "Should we back up our indexes?" As tradition warrants it, I answered with "it depends". The choice to back up your indexes or not, should be a part of your overall recovery strategy.

The backup strategy of your table spaces and indexes should be recovery SLA based. Do you have a clearly defined recovery target? Is it the same for all tables? Probably not. Most systems have low, mid and high priority tables; the time these tables can be offline is probably very different. The expected recovery times should be explicitly defined in the company's recovery SLA.

[Read more.](#)

2012 IDUG DB2 Tech Conferences

Register today for the IDUG DB2 Tech Conference in Denver taking place this month!

Denver, Colorado, May 14-18, 2012: You can still register to attend the IDUG DB2 Tech Conference in Denver! [Register today](#) and take advantage of these great conference offerings:

- [FREE DB2 10 for z/OS Migration Planning Workshop](#), taking place on Friday, May 18 for a deep-dive into the migration process.
- A full track of sessions dedicated to the launch of [DB2 10 for](#)



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Calendar of Events

[IDUG DB2 Tech Conference in Denver, Colorado](#): May 14-18, 2012

[IDUG DB2 Tech Conference in Sydney, Australia](#): September 12-14, 2012

[IDUG DB2 Tech Conference in Berlin, Germany](#): 4-9 November 2012

What Does the IDUG DB2 Tech Channel Have to Offer?

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- [Full-Day Seminars](#) addressing a range of key industry topics.
- [FREE IBM certification exams](#) to help you advance your career!
- [Keynote presentation](#) addressing Big Data, DB2 and the Future presented by key IBM leaders.

Check out the [full list of technical education sessions](#) and [register today!](#)

Sydney, Australia, 12-14 September, 2012: Plan to attend the IDUG DB2 Tech Conference in Sydney, Australia. If you are interested in sharing your knowledge with your peers at this event as a presenter, please [submit a proposal](#). Select presenters will receive free conference registration! **Abstracts are due by May 31, 2012.**

Berlin, Germany, 4-9 November 2012: Register today and plan to attend the IDUG DB2 Tech Conference in Berlin, Germany. [Housing is now available](#), so book your plans today!

Back Up & Recovery Education at the IDUG DB2 Tech Conference in Denver

Explore Technical Sessions on Back Up & Recovery in Denver, May 14 - 18.

- **DB2 Backups - Are they Really Required Anymore?**
Speaker: Dale Mcinnis, IBM Toronto Lab
- **DB2 for z/OS Utilities Update**
Speaker: Haakon Roberts, IBM Corporation
- **Demystifying Logging & Recovery in DB2 LUW**
Speaker: Kelly Schlamb, IBM Corporation
- **Advanced Recovery Solutions for DB2 LUW**
Speaker: Bill Minor, IBM Canada

[View the full list of sessions](#) available and [register today!](#)

Attend the IDUG Membership Meeting in Denver

Plan to attend the IDUG Membership Meeting at the [IDUG DB2 Tech Conference in Denver, Colorado](#). This important business meeting will include official IDUG business, the induction of the new IDUG Board of Directors, recognition of key players in the IDUG community and an opportunity for you to ask questions of the IDUG leadership. Make sure to attend this meeting on Thursday, May 17 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 105 at the Colorado Convention Center.

2012-2013 IDUG Board of Directors

The slate for the 2012-2013 IDUG Board of Directors is [now available on IDUG.org](#). One of the privileges of IDUG membership is casting a vote to accept the new IDUG Board appointments.

[Cast your vote today!](#)

Thank you for being a part of the DB2 Community.

In case you missed the DB2 Tech Talk on DB2 Advanced Recovery Solutions it has now been added to the IDUG DB2 Tech Channel for you to replay. Another related theme is Data Archiving, which indirectly reduces your requirements for the amount of data you have to back up on a daily basis. Or, perhaps take a look at one of the future webcasts focused on DB2 10 for LUW's Optimized Storage Utilization - the more your data compress, the less there is to back up! All of this and much more can be found on the [IDUG DB2 Tech Channel](#).



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