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A Letter From the IDUG President

Mark Labby, IDUG President

Dear IDUG Membership,

Wow - this has been one of the busiest months in IDUG history! Where do I start...

First, IDUG has formed an agreement with IBM to join the IBM Customer Advisory Councils (CAC) for DB2 LUW and z/OS. I am pleased to act as our first Participant Representative. This is a tremendous opportunity for IDUG to provide direct input on IBM products as well as streamline the process by which IDUG can select individuals to represent the organization to IBM. It is an excellent example of the close relationship that IDUG and IBM have forged to benefit the DB2 user community.



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DB2 SQL - There are No Limits

By Daniel Luksetich

SQL is much more than a data access language. It is a full-fledged programming language. This means that any business or scientific question can be answered using SQL. There are no longer limits to the capabilities of the SQL language. By utilizing some built-in advanced SQL constructs and extensions, and also applying a little experience and know-how, you can program pretty much anything using SQL.

[Read the full article here.](#)

DB2 11 for z/OS New Features

By Julian Stuhler

Back in March 2013, twelve IDUG volunteers bravely set out to explore the new features within DB2 11 for z/OS so they could write a detailed technical white paper for the IDUG community. Since then, the Editorial Committee has been working alongside IBM's formal ESP program and gaining valuable insight into exactly what makes the new release tick. IDUG's DB2 11 for z/OS Technical Review White Paper is due to be published in the 4th quarter of 2013, but in the meantime, you can get a taste of what's coming up with some great blog entries written by members of the Editorial Committee. Here are the first three to get you

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started, and we'll be publishing more each month until the full white paper is available.

- [Potential SQL Performance Improvements in DB2 11 for z/OS](#), by Dan Luksetich
- [DB2 11 for z/OS XML Features - The Hierarchy Strikes Back](#), by Isaac Yassin
- [DB2 11 for z/OS DPSI Performance Improvements](#), by Toine Michielse

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Featured Complimentary Workshop: [DB2 10.5 with BLU Acceleration Technical Immersion Workshop](#), 17 October

This complimentary workshop is an ideal way to update your skills on the recently announced DB2 10.5 with BLU Acceleration product. DB2 expert Danny Arnold will lead the discussion where you will hear about the new BLU Acceleration technology that enables "speed of thought" analytics, new enhancements to DB2 pureScale for always available transactions and many other features.

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The IDUG DB2 Tech Channel has a series of live and replay webcasts to extend your knowledge on DB2.

Don't miss this upcoming webcast:

August 29: [SQL Refresher: What's New in DB2 10.5, What's New in the SQL Standard](#)

DB2 Language Architect and host of the DB2 Tech Talk Series, Rick Swagerman, will present on SQL advances in DB2 10.5, discussing what is new with the SQL standard. Find out about new DB2 SQL features such as expression-based indexes, extended row size, pipelined table functions, weak types, type constraints and more!

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