

IDUG DB2 Tech Conference in Austin Boasts Innovative Education, Impressive Turnout

The 2016 IDUG DB2 Tech Conference in Austin, TX, drew more than 500 attendees from across the globe. From May 23-26, attendees gathered to learn, share best practices and connect with fellow DB2ers during education sessions, networking events, workshops and more.

More than 90 technical sessions offered attendees the chance to learn from industry experts, including keynote speakers Girish Venkatachaliah, *IBM Corporation*, Jonathan Adams, *BMC Software*, and Scott Hayes, *DBI Software*.

186 complimentary IBM Certification exams were taken by IDUG attendees, from which a 54% pass rate was earned.

New in 2016

New this year, IDUG offered a day of education focused specifically on SPARK! Attendees enjoyed taking a deeper dive into this emerging technology and benefitted from hands-on education. An application development Mini Panel also provided attendees with an opportunity to have their application development questions answered in real time.

Conference Proceedings

Conference proceedings are available within the IDUG mobile app and on the [conference homepage](#). Follow the simple instructions below to access conference materials within the app.

- Tap the “Schedule” icon on the 2016 North American DB2 Tech Conference home screen
- Select the session you are interested in
- Tap the “Downloads” tab in the upper right-hand corner of the session

Top Speakers

Congratulations to Chris Eaton for being chosen as the Top Speaker, and Paul Walters for being chosen as the Top User Speaker! Additional Top Speakers are listed below. Congratulations to all who were chosen by their peers as top conference speakers!

Top 10 Overall Speakers:

- Chris Eaton
- Dale Mcinnis
- Terry Purcell
- Melanie Stopfer
- Adam Storm
- John Campbell
- Ember Crooks
- Scott Hayes

- Robert Catterall
- David Simpson

Top 10 IBM Speakers

- Chris Eaton
- Dale Mcinnis
- Terry Purcell
- Melanie Stopfer
- Adam Storm
- John Campbell
- Robert Catterall
- Steve Rees
- Florence Dubois
- Roger Sanders

Top 10 User Speakers

- Paul Walters
- Suresh Sane
- Michael Krafick
- Alexander Kopac
- Tom Glaser
- Saurabh Agrawal
- Robert Goodman
- Pete Suhner
- Pavan Kristipati
- Susan Sterling

Top 10 Vendor/Consultant Speakers

- Ember Crooks
- Scott Hayes
- David Simpson
- Phil Grainger
- James Sobieski
- Ken Schaffer
- Steen Rasmussen
- Dabe Beulke
- Rick Weaver
- Craig Mullins

Passport to Prizes

Thank you to all attendees and exhibitors who participated in Passport to Prizes! Participating companies and prizes are as follows:

CA Technologies	Bose Noies Cancelling Headphones
Cogito Software North America	Bose SoundLink Mini Bluetooth Speaker
CorreLog, Inc.	Amazon Fire HD 10 Tablet
Gunning Technology Solutions	GoPro Hero with Starter Pack
IDUG Hub	\$50 Amazon Gift Card
Imperva Beats by Dre Studio Headset	Beats by Dre Studio Headset
Log-On Software	\$300 Amazon Gift Card
Responsive Systems Apple Watch	Apple Watch
SEGUS & Software Engineering GmbH	GoPro 4 Adventure Camera

Save the Date!

We hope you enjoyed your time in Austin and returned home with valuable DB2 knowledge and new professional connections. Mark your calendar for the **2017 IDUG DB2 North American Tech Conference**, taking place **May 1 – 4** at the **Disneyland Hotel** in **Anaheim, CA**.