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"Fun with SQL" Challenge 2016!

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IDUG is dedicated to the support of not only database administrators, but also developers who use our databases. This means that we are dedicated to sharing information about the many features of SQL and of DB2 in particular.

Getting a good SQL education can be a bit of a challenge. There are some good classes out there and plenty of examples to be found on the internet. However, some of the best education possible is to just give it a try. This is actually really easy for developers to do as DB2 Express-C and IBM Data Studio can both be downloaded for free from the IBM website, and the DB2 sample database can be created for immediate testing of various SQL capabilities.

The concept of the SQL Dojo, which is a fun and interactive team programming session, was brought to IDUG and the IDUG Content Committee by Content Committee member Kurt Struyf. We do a "Fun with SQL" dojo at every IDUG conference and this year we'll be bringing it to local user group meetings. This month at IDUG.org we're having an annual "Fun with SQL" online challenge. This year the challenge involves system-period temporal tables! Give it a try and have some FUN!

A random participant in this month's challenge will receive a $200 USD coupon to use towards taking IBM Certification Exams!

Read the full article.

Attend IDUG in Austin!

The 2016 IDUG NA DB2 Tech Conference will take place May 23-26 in Austin, Texas. In addition to the education and networking available, attendees will have the opportunity to experience one of today's most tech-savvy cities!

Hear from two compelling keynote speakers, attend an Education Seminar, and take advantage of complimentary workshops and certification exams. This career-boosting opportunity can't be missed! View the conference agenda for an in-depth look at what you'll experience in Austin.

Register Now

Present at IDUG in Australia

Submit your presentation for the 2016 IDUG DB2 Tech Conference in Sydney, Australia, 13 - 16 September. Abstracts are due **30 April**.

Don't forget to register for IDUG in Australia by July 20 to receive

President's Letter

Bjarne Nelson on behalf of Anna Brodie, IDUG President

Hear from Bjarne Nelson on behalf of IDUG President Anna Brodie in this month's President's Letter.

IDUG DB2 Tech Channel

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Upcoming Webcasts

What You Really Need to Know About Conversion to Extended Log RBA and LRSN Including Real World Experience

Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2016
Speakers: John Campbell, Distinguished Engineer, IBM; Florence Dubois, Executive IT Specialist

DB2 for z/OS in the Big Memory Era

Date: Thursday, June 28, 2016
Speaker: Julian Stuhler - Ex IDUG Chair and IBM Gold Consultant

discounted registration rates! Simply register using code **EARLYAU**.

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2016-2017 IDUG Board of Directors

Join your fellow members in ratifying the IDUG Board of Directors Slate for the coming year. The deadline is May 13, 2016, so vote today!

Last Month at IDUG.org

Catch up with all things IDUG and stay up-to-date on the latest DB2 trends. Click the links below for a look at last month's hot topics.

- Integrated Transaction and Analytics Processing on IBM z Systems
- Our Road to Success with the DB2 Analytics Accelerator
- Apache Spark: the product, the hype and alternatives
- DB2 Analytics Accelerator for z/OS V5 introduces new use cases with accelerator-only tables
- Using Apache Spark with DB2 for z/OS and z Systems Data
- DB2 11 Application Developer for z/OS - Part 8 Application Design and Lifecycle

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Volunteer Spotlight

Catch up with this month's featured volunteer, Dustin Ratliff, IDUG North American Conference Planning Committee Core Member.

Q: What do you enjoy most about being a member of IDUG?

A: I enjoy working with the people that make up IDUG. IDUG gives me a great opportunity to meet new people and obtain many new perspectives and learn things about DB2 which I would not have had a chance to do anywhere else.

Q: How has IDUG contributed to your success as a DB2 professional?

A: IDUG has introduced me to a whole world of business contacts and has given me great networking opportunities with other professionals in the industry. I have only worked one place in my career and IDUG has really given me a worldly perspective of how folks do things outside of my shop which of course has made me a better and more understanding technician.

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