

Access Path Stability in DB2 for z/OS

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There has been quite a bit of attention paid to the access path stability features of DB2 for z/OS since they first appeared in DB2 9. Enhancements have followed in each subsequent release.

A very common use of these features is to stabilize performance across release migrations. It is desirable to rebind application packages after a migration. Making use of these features can decrease the risk of access path regression (SQL performance problems) when things are bound on the new release.

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