

## IDUG Tech Talk: Zen and the Art of Database Performance

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Performance problems can be tough to solve, especially if you've not had to deal with them much before. In this session from the 2016 IDUG DB2 North American Tech Conference, Steve Rees goes through a step-by-step, decision tree-based approach for tackling performance problems...[read more](#).

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Paul Turpin, IDUG President

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**Date:** Thursday, August 25, 2016

**Speaker:** Roger E. Sanders, DB2 for Linux, UNIX and Windows- Offering Manager, IBM

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- [Learning Exciting JSON Features in DB2 for z/OS](#)
- [IDUG Tech Talk: Advanced In-Database Analytics Using R](#)
- [User-Defined Table Functions - It's All in the SQL!](#)

## IDUG Volunteer Spotlight

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Learn more about this month's featured volunteer, **Stefan Kochishan** of the Global Marketing Committee.

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

**A:** It's ALL about the people. Okay, and the data! This relationship is so important - from all levels of technical expertise and knowledge to the vast array of business insights, IDUG is constantly evolving, changing and challenging. At events, I enjoy meeting everyone and listening to others' experiences collaborating on great things!

**Q: What enticed you to volunteer for IDUG?**

**A:** IDUG events, social outreach and forums are THE place to engage with peers and colleagues on any variety of topics that further the use, adoption and exploitation of all things DB2. I'm actually doing what I want and loving it! From a professional perspective, I love my marketing adventures and helping to "move the needle."

**Q: What would readers be the most shocked to learn about you?**

**A:** My favorite passion: hiking in the Alps (Bavaria and along the Alps, through Austria, Italy and Switzerland). I find my inner joy and peace high up in the quiet peaks. I am a first-generation American (my family immigrated from Germany in 1952), so I am very in touch with my heritage (yes... real men wear Lederhosen!). The views, the people, the food, the beer! All so wonderful.

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