

## Establishing Good Database Administration for DB2

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Database administration refers to a set of tasks that is related to the setup, configuration and maintenance of a database and/or its software. Understanding and defining the different tasks and roles within database administration is critical; learn about best practices for a modern company...[read more](#).

## There's Still Time to Attend IDUG in Sydney!

The [IDUG DB2 Tech Conference](#) in Sydney, Australia, 13 - 16 September is just a couple weeks away, but you still have time to register! Conference highlights include:

- [Keynote speaker](#), Jonathan Adams of BMC
- Free [certification seminars and exams](#)
- A full day of [SPARK](#)
- Over 50 [technical presentations](#)
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The [IDUG DB2 Tech Conference in Brussels](#) is quickly approaching! Start planning your conference experience by viewing all of the sessions you can attend this November!

Conference highlights include:

- **NEW!** View the newly announced [conference agenda](#)
- **NEW!** Hear from three [keynote speakers](#)
- [Complimentary workshops](#) on Sunday and Thursday
- Free [certification exams](#) available to attendees



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## President's Letter



Paul Turpin, IDUG President

Hear from Paul Turpin in this month's [President's Letter](#).

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## Upcoming Webcast:

[IBM DB2 on SAP - V11.1 Update and Recent Developments](#)  
September 26, 2016

[DB2 on Cloud - Moving to the cloud with full control!](#)  
November 3, 2016

In order to attend webcasts, you must sign-up for a free [IDUG membership](#) and be logged-in.



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.

- [IDUG Tech Talk: Zen and the Art of Database Performance](#)
- [Understanding the DB2 LUW Backup Performance Statistics](#)
- [DB2 11.1 for LUW Performance - A Query Optimization Perspective](#)
- [Understanding DB2 for LUW Buffer Pool I/O](#)
- [SQL Enhancements in DB2 12 ESP for z/OS](#)
- [Introduction to XML in DB2 11 for z/OS - Part 3 - a little bit of XML internals](#)

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## IDUG Volunteer Spotlight

Learn more about this month's featured volunteer, **Iqbal Goralwalla**, Conference Chair of the EMEA Conference Planning Committee.



**Q: When did you first become a member of IDUG?**

**A:** More than 10 years ago - in 2005.

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

**A:** Tapping into the wide range of resources IDUG offers, networking, attending IDUG conferences and being a volunteer and giving back some of my time to the DB2 user community.

**Q: What has been your most memorable IDUG experience so far?**

**A:** Being selected as a member of the EMEA Conference Planning Committee (CPC), progressing to be the Presentations Lead for two years, and culminating in being the Conference Chair for IDUG EMEA 2016 in Brussels.

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

**A.** I was born in one continent, studied in another, completed further studies in another, and finally settled in yet another!

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

**A.** Networking opportunities have allowed me to meet DB2 professionals all over and being a volunteer has contributed towards my selection as an IBM Gold Consultant.

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