

Central Canada Db2 | Toronto IMS

Regional Users Groups

Tuesday May 12, 2026

8:00 - 9:00



Registration / Badge Pick-up & Breakfast
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	Db2 for z/OS DBA	Db2 LUW	IMS	Db2 for z/OS Misc.
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9:00 - 9:20

Welcome & Introduction - Andy Sykes, CCDUG President (The Forum)

9:20 - 10:00
Keynote

Keynote
Martin Oberhofer
Vice President, Data Core Products
IBM

15min



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10:15 - 11:15 Session 1	ZOS-01 Db2 for z/OS Key Updates and Future Direction Akiko Hoshikawa – IBM	LUW-01 Db2 Latest from Lab Mike Springgay - IBM	IMS-01 Boost IMS Performance, Reduce Costs: The IBM PA Advantage Bhaskar Gupta – IBM	ZMISC-01 Package Management in large z/OS Db2 environments Colin Oakhill - Infotel
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15min



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11:30 - 12:30 Session 2	ZOS-02 You can do THAT with System Profile Monitoring??? Mark Rader, Tori Felt, Anna McKee – IBM WSC	LUW-02 Db2 Genius Hub: Introducing the New AI Assistant Powering the Autonomous Database Experience Francis Wong, Bryan Tang - IBM	IMS-02 Navigating the IMS Database 4/8GB limitations Gary Turner – BMC	ZMISC-02 DB2 z/OS Dynamic SQL Monitoring: Best Practices Toine Michielse – Broadcom
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60min



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13:30 - 14:30 Session 3	ZOS-03 Db2 for z/OS Encryption Introduction Mark Rader, Tori Felt, Anna McKee – IBM WSC	LUW-03 Introducing Db2 Serverless - Database Service for the AI Era Andrew Hilden - IBM	IMS-03 IMS Database Reorganization: Why, When, and How Rabah Beggar – Broadcom	ZMISC-03 Screening in a Virtualized Production Environment Ulf Heinrich – Segus
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14:45 - 15:45 Session 4	ZOS-04 How Old is Your Data Strategy? Maybe it is Time to Modernize! Richard Ruppel – IBM	LUW-04 The Next Generation of Containerized Db2 Tony Sinclair, Janpreet Singh Chandhok - IBM	IMS-04 Dynamic Resources and the IMS Repository (IMSRSC) Ashley Lopez – IBM	ZMISC-04 Streamline Db2 Schema Management with Code4z Jim Endler – Broadcom
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16:00 - 17:00 Session 5	ZOS-05 Hard Lessons Learned with High Performance DBATS for Db2 for z/OS John Campbell – Broadcom	LUW-05 AI Innovations in Db2 Raymond Yao - IBM	IMS-05 Using IMS Connect with OTMA/ODBM – Understanding the architecture for Integration Suzie Wendler – IBM WSC	ZMISC-05 Introduction to Quantum Les King
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17:00 - 18:00

Vendor Expo

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9:00 - 10:00 Session 6	ZOS-06 Use AI to Gain Business Insights From Your Data ... Now! Richard Ruppel, Akiko Hoshikawa – IBM	LUW-06 Accelerating AI Workloads in Db2 v12.1.5.0: Introducing High-Performance Vector Indexes Christian Garcia-Arellano, Zach Hoggard - IBM	IMS-06 Securing IMS Connect Workloads Tracy Dean – IBM	ZMISC-06 Things I wish I'd remember.... Michael Cotignola – BMC

15min



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10:15 - 11:15 Session 7	ZOS-07 Ready Player One? Roy Boxwell – Segus	LUW-07 Datalake Tables in Db2: Open, Flexible Access to Your Data Wherever It Lives Dominic So, Olivier Bernin - IBM	IMS-07 What if you had to quickly recover an IMS database, could you? Jonathan Howells – IBM	ZMISC-07 What's new in IBM Z Data Integration M. Cüneyt Göksu – IBM WSC
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11:30 - 12:30 Session 8	ZOS-08 Autonomous Auditing of Native Db2 Security Features Steen Rasmussen – Broadcom	LUW-08 Deep Dive into the Reshaping of Db2's Storage Architecture for Scalability with RocksDB Alexander Cheung, Krishna Kumar Ramachandran, Rob Hooper - IBM	IMS-08 From Copybooks to SQL: Modernizing IMS Metadata with the IMS Catalog Gary Turner – BMC	ZMISC-08 All about Db2 for z/OS Packages Mark Rader, Tori Felt, Anna McKee – IBM WSC
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13:30 - 14:30 Session 9	ZOS-09 Db2 for z/OS Data Sharing: Performance Considerations Mark Rader, Tori Felt, Anna McKee – IBM WSC	LUW-09 Pacemaker 101: Behavior, Functionality, and Troubleshooting Db2's High-Availability Cluster Manager Andrew Shen - IBM	IMS-09 Accessing IMS with a Web UI, Eclipse Tooling, and Java Andrew Urso – IBM WSC	ZMISC-09 Mastering Digital Certificates: The Keys for Creating a Streamlined Experience Kranthi Kumar Vemula – Broadcom
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14:45 - 15:45 Session 10	ZOS-10 Embrace The Future Today By Eliminating Deprecated Objects Richard Ruppel, John Lyle – IBM	LUW-10 ADMIN_MOVE_TABLE: The Swiss Army Knife for Database Administrators Beck Tang, Zahidul Khan, Phil King - IBM	IMS-10 IMS and OpenTelemetry John Maher – IBM	ZMISC-10 The Db2 for z/OS Agent Lets have a Chat with the Catalog! – M. Cüneyt Göksu – IBM
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Thank You!
See you in 2027

