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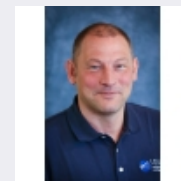


Why should you attend? Come and celebrate IDUG's 30th Anniversary with us. Join us in Philadelphia, April 29-May 3, and you can:

- Hear the [keynote presentations](#) by Flip Filipowski, one of the founders of IDUG; and Michele Goetz, Forrester Research
- Sign up for [workshops](#) and [hands-on-labs](#)
- Attend expert panels on z/OS and LUW

There are more than 100 other reasons to attend. See all 100+ sessions on the [conference agenda](#) and [register now](#).

President's Letter



Luc Vandaele, IDUG President

Hear from Luc Vandaele in this month's [President's Letter](#).



[IDUG Tech Conference](#)
November 4-8, 2018
St. Julians, Malta
[REGISTER NOW!](#)

[IDUG Tech Conference in Malta 2018 - Call for Presentations Still OPEN!](#)

There is still time to submit your abstract, but hurry, the Call for Presentations ends April 16, 2018. [Check the website](#) for full details and [submit your abstract TODAY!](#)

Save the Date for the 2018 IDUG Australia Db2 Tech Conference in Sydney, Australia

Mark your calendar for the 2018 IDUG [Australia Db2 Tech Conference](#), 11-13 September in Sydney, Australia.



Call for Presentations is OPEN! [Submit your abstract](#) by April 27 and share your knowledge and expertise with your peers.

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Upcoming Webcasts

April 17, 2018, 11:00 a.m. EDT

[Best Practices for Developing High Performing Java Applications for Db2 for z/OS](#)

May 15, 2018, 11:00 a.m. EDT

[Overview of Db2 11 and Db2 12 SQL Enhancements](#)

September 11, 2018, 11:00 a.m. EDT

[Db2 12 for z/OS: Improving Availability and Resilience](#)

[All Upcoming Webcasts](#)

Standing Room Only - IDUG India Success!



This year IDUG India had the largest attendance ever, here are the highlights!

- Over **600 passionate Db2 users attended IDUG India 2018 events**
- **Three dedicated tracks:** Db2 (Distributed), Db2 for z/OS, and Dedicated Application Development
- Excellent **keynote on Blockchain** was presented by **C Mohan**, IBM Fellow IBM Research
- Db2 **keynote on Db2 Trends and Directions** presented jointly by **John Campbell and Roger Sanders**
- **Machine Learning session delivered by** Nigel Slinger - IBM DE was very popular
- **Excellent feedback** from attendees - high demand to **extend market reach in Hyderabad, Mumbai and Puna**
- **Demand exceeded capacity with standing room only**

Db2 User Group Events

Attend one of the following upcoming Db2 User Group events and win a complimentary conference pass to attend either [IDUG Tech Conference in Philadelphia](#) or [IDUG Tech Conference in Malta](#). Sponsored by IBM and IDUG.

April 9, 2018	SQLAdria Db2 for LUW Seminar, Slovenia
April 10, 2018	Alabama Db2 Users Group Spring Meeting
April 12, 2018	SQLAdria Db2 Seminar, Belgrade
April 16, 2018	Db2 for z/OS & Enterprise Analytics, London
April 17, 2018	European IDAA User Group Meeting
April 19, 2018	Twin Cities Db2 Users Group Meeting
April 20, 2018	DeDUG User Group Meeting

Off to the Races: Running Runstats

One of the most common maintenance activities performed on a Db2 LUW database is running Runstats on tables and indexes. Accurate database statistics are vital for the Db2 Optimizer to produce the most optimal plans. The optimizer uses this information to estimate the costs for a plethora of possible access plans for each query and ultimately chooses the most efficient plan. [Read the full article.](#)

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