

Celebrating a Great Year and IDUG's History

2017 has been a year of transformation and success for IDUG and the Db2 product series. Two highlights include the successful launch of the Data Tech Summit, which sold out at the Silicon Valley Lab in November, and strong attendance of the IDUG Db2 Tech Conferences in North America and EMEA. (View the [EMEA wrap up post here](#).) We are building on the success of 2017 and look forward to also celebrating our 30th anniversary in 2018.

Start the celebration today! Share your favorite IDUG photos from over the years on social media using hashtag: #IDUG30.

Help Shape the Future of IDUG

Interested in playing a larger role within IDUG? IDUG is currently seeking passionate, engaged members to serve on its Board of Directors for the 2018-19 term. [Apply or submit a nomination](#) by January 15, 2018.

Top 5 IDUG Blog Posts From 2017

Did you know there were 40+ blog posts crafted by the [IDUG Content Committee](#) in 2017? Here are the top 5 viewed posts:

1. [Advanced Pattern Matching with Regular Expressions in Db2 11.1 for LUW](#)
2. [Apache Spark and IBM Machine Learning on z/OS](#)
3. [Db2 LUW 'Performance First Aid' with monreport.dbsummary](#)
4. [Learning Machine Learning](#)
5. [Scenarios for IBM z Systems-centric Data Lake Implementations](#)

Written by users for users, the [IDUG Content Blog](#) is *the place* for the latest in Db2-related trends and topics.

Upcoming IDUG Db2 Tech Conferences

Mark your calendar for the 2018 IDUG Db2 Tech Conferences:

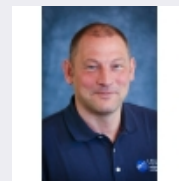
- March 27, 2018 in Bengaluru, India | [Register Now](#)
- March 29, 2018 in Chennai, India | [Register Now](#)
- April 29 - May 3, 2018 in downtown Philadelphia, USA | [Register now](#), and [book your hotel reservation](#) by April 6.
- November 4-8, 2018 in Malta | [Call for presentations is open](#). Submit your presentation by March 19.

Attendees will experience the latest in Db2 technologies, networking opportunities and the technical content you need to be successful - *plus take part in IDUG's 30th anniversary celebration!*

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President's Letter



Luc Vandaele, IDUG President

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