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And **Happy 30th Anniversary, IDUG!** 2018 promises to be a year of growth, innovation, and celebration. Celebrate with us by getting involved and fully utilizing your membership benefits.

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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!*

## Don't Miss These Webcasts

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- **Title:** *What's New From the Optimizer in DB2 12 for z/OS?*  
**Presenter:** Terry Purcell, IBM Db2 for z/OS STSM and IBM Master Inventor  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 30, 2018  
**Time:** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Eastern Standard Time  
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- **Title:** *Db2 12 Migration Planning & Early Experiences PART 1*  
**Presenter:** John Campbell, IBM Distinguished Engineer  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 20, 2018

January 24, 2018  
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### President's Letter



Luc Vandaele, IDUG President

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## The Awesome Power of Alter Table in Db2 12 for z/OS

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In the early days of DB2 for z/OS, pretty much every change to a table would result in an unload-drop-recreate-load of the table. This article will talk about how the ALTER table in DB2 12 for z/OS has evolved from DB2 11 for z/OS, and what you need to know from a practical point of view. [Read the full article here.](#)

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