Virtual Db2 user group: Newsletter 1

Welcome to the Virtual Db2 user group newsletter. The Virtual Db2 user group at itech-ed.com/virtualdb2 is an independently-operated vendor-neutral site run by and for the CICS user community.

Welcome to the Virtual Db2 user group

Firstly, I'm Trevor Eddolls, let me welcome you to the all-new Virtual Db2 user group.

Using as a model the successful Virtual IMS and Virtual CICS user groups, the Virtual Db2 user group plans to work in much the same way. Members will receive a newsletter six times a year keeping them informed about what's been going on in the world of mainframe Db2 - such as product announcements or updates, and new articles that are available through the Internet.

In each of the other six months, there will be a virtual user group meeting including a presentation by a Db2 specialist. User group members get access to this information completely for FREE.

And that's only possible because the user group is being sponsored by Planet Mainframe. We are very

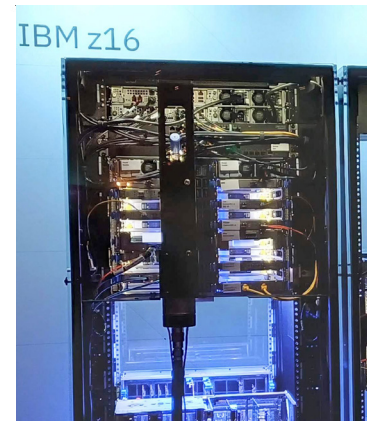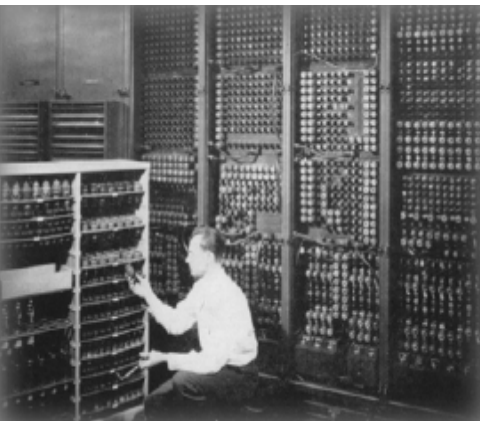lucky that Planet Mainframe has agreed to sponsor the user group.

About Planet Mainframe

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data centre ideas. Contributors write about anything they want – strong opinions that they hold regarding what is going on in today's data centres, new technologies, some war stories from the trenches of the mainframe datacentre business, and so on. Sometimes the topic isn't even mainframe-centric, although that's obviously the preference. What they don't publish is marketing materials and sales pitches – their readers are not interested in that.

Co-sponsorship opportunity

Supporting the user community is an important part of the relationship between software vendors and their customers. The Virtual Db2 user group is new and is offering this opportunity to cosponsor the user group. If this is of interest, please contact me (trevor@itech-ed.com).

Figure 1: User group website

Meeting dates

The following meeting dates have been arranged for the Virtual Db2 user group:

- On 17 January we have Craig Mullins, president and principal consultant of Mullins Consulting, who will be discussing, "Understanding Your Rolling 4 Hour Average to Tune Db2 and Lower Mainframe Costs".

- The following meeting is on 21 March, when we hope to have a speaker from BMC.

- The meeting after that is

on 23 May, when Canvas Botha will be discussing, "Writing high performance SQL statements".

- On 18 July we have Mark Rader speaking. He is a Db2 for z/OS specialist in the IBM Z Washington Systems Center

We are using Zoom for the user group meetings.

Db2 articles and blogs

Taking Advantahe of the Wealth of Information in Your Db2 Logs by Craig Mullins

in Enterprise Tech Journal issue 5 (November 2022). You can find the article at: https://mydigitalpublication. com/publication/?i=768403 &p=20&view=issueViewer

Navigating directly between CICS Task History and Db2 Thread History by Paul Kenney and Mick Harris in the IBM Z and LinuxONE Community (3 November 2022). You can find the article at: https://community. ibm.com/community/user/ ibmz-and-linuxone/blogs/ paul-kenney/2022/10/28/
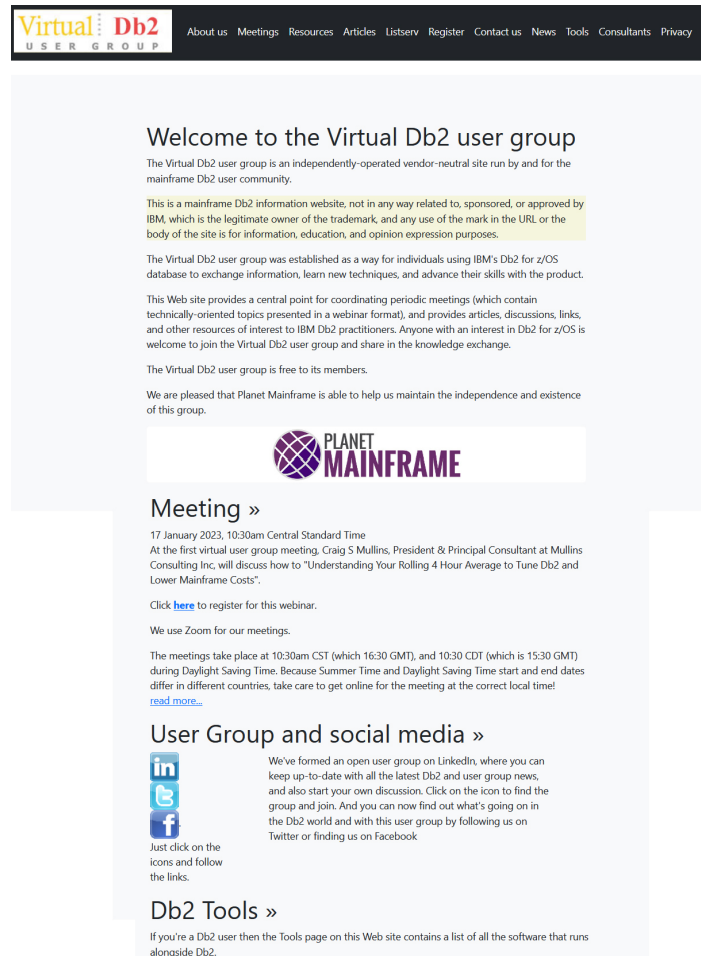
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Types of Database Recovery, Part 1 by Craig S Mullins on the DBTA website (6 October 2022). You can find the article at: https://www.dbta.com/Columns/DBA-Corner/Types-of-Database-Recovery-Part-1-155281.aspx

Db2 for z/OS: SEPARATE_SECURITY and SECADM by Robert Catterall on the Planet Mainframe website (28 September 2022).. You can find the article at: https://planetmainframe.com/2022/09/db2-for-z-os-separate_security-and-secadm/

Know Your Isolation Levels to Develop Correct and Efficient Db2 Programs by Craig Mullins on the Planet Mainframe website (20 September 2022). You can find the article at: https://planetmainframe.com/2022/09/know-your-isolation-levels-to-develop-correct-and-efficient-db2-programs/

What Db2 for z/OS People Should Know About Data Fabric by Robert Catterall on the Planet Mainframe website (25 August 2022). You can find the article at: https://planetmainframe.com/2022/08/what-db2-for-z-os-people-should-know-about-data-fabric/

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About the Virtual Db2 user group

The Virtual Db2 user group was established as a way for individuals using IBM's Db2 for z/OS to exchange information, learn new techniques, and advance their skills with the product.

The website at itech-ed.com/virtualdb2 provides a central point for coordinating periodic meetings (which contain technically-oriented topics presented in a webinar format), and provides articles, discussions, links, and other resources of interest to IBM Db2 practitioners. Anyone with an interest in mainframe Db2 is welcome to join the Virtual Db2 user group and share in the knowledge exchange.

To share ideas, and for further information, contact trevor@itech-ed.com.

The Virtual Db2 user group is free to its members.