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1) Tech News

Upcoming events

10 Ways to Save Money on the Mainframe seminar

During the month of March we held 3 editions of the "10 Ways to Save Money on the Mainframe" seminar in Frankfurt, Milan and Manchester. We had over 100 attendees on the whole, with very enthusiastic feedback. We're now considering the opportunity to repeat again the seminar, in new countries but also in different regions in Germany, Italy and UK.

We kindly ask those interested in such a seminar to let us know by writing to epv.info@epvtech.com, this will help us to plan the next editions.

CECMG Conference - April 2009

CECMG 2009 will be held in Konigswinter on April 22nd - 24th.

EPV Technologies will present the following papers:

- "Controlling z/OS Applications", Wednesday 22nd April at 10.15, SAAL A
- "Bigger Savings using new z Technologies", Wednesday 22nd April at 16.30, SAAL A

More details at: <http://www.cecmg.de>

System z Technical Conference - May 2009

The IBM System z Technical Conference 2009 will be held in Brussels on May 4th - 8th.

EPV Technologies will present the following papers:

- "Controlling z/OS Applications", Monday 4th May at 15.30 in Room 4 - Tuesday 5th May at 10.45 in Room 6
- "Mainframe Software Consolidation: A User Experience", Tuesday 5th May at 15.15 in

Room 4 - Wednesday 6th May at 9.00 in Room 3

- "Bigger Savings using new z Technologies", Tuesday 5th May at 9.00 in Room 4 - Thursday 7th May at 16,45 in Room 2
- "Saving Money (and Your Mainframe)", Wednesday 6th May at 13.30 in Room 1 - Thursday 7th May at 13.30 in Room 1

More details at: <http://www-304.ibm.com/jct03001c/services/learning/ites.wss?pageType=page&c=M820812V69021K53>

GSE Germany Conference - May 2009

GSE Germany 2009 will be held in Hamburg on May 18th - 20th.

EPV Technologies will present the following paper:

- "Bigger Savings using new z Technologies", Tuesday 19th May at 13.30 Room A

More details at:

<http://www.gsenet.de/Termine/JahrestagungHamburg/tabid/2949/Default.aspx>

UKCMG EuroTEC Conference - May 2009

UKCMG EuroTEC 2009 will be held in Oxford on May 18th - 19th.

EPV Technologies will present the following paper:

- "Bigger Savings using new z Technologies", Tuesday 19th May at 10.00 Track 2A

More details at: <http://www.ukcmg.org.uk/agenda.html?event=45>

CMG-Italia Conference - May 2009

The XXIII CMG-Italia conference will be held in Milan on May 21st.

EPV Technologies will present the following paper:

- "Capacity Management Issues in 2009"

More details at: <http://www.cmgitalia.it>

2) Tech Support

MXG Change 27.039 - DB2 class 10 measurements

Change 26.183 is wrong; it removed the QBAC and QTXA vars from the summary in ASUMDB2P and TRNDDDB2 code, claiming those variables were not in the IFCID=239 (101 subtype 1) Package Data records starting in V7.1. But they all DO exist in DB2ACCTP dataset in DB2 V8.1 or later, so they are now restored in ASUMDB2P and TRNDDDB2P summary code.

The QBAC and QTXA fields are only populated in DB2ACCTP dataset if DB2 Accounting Trace Class 10 is enabled. Those variables have ALWAYS been kept in the DB2ACCTP dataset, so this only impact users of MXG's summaries.

Thanks to Giuseppe Giacomodonato, E.P.V. Technologies, ITALY.

3) Tech Notes

New EPV for DB2 version soon available

EPV for DB2 V4 development will be completed by mid April 2009. Product GA is planned by the end of May 2009.

The major usability features added are:

- Navigation Calendar, to compare the current report to another day with just one mouse click;
- Review of MIPS capacity algorithm, to make it easier and more flexible evaluate DB2 MIPS usage;
- Threshold page, automatically produced and linkable from help to show the used thresholds.

The new technical reports added (by product component) are:

- Output log buffer paged in, Critical Events
- DB rows and space statistics, Configuration
- DSNZPARM parameters, Configuration
- Configuration Changes, Configuration
- Log Write I/O, Resources
- Dyn Statement Cache Hit, Pool Resources
- TOP Getpages by DB2 and Connection, Workload
- TOP Package in all Connections, Workload
- DB2 PLAN CPU DETAIL, Workload
- DB2 PLAN ELAPSED DETAIL, Workload
- DB2 PACKAGE CPU DETAIL, Workload
- DB2 PACKAGE ELAPSED DETAIL, Workload
- Trends of Pools usage, Daily Trends
- Trends of CICS/IMS transactions and Packages selected by the User, Daily Trends

Many other minor improvements have been added following customers suggestions.

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