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For the past 13 years, NEODBUG has remade itself into a multifaceted organization through a series of changes to better fulfill the needs of that same database community. It is an evolution that many other regional DB2 users groups have experienced as well. Managed change is good and we plan to keep evolving, while not forgetting the main focus of this organization: Database.

The February meeting was one of the best examples how we can change to provide better services to the Northeast Ohio Database community. Our Agenda committee did a great job on the March meeting. The Special Training Class that we held in March was a rousing success! The feedback on Sheryl Larsen's presentation was excellent. While we have tried to streamline the registration process, we cannot please everyone. Several people requested to charge the cost of the class to a credit card. But it is very expensive for a non-profit to offer to attendees. We'll keep you updated about upcoming classes and try to make sure that you have enough notice to allow your companies to go through their internal processes to get the approvals necessary for the classes.

For the May Quarterly Meeting, they were able to line up presentations that I'm sure that you will find as informative as usual. Thanks to the diligence of Kirk Bailey of S&P Solutions and Carmen Rosa of Progressive for all of their hard work in putting this agenda together.

We begin the day with Moez Chaabouni from Rational. Moez will be presenting: *"Introduction to the Unified Modeling Language (UML) and Data Modeling with the UML."* His presentation will include discussions of Visual Modeling. Visual modeling is the use of semantically rich, graphical and textual design notations to capture software designs. The Unified Modeling Language (UML) allows the level of abstraction to be raised, while maintaining rigorous syntax and semantics. In this way, it improves communication in the design team, as the design is formed and reviewed, allowing the reader to reason about the design, and it provides an unambiguous basis for implementation. The power of the UML is not limited to object oriented software development. More and more, the UML is being applied to other areas of software development, such as data modeling, enhancing practitioners' ability to communicate their needs and assessments to the rest of the team. The UML can be used to describe the complete development of relational and object relational databases from business requirements through the physical data model.

Moez has been a Software Engineering Specialist for Rational for approximately two years. While at Rational, he has implemented the Rational solution in several organizations with a focus on Iterative Development, Requirements Management, quality assurance, and Visual Modeling. He has over 13 years' prior experiences in software engineering and management and is also serves as part of the adjunct faculty at the Ohio State University teaching relational and object database design and system analysis courses.

Our second speaker is Louis Gonzalez from Microsoft Corporation. His presentation is *"BI Analysis Using SQL Server"*

For the afternoon, we have Jay Yothers, from IBM giving two presentations. The first is entitled: *"SQL Triggers in DB2 for z/OS and OS/390"* and for his second presentation, he will be talking about *"High Performance and High Availability with DB2 for z/OS and OS/390 Version 7"*

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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Jay is a lead DB2 for z/OS and OS/390 developer. He has participated in the development of a number of major DB2 functions, including Distributed Data Base, Data Sharing, and Relational Objects. He is currently a member of the DB2 for z/OS and OS/390 SQL Technology and Development team, as well as a member of the DB2 for z/OS and OS/390 Design and architecture Review Boards. He also represents DB2 for z/OS OS/390 as a member of the IBM Data Management Technical Council, and the System 390 Software Design Council.

As we have done in the past, we are co-sponsoring the Eighth Annual NEODBUG Tools Fair, called DataNet 2002 on August 22, 2002 at Landerhaven, in Mayfield Heights. The name of the event has changed to acknowledge the influence and impact that the Internet has had on database and data warehousing, both as a new applications are developed and as an opportunity for data warehouses applications to provide business critical data to managers. **For anyone that is attending IDUG, please contact any vendors that you meet at the conference and encourage him or her to participate in the Cleveland show in August. The vendor support has been weaker than in previous years.**

We would like to see between 15 to 25 vendors and two or three presentation tracks on a variety of subjects and products covering DB2 for OS390, Oracle, Sybase, Informix, DB2/UDB, Microsoft's SQL Server, Data Warehousing, e-business, etc. We are trying to finalize arrangements for a keynote speaker for this event. Stay tuned for more details.

In November, as we have done for the past several years, we're bringing in another *nationally known Speaker* to give us a 1/2-day to 1-day seminar. We'll also give more information, as it becomes available. As always, this meeting will include a business meeting to elect Trustees for next year.

See you on the 2nd of May and don't forget IDUG will be held May 12-16 in San Diego, Calif. Make sure you attend this 14th anniversary of IDUG as they present "DB2 Powered by You". Finally, I know that May is not too early to play golf or baseball, but it is going to rain anyway so you might as well attend this informative event! Oh yeah, so long Mr. Hart and Go Tribe! I look forward to seeing all of you there!

Michael P. James
Chairman

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Meeting Fees for 2002 have not changed:

Note: If your company or you are members of NEODBUG:
\$30 pre-registered and \$40 at the door.

If your company or you are NOT members of NEODBUG:
\$40 pre-registered and \$50 at the door.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following are the current figures for NEODBUG:

ASSETS

Checking Account	\$ 22,477.20
Savings Account	1,920.36
TOTAL	\$ 24,397.56

LIABILITIES

Membership Prepayment	\$ 540.00
Outstanding Debt	\$ 17,750.00
TOTAL	\$ 18,290.00

NETWORTH \$ 6107.56



We had another fine turnout for the March 7th Sheryl Larsen Special Education meeting with 130 attending from 17 companies.

The following companies/individuals have sent in their Memberships. Those that prepaid to send members to NEODBUG meetings have the number of remaining coupons next to their names:

Companies/ Individuals that have paid memberships:

Allstate Insurance
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Phil Sherman (3 Coupons Left)
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S&P Solutions (3 Coupons Left)
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United Ohio Insurance Co (3 Coupons Left)
Westfield Insurance

Alan P. Solnick
Treasurer



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2002

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>City</u>
05/12-05/16/2002	IDUG 2002 — North America (DB2)	San Diego, CA
05/12-05/17/2002	TDWI World Conference-Spring 2002	San Diego, CA
5/23/2002	NEODBUG Quarterly Meeting	Independence
June 2002	Gartner Storage Conference 2002	Palm Desert, California
06/17-06/21/2002	Oracle Development Tools Users Group	Las Vegas, NV
08/05-08/09/2002	Sybase TechWave '2002	San Diego, CA
08/18-08/23/2002	'TDWI World Conference-Summer 2002	Las Vegas, NV
August 2002	NEODBUG Tools Fair	Landerhaven
8/28-8/29/2000	MidWest Oracle Users Group UIC Chicago Campus	Chicago, IL
Oct 2002	IDUG 2001 European Conference	Florence, Italy
11/03-11/08/2002	TDWI World Conference - Fall 2002	Orlando, FL

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Is your data out there somewhere...anywhere?





AGENDA

May 2, 2002

8:30 - 9:00	Registration	
9:00 - 9:15	Opening Remarks	Michael James
9:15 - 10:30	“Introduction to the Unified Modeling Language (UML) and Data Modeling with the UML:”	Moez Chaabouni Rational Rose
10:30 - 10:45	BREAK	
10:45 -12:00	“BI Analysis Using SQL Server” Microsoft Corporation	Louis Gonzalez
12:00 - 1:00	LUNCH	
1:00 - 2:00	“SQL Triggers in DB2 for z/OS and OS/390” IBM Corporation	Jay Yothers
2:00 - 2:15	Break	
2:15 - 3:45	“High Performance and High Availability with DB2 for z/OS and OS/390 Version 7.” IBM Corporation	Jay Yothers
3:45 – 4:00	Closing Remarks/Door Prizes	Michael James

Location: Hilton Cleveland South
6200 Quarry Lane
Independence, Ohio 44131
(216) 447-1300

REGISTRATION FORM

NEODBUG Quarterly Meeting

MAY 2th 2002

Hilton South Cleveland, 6200 Quarry Lane, Independence, Ohio

R.S.V.P: Checks and registration forms are encouraged to be sent early due to limit seating.

Cost: If your company is a member of NEODBUG: \$30.00 pre-registration or \$40.00 at the door.
If your company is not a member of NEODBUG: \$40.00 pre-registration or \$50.00 at the door.

Yes, I will be attending the quarterly meeting; a check for \$ _____ is enclosed for a total of _____ reservations.

YOUR NAME	TITLE	PHONE & EMAIL ADDRESS
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In addition to myself, the following persons will be attending:

GUEST NAME	TITLE	PHONE & EMAIL ADDRESS
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Company Name: _____

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Mail this form and your check payable to:

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STATEMENT

The NEODBUG was formed to promote a public forum for the discussion and awareness of database usage in the Northeast Ohio Data Processing Community.

PURPOSE

- 1) To establish channels for the education and communication of information to and from members in the field of information processing.
- 2) To conduct conferences, meetings, discussion groups, forums, panels, lectures, and other programs concerned with the development and exchange of information among members;
- 3) To encourage and strengthen participation of all qualified users;
- 4) To promote the acceptance of database as the standard database technology for mainframe computers;
- 5) To encourage the development of database compatible products; and
- 6) To provide a forum for the promotion of excellence in information processing through recognition of those individuals who, judged by their peers, put forth the highest effort and succeed in best utilizing the database relations technology within their enterprise.

ORGANIZATION

The NEODBUG consists of an Executive Committee, composed of Officers as follows: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Meeting Facilitator, Special Interest Group (SIG) Coordinator and Advisory Board Members. Companies can enroll a total of five (5) representatives to NEODBUG for the annual corporate fee.