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Newsletter of the Northeast Ohio Database Users Group

SQL Server and DB2 Databases Discussed at August Meeting

The evaluation forms you fill out at NEODBUG meetings tell us a lot about you: the two database management systems that our attendees work with the most are IBM's DB2 and Microsoft's SQL Server.

Our NEODBUG agenda committee has listened to you: our August 19th quarterly meeting features topics on both DB2 and SQL Server.

We will begin the day with **Rich Wolfson** giving the presentation "**Harnessing the Power of the DB2 Logs.**" DB2 logs are a vital part of DB2 and DB2 recovery. As we look deeper into the logs and start to exploit its content, many day-to-day tasks can be changed for the better. This presentation will look at real-life scenarios of how DB2 sites are squeezing the most out of the log to manage audit control, application recovery, change propagation, application quality assurance and assist in disaster recovery scenarios.

Rich's second presentation promises to help application developers and database administrators understand the power of a statistics-collection process that occurs within DB2 systems naturally with no additional cost. "**RTS is Your Friend – Optimize DB2 House-keeping**" will explain the history of real-time statistics, what is and has become as well as a deeper look into the statistics provided by DB2. We will look into how the RTS statistics can be used to identify which objects need further attention like reorg and copy, and how proactive use of RTS can help you make the best maintenance decision: the best reorg is the reorg never executed!

Rich Wolfson is currently a Principal Consultant for the DB2 products at CA Technologies. He has been an IT professional since 1983 and has worked with DB2 since 1989. He has held many roles including Programmer, Project Leader and DBA. Rich had worked as a DB2 consultant for 13 years prior to moving into technical pre-sales in 2002. He currently helps customers realize the full potential of their DB2 for z/OS products.

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After lunch, we welcome **Bob Coppedge** as our afternoon speaker. Bob's first talk will be about "**SQL Server 2008 R2**".

The latest versions of SQL Server are the R2 editions being released by Microsoft. Whether you're looking to implement a large data center, migrate to cloud-based database applications, or have better business intelligence (BI) implementations, there



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★ NEODBUG wishes to thank Jane Holloway of Parker Hannifin for her service as a member of the Board of Trustees. After her resignation, the Board elected Don Zamiska of Parker as her replacement—welcome Don!

NEODBUG Treasurer's Report By Alan Solnick

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following are the financials for NEODBUG as of July 10, 2010.

ASSETS

Checking Account	\$ 7,788.39
Money Market Account	\$ 12,468.71
Total Assets	\$ 20,257.10

LIABILITIES

Membership Prepayment	\$ 360.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 360.00

NET WORTH \$ 19,897.10

We had a good turnout for the May 20th quarterly meeting with twenty-two paid attendees from twelve companies.

The following companies/individuals have sent in their corporate or individual memberships. If you don't see your company name there, you will have to pay the higher, non-membership registration fee at the upcoming quarterly meeting. Those that prepaid to send members to NEODBUG meetings have the number of remaining coupons next to their names. The coupons expire 12/31/2010:

Companies/Individuals that have paid memberships:

Antares Management Solutions	(2 coupons left)
Sue Birgeles	
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Dominion Resource Services	(3 coupons left)
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Michael James	(2 coupons left)
Key Bank	
PNC Bank (National City)	(2 coupons left)
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are some new features of SQL Server that will interest you. New features include PowerPivot (for Excel 2010 and SharePoint), ReportBuilder 3.0 and some centralized management features for dealing with multiple SQL servers. We'll roll up our sleeves and review some of these features, including what's new for cloud-based SQL.

Bob's second presentation is **"SQL Server and BI."** One of SQL's most compelling features is its cost as a BI solution, especially comparing it to other vendors. Let's find out why! We'll review OLAP features that come standard with SQL Server, such as Reports (SSRS) and Analysis (SSAS). We'll also discuss some of the new features in SQL 2008 R2, but we'll talk about other SQL versions as well.

Bob Coppedge is no stranger to NEODBUG meetings, this being his third time presenting. He is the owner of Simplex-IT (www.Simplex-IT.com) and has been working with SQL since...well, a long time. With lots of Microsoft alphabet soup letters after his name, Bob has been providing SQL-related services and training to organizations such as SummaCare, Cuyahoga County, Wastequip, Cleveland Clinic and many others.

Joining Bob will be **Doug Tombow**. Doug works with Bob through Simplex-IT as well as his own operation, SaberDBA (www.SaberDBA.com). Although Doug doesn't have the alphabet soup that Bob has (and he is clearly jealous of this fact), he does have several years of SQL experience on the DBA side as well as the BI side.

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So get both sides of the story—the DB2 side and the SQL Server side—at our next quarterly meeting. The meeting will be held on Thursday, August 19, 2010 from 9am to 4:30pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel – Independence (formerly the Skyline Hotel & Conference Center).



PLAN TO JOIN US FOR OUR NOVEMBER
18TH MEETING, NEODBUG'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION:

- ☺ SPECIAL SPEAKER
- ☺ DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION FEES
- ☺ OTHER SURPRISES

Upcoming Database Events

Date	Organization	City
8/15-20/2010	The Data Warehouse Institute (TDWI) World Conference - Summer 2010	San Diego, CA
8/19/2010	NEODBUG Quarterly Meeting	Independence, OH
9/1-3/2010	International DB2 Users Group (IDUG) - Australasia	Sydney, Australia
9/19-23/2010	Oracle OpenWorld 2010	San Francisco, CA
10/24-28/2010	IBM Information On Demand North America Conference	Las Vegas, NV
11/7-12/2010	TDWI World Conference - Fall 2010	Orlando, FL
11/8-11/2010	Professional Association for SQL Server (PASS) Summit	Seattle, WA
11/18/2010	NEODBUG Quarterly Meeting	Independence, OH

Chairman's Corner By Michael James

Imagine that it's July (all right, almost August). The Indians have cashed it in and are looking to become sellers rather than buyers before the trading deadline, again. Let's hope that doesn't include our latest all-star pitcher, Fausto Carmona. The Cavaliers have made another blockbuster trade – LeBron James for 4 draft picks and cap space. What a deal?? They have also added a new coach, Byron Scott. It has been too hot to get out on the golf course lately and the grass is brown and lovely! At least the expectations for the Browns are rising. Training camp opens on July 31st. Yeah, something to look forward to, again. Seems like it is a yearly event.

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At least we can look forward to NEODBUG holding our next quarterly meeting. It is on Thursday, August 19, 2010. It will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel – Independence (formerly the Skyline Hotel & Conference Center). Even though we are in the “lazy days of summer,” our agenda committee has not been laying around getting a tan. They did another spectacular job of finding speakers for the August quarterly meeting with some VERY interesting topics—see the story on page 1 for the full lowdown.

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I want to remind you that we are coming up on our annual business meeting in November. This means the election of Trustees to the Board. It's not too early to start thinking about how you can be involved more in the leadership of this organization. We always need some new ideas and assistance with the duties of the Board. Here's how elections work:

- Any member of NEODBUG may nominate him/herself by submitting a letter to the Board of Trustees with a statement of fifty (50) words or less indicating relevant background. We will be accepting nominations at the August quarterly meeting.
- You may also nominate someone else by submitting his or her name, company name and phone number (if known). They will be notified by a Board member of the nomination and asked if they have any interest in joining the Board of Trustees.
- At the November quarterly meeting, the current Board of Trustees will present to the membership a ballot listing all nominees and will conduct an election for the Board of Trustees for 2011.
- The Board of Trustees will elect officers at its December Board meeting.

Join the NEODBUG Board of Trustees and have input into the kind of programs and events that are sponsored by the organization.

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Wear your summer/casual attire (shorts, golf shirts and sneakers) to the August meeting. Especially if it is in the 90-degree ranges like it can be in August. There's no need to be uncomfortable.

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...Now that I'm finally on the practice field with the 2010 Cleveland Browns. Not sure who my teammates are, but I just made an open-field tackle on Chancy Stucky. *He dropped the ball, again!* No, I am the new point guard for the Cavaliers, just beating out Mo Williams for the position and I am looking to pass the ball to Who??... They just got me under the salary cap after the two restricted free agent signings at just over \$25 a game. Oh my! I must be dreaming because they would never pay me THAT much..... And the Indians are still in last place. Hurry up and register, because you don't want to be in last place at the meeting. See all of you at the there!

Michael P. James, NEODBUG Chairman

August 19, 2010 Quarterly Meeting Agenda

8:30 - 9:00	Registration	
9:00 - 9:15	Opening Remarks	Michael James NEODBUG Chairman
9:15 - 10:30	<i>"Harnessing the Power of the DB2 Logs"</i>	Rich Wolfson CA
10:30 - 10:45	Break	
10:45 - 12:00	<i>"RTS is Your Friend – Optimize DB2 Housekeeping"</i>	Rich Wolfson CA
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 - 2:15	<i>"SQL Server 2008 R2"</i>	Bob Coppedge & Doug Tombow Simplex-IT
2:15 - 2:30	Break	
2:30 - 4:00	<i>"SQL Server and BI"</i>	Bob Coppedge & Doug Tombow Simplex-IT
4:00 - 4:15	Closing Remarks/Door Prizes	Michael James NEODBUG Chairman

Crowne Plaza Cleveland South - Independence
(formerly the Skyline Hotel and Conference Center)
5300 Rockside Road
Independence, Ohio 44131
(216) 524-0700

www.crowneplaza.com/clevelandsouth

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Registration for this and every future NEODBUG meeting will be done by the new online registration system on the NEODBUG website (www.neodbug.org).

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From the NEODBUG home page, note the “special notices” directing you to the “next meeting” page.

Meeting date, location and agenda can be found on this page.

Look for and choose the “REGISTER ONLINE” link.

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NOTE: NEODBUG meetings are now held at the [Crown Plaza \(Independence\) Hotel](#) Address at the bottom of this page

8:30 - 9:00	Registration		
9:00 - 9:10	Opening Remarks	Michael Jerome	NEODBUG Chairman
9:10 - 10:30			
10:30 - 10:45	Break		
10:45 - 12:00			
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch		
1:00 - 2:15			
2:15 - 2:30	Break		
2:30 - 4:00			
4:00 - 4:15	Door Prizes/Closing Remarks	Michael Jerome	NEODBUG Chairman

Location: [Crown Plaza \(Cleveland South\)](#)
(Formerly the Skyline Hotel and Conference Center)
5300 Rockside Road
Independence, Ohio 44131
(216) 524-0700

NOTE: The Crown Plaza used to be the Skyline Hotel. The signs should say Crown Plaza but may still be the old ones for the Skyline.

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The “registration” page will ask you the same questions our paper form did: company name/address, attendee names/contact information, number of laptops, etc.

You still need to send us a check by the Friday before the meeting to have the registrations accepted.

Thanks to NEODBUG webmaster Phil Sherman and webmaster emeritus Jason Sperko for making this valuable function available!

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NEODBUG Quarterly meeting registration form

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NEODBUG Quarterly meeting

THURSDAY, August 19, 2010 9am - 4:30pm

Crown Plaza Hotel
(Formerly the Skyline Hotel & Conference Center)
5300 Rockside Road, Independence, OH

Cost: If your company is a member of NEODBUG: \$40 pre-registration or \$50 at the door
If your company is not a member of NEODBUG: \$50 pre-registration or \$60 at the door

I will be attending the meeting. I check the all of the registrations on this form will be sent to NEODBUG at:

NEODBUG
via S&P Solutions
25000 Cleveland Rd, Suite 110
Cleveland, Ohio 44094

Checks must be received by Friday of the week preceding the meeting for those registrations to be accepted.

You must press the “Submit” button at the end of this form to send it to NEODBUG.

Company name:

Company address:

The attendees from my company, including myself (first/last) are:

NAME	Printing & Laptop	Phone	Email Address
	Yes []		

Number of registrations:
Check amount: \$

Additional information about this registration:
Enter any additional information you think NEODBUG will need to take note.

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