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RTFW is the acronym for Read the Friendly Web. Let's take a short walk on the wild, wild web. The problem with the web is not too little information, but rather too much information. The experience is a bit like trying to take a drink from a fire hose. So I'd like to help a bit by narrowing the search with the twenty five cent tour of a few of my favorite DB2 web sites. A lot more information has been added in the past month or two, with many new books and web pages.

Let's start with the DB2 family. I'll generally show the short form or alias of the URL, omitting http://

Here are some tips for avoiding the 404. You don't need www in front of ibm.com in most situations. There is often something after www, such as the -306 in www-306 when you get the URL back from the browser. Remove the hyphen and number when you save the URL, since that number changes more quickly than the rest of the URL.

Main DB2 for z/OS Web Page
ibm.com/software/db2zos

- Library (books)
- Events
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- Services
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- V8, V9
- Developer Domain
- DB2 Magazine
- Z9 zIIP
- Tools

The screenshot shows the IBM website for DB2 Universal Database for z/OS. The main content area is titled 'DB2 Universal Database for z/OS' and includes sections for 'Overview', 'Editions', and 'Tools and components'. The 'Overview' section highlights the 'DB2 V9 for z/OS beta program' and lists new features like hybrid data servers and enhanced support for key business partners. The 'Editions' section lists 'DB2 UDB for z/OS Product Lifecycle - Updated' and 'DB2 Universal Database for z/OS Version 8'. The 'Tools and components' section mentions 'DB2 and IMS Tools' and 'DB2 Extenders'. The right sidebar contains 'Information Management software' and 'We're here to help' with contact information.

This is the main DB2 UDB for z/OS web page. You can get to the other DB2 for z/OS pages from here, so I often call this my home page. This page changes frequently, so look at the highlighted NEW items. Do you want to look in a DB2 book? Click on Library to see books on DB2 and QMF Version 8 (about 40), Version 7, 6, 5 or even 4. You can check the latest changes by looking at the Information Updates or go to the Information Center. From this page, you can look for conferences (Events), specific classes (Education), or services. If you want to see the latest on Version 8, click on the Version 8 link. If your primary concern is application development, the Developer Domain is for you. DB2 Magazine covers a broad range of topics about DB2. The latest machines z9, z990 and z890 are on the zSeries page. Click DB2 and IMS Tools to see the wide range of help they provide.

DB2 for z/OS Roadmap Page

ibm.com/software/db2zos/roadmap.html

Don't you wish you could find all of the different kinds of information about DB2 for z/OS in one place? I think you'll be happy to learn about a new Web page called the DB2 UDB for z/OS Information Roadmap. Information roadmaps are being developed by many IBM product teams in an effort to simplify the lives of users by providing a single place to find all sorts of useful information resources, such as: Product information from the official library IBM Redbooks Articles in a variety of different online publications, including the DB2 Magazine, presentations, support information like answers to frequently asked questions or technotes, web pages with high-level descriptions of different products that DB2 works with and more. We tried to provide a simple way to get to many of the best resources for various tasks. This will be a great resource to people just starting to use a DB2 capability that they haven't yet used.

The information roadmap is organized according to different tasks that you might perform, such as migrating, configuring, administering, and debugging. Although the information roadmap is available for Version 8, it is available to anyone with Web access, and many of the resources are relevant and useful to users who aren't yet on Version 8.

I encourage you to check out the new DB2 for z/OS Information Roadmap:
<http://www.ibm.com/software/data/db2/zos/roadmap.html>

You can also start from the main DB2 UDB for z/OS web page and click on the Information Roadmap news item or <http://www.ibm.com/software/db2zos>

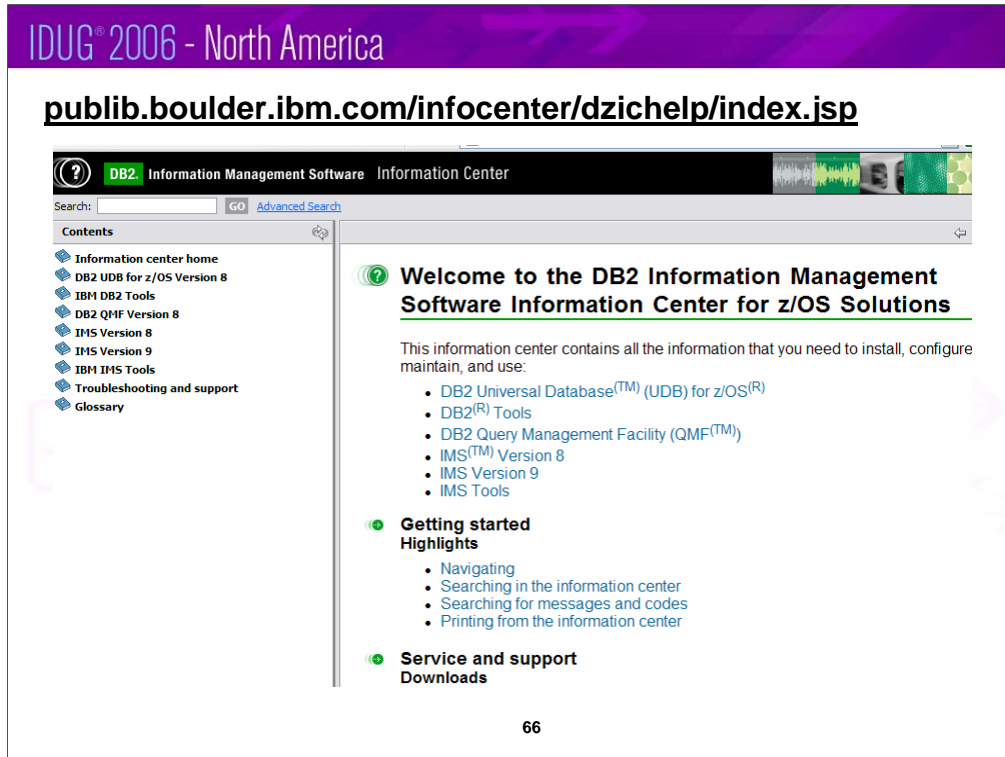
Library V8 page

ibm.com/software/db2zos/library.html

- Download 40 PDF books
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- DB2 update Feb 2006
- QMF
- Program Directories
- Information Center

This is the Library page for Version 8. I clicked Library, and then Version 8 to get here. There are about 40 PDF books and about the same number of books in html or BookManager format. Choose the style you want. I generally download the PDF books to my computer. From this page you can get books on DB2 and QMF, including both the library and program directories. If you need to look for some tools that can be downloaded, such as Estimator or Visual Explain, click on Downloads. You can also get to the new Information Center from here.

Most of the DB2 V8 books were updated in early November 2004 and we expect to have the next update in April 2005. Watch this web page and see the dates next to each book for the latest updates.



This is the new Information Center, with a wide spectrum of information and access to books for DB2 UDB for z/OS, DB2 tools, QMF, IMS, IMS tools and more. You can get to this page from the Library page, by clicking Information Center. The Information Center provides information across the books and across multiple products.

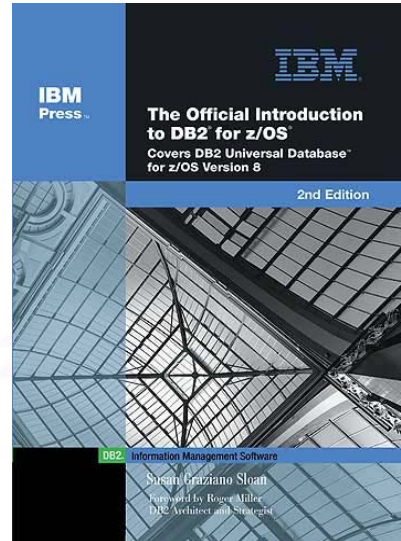
If you click “Troubleshooting and Support”, then expand under “Searching knowledge base” and click “Web search:...”, you’ll find a helpful Web search page. From this page, you can search IBM support, DeveloperWorks, or even the whole Internet using Google.

The Official Introduction to DB2 for z/OS

Covers DB2 Universal
Database for z/OS Version 8
2nd Edition

Susan Graziano Sloan

Certification
New to DB2 UDB for z/OS



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This is the second edition of the popular book that discusses certification, concepts and architecture. The main part of the book discusses design, SQL and applications in various languages. The special topics include DB2 and the Internet, distributed access and data sharing. Get this book if you are interested in being certified on DB2 UDB for z/OS. This book is excellent for someone who knows about relational database and wants to understand DB2 UDB for z/OS. It became available at the end of May 2004 and can be ordered now from your online retailer, such as Barnes and Noble or Amazon or from iSource

<http://www.ibm.com/isource/cgi-bin/goto?on=IMNL604B38>

<http://vig.prenhall.com/catalog/academic/product/0,4096,0131477501,00.html>

http://www.ibm.com/certify/certs/db_apd.shtml

New DB2 for z/OS V8 DBA Professional Certification Role and exam

<http://www.ibm.com/isource/cgi-bin/goto?on=naa5ed0351>

<http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/db2/library/techarticle/0207fosdick/0207fosdick.html>

<http://www.ibm.com/software/data/db2/os390/techdocs/s1310.pdf>

DB2 for z/OS Version 8 DBA Certification Guide

Susan Lawson

- **Prepare for V8 DBA exam**
- **Good for all DBAs on the z/OS platform**



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Written by IBM Gold Consultant Susan Lawson, this new guide offers comprehensive preparation material for your IBM Certified Database Administrator-DB2 Universal Database V8 for z/OS certification. This guide presents hundreds of useful tips, practical techniques, and expert guidelines for every facet of DB2 UDB database administration, including database implementation, operation, recovery, security, auditing, performance, installation, migration, and much more.

<http://www.ibm.com/software/data/education/bookstore/>

DB2 Developer's Guide

**Covers DB2 Universal Database for z/OS Version 8
5th Edition**

Craig Mullins



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This comprehensive guide to implementing applications with DB2 was released recently. The new edition adds information on Version 7 and Version 8 to Craig's excellent book. The book has been sold at several conferences lately and has sold out. Craig Mullins is a noted authority on DB2. He writes and presents frequently to many customers. This book is written for database administrators and application programmers who want a complete outline for implementing and optimizing applications. It discusses coding, SQL, database administration and utilities.

www.craigmullins.com

DB2 UDB Family SQL Reference

<http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/db2/library/techarticle/0206sqlref/0206sqlref.html>

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SELECT FROM 1
Portable SQL

The SQL Reference for Cross-Platform Development

June 2002 (Updated September 22, 2004)

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Great news for people who want to write portable applications! This reference makes it easy for you to develop applications using SQL that is portable across the **DB2 Universal Database Family**, including **DB2 UDB for z/OS® Version 8**, **DB2 UDB for iSeries™ Version 5 Release 3**, and **DB2 UDB for Linux, UNIX®, and Windows® Version 8.1**.

New in Version 2!

The addition of DB2 UDB for z/OS V8 and DB2 UDB for iSeries V5R3 means the following great SQL features are now included:

- Support of sequences
- A new CURRENT SCHEMA special register
- Enhanced support for scalar subselect
- New built-in functions including encryption support
- Support for common table expressions
- Support for lateral correlation
- Support of grouping by expressions
- Support for materialized query tables
- Support for altering identity columns
- Support for ITERATE statement
- Increases in several SQL limits, and enhanced long string support
- Other portability enhancements

The SQL Reference for Cross-Platform Development uses the familiar format of the product SQL Reference manuals and includes information on the following topics:

- Database concepts
- Built-in functions
- Statements and queries
- SQL procedural language control statements
- Limits
- Programming in C, Java™, COBOL, REXX, and external routines in natural

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This is the web page for the SQL Reference for Cross-Platform Development. It has three versions of the cross-platform SQL Reference and pointers to the base product SQL Reference books as well.

These books publish frequently, so you need to choose the one for the proper combination of DB2 platforms and versions.

<http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/db2/library/techarticle/0206sqlref/0206sqlref.html>

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DB2 Support Page
ibm.com/software/db2zos/support.html

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DB2 Universal Database for z/OS
 Product support

Primary support resources

Flash 20 Apr, 2006: DB2 for z/OS Version 8 Information Roadmap is Now Available!

Flash 2 Sep, 2005: Messages and Codes now delivered as two separate books in Version 8
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Technotes (FAQs)

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Do you need Answers to Frequently Asked Questions? Product Information? Technical Presentations? Redbooks? White Papers? Support for all of these is on this web page. Click Support on DB2 web pages. From this page, you access roughly 900 Technotes or answers to Frequently Asked Questions, 150 technical presentations from recent conferences, a dozen white papers, and over 60 Redbooks. There are more than 50 presentations updated since May 2004 and 75 since April 2004. The Consolidated Service Test (CST) documents IBM recommended service level for a range of z/OS products. To search for the presentation you want, put a word or two into the Additional search terms or Order by date – newest first. There are new redbooks on Disaster Recovery, V8 Performance Topics and MLS.

ibm.com/software/db2zos/support.html

Web Resources: DB2 for z/OS Migration

- ibm.com/software/db2zos
Click on Support and then access the Technotes (Q&A), White Papers & Technical Presentations
- ibm.com/software/data/db2/zos/v8books.html
- ibm.com/servers/eserver/zseries/zos/bkserv/r6pdf/
- ftp sites for papers, presentations:
<ftp://ftp.software.ibm.com/software/data/db2zos/>
<ftp://ftp.software.ibm.com/software/db2storedprocedure/db2zos390/techdocs/>

See specific URLs in the notes below.

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consultant, customers why migrate <http://www.ibm.com/software/os/zseries/index.html>

<http://www.ibm.com/software/os/zseries/webcast/aug31/>

<http://www.ibm.com/software/os/zseries/ondemand/#dm>

paper on why migrate <ftp://ftp.software.ibm.com/software/data/db2zos/db2v8dbv.pdf>

value of migration <ftp://ftp.software.ibm.com/software/data/db2zos/Z05.pdf>

John Campbell presentations on health checking and on early customer experience.

<ftp://ftp.software.ibm.com/software/data/db2zos/A01jc.pdf>

<ftp://ftp.software.ibm.com/software/data/db2zos/G11jc.pdf>

<ftp://ftp.software.ibm.com/software/data/db2zos/G12jc.pdf>

migration planning <ftp://ftp.software.ibm.com/software/data/db2zos/S1322rma.pdf>

migration planning papers

<ftp://ftp.software.ibm.com/software/db2storedprocedure/db2zos390/techdocs/V8planmigrate.pdf>

<ftp://ftp.software.ibm.com/software/db2storedprocedure/db2zos390/techdocs/V8migrateprocess.pdf>

Installation Guide, Program Directories and other books

<http://www.ibm.com/software/data/db2/zos/v8books.html>

Migration presentations

<ftp://ftp.software.ibm.com/software/db2storedprocedure/db2zos390/techdocs/OF2.pdf>

<ftp://ftp.software.ibm.com/software/db2storedprocedure/db2zos390/techdocs/OA2.pdf>

ftp://ftp.software.ibm.com/software/data/db2zos/Keemle_C3.pdf

What do customers say about DB2 V8?



What can you learn?

Gain their experiences.

At conferences, user groups, on the web

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<http://www.ibm.com/software/os/zseries/index.html#>

<ftp://ftp.software.ibm.com/software/data/db2zos/db2v8dbv.pdf>

<http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?rs=64&context=SSEPEK&uid=swg27005465>

GAD

<http://www.ibm.com/software/data/db2imstools/news.html>

<http://www.ibm.com/software/os/zseries/webcast/mar1/>

Deere, system backup / restore and migration process

<ftp://ftp.software.ibm.com//software/data/db2zos/PITR18.pdf>

ftp://ftp.software.ibm.com/software/data/db2zos/Keemle_C3.pdf

Hewitt Associates

<ftp://ftp.software.ibm.com/software/db2storedprocedure/db2zos390/techdocs/OF2.pdf>

Summary of early customer experiences

<ftp://ftp.software.ibm.com/software/data/db2zos/DB2v8Migration.pdf>

Health checking

<ftp://ftp.software.ibm.com/software/data/db2zos/G11jc.pdf>

<ftp://ftp.software.ibm.com/software/data/db2zos/G12jc.pdf>

Check out Willie Favero's DB2 blog at: <http://blogs.ittoolbox.com/database/db2zos>

<ftp://ftp.software.ibm.com/software/data/db2zos/>

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This is a snapshot of the ftp web page on May 8, 2006 , with the files sorted by date. There are many files dated within two months, reflecting updates from recent conferences. There will be more after this conference.

Using the ftp site directly does let you see the latest updated files easily, but provides only the file names, without descriptions. The Support page searches for white papers and technical presentations allows you to search by topic and date.

Events for more info ...

IDUG

IBM Tech Conferences

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Presentations

There are many excellent conferences coming up. Use the Events page to see which one you can attend:

<http://www.ibm.com/software/data/db2/zos/events.html>

If you missed a conference or two, then check for recent presentations from previous conferences. More than 100 presentations are on the web, some with audio as well.

<u>group / conference</u>	<u>dates</u>	<u>location</u>	<u>web location</u>
IDUG NA	May 7 - 11	Tampa, FL	www.idug.org
Share	Aug 13 - 18	Baltimore, MD	www.share.org
IDUG Europe	Oct 9 - 13	Rome, Italy	www.idug.org
IBM DM	Oct 15 - 20	Anaheim, CA	

<http://www.ibm.com/jct03001c/services/learning/ites.wss?pageType=page&c=a0000713>

ITES & Tech conferences

<http://www.ibm.com/services/learning/ites.wss?pageType=page&c=a0001438>

Click Support For Compatibility Matrix → → → & Other Support Then Techdocs, search for V8 and PTF

The screenshot shows the IBM website for DB2 and IMS Tools. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Products', 'Services & solutions', 'Support & downloads', and 'My account'. The 'Support & downloads' menu is expanded, showing options like 'Library', 'News', 'How to buy', 'Events', 'Training and certification', 'Services', and 'Support'. The main content area is titled 'IBM DB2 and IMS Tools' and includes a welcome message, a 'Get the latest news' section with links to announcements, webcasts, and customer case studies, and a 'Select a DB2 Tool' dropdown menu. The right sidebar features a 'Portfolio of DB2 & IMS Tools' graphic and a 'Highlights' section with registration information for IDUG NA.

This is the primary web page for DB2 and IMS tools. If you want to know exactly which levels of each tool work with DB2 UDB for z/OS Version 8, then go to the Support page for the tools. Then click Technotes (FAQs) and search for items that include V8 and PTF. Select the item DB2 Data Management Tools and DB2 for z/OS V8.1 Compatibility. This table provides the minimum maintenance required for DB2 Tools to support DB2 for z/OS V8. The Support page has a wide range of other detail about these products.

New Redbooks:

✓ **Design Guidelines:
High Performance and
Availability SG24-7134**

✓ **Data Integrity
SG24-7111**

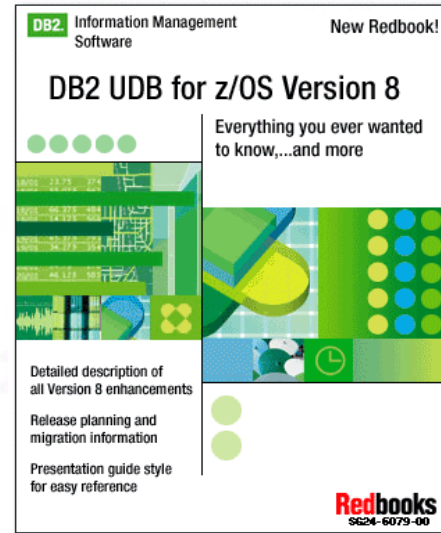
✓ **Business Value
SG24-6480**

✓ **MLS & DB2
SG24-6480**

✓ **Disaster Recovery,
SG24-6370**

✓ **Others updated**

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These new IBM Redbooks are on the web. Check Redbooks and drafts. Here are the URLs for

DB2 UDB for z/OS: Design Guidelines for High Performance and Availability

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/SG247134.html?Open>

Performance Topics:

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/sg246465.html?Open>

Business Value

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/SG246763.html?Open>

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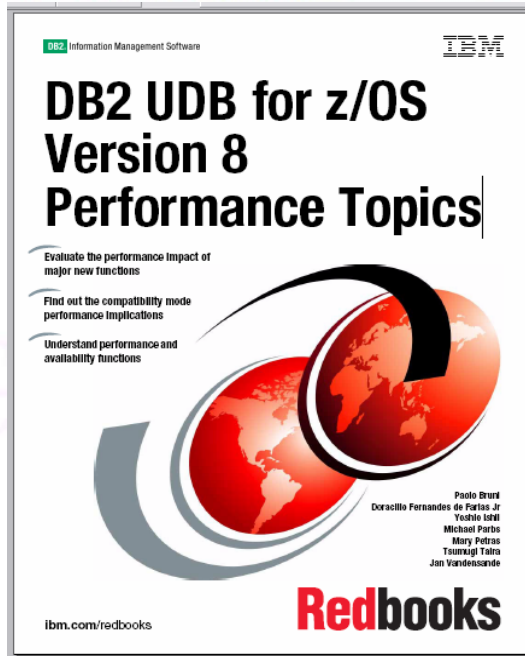
<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/SG246480.html?Open>

Disaster Recovery

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/SG246370.html?Open>

For all recent updates, start on the Support page, click on Redbooks, sort by date – newest first

<http://www.ibm.com/software/data/db2/zos/support.html>



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This new IBM Redbook is on the web now, with the detail about Version 8 performance. Check the web, Here are the URLs for Performance Topics:

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<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redbooks/pdfs/sg246465.pdf>

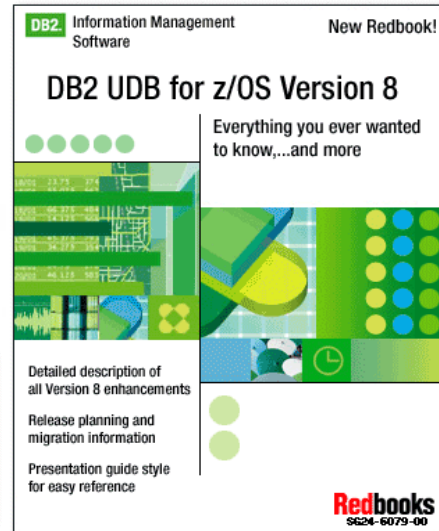
For all recent updates, start on the Support page, click on Redbooks, sort by date – newest first

<http://www.ibm.com/software/data/db2/zos/support.html>

www.redbooks.ibm.com/redbooks/pdfs/sg246079.pdf

New Redbooks

- ✓ Everything: Detailed descriptions, about 1100 pages, Presentation Guide style
- ✓ WebSphere SG24-6319



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This new IBM Redbook introduces the many enhancements made available with DB2 UDB for z/OS Version 8. It will help you understand the enhancements, and provides information to help you to evaluate the applicability to your environment. This book will help you plan for the installation of DB2 V8 or the migration from DB2 V7, with the Library. The pdf version of the book has already been updated several times, with the last on April 11, 2005. Watch for more updates.

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redbooks/pdfs/sg246079.pdf>

<http://publib-b.boulder.ibm.com/Redbooks.nsf/RedbookAbstracts/sg246079.html?Open>

DB2 for z/OS and WebSphere: The Perfect Couple is SG24-6319.

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<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redbooks/pdfs/sg246319.pdf>

www.ibm.com/developerworks/db2/zones/porting/

The screenshot shows the IBM DeveloperWorks website page for 'Porting to DB2 UDB'. The page layout includes a top navigation bar with the IBM logo and search options. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for Home, Products, Services & solutions, Support & downloads, and My account. The main content area is titled 'Porting to DB2 UDB' and includes a sub-header 'Technical resources and roadmap'. The page is divided into three main sections: 'Overview', 'Porting steps', and 'Resources'. The 'Overview' section contains introductory text about the porting process and links to more detailed information. The 'Porting steps' section is currently selected and displays a large graphic with a red arrow pointing to 'DB2 UDB' and the text 'Porting to'. The 'Resources' section lists various links and tools. On the right side, there is a 'Related sites' section with several links to related content. The page number '80' is visible at the bottom center.

There is extensive help for porting to DB2 UDB on the web, with suggestions for the process and many resources, including a migration toolkit. The dramatically improved DB2 family compatibility in DB2 for z/OS V7 and V8 makes porting to DB2 UDB for z/OS from Unix or Windows platforms much easier.

<http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/db2/zones/porting/>

Here is the URL for the main DeveloperWorks page

<http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/db2/>

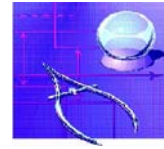
There is also a DeveloperWorks page on DB2 for z/OS.

<http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/db2/products/db2zos/>


For migration information for specific databases, try

<http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/ondemand/migrate/db.html>

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