



April 2011 Newsletter

DB2 Schedule (April-June)

June 6th DB2 9 for z/OS: Database Design & Administration

Updated Virtual Training Schedule

May 9th IMS Fast Path Implementation
June 20th Data Communications Fundamentals
June 22nd An Operations Guide to z/OS

Public Schedule Highlights

This is not the complete schedule, if you can't find what you seek on techknowledge.com, call your Education Rep at 410-891-1707

May 23rd CICS Transaction Server Systems Administration
May 23rd z/OS System Fundamentals Part 2 - z/OS Infrastructure & Services
May 25th UNIX Basics for Users

June 6th IMS DB Physical Organization
June 6th REXX Programming Workshop
June 9th REXX Advanced Programming Workshop
June 13th COBOL Programming Part 2 - Advanced level
June 20th Using z/OS Assembler

Enroll Me Now!

Contact [Carol Rutkowski](#) to obtain your course outline and enroll your personnel today.

Help Us prepare the remainder of your 2011 schedule. If you don't see the class/date you want, we can place it for you, in your preferred timeframe, for as few as 2 people! But you must contact us to let us know what you want...


NEW COURSES

MSF2 5 days
z/OS System Fundamentals Part 2 - z/OS Infrastructure & Services

Learn the functions of the major MVS components in considerable detail, and learn how the interaction of job, task, storage and data management provides service to the end user. This is done by following the sequence of events as a unit of work passes through the MVS system from initial submission to completion.

MSAE 5 days
Storage Management Administration & Exploitation

The course will give attendees a detailed knowledge of how best to design and test the SMS Constructs and ACS routines. It provides a basis for evaluating standards and for establishing an optimized System Managed Storage (SMS) environment.

**Questions?**
Visit TechKnowledge.training website or email
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“Bring a Friend” Discount Continues

Numerous organizations continue to take advantage of the significant savings you may receive through use of this discount.. Enroll in any public class scheduled **for the first 6 months of 2011**. When your “buddy” enrolls, each of you receives a 10% discount off the cost of tuition!



Instructor's Corner

SMP/E: Why we do it
By: **Deborah Roulette**

The z/OS operating system has always been complex. Installation and maintenance tasks have traditionally been completed by Systems Programmers who have the expertise to complete these tasks knowledgeably and professionally. It is a skill set that is acquired over many years and sometimes without the benefit of training.

The Systems Programmer may know how to install the system and how to apply the maintenance but may not know what's going on 'under the covers'. The SMP/E for Installation and Maintenance course offered by Techknowledge at Metastorm, not only addresses the 'how to' but also the 'why and what' of the installation and maintenance tasks.

It is important to understand as Systems Programmers why we are doing what we are doing. “SMP/E for Installation and Maintenance” covers understanding the modification control statements, the consolidated software inventory, structures of the zones and error analysis. The major SMP/E commands, RECEIVE, APPLY, ACCEPT, REJECT, RESTORE, REPORT and LIST are discussed at a detailed level. Additionally, hands on exercises are provided to reinforce lecture topics.

We can all complete the work we are doing even more efficiently if we understand why we are doing what we are doing. “SMP/E for Installation and Maintenance” is designed to provide that understanding. The next class is scheduled for July 25, 2011 in Columbia, Maryland. I'll work with you to acquire the skills you need to not only do your job well, but to do it better.

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