

IBM System z Technical Conference 2008 - Speaker Biographies

First Name	Last Name	Company	Biography
Alan	Altmark	IBM	Alan Altmark received his Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from the University of Missouri-Rolla in 1982, and immediately joined IBM as a member of the VM/SP development team in Endicott, New York. He has been a developer and tester during his career, and is currently a z/VM designer and architect, with primary responsibility for the z/VM security strategy. Alan is consulted regularly by IBM clients and is a regular speaker at national and international IBM technical conferences and user groups. He is currently an IBM representative to SHARE.
Alfred B	Christensen	IBM	Alfred Bundgaard Christensen is currently a programming advisor in the Enterprise Networking Solutions (ENS) development area in Raleigh, North Carolina. The main ENS products are the z/OS Communications Server, the distributed Communications Servers (AIX, Windows, Linux on Intel, Linux on Power, and Linux on System z9 and zSeries), and the Communication Controller for Linux on System z9 and zSeries (CCL). Alfred Christensen has worked with IBM mainframe operating systems and software for over 30 years of which the last 15 years have been focused on z/OS networking software with special emphasis on the TCP/IP protocol suite on z/OS and, more recently, with the general SNA over IP integration technologies. Alfred is a frequent speaker at various conferences, such as SHARE, NSTC, and System z Expo.
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Barton	Robinson	Velocity Software	<p>Barton Robinson is President and Founder of Velocity Software, Inc, and now Velocity Software GmbH. Barton is a regular speaker on VM and Linux performance topics at SHARE, CMG, IBM Conferences and other user groups. With 30 years of experience with VM and more than 25 with VM performance, Barton is heavily involved in performance research to understand how to make Linux run most effectively on z/VM. This research also includes being a participant in many of IBM's Linux on VM Redbook residencies, as well as working with hundreds of installations on their performance problems.</p> <p>Barton is the architect of ESALPS, Velocity Software's product suite for z/VM and Linux performance measurement and capacity planning. ESALPS includes ESATCP for network and Linux measurements, and ESAWEB, a VERY fast web server for VM.</p>

Bill	Bitner	IBM	<p>Bill Bitner is a Senior Software Engineer in the IBM Systems & Technology Group, Endicott NY. He joined IBM in 1985 after receiving a B.S. in computer science from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. Bill has worked on performance in various areas of VM and currently leads the VM Performance team. Through his involvement with user groups, Bill has developed an appreciation for customer needs and requirements, particularly in the area of the VM monitor and performance management. In 1997, he became a champion in the Order of the Knights of VM.</p>
Bob	Halem	IBM	<p>CURRENT RESPONSIBILITY Technical marketing support for IBM System Storage Solutions and the Hardware and Software products that support them. Primary focus is on IBM System Storage Strategy, Enterprise Disk Solutions, Tape Storage Subsystems and Virtualization.</p> <p>BACKGROUND Education BA in Math, UCLA 1965 MS in Computer Design, San Jose State University 1975</p> <p>Experience Over forty years with IBM. A varied range of job assignments and positions including programmer, programming manager, hardware product planner, market support representative, microcode development manager, and program manager. For the last eighteen years, served as a Storage Consultant in the Storage Systems Project Office and the Storage Systems Executive Briefing Center. IBM Storage Systems representative to various international user groups including SHARE, GUIDE/SHARE Europe and Australasian SHARE/GUIDE(InterAction).</p> <p>Recent Publications Technological Impact of Magnetic Hard Disk Drives on Storage Systems, IBM Systems Journal, Volume 42 Number 2, 2003, with Edward Grochowski</p>
Brian	Hugenbruch	IBM	<p>Brian Hugenbruch began his IBM career in 2000 with z/VM. He started with z/VM TCP/IP development (including Denial of Service protection and IP Enhancements), moved to Functional Verification Testing (including VSWITCH, CMM, SSL and Passphrase Support), and currently focuses on security (developing and testing for servers like SSL and Kerberos). Brian is the z/VM development representative to MVMUA user group. In his spare time, Brian is an amateur novelist, an occasional rock n' roll singer, a poor gardener, the owner of a cat that chases dogs, a former competitive Fencer -- and despite his last name, is no way fluent in German. His hobbies include breaking and fixing his house, competing in ad-hoc Iron Chef competitions, singing for charity, and trying to stay ahead of his paperwork.</p>

Bruce	Dailey	IBM	<p>Bruce is the lead developer for Performance Toolkit for VM. He has also worked on: Real Time Monitor (RTM) VM Performance Reporting Facility (VMPRF) Host Management Facilities for VM (HMF) VM Batch Facility</p> <p>Prior to joining the VM organization, Bruce held a variety of management and technical assignments in Test Design Automation and Information Systems.</p> <p>Bruce has a BS in Math from Illinois Institute of Technology and an MS in Computer and Information Science from Syracuse University.</p> <p>He is married with two grown children, a 2 year old grandson and a 1 year old granddaughter.</p> <p>He is in the chimes choir at his church and a high and low ropes course facilitator for the girl scouts. He was a boy scout leader for many years.</p>
Christian	Strauer	IBM	<p>Christian Strauer works for IBM since 2002 when he started his studies at the university of cooperative education in Mannheim. Since 2005, he works as a technical presales Specialist in the IBM System z FTSS team and is responsible for Java, Java batch and z/OS XML solutions in Germany.</p> <p>Within his whole time at IBM, Christian was very often engaged in Java projects - as a developer, software engineer, trainer or solutions architect.</p> <p>For that reason, he is now working in many customer projects all around in Germany where customers want to use Java, Java Batch or XML on the mainframe.</p>
Chuck	Brazie	IBM	<p>Chuck Brazie is an Advisory Software Engineer with IBM z/VM Development in Endicott, NY. He began his IBM career in 1978 with Product Assurance and installing DOS/VSE Systems. He worked with VM/SP and a variety of other projects including Windows workstation applications. Chuck is currently involved with z/VM System Management and the Linux MAP code. Outside of work, Chuck enjoys working on his home, playing with the family's kennel full of smooth fox terriers, the challenge of long hikes - especially in Yosemite, and testing out new hobbies that are his own.</p>
Claudia	Prawirakusumah	IBM	<p>Claudia Prawirakusumah is a Technical Consultant in the Boeblingen Technical Marketing Competence Center (TMCC) in the Southern part of Germany. The TMCC is located within the Boeblingen IBM Research & Development laboratory, where Claudia started her job carrier within the test department of today's z/VSE system more than 20 years ago. This responsibility was then followed by many others, including supporting the market introduction of Linux on System z, Virtualization Engine and IBM Director for System z. For the past few years Claudia worked with large enterprises on datacenter automation projects with the management hub located on Linux for System z, promoting IBM Systems Director and Tivoli Provisioning Manager as system management tools.</p>

Clayton	Ching	IBM	Clayton Ching is a BSM Senior Market Manager, responsible for the setting the strategic direction for IBM's Tivoli Business Service Manager product. Mr. Ching brings 20 years of experience to IBM, joining IBM in a 2005 acquisition of Micromuse Inc, where he worked as product manager for Micromuse's Business Service Management infrastructure, System/Application Service Monitors and the enterprise reporting solutions. His professional experience has been with Bechtel, Candle Corporation, Peakstone, and Velocity Software where he has worked in development, systems engineering, education and product management. Mr Ching holds degrees in Computer Science and Business Administration.
Connie	Beuselinck	IBM	Connie Beuselinck (known as "Connie Connectivity") is a Senior Hardware Product Planner the Systems and Technology Group. She joined IBM in 1976 and has been with the mainframe division in Poughkeepsie, NY U.S.A. since 1985. Prior to arriving in Poughkeepsie, she worked in branch offices in Montana, Texas, and Oklahoma. She has been specializing in I/O since the introduction of ESCON in September 1990. She has received five Division Excellence Awards, an IBM Means Service award, and numerous team awards for her efforts relating to coupling links, the Sysplex Timer, ESCON, FICON, the Open Systems Adapter, and fiber optic cabling in the enterprise. She has been speaking at customer briefings, seminars, roadshows, and conferences since 1995. She is known for carrying her "magic bag" around the world, using "the real thing" to give customers a closer look at the internal mainframe I/O components.
Derek	Beattie	Blade Network Technologies	After 7 years in IBM, in a PreSales Advanced Technical Support (ATS) role for EMEA, with a prior role in Network Service Delivery, I left IBM and joined Blade Network Technologies in January of 2007. My IBM experience strengthened my technical networking and BladeCenter expertise which are now being utilised in BLADE. My new role is Sales Network Architect for Northern EMEA, which involves increasing customer awareness on the BNT(Nortel) products for the IBM BladeCenter; liaising with IBM and Business Partners on BladeCenter sales; providing technical support to existing customers. In 2007, I was awarded the IBM Sales Network Architect of the year for BLADE. It's almost as if I never left IBM.
Edward	Baker	IBM	Edward Baker is a Senior Software Engineer in IBM STG Lab Services. Edward's background includes over 30 years of experience in z/OS software development and service. This includes over 25 years experience in DFSMSHsm development, service and lab based services. Edward has been a regular speaker at various conferences including SHARE and z/OS related conferences and is a highly regarded expert in DFSMSHsm and DFSMS topics in general.
Eric	Farman	IBM	In his 5 + years with z/VM Development in Endicott, NY he has focused his efforts on Disk and Tape support for z/VM. Currently he is the team leader for the I/O development for z/VM. He enjoys presenting at user groups and technical conferences. And you can also find him out hiking with Chuck Brazie at Yosemite.

Erich	Amrehn	IBM	<p>Erich is a Executive IT Specialist at the Boeblingen (Germany) EMEA Technical Marketing Competence Center. In this role over the last years, he has been involved in the assessment, sizing, design and implementation of numerous Linux customer projects across Europe and around the world. These projects have been on several IBM Server platforms, with a special focus on IBM System z, TCO, z/VM, Architecture and design and consolidation possibilities using Linux.</p> <p>Before joining the TMCC in 2000, Erich worked as a technical project leader at the International Technical Support Organization (famous for its Redbooks) in Poughkeepsie . Prior to that, he was a technical consultant to the IBM System/390 division for e-commerce on S/390 in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. Erich also has 15 years of VM experience in various technical positions around the world.</p>
Fabio	Ottaviani	IBM	<p>Fabio Massimo Ottaviani has been involved in Performance, Service levels, Capacity Planning and Cost Accounting projects since 1982. In 2002 he joined EPV Technologies to work as Technical Director at designing the EPV products suite. He is involved in projects aimed at the performance optimization of IMS, CICS and Websphere applications and in general of z/OS environments. He also performs periodical Capacity Planning activities at many customers sites in Italy. Fabio Massimo Ottaviani has been involved in CMG-Italia activities since 1989 presenting many papers at CMG-Italia conferences and winning the Best Paper Award in 2001 and 2004. He is also a frequent speaker at GSE conferences in Italy and abroad. He has been a board member from 1991 to 1992, he served as vice president from 1993 to 1996 and as president from 1997 to 2000. Fabio Massimo Ottaviani has a degree in Statistic Sciences.</p>
Fernando	Nogal	IBM	<p>Fernando Nogal is an IBM Certified Consulting IT Specialist. In over 25 years with IBM he has held a variety of technical positions. As an STG Technical Consultant in the SPGIT IMT he provides strategic guidance to System z clients on architectures, infrastructures and complex solutions for the on demand enterprise, including the z/OS, z/VM and Linux environments.</p> <p>Fernando has authored or co-authored twelve Redbooks and several technical papers, is a University Ambassador, a zChampion and a System z Business Leaders Council member. He travels extensively, on client engagements and as a speaker for internal and trade events and meetings.</p>
Gabriel	Frey-Ganzel	IBM	<p>Gabriele Frey-Ganzel has nearly 25 years of experience working as a software engineer on mainframe operating systems with IBM. She received her diploma in computer science from University Kaiserlautern in 1984 and joined IBM in the same year. Till 1990 she has been working with VSE/SP, later called VSE/ESA components, then she moved to the International Technical Support Center (ITSC), working on several redbook projects. In 1993 she went back to VSE/ESA change team and level2 support. In 1997 she joined the development team of the new 'System Automation for OS/390', today called 'System Automation for z/OS', product. Her main focus are the ISPF-based user interface of</p>

Garry	Geokdjian	IBM	Garry joined IBM in 1997 after a number of years as an IBM customer. He has always focused on the System z platform, specialised on infrastructure solutions, such as Parallel Sysplex and the z/OS operating system. Garry has worked as a consultant with a number of leading System z institutions in the UK and Ireland. His current role is as a System z IT Architect, specialising on bringing new workloads to the mainframe and incrementally growing the System z stack revenue. He's a regular speaker at customer events including the System z European Technical Conference and is a visiting lecturer at the University of Surrey. Garry holds a First Class Honours Degree in IT & Computing. He is a certified member of the IT Specialist profession and a Chartered Member of the British Computer Society.
George	Kistenberger	IBM	Georg Kistenberger joined IBM Germany in 1986. Although he worked within various IBM organisations, from day one his passion focussed on DB2. He was responsible as IT specialist for a variety of customers needing expertise in DB2 on IBM Mainframe systems. He joined the Datamanagement Technical Sales department from the beginning, as the IBM SW group was founded, and accompanied numerous DB2 opportunities, as well as several customer Early Support Programs for new DB2 Releases. As a DB2 z/OS Technical Advisor, he is involved in various consultations of DB2 System z related customer situations and is also the IBM representative for the local german GSE DB2 z/OS working group.
George	Madl	IBM	George Madl manages a worldwide team of developers for z/VM and Related Products as well as the IBM Director for System z product. He joined IBM in 1981 as a tester in MVS/OCCF Development. George then became a VM/SP developer in the CMS and GCS components starting in 1983, working in communications and program management areas. George held various first line management positions in the VM lab (development, system test, performance evaluation, product planning and release management, lab field support, PDT Leader, etc.) from 1989 – 2000. In 2000, in addition to his z/VM PDT Leader role, George became the z/VM Product Development Owner. In 2007, George also was named Development Owner of IBM Director for System z.
Glenn	Anderson	IBM	Glenn Anderson is currently a Consulting IT Specialist with the z/OS Curriculum of IBM Training. In addition to delivering classes on performance, WebSphere and security, Glenn is a popular speaker at large systems conferences throughout the world. During his 34 years with IBM, Glenn has held positions in sales, technical support and management. His current areas of focus and study include WebSphere for z/OS, on demand security, SOA, the z/OS Workload Manager, and all aspects of System z and Parallel Sysplex performance. Glenn holds a B.S. in Computer Science from the University of Missouri - Rolla. In his private life, Glenn is active in Chicago area theater as a member of an improvisational acting troupe.
Harald	Bender	IBM	Harald Bender joined IBM in 1987 as a system programmer. He has worked on the development of systems management components for z/OS and earlier operating systems for more than 15 years. Today he leads the architecture and ongoing development of the z/OS performance monitor Resource Measurement Facility (RMF).
Hélène	Lyon	IBM	Hélène Lyon is an Executive IBM software IT Specialist in charge of IMS and IMS Tools for South-Europe, supporting presales actions in this area. She has been working for 17 years with IMS customers showing them how IMS evolution helps them moving to the future. In the IBM community, she is also one of the worldwide System z middleware experts in charge of ensuring that the value of z/Middleware are understood and exploited by customers.

<i>Hervé</i>	<i>Sabrié</i>	<i>IBM</i>	<p>Hervé Sabrié is managing large & complex benchmark projects as part of the IBM Products & Solutions Support Center. He works in the Advanced Technical Support team of the IBM Systems & Technology Group, and his role is to support IBM sales, as well as Business Partners, in testing and selling infrastructure solutions for WW customers. Recently, he led the largest SAP BW project ever run for a customer during more than 14 months.</p> <p>His key competence includes IBM Systems, Enterprise Applications Solutions from IBM allied ISVs, server integration and solution test.</p> <p>He was previously the manager of the European Design Center leading teams of IT architects and IT Specialists running design workshops and proof of concept on first-of-a-kind projects with selected customers to leverage IBM's on demand strategy.</p> <p>In the 90s he was in charge of the European System p Benchmark Center and he also ran large application benchmarks and proof-of-concepts for customers on System z platforms.</p> <p>Hervé joined IBM in 1989 as a test engineer in the IBM ISC component provider organisation. He graduated from the Toulouse University in 1988 with a DEA (postgraduate certificate) in Fundamental Physics and a master in Micro-electronics. He is now an IBM Certified IT specialist 'integration & test'.</p>
<i>Iain</i>	<i>Neville</i>	<i>IBM</i>	<p>Iain Neville is a Certified Consulting IT Specialist with IBM United Kingdom. He has 18 years of experience in System z9, zSeries, and S/390® technical support and consultancy. His areas of expertise include Parallel Sysplex, z/OS®, FICON®, STP® and zSeries high availability solutions. Iain's responsibilities include pre-sales zSeries technical consultancy that supports numerous large financial institutions across the UK. In addition to his day to day responsibilities, Iain is an advocate for the System z I/O development team, providing input and collateral for both current and future direction of the System z platform.</p>
<i>Ingo</i>	<i>Franzki</i>	<i>IBM</i>	<p>Ingo Franzki has joined IBM in 1997. Since then he is working in the VSE development team in Boeblingen, Germany.</p> <p>His main focus is on interoperability and VSE performance. He also works as consultant for solutions that involve distributed environments with z/VSE.</p> <p>He is often a speaker at IBM events, user group meetings, and workshops.</p>
<i>Isabel</i>	<i>Arnold</i>	<i>IBM</i>	<p>Since 2004 I am working for IBM Germany as Technical Sales Specialist for System z Software with focus on modern application development and CICS. I support customers maintaining, integrating and modernizing their existing mainframe assets as well as their development environment. Furthermore I teach System z Software basics at German universities.</p> <p>2004 I graduated at the Corporate University Stuttgart as Bachelor of Science and with German Engineering Degree in Information Technology.</p> <p>Professional Speaking Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - z/OS Technical Conference in Munich 2007 - ITSO Technical Forum 2006 in Munich and Amsterdam - Speaker at CICS, ADL and Enterprise Modernization Guide Share - Instructor at Universities in Germany - several Application Development and CICS Workshops in Germany

Jean-Michel	Rodriguez	IBM	<p>Dr. Jean-Michel Rodriguez is the STG World Wide Technical Leader for Green Data Center and one of the Lead Architect for IT Optimization solutions based at the IBM customer center in Montpellier, France. His role is to support IBM sales, as well as Business Partners, in selling and implementing Infrastructures Solutions projects for World Wide customers. His key competence includes Green Data Center design, IBM Systems, Enterprise Applications Solutions from IBM allied ISVs, and Business Integration Architectures.</p> <p>Jean-Michel has a Ph.D. in Artificial Intelligence and he is an IBM certified Senior IT Architect. His area of expertise includes also Services Oriented Architecture, Virtualization/provisionning, and BI. He is also a University professor for eCommerce, Web Services and Distributed System Architecture.</p>
John	Franciscovich	IBM	<p>John has been with IBM since 1981, and a member of the VM Development team since 1986. He has been involved in the design and development of many VM enhancements in the Control Program. He also worked on Cross Systems Extensions and Year 2000 Readiness. John has recently been involved in z/VM's systems management strategy and led the design and development of z/VM's Systems Management APIs.</p>
Klaus	Goebel	IBM	<p>Klaus is the z/VSE Systems Manager with worldwide responsibility for z/VSE system software and corresponding middleware. He joined IBM in 1985 and since then has worked on several mainframe projects. He is based in the IBM Development Laboratory in Boeblingen, Germany. Being a development manager for many years, Klaus managed a number of complex and often troubled software projects within both, STG and GTS. He also worked as Linux Technical Sales Enablement Manager for Europe for more than 4 years. Klaus is an IBM certified Executive Project Manager. He holds a master degree in Mathematics and a Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Tuebingen, Germany.</p>
Mario	Held	IBM	<p>Mario Held is a performance analyst since 1999, focused on Linux on the mainframe. He works with the Linux Performance Team at the IBM Boeblingen Laboratory, Germany. His area of expertise includes Linux on various Platforms and other mainframe operating systems. During 1997 – 1999 he was a system programmer with IBM. Between 1991 and 1997 he was a application programmer at a health insurance company. He earned a degree in chemical engineering in 1991 at the Technical University in Merseburg.</p>
Marna	Walle	IBM	<p>Marna Walle is an IBM Senior Technical Staff Member in the z/OS Build and Installation department at IBM Poughkeepsie. Her current responsibilities include z/OS release migration. Marna is a frequent speaker on z/OS installation topics at customer conferences.</p>
Martin	Packer	IBM	<p>Martin has been a mainframe performance expert for 20 years, concentrating mainly on z/OS but also on DB2, CICS and Websphere MQ. He has presented at numerous conferences over the years, on topics as diverse as Batch Window, DB2 I/O, Memory, CPU and DB2 Data Sharing. He has contributed to a number of IBM Redbooks, generally on the subject of performance. He is part of the team that wrote and maintains IBM's Performance Management tooling - which analysis customer performance data for consulting purposes.</p> <p>Currently Martin supports customers in performance situations across much of Europe and is involved in a number of projects with IBM Product Development. He also has a strong interest in Web Technologies, being the co-author of a substantial Firefox extension and maintaining a developerWorks blog.</p>

Martina	Schmidt	IBM	Martina Schmidt is a System z Field Technical Sales Specialist in Stuttgart, Germany. She has five years of experience in the Information Technology field, of which three years were focused on mainframe technology. She holds a German Diploma from University of Corporate Education Stuttgart and a Bachelor of Science in Applied Computer Science from Open University London. Her areas of expertise include Java and J2EE performance, troubleshooting and security. Martina has worked on the "Performance Monitoring and Best Practices for WebSphere on z/OS" ITSO Redbooks.
Michael	Grossmann	IBM	Michael Grossmann is a Systems Engineer and IT Education Specialist in Germany. He has 12 years of experience as a z/OS Systems Programmer and Instructor. Michael's areas of expertise include z/OS education for beginners, z/OS operations, automation, mainframe hardware and Parallel Sysplex.
Mike	Cowlshaw	IBM	Mike Cowlshaw has worked in both hardware and software design and is the leader of the IBM decimal arithmetic initiative. He has long been interested in the human aspects of computing, including the Rexx programming language, color and language perception, text processing, and decimal arithmetic. He is an IBM Fellow, a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, and a Visiting Professor in the Department of Science, Mathematics and Technology at the University of Warwick.
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Norbert	Lenz	IBM	Norbert Lenz is a Software Architect in the IBM Research and Development Laboratory in Boeblingen, Germany. Norbert has many years of experience in various system management disciplines. For the last five years Norbert has worked as project leader and as software architect for the IBM Tivoli System Automation product family. Norbert focussed on the end to end integration of z/OS and distributed platforms for automated operations, high availability and disaster recovery. Norbert can be reached at Norbert.Lenz@de.ibm.com.
Parwez	Hamid	IBM	Parwez is a Senior Certified IT Specialist and a Technical Staff member of the UK Technical Council working for IBM's Server Technology Group. During the past 34 years he has worked in various IT roles within IBM's own data centres and technical pre-sales roles for System z. Since 1988 he has worked with a large number of IBM's mainframe customers and spent much of his time introducing new technology. Currently, he provides pre-sales technical support for IBM's System z product portfolio. In addition to his 'day' job, since 1995, Parwez has worked with IBM Poughkeepsie, New York writing Redbooks and preparing technical material for the world-wide announcement of System z Servers. Parwez is also the technical lead for IBM's System z zChampions team. This team is made up of IBM's key System z customer facing technical professionals from the Hardware and Software group. He is also a member of the zAtlas team. This team is made up of a small group of Senior technical staff who work closely with System z product development and provide input and feedback for 'futures' product plans up to 5-6 years out.

Patrick	Kappeler	IBM	<p>Patrick Kappeler is a lead IT Security specialist working both for the Montpellier european Products and Solutions Support Center (PSSC) and the International Technical Support Organization (ITSO) Center in Poughkeepsie, USA. He provides customer education, consulting and technical support for designing secure solutions on System z and leads ITSO Redbooks and workshops projects.</p> <p>Patrick owns a French Air Force Ecole Technique degree in electronics and computer science. He joined IBM in 1970 where, during his 38-year career, he held many international positions, all dealing with mainframe hardware and software technical support and education. He is now a Consulting IT Specialist who specialized for the past ten years on mainframe ebusiness Security. He extensively writes, presents and provides consulting on this topic around the World.</p>
Ray	Sun	IBM	<p>Ray Sun is the Tivoli Market Manager for OMEGAMON XE on z/VM and Linux and OMEGAMON XE for Mainframe Networks. He has over 30 years experience in mainframe (MVS and VM) systems and network management, including planning, implementation, performance management, and automation. Ray has held positions in systems programming, software development, training, instructional design, systems engineering, and product management. He is a frequent speaker at user groups and user conferences, both in the U.S. and internationally.</p>
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Reed	Mullen	IBM	<p>Reed Mullen joined IBM in 1981 as a Junior Programmer in the VM/SP Development organization located in Endicott, New York. He has held management, product planning, and strategy development positions in the IBM mainframe organization since. In 1999, Reed played a key role in developing the Linux-on-S/390 business plan that leverages the mainframe's ability to host large-scale virtual server environments. Since then, Reed has provided his expertise in the areas of strategy, business development, and technical marketing support to help grow the Linux on System z business. He is currently the Virtualization Strategy Manager for IBM System z.</p>
Rob	van der Heij	Velocity Software	<p>Rob van der Heij has been involved with VM since 1982, initially as a customer, later with IBM Global Services in The Netherlands. He has been working with Linux on z/VM in various roles since early 2000. Currently Rob is Software Engineer with Velocity Software GmbH in Germany developing the ESALPS Performance Monitor. He also does Linux on z/VM performance research and provides tuning support for customers. Rob is regular speaker at conferences and contributed to several IBM Redbooks. His professional interests include most that can be done on z/VM, in particular Linux and CMS Pipelines. Rob has been a very active plumber for more than 15 years.</p>

Scott	Drummond	IBM	<p>Scott Drummond is the World Wide Program Director - Storage & z Sales Enablement, for the IBM Tivoli business unit. Scott's career in Information Technology began in 1977, when he was an IBM customer doing applications and systems programming.</p> <p>In 1982, he joined IBM and since has held a variety of technical and management positions including roles in product development, sales, business development and marketing. A frequent speaker in over 30 countries, Scott's subject area expertise includes distributed/mainframe storage and storage management, data sharing and Storage Networking (SAN and NAS).</p> <p>Scott holds a Bachelors Degree in Sociology and a Masters of Business Administration Degree from the University of Georgia.</p>
Stephen	Branch	IBM	<p>Stephen Branch is an IBM Senior Software Engineer whose 25 year career has dealt with all aspects of DFSMS. Stephen specializes in ICF Catalog, IDCAMS, and VSAM, He holds several patents for these components and is the author of the Catalog Search Interface (CSI) as well ICF Catalog and VSAM functions. Stephen has a Master of Science Degree from Louisiana State University.</p>
Thomas	Schulze	IBM	<p>Since 2004 I am working as a Senior IT Specialist for the System z9 Field Technical Sales Support. My specialty is WebSphere Application Server on System z9 with a focus on Workload Management, performance tuning, Healthchecks and Performance Testing.</p> <p>During the time as a FTSS Specialist I gave university lectures on large systems and was speaker at conferences like the z/OS Technical Conference and the WebSphere Technical Conference.</p> <p>I also took part in writing a Redbook and will be speaker at the ITSO System z SOA Forum in 2008. In addition I wrote multiple articles for a UNIX focused journal.</p>
Thomas (Tom)	Beretvas	Enterprise Performance Strategies	<p>Tom Beretvas, Principal of Beretvas Performance Consultants, has over 40 years of experience in computing. He joined IBM in 1964 and focused on MVS (now z/OS) performance since 1971, when he became the first MVS performance manager. He retired from IBM in 1992 as a "Senior Technical Staff Member". Tom established Beretvas Performance Consultants in 1992, a firm devoted to z/OS performance, focusing on DASD performance. Tom has been active as a consultant and educator, and is a recognized expert, specializing in storage performance issues. He has been a regular speaker at SHARE, IBM Storage and z/OS performance conferences. He has more than 60 publications</p>
Tracy	Adams	IBM	<p>Tracy Adams has been with z/VM development in Endicott, NY, USA since 2003. She works on the virtual networking subsystem developing for guest LANs, HiperSockets, and the Virtual Switch. This is her fourth trip the IBM System z Technical Conference.</p>
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