

Main Session | Monday 25 September

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| 13:00-14:30 | Registration
Snack Buffet |
| 14:30-15:00 | President's Welcome
<i>Dr. Pamela Coker, President and CEO</i> |
| 15:00-16:15 | Brand New in Version 7.2
<i>Jawad Rabi, Solutions Architect, EMEA</i>
Find out what the buzz is all about! With Version 7.2 of extend ®, you can significantly enhance your ACUCOBOL®-GT applications and, if you are an independent software vendor (ISV), enter new markets. In this keynote presentation, we tell you how. We also tell you what new Version 7.2 functionalities, such as improved Java and .NET interoperability, you can use to make application integration easy. Additionally, you learn more about other exciting Version 7.2 features—such as optimized sorting capabilities, enhanced reference modification, faster CALL handling, MySQL® support, and Thin Client auto update—that can be implemented to improve your application and increase your productivity. |
| 16:15-16:45 | Break |
| 16:45-17:15 | Diagnosing and Improving Your Application's Performance
<i>Michael Tucek, Solutions Architect, Central and Eastern Europe</i>
Is your COBOL application performing up to its potential? In this session, we give you the tools necessary to determine whether your business systems are suffering from performance anxiety. We also explain what types of performance problems exist (batch versus online) as well as pinpoint their cause (software, hardware, network, or design). In addition, we identify which UNIX® and Windows® tools can be used, along with benchmarking, to help you uncover a performance problem. |
| 17:15-18:00 | Performance – A Business Critical Criteria Today
<i>Gustavo Follana, Systems Engineer, Southern Europe</i>
How can you improve performance to keep your competitive advantage? In this session, you learn what tools and techniques are available for monitoring and analyzing your COBOL business systems. We also show you new methods for profiling and programming, which you can then use to optimize performance. In addition, we demonstrate the Version 7.2 features—such as enhanced reference modification, faster CALL handling and new mathematical operations— that may be implemented to make your ACUCOBOL-GT programs even faster. |
| 18:00-18:30 | Customer Presentation
Hear a first-hand account of how an Acucorp customer has used extend technologies to solve real business problems. |
| 18:30-19:30 | Visit the AquaDom
Network with other attendees and Acucorp staff as you view more than 2,500 tropical fish at the Radisson's world's largest cylindrical aquarium, the AquaDom. |
| 20:00 | Dinner |

Main and Breakout Sessions | Tuesday 26 September

- 07:30-08:30 Breakfast
- 08:30-09:15 **New AcuBench® Features that Increase Your Productivity**
Peter Baier, Technical Manager, Central European Region
AcuBench, Acucorp's integrated development environment (IDE), is much more than a GUI development tool. And, with the enhancements available in Version 7.2 of AcuBench, you can become an even more proficient software developer. Led by Peter Baier, Technical Manager, Central European Region, this session highlights three new Version 7.2 productivity features: code generation for the auto loading of paged list boxes, list boxes, combo boxes, grids and paged grids; command-line processing; and context-sensitive help. The presentation also demonstrates how you can use these new features to simplify application programming—both now and in the future.
- 09:15-09:45 **Customer Presentation**
Hear a first-hand account of how an Acucorp customer has used **extend** technologies to solve real business problems.
- 09:45-10:15 Break
- 10:15-10:45 **Partner Presentation**
- 10:45-11:45 **ACUCOBOL-GT Tips and Tricks**
Nigel Eaton, Chief Systems Engineer, EMEA
After attending this presentation, you'll be an ACUCOBOL-GT power user. This one-hour session reveals little-known coding hints, all designed to make you a better, and more efficient, software developer. In addition to explaining configuration files, highlighting new advances in file handling, and outlining data "dos and don'ts", this session teaches you how to develop applications more effectively using new COBOL constructs, library routines, and Intrinsics. It also teaches you how to code for maintainability and performance as well as offers tips for designing a graphical user interface (GUI). Most importantly, it identifies skills that you can put into practice right away.
- 11:45-13:00 Buffet Lunch
- 13:00-13:35 **The Partner Advantage: Putting IT to Work for You**
Jens Adam, Business Development Manager (ISV)
Florian Delonge, Sales Manager
Andrea Göber, Team Assistant
As an information technology (IT) professional trying to increase your market share, you may already understand the importance of partnering with major IT companies such as BEA, HP, IBM, Microsoft, Oracle and Sun. What you may not know, however, is how Acucorp's alliances with these organizations can benefit you. Find out more about our partner programs and how they can be used to your advantage—for product certification, joint marketing, hardware and software discounts, and support. We also explain what partner opportunities are available directly to you, and what can do to access them.
- Breakout Session (in German)**
Fit für die Zukunft - Enterprise Infrastructure
Michael Tucek, Solutions Architect, Central and Eastern Europe
Wo immer Ihre Applikation laufen soll, Acucorp **extend** stellt die Verbindung zu der bestehenden IT Infrastruktur her und macht es möglich - ohne nennenswerte Änderungen am existierenden COBOL Code - eine ACUCOBOL-GT Applikation in einer heterogenen Umgebung einzusetzen. In dieser Veranstaltung werden wir verschiedene Szenarios diskutieren, wie z.B. die Integration eines Application Servers über Java, Erstellen von Web

Services für eine SOA (Service Orientierte Architektur) oder Integration von Mainframe Daten durch Middleware.

13:35-14:10

Open-Source Software Movement

Bernd Walf, Technical Services Engineer, Central Europe

Join Acucorp and fellow Conference attendees for an update on the open-source software movement followed by a roundtable discussion. The session will begin with a presentation highlighting leading open-source technologies such as Linux, Eclipse, and MySQL. Included is an explanation of how **extend** and open-source technologies can work together. The presentation also showcases Acucorp's new support for MySQL, providing you with more detailed information on how to access this open-source database from your COBOL application. In addition to the presentation, a roundtable discussion at the end of the session will offer you and your colleagues the opportunity to exchange information and share industry trends with other ACUCOBOL-GT users.

Breakout Session (in German)

Gemeinsam sind wir stark - wie Partnerschaften uns allen nutzen

Jens Adam, Business Development Manager (ISV)

Florian Delonge, Sales Manager

Andrea Göber, Team Assistent

Als marktorientierter IT Spezialist wissen Sie, wie wichtig Partnerschaften mit den Großen der IT Branche wie BEA, HP, IBM, Microsoft, Oracle und Sun sind. Was wir Ihnen nun noch zeigen wollen ist, wie Sie von den Partnerschaften Acucorp's mit diesen Unternehmen profitieren können. Erfahren Sie mehr über unsere Partnerprogramme und welche Vorteile Sie davon haben z.B. bei der Produkt-Zertifizierung, bei gemeinsamen Marketingaktionen, Hardware- und Software Konditionen oder beim Support. Desweiteren zeigen wir Ihnen welche Partnerprogramme es für Sie persönlich gibt und wie Sie daran teilnehmen.

14:10-14:45

Future Needs – Enterprise Infrastructure

Michael Tucek, Solutions Architect, Central and Eastern Europe

No matter where you deploy your application, Acucorp's **extend**® will adapt it to existing IT infrastructures—allowing your ACUCOBOL-GT business systems to run in heterogeneous environments with few, if any, changes to the existing COBOL code. During this session, you will learn more about the options available to you, such as application server integration via Java, the creation of Web services for a service-oriented architecture (SOA), or even integration with mainframe data through communications middleware.

Breakout Session (in German)

Offen für alles - Acucorp und Open-Source Software

Bernd Walf, Technical Services Engineer, Central Europe

Diskutieren Sie mit Acucorp Mitarbeitern und Konferenzteilnehmern die Open Source Entwicklung auf dem IT Markt. Eine Präsentation über die führenden Open-Source Technologien wie Linux, Eclipse und MySQL leitet die Diskussion ein. Hier wird auch kurz aufgezeigt, wie **extend** und Open Source Technologien zusammen arbeiten. Die Präsentation gibt auch einen Einblick in die neue Unterstützung von Acucorp für MySQL, mit näheren Informationen, wie sie diese Open Source Datenbank von Ihrer COBOL Applikation aus aufrufen können. Die anschließende Diskussion gibt Ihnen die Möglichkeit Informationen mit anderen Teilnehmern auszutauschen und mit anderen ACUCOBOL-GT Benutzern über Trends im Open Source Bereich zu sprechen.

14:45-15:15

Break

15:15-16:00

Going GUI with UNIX or Linux

Randy Zack, Development Manager

Get a sneak preview at Acucorp's non-Windows graphical solution, coming next year with the release of Version 8.0. In this presentation, Development Manager Randy Zack describes the technologies that will make it possible for your COBOL applications to display a GUI on a UNIX/Linux server. The discussion includes an introduction to Java graphical controls and an explanation on how to use exception and event handling with these controls. Also included is an overview of the standard runtime GUI display, platform display differences, and design considerations when using AcuBench.

16:00-16:30

Future Directions

Bob Cavanagh, Director of Product Management

For a look into the future of **extend**, beginning with Version 8.0, be sure to attend this presentation. In it, you'll receive an outline of Acucorp's technology plans, focusing on such topics as performance and application interoperability.

16:30-16:45

Closing

Dr. Pamela Coker, President and CEO