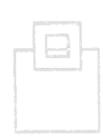


Don't Let ICIs... put your DB2 applications in the ICU!







AGENDA



- 1. The what and why of ICIs
- 2. BiF problems



- 4. Some guidance
- 5. Freeware to the rescue
- 6. Customer experiences and quotes







DB2 Version Incompatibilities

- In recent versions, IBM has modified the behavior of certain DB2 functionality
 - Built-in Functions (BiFs)
 - Reserved Words
 - SQL Return Codes
 - Deprecated Functionality



- It is important that you are aware of, and track, the incompatibilities that may cause issues/problems... why?
 - Applications no longer function
 - Applications function differently
 - The results of your SQL SELECT statements can change



DB2 Version Incompatibilities





ICI = Incompatibility Indicator

- DB2 can track when your applications use incompatible functionality
 - If you start the right traces/IFCIDs







How Many Incompatibilities Are There?

- 1: V9 version of CHAR(DEC) executed
- 2: V9 version of VARCHAR(DEC) executed
- 3: Unsupported character string representation of a TIMESTAMP
- 4: V10 default SQL path used instead of V11
- 7: SQLCODE -301 from a DB2 11 server
- 8: Stored procedure data types
- 9: TIMESTAMP TIMEZONE from DRDA
- 10: V9 version of LTRIM, RTRIM, STRIP executed
- 1101: INSERT into XML column w/o XMLDOCUMENT function
- 1102: XPATH evaluation resulted in error
- 1103: Dynamic SQL ASUTIME limit RLF issue
- 1104: CLIENT_ACCTNG longer than supported length pre-V11
- 1105: CLIENT_APPLNAME longer than supported length pre-V11
- 1106: CLIENT_USERID longer than supported length pre-V11
- 1107: CLIENT_WORKSTNNAME longer than supported length pre-V11
- 1108: CLIENT register longer than supported used for RLF
- 1109: CAST(STRING AS TIMESTAMP) using invalid string lengths as of V11
- 1110: Argument for SPACE function greater than 32764
- 1111: Optional integer argument of VARCHAR greater than 32764
- 1112: Empty XML element

The turquoise ones are related to BIFs...





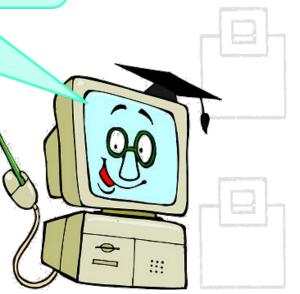


Why are incompatibilities being introduced?

- The first reaction from many is to question why IBM would change the way that DB2 works?
 - This is a reasonable question, but of course, there is a reasonable answer:

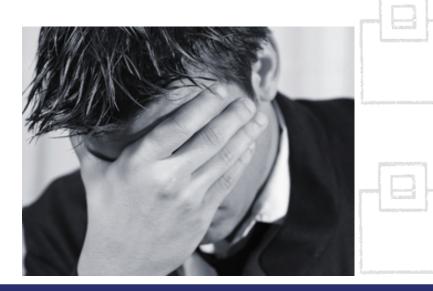


- The ANSI SQL Standard
- Makes porting applications from Oracle and SQL Server to DB2 easier if they all work the same way and return the same results



Of Course...

- By changing sometimes long-standing functionality, users are forced to modify their applications or live with changed functionality
 - And nobody wants to change code, no matter how simple, when the code is working...
 - Should say was working
- Fortunately, there is help
 - We'll look at ways to identify changed functionality





First, Let's Look at an Example: BiFs

- Built-in Functions, or BiFs, are one area that will impact many shops
 - The output of several BiFs have changed... we'll take a look at how
 - Remember the blue ones from the long list of ICIs
 - slide 6

 Before looking at the incompatibilities, a quick BiF review...

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What are BiFs?

- There are 4 types of BiFs but the two most common are:
 - Aggregate Functions
 - Compute, from a group of rows, a single value for a designated column or expression.
 - This provides the capability to aggregate data, thereby enabling you to perform statistical calculations across many rows with one SQL statement.



- Are applied to a column or expression and operate on a single value.
- Contrast this with the column functions, which are applied to a set of data and return only a single result.
- There are well over a hundred scalar functions.
 - SQL Reference Guide, Chapter 3







Aggregate vs. Scalar Functions



A

ARRAY_AVG

- AVG
- CORRELATION
- COUNT / COUNT_BIG
- COVARIANCE /
 COVARIANCE SAMP
 - GROUPING
 - MAX
 - MEDIAN
 - MIN
 - STDDEV / STDEV_SAMP
 - SUM
 - VARIANCE / VARIANCE_SAMP
 - XMLAGG

ABS

- C ASCII
- A · CEILING
- L CHAR
- A · COALESCE
- R · LOCATE
 - LOWER / UPPER
 - LPAD / RPAD
 - LTRIM / RTRIM
 - OVERLAY
 - RAND
 - TRUNCATE
 - VARCHAR
 - ARRAY AVG

Example scalar functions; there are almost 200 of them.

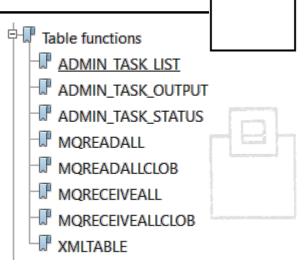






OK, What are the other two types of BiFs?

- Table Functions
 - Table functions are used only in the FROM clause of an SQL statement.
 - Table functions return columns just like your normal created tables.
- Row Functions
 - Used in specific contexts
 - There is only one row function as of DB2 11
 - The UNPACK function returns a row of values that are derived from unpacking a binary string.
 - Unpacks a string that was encoded according to the PACK function.
 - The PACK scalar function returns a binary string value that contains a data type array and a packed representation of each non-null expression argument.





User Defined Functions

- Of course, you can also create your own UDFs, or userdefined functions
 - UDFs can be EXTERNAL or SOURCED
 - EXTERNAL
 - You write the function program
 - SOURCED
 - The UDF is based on an existing BiF
- So, if the UDF is sourced using an existing BiF, and the BiF has incompatible functionality, the UDF will be impacted, too.







Why All the Fuss About BiFs?

 The way some of the most popular scalar BiFs work started changing with DB2 10 for z/OS. For example, CHAR:

SELECT	CHAR	(DEC	COL)	FROM	SYSIBM.	SYSDUMMY1	;
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	CHAR(000.1)	CHAR(1000.)	CHAR(1.1)
V10+	'.1'	'1000'	'1.1'
V9	' 000.1'	' 1000.'	' 1.1'



- Leading zeros.
- The trailing decimal point character.
- Leading blanks for positive decimal values. This change applies to the CHAR built-in function only.
- You can see how that might cause your application to work differently, right?







Other BiFs with "Similar" Incompatibilities

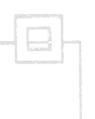


- VARCHAR
- TRIM / LTRIM / RTRIM
- STRIP
- TIMESTAMP









Customers Need a Way to Deal With all this!

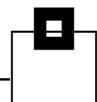
- And nobody wants to change their code!
- Some help...
 - BIF_COMPATIBILITY
 - New schemas
 - APPLCOMPAT
 - New BiFs with V9 functionality



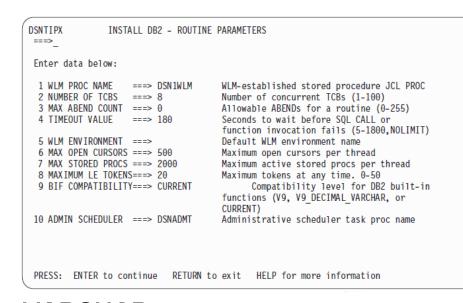




BIF_COMPATIBILITY



- IBM added a new DSNZPARM to help control the behavior of BiFs with incompatible functionality
 - Set on DSNTIPX panel
- BIF_COMPATIBILITY values
 - CURRENT
 - new functionality
 - V9
 - pre-V10 functionality for CHAR
 - V9_DECIMAL_VARCHAR
 - pre-V10 functionality for VARCHAR (and CHAR)
 - V9_TRIM
 - pre-V10 functionality for TRIM functions (and CHAR and VARCHAR)



Two New Schemas

- SYSCOMPAT_V9 and SYSCURRENT
 - For CHAR, VARCHAR, and all the TRIM functions
 - Must be added before SYSIBM in the path
 - Used in the current path special register or PATH bind option









DB2 11- APPLCOMPAT

- APPLCOMPAT DSNZPARM and BIND option
- Provides support for up to two back level releases of DB2
 - DB2 11 supports V10R1 and V11R1
 - DB2 Next will support 10, 11, and Next
 - Next+1... 10 support goes away
- So you can put things off until DB2 13
 - Disclaimer: : IBM has not stated that there will actually be a version 13, nor do I have any knowledge that there will be a DB2 13. But we can all count, right?



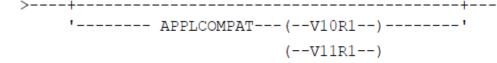
APPLCOMPAT

- The DSNZPARM value is the default value
- You can use the BIND option to control application compatibility on a program by program basis
- APPLCOMPAT does not control new function availability

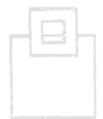


- Note: Global variables are new in DB2 11
- APPLCOMPAT parameter is available on:
 - BIND PACKAGE
 - REBIND PACKAGE
 - REBIND TRIGGER

- CREATE/ALTER PROCEDURE
- CREATE/ALTER FUNCTION





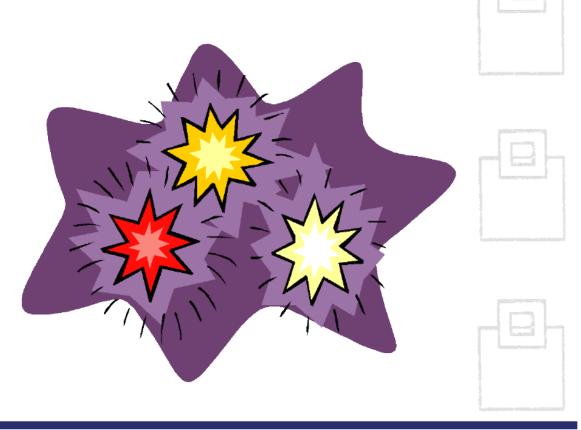






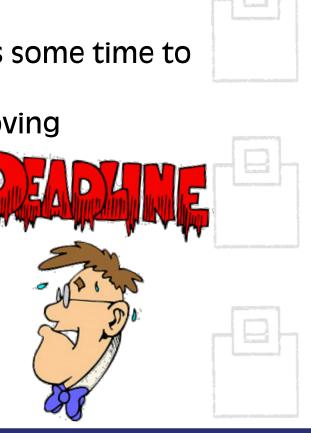
DB2 11 – Two New BiFs

- These behave like they did for DB2 9 and prior releases, with the old functionality
 - CHAR9
 - VARCHAR9



Some Guidance

- Nobody likes to change application code, but really how hard would it be to just change:
 - CHAR → CHAR9
 - VARCHAR → VARCHAR9
- APPLCOMPAT is great because it buys us some time to make changes
 - Don't make the mistake of never moving forward your APPLCOMPAT version until IBM no longer supports it
 - Doing that just moves your mad scramble to some point in the future



IFCIDs 366 and 376

- IBM makes it easier for us to track when we use incompatible functionality via IFCID 366
- This IFCID is output whenever DB2 detects a possible change of behavior from the current release to the next release.



- Remember our list of ICIs from earlier?
- This IFCID tracks them by the numbers shown in that list



- Shops started to get many 366 records being cut
 - So IBM created IFCID 376 in DB2 11
 - This is an aggregated version of the 366.



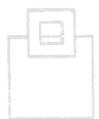
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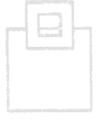


- IFCID 366
 - Identifies any new type of incompatible application change
 - Makes it possible to find packages with incompatible behavior

IDCID 376

- Written once for each unique dynamic cached stmt
 - And static stmt if bound V10 NFM or later.
 - For static stmts bound before V10 NFM, once per unique combo of plan, pkg ID, statement number.

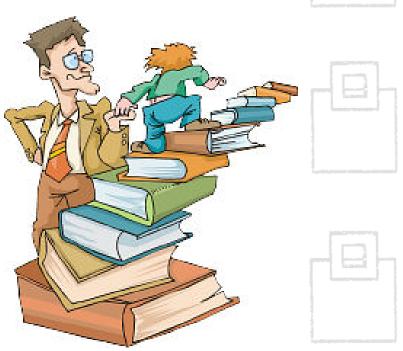






How can you be best prepared?

- A lot of new information and options
 - What is your strategy for attacking ICIs?
- Some shops have many, many instances of incompatible changes running
- Are you prepared to trace IFCID 366 / 376?
 - Could be a lot of data.
- Vendors offers help...



Customer Example



Temporary solution for the problem until the affected applications are identified:

ZPARM BIF_COMPATIBILITY=V9_DECIMAL_VARCHAR



But this just "hides" the problem of course

Let's have a quick look at a real customer and his problems...





Methodology at customer's site

 To get all relevant applications (daily, weekly etc.) since mid of April 2014 a performance trace with IFCID 366 was run in production

-STA TRACE(P) CLASS(32) IFCID(366) DEST(SMF) SCOPE(GROUP)



- For packages with static SQL additionally IFCID 63 was activated
- Identified were 18 programs:

1 Cobol Program (Static SQL)

1 C++ Program (Dynamic SQL) 3rd party

4 Java Programs (Dynamic SQL)

12 High Performance Unloads (Dynamic SQL)



Evaluation of trace records

Evaluation of SMF records with the help of

OMEGAMON XE FOR DB2 PERFORMANCE EXPERT

 BMC Mainview also offers reporting capabilities described in the "Performance Reporter User Guide"



The BMC Datacollector has to be active.

Attention:

Depending on the frequency of program calls space requirements for the SMF records will increase drastically!





JCL of the evaluation job (OMEGAMON)

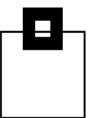


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EXEC PGM=DB2PM
 /STEPLIB
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                DISP=SHR, DSN=#883. DMPEDDO. 5753. RESNMEDU
/INPUTDD
                DISP=SHR, DSN=P5, SMFLOG. D02.02015072
//JOBSUMDD DD
                SYSOUT=*
//RTTRCDD1 DD
                SYSOUT=*
//SYSIN
           DD
 GLOBAL
                        TIMEZONE (-2)
                         EXCLUDE (
                                 PRIMAUTH
                                             [[*]]
                        INCLUDE (
                                 IFCID (366)
                                 GROUP (DEFEESS)
  RECTRACE
               TRACE
                        LEVEL (SHORT)
                         DDNAME (RTTRCDD1)
  EXEC
```









OMEGAMON XE FOR DB2 PERFORMANCE EXPERT (V5R3M0) LOCATION: PAGE: 1-1 GROUP: RECORD TRACE - SHORT REQUESTED FROM: NOT SPECIFIED MEMBER: TO: NOT SPECIFIED SUBSYSTEM: ACTUAL FROM: 03/31/15 01:05:43.52 DB2 VERSION: V10 PAGE DATE: 03/31/15 PRIMAUTH CONNECT INSTANCE END USER WS NAME TRANSACT ORIGAUTH CORRNAME CONNTYPE RECORD TIME DESTNO ACE IFC DESCRIPTION DATA PLANNAME CORRNMBR TCB CPU TIME DB2CALL CEB99CE38ADB CONTRAM DB2CALL B2CALL 01:05:43.52254258 561390 1 366 INCOMPATIBLE NETWORKID: DESCRIPTION LUNAME: DESCRIPTION LUNSEO: BLHNK **FUNCTIONS** N/P INCOMPATIBLE FUNCTIONS EXECUTED | COLLECTION ID !PROGRAM NAME : V9 SYSIBM.CHAR(DECIMAL-EXPR) FUNCTION REASON ITYPE ISTMT NBR QUERY : 169 SECTION PLAN NAME QUERY: - 100 4382822 STMT TYPE : DYNAMIC CONTOKEN (TS) : X'199387CC179A5487' ISTMT ID !VERSION LENGTH : 7 VERSION

SET CURRENT PATH = SYSCOMPAT_V9 BIF_COMPATIBILITY=V9_DECIMAL_VARCHAR



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AUSZUG JOB PT2A205
  SET CURRENT PATH = SYSCOMPAT_V9;
RESULT OF SOL STATEMENT:
DSNT400I SQLCODE = 000, SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION
   SUCCESSFUL
SET
***INPUT STATEMENT:
  SELECT SUBSTR (CHAR (M. MVTM_NR)
          , SUBSTR (CHAR (R. PENTE_ WALL), 2, 2)
                                                   AS RENTE VAID SI
  FROM
  FETCH FIRST 2 ROWS ONLY WITH UR:
                                 2 ROW(S)
SUCCESSFUL RETRIEVAL OF
```

SET CURRENT PATH = SYSCURRENT, SYSIBM BIF_COMPATIBILITY=V9_DECIMAL_VARCHAR



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AUSZUG JOB
  SET CURRENT PATH = SYSCURRENT, SYSIBM;
RESULT OF SQL STHIEMENT:
DSNT400I SQLCODE = 000, SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION
        SUCCESSFUL
***INPUT STATEMENT:
  FROM
  FETCH FIRST 2 ROWS ONLY WITH UR:
SUCCESSFUL RETRIEVAL OF
                             2 ROW(S)
```

Modified SQL Statement BIF_COMPATIBILITY=V9_DECIMAL_VARCHAR



```
-#SET MAXERRORS 0
   SET CURRENT PATH = SYSCURRENT, SYSIBM;
          SUCCESSFUL
***INPUT STATEMENT:
   SELECT
                                              '0')
                                        , 2, '0')
   FROM
   FETCH FIRST 2 ROWS ONLY WITH UR:
        70
SUCCESSFUL RETRIEVAL OF
                                  2 ROW(S)
```

BiF HealthCheck for DB2 z/OS

- The Freeware reports ICIs based on your workload:
 - Mainframe DB2 fast Workload collector using Opx and processing engine



- Report of detected incompatible statements being executed
- DSC and SSC (EDMPOOL) are selected and the data is reported



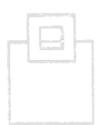




BIF HealthCheck for DB2 z/OS

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- A handy batch job, or started task that reports BIF incompatibilities in DB2 10, or DB2 11
- Both, IFCID 366 and 376 can be captured as long as desired



 At the end of the capture process, or during -if desired- a report shows any affected dynamic, or static statement along with it's

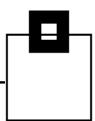


- PLAN
- COLLECTION
- PACKAGE
- Number of occurrences (366)





BIF HealthCheck for DB2 z/OS



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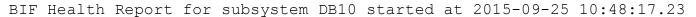
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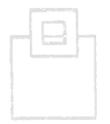
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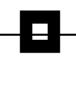
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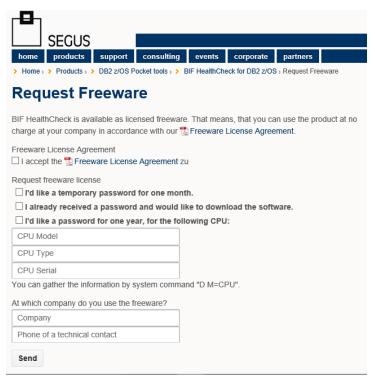


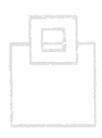
BIF HealthCheck for DB2 z/OS



Download* the Freeware at

https://www.segus.com/bif









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Customer experiences and quotes

Users have added their own expertise into the mix as well! Here's an example of a REXX reading the BiF/ICI data and then transforming it into a CSV file for use by application development to check if it is a real problem or not!



	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н
1	WLX_TIMESTAMP	PACKAGE *	PROGRAN ▼	ICI_NO 🔻	REASON 🔻	STMT_GR(▼	STMT_ID 💌	STMT_OR ▼
2	2016-04-12-00.01.13.744608	C00	PROGXY	1	DB2 9 CHAR Usage	DB29	938582	S
3	2016-04-12-00.01.13.744608	C00	PROGXY	1	DB2 9 CHAR Usage	DB29	938582	S
4	2016-04-12-00.01.13.744608	C00	PROGXY	1	DB2 9 CHAR Usage	DB29	938582	S

TRANSACTIO	END_USEF *	WORKSTA ▼	STMT_LENGT *	STMT_TEXT_SHORT	~
			487	DECLARE CR-NAMEXYZ CURSOR WITH HOLD FOR SELECT Collist	
APPL.EXE	AUTHXXX	WS00L787	299	SELECT DISTINCT NR_KUNDEN , char (NR_P	
APPL.EXE	AUTHXXX	WS00L787	335	SELECT DISTINCT char (NR PARTNER), N	



To quote a customer:

"Due to the high number of DB2 systems, we use this through TWS.



Customer experiences and quotes



Some quotes from our customers:

The question: "Where's the BiF?" Is answered immediately, and the SQL is categorized and displayed. The full SQL text is displayed - even for dynamic SQL.

Unlike the analyses we had previously conducted using Omegamon, it was not necessary, when using BiF HealthCheck, to collect SMF data for more than 12 months prior to the migration.

With BiF HealthCheck you don't even need SMF data. The straight-forward approach saves huge amounts of time, manpower, and storage.

Where's the BiF?

As you have seen BiFs can cause you problems if you are *not* aware of their usage:

Start a project plan *now* for finding the BiF

- Action and Approve any and all SQL Changes
- Store all results for comparison next time...



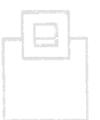
Stay aware and ready!





- 1 Execution of the DB2 9 for z/OS version of SYSIBM.CHAR(DECIMAL-EXPR)
- Execution of the DB2 9 for z/OS version of SYSIBM.VARCHAR(DECIMAL-EXPR), CAST (DECIMAL AS VARCHAR), OR CAST (DECIMAL AS CHAR)
- Use of an unsupported character string representation of a TIMESTAMP
- 4 Use of a USER-DEFINED FUNCTION (UDF) that has the unqualified name ARRAY_EXISTS
- Use of a USER-DEFINED FUNCTION (UDF) that has the unqualified name CUBE
- 6 Use of a USER-DEFINED FUNCTION (UDF) that has the unqualified name ROLLUP









ICI Description of the incompatibility

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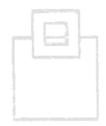
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- Use of the DB2 10 for z/OS default SQL path instead of the V11 path, which has more implicit schemas





- Execution of a SQL statement by a client non-Java, or Java application that included an unsupported conversion from a string type to a numeric type, or from a numeric type to a string type while the DB2 z/OS Data Server environment was one of the following (the Data Server issues SQLCODE -301)
 - The Data Server was in version 11 New-Function Mode (NFM)
 - APPLICATION COMPATIBILITY was set to V10R1
 - Implicit casting was disabled because subsystem parameter DDF_COMPATIBILITY was set to SP_PARMS_NJV, or DISABLE_IMPCAST_NJV



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1101 Execution of an insert statement that inserts into an XML column without the XMLDOCUMENT function, which generates SQLCODE -20345 on a DB2 release prior to V11, but does not generate an error starting in V11



ICI Description of the incompatibility

1102 V10 XPATH evaluation behavior was in effect, which resulted in an error (e.g. a data type conversion error occurred for a predicate that would otherwise be evaluated to false.). Starting in V11, such errors might be suppressed

limit that was set for the entire thread for RLF reactive governing (e.g. a dyn. SQL stmt is processed from a pckg A, if the ASUTIME limit was already set during other dyn. SQL processing from pckg B in the same thread, the SQL from pckg A uses the ASUTIME limit that was set during the SQL processing from pckg B). Starting with V11, dyn. SQL from multiple pckgs uses the ASUTIME limit that is set in their own pckg information.



- 1104 Setting the CLIENT_USERID special register to a value that is longer than the supported length prior to V11. The value is truncated.
- 1105 Setting the CLIENT_WRKSTNNAME special register to a value that is longer than the supported length prior to V11. The value is truncated.
- 1106 Setting the CLIENT_APPLNAME special register to a value that is longer than the supported length prior to V11. The value is truncated.
- 1107 Setting the CLIENT_ACCTNG special register to a value that is longer than the supported length prior to V11. The value is truncated.



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1108 Setting the CLIENT_USERID, CLIENT_WRKSTNNAME, CLIENT_APPLNAME, or CLIENT_ACCTG special register to a value that is longer than the supported length prior to V11. The truncated value was used for a resource limit facility search.

1109 Execution of CAST(STRING AS TIMESTAMP) with one of the following types of input strings:

- A string of length 8, which DB2 treats as a STORE CLOCK value
- A string of length 13, which DB2 treats as a GENERATED UNIQUE

Prior to DB2 11, this behavior is invalid for a cast. It is valid for the TIMESTAMP built-in function only.

Starting in V11, input to a CAST is not treated as a STORE CLOCK value, or a GENERATED UNIQUE value.



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- 1110 The value of the argument of the SPACE built-in function was greater than 32784.
- 1111 The value of the optional integer argument of the VARCHAR built-in function was greater than 32764.





Where's the BiF?



