Dig into DB2 and Data Warehousing
Lance Wasson, IT Specialist

Meet Lance

With over fifteen years of Services-related experience, Lance Wasson has worked with dozens of clients on unique and challenging DB2 and Data Warehouse Services engagements. Lance strives to help each of his clients grow by being more productive and better able to use technology for business advantage.

> " Make sure
> *business goals match strengths of technology* "

How Lance created and automated a large Data Warehouse

Working with a major American wholesale retailing chain, Lance was challenged to create a DB2 Data Warehouse from scratch. The retailer was overwhelmed by vast amounts of unstructured data stored on their mainframe. They needed an automated storage solution that would allow them to get more value from their data. Project accomplishments included:

- Designing and building the warehouse specifically to meet the client's needs for easily retrievable data-storage
- Using automation to first clean up old mainframe data and then populate the warehouse

- Facilitating skills transfer with the client's IT staff who started with limited DB2 skills
- Offering the client continued support – the client has since transitioned to a Balanced Warehouse environment and enlisted Lance's support for a HealthCheck Service

Lance's Approach to DB2 for LUW and Data Warehousing
Be a subject-matter expert

- To complete the engagement successfully, Lance provides a wealth of information about DB2 and Data Warehousing to his client. If the engagement is unique or requires additional knowledge, Lance researches the project prior to starting work to make sure he is fully prepared for the engagement.

Discuss the big-picture

- Lance guides his clients by explaining what the technology change will do for the business in general terms to make sure that business goals match the strengths of the technology.

Migrate data with the Data Mover Tool

- Lance helped to develop this highly efficient data transferring tool. It is particularly useful for transferring data during a Data Warehouse upgrade or replacement. Built to handle database repartitions and other unique migration cases, this flexible tool is extremely valuable during almost any Services engagement.

" *Experience, knowledge* and *best practices* translate into *expert services* "

Lance's Philosophy

Use information productively

- Lance aims to give his clients control over their information. Before completing an engagement, Lance makes sure that his client is able to productively use their information to achieve business goals.

Focus on efficiency

- Ensuring efficiency of the new or updated system is critical part of Lance's services engagements. He believes that clients should be able to complete their tasks as quickly as possible and with as few clicks as possible for optimum productivity.

Software Services and Strategic Advantage

The Software Services team is comprised of an unmatched group of IT professionals. The team's experience and knowledge combined with Best Practices methodologies translate into expert services offerings, such as Upgrade, HealthCheck, and Data Mover Tool migration.

Lance's Background

Lance brings a wide breadth of experience to the Software Services team. He uses his previous experience as a System Analyst, Developer, and DBA to relate to his clients and understand both their goals and their concerns.

Hobbies

In his spare time, Lance enjoys relaxing outside and working in his English garden. A true computer guru, Lance also likes to create general purpose utility programs and maintains a DB2 and Data Sharing wiki.