**A34     IBM Classic Connect:  Standard SQL Access to IMS and VSAM Data**
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Extend the reach and value of your IMS and VSAM data by providing standard SQL access to your application programmers and end-users. Come and learn how you can easily make your IMS and VSAM data accessible from your users' favorite relational tools such as QMF, PowerBuilder, VisualBasic,  Lotus Approach and Microsoft Access. You will also learn how to move IMS and VSAM data to DB2 data marts or warehouses using SQL, integrate operational data with the Internet/Intranet for e-business and deliver OS/390 data to desktop application development or analysis tools. The current version of Classic Connect substantially improves on the performance, scalability and security of the previous version. Classic Connect, in conjunction with DB2 DataJoiner, enables users on a variety of client platforms to submit standard SQL queries that access non-relational data consistently as though the data were stored in a local DB2 database. Additionally, users can issue a SQL JOIN across IMS, VSAM and DB2 for OS/390 as well as Oracle, Microsoft SQL Server and a variety of other data sources. When used with Visual Warehouse or DB2 Warehouse Manager, Classic Connect also allows IMS and VSAM data to be extracted and used by Visual Warehouse and DB2 Warehouse Manager business views to populate data marts or warehouses.