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REXX, SQL, XML and DB2 for z/OS – perfect together

Hoboken, New Jersey, June 15, 2010: Relational Architects International (RAI) today announces Version 9.1 of its **REXX Language eXtensions (RLX)** product which lets you code SQL and XML statements, DB2 commands and IFI requests -- all natively within REXX execs. RLX Version 9.1 fully supports DB2 for z/OS functionality at the Version 9 level in traditional z/OS environments like TSO, ISPF and batch as well as in newer environments like System REXX, Health Checker, SDSF and ISPF panel exits.

In addition, RAI pre-announces RLX Version 9.2 which will fully support DB2 10 for z/OS (currently in Beta) when that IBM release becomes generally available.

RLX is compatible with the dynamic SQL syntax employed by DSNREXX and extends the IBM interface with full support for Large Objects and SQL/XML. RLX also supports the embedded SQL syntax used within compiled languages like COBOL, so developers can choose the syntax they prefer. The immediate execution and powerful debugging facilities provided by REXX and RLX “get you started right away with pureXML and DB2 for z/OS” said Carl Feinberg, Director of Development. REXX execs that combine SQL statements, XPath expressions, DB2 commands, IFI requests and RRS/CAF services can be developed rapidly and tested immediately. Without compile and link edit steps. Without preprocess and bind delays. “You can edit and test them directly within ISPF Edit, and get instant feedback” Feinberg explained.

“What's more, there's no learning curve” Feinberg continued. “z/OS developers can leverage their skills with REXX, SQL, XML and ISPF to become productive with pureXML and LOBs almost immediately.” In addition to being an excellent means to learn and become familiar with pureXML in the DB2 for z/OS environment, RLX is particularly well suited to quickly prototyping high volume systems, as well as develop tools, z/OS health checks and small applications -- all with immediate feedback, extensive diagnostics and context sensitive help. Even z/OS system routines that require access to DB2 can now be developed with RLX and System REXX.

“Every organization should include RLX in their enablement plans for DB2 for z/OS” Feinberg concluded. *Global 1000* organizations worldwide use RAI products to leverage their investment in DB2 for z/OS and run their mission critical batch production. For more information please visit RAI's web site at www.relarc.com or call +1 201 420-0400.

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