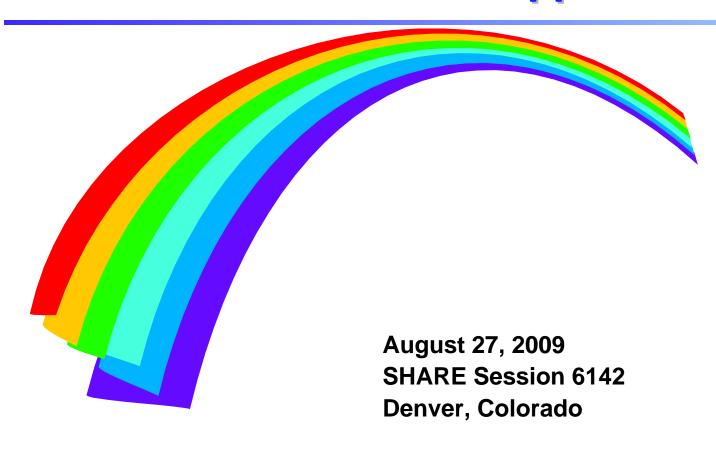
DB2 LOBs - A Practical Application



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Each new release of DB2 introduces new features

- Many are clearly beneficial, but others may not seem relevant to your shop
 - So you may be in no hurry to keep current
 - Who needs the extra hassle and work?
- ► Today I would like to explore one of the areas that may seem esoteric but actually has great potential:
 - LOBs (Large OBjects) a way to store and present media and documents

BLOBs, CLOBs, and DBCLOBs

- ► <u>Large OBjects</u> (LOBs) come in three flavors, but they are all ways to store unstructured data
 - BLOBs Binary Large OBjects include photos, movies, sound, signatures
 - <u>CLOBs</u> Character Large OBjects include documents such as policies, contracts, specifications
 - DBCLOBs Double Byte Character Large OBjects are CLOBs composed of CJK (Chinese, Japanese, Korean) characters encoded in DBCS or UTF-16

But what <u>use</u> are LOBs?

- ► If DB2 is your backend data server to the Web, you can store product images in BLOBs to produce online catalogs including pictures, for example
- ➤ You can store document chunks in CLOBs, then combine them to build tailored contracts and policies
- ► Data items > 32K in size <u>must</u> be stored in LOBs, although you can store smaller items; 2GB is the maximum size per LOB

- Suppose we have an inventory database that contains the following fields (plus more, but we'll ignore them):
 - PartNo a nine-byte field of the form "Partnnnnn"
 - Description a 30 byte field
 - QOH (Quantity on Hand) an integer
 - Picture an image of the item, for our online catalog

The first thing we have to do is define the table, and it might be something like this (using SPUFI):

Notes:

- * A table with any kind of LOB must have a ROWID column
- * Every table should have a primary key, and this requires a unique index

- ► Each LOB column requires a LOB table space, auxiliary table, and auxiliary table index
- ▶ DB2 Version 9.1 helps: if you issue CREATE TABLE that includes one or more LOB columns, and do not specify a tablespace, DB2 automatically creates the LOB table space, auxiliary table, and auxiliary table index
 - Perhaps something DBAs would rather do explicitly, but at least it's easy to try things

- ➤ Of course, we need to get our images into our database LOB column in a standard graphics format such as .bmp, .jpg, .png, .gif, and so on
 - Perhaps simply a digital camera shot, perhaps something more professional, but it needs to end up as an image file on our workstation
 - We named the images "part nnnnn.bmp", with the numeric portion of the name corresponding to the numeric portion of the item's part number

- Next, upload the image files to our z/OS system, preferably into our HFS or zFS
 - We created a directory /u/scomsto/blobs and uploaded all the image files into that directory (as binary, of course), using ftp; result something like this:

```
/u/scomsto/blobs
             1 SCOMSTO
                                  129558 Oct
                                                 2008 part00105.bmp
                        STUDENT
                                  130726 Oct 2
                                                 2008 part00240.bmp
            1 SCOMSTO
                        STUDENT
                                  308278 Oct 2
                                                 2008 part00273.bmp
            1 SCOMSTO
                        STUDENT
                                                 2008 part00315.bmp
            1 SCOMSTO
                                  128086 Oct
                        STUDENT
```

- ► Next, we have to populate our table
 - We used the LOAD DB2 utility, something like this:

```
//SCOMSTO
           JOB ...
//STEP1 EXEC DSNUPROC, UID=SCOMSTO.LOADLOB
//SYSUT1
               UNIT=SYSALLDA, SPACE=(TRK, (20, 20))
           DD
              UNIT=SYSALLDA, SPACE=(TRK, (20, 20))
//SORTOUT
           DD
//SYSIN
           DD
LOAD DATA RESUME NO REPLACE CONTINUEIF(72:72)='X' INTO TABLE ITEMS
    (PARTNO
                  POSITION (01) CHAR(9),
     DESCRIPTION POSITION (10) CHAR(30),
                  POSITION (42) INTEGER EXTERNAL(2),
     OOH
                  POSITION (80) CHAR(30) BLOBF )
     PICTURE
//SYSREC DD *
Part00105Keys to the Kingdome
                                         10
                                                                         X
/u/scomsto/blobs/part00105.bmp
Part00240Overtime Hours
                                         17
                                                                         X
/u/scomsto/blobs/part00240.bmp
```

- ► DB2 Version 9.1 helps: the LOAD utility can now use HFS file names (can also be sequential files or members of PDS or PDSE) to hold names of files containing BLOB data
 - (See the BLOBF data type in the statements on the previous page)
 - Also works for CLOBs and DBCLOBs (that is, CLOBF and DBCLOBF can be used)

► At this point, we wanted to prepare for writing code against this table, so we used DCLGEN, like this:

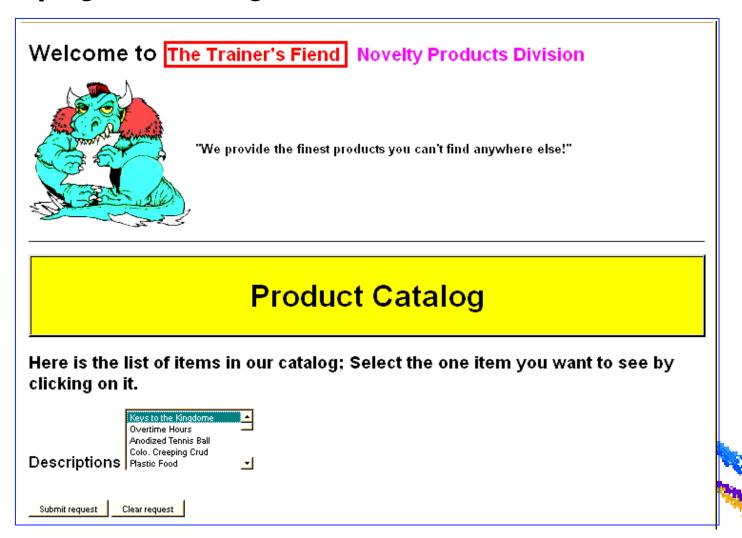
```
Enter table name for which declarations are required:
    SOURCE TABLE NAME ===> items
    TABLE OWNER .... ===> SCOMSTO
   AT LOCATION .... ===>
                                                               (Optional)
Enter destination data set:
                                     (Can be sequential or partitioned)
 4 DATA SET NAME ... ===> TR.COBOL(ITEMS)
   DATA SET PASSWORD ===>
                                    (If password protected)
Enter options as desired:
                                    (ADD new or REPLACE old declaration)
   ACTION ..... ===> REPLACE
   COLUMN LABEL ... ===> NO
                                     (Enter YES for column label)
                                                               (Optional)
   STRUCTURE NAME .. ===>
                                                               (Optional)
   FIELD NAME PREFIX ===> host-
   DELIMIT DBCS .... ===> YES
                                     (Enter YES to delimit DBCS identifiers)
10
11
   COLUMN SUFFIX ... ===> YES
                                     (Enter YES to append column name)
                                     (Enter YES for indicator variables)
    INDICATOR VARS .. ===> NO
12
13
   RIGHT MARGIN .... ===> 72
                                     (Enter 72 or 80)
```

► The resulting statements, after a little tweaking:

```
EXEC SOL DECLARE SCOMSTO.ITEMS TABLE
    ( PARTNO
                                   CHAR(9) NOT NULL,
                                   CHAR(30) NOT NULL,
      DESCRIPTION
      QOH
                                   INTEGER NOT NULL,
                                   ROWID NOT NULL,
      ITEMROWID
      PICTURE
                                   BLOB(4194304)
    ) END-EXEC.
* COBOL DECLARATION FOR TABLE SCOMSTOLITEMS
***************************
01
    DCLITEMS.
    10 HOST-PARTNO
                          PIC X(9).
    10 HOST-DESCRIPTION
                          PIC X(30).
    10 HOST-OOH
                          PIC S9(9) USAGE COMP.
                          USAGE SQL TYPE IS ROWID.
    10 HOST-ITEMROWID
    10 HOST-PICTURE
                          USAGE SQL TYPE IS BLOB-LOCATOR.
```

- ► Our goal was to serve web pages that included these BLOBs on demand; this required:
 - Designing and coding a web page where the user could request information about an item
 - Coding a COBOL program to run as a CGI that would accept the request and return a web page containing the image of the requested item

► The page we designed looked like this:



- The HTML to create that page is available in the supplementary materials
 - As are the bmp files, the stylesheet, and the other supporting code and control data
 - This is not the place to explore HTML (some other time, perhaps)



- ► However, here are few notes regarding how we set up the files we provide in our environment - you need to make your own adjustments:
 - Our HTTP configuration sets "public_html" as our starter directory for each user's HTML; we placed our HTML (and stylesheet and animated gif) in the subdirectory /u/scomsto/public_html/db2work, to keep other work separate, so to start, we pointed our browser at:

//http://www.ttfi.biz/~scomsto/db2work/getitem1.html

- The animated GIF logo we found at http://www.animationlibrary.com/
- In our example, we hardcoded the entries in the list box; in a real world example, you would generate this page through another CGI, so you always create a current list

- ► More notes on the supplementary files:
 - Our HTTP configuration maps /SCOMSTO/* to /u/scomsto/CGI/*, where I place my own CGIs
 - The logic is: whenever an item in the drop down list is clicked, the variable "ano" is set to contain the corresponding part number; when the "submit" button is clicked, the CGI named "coblob1" in my CGI directory will get invoked, being passed the string: ano=Partnnnnn
 - Program "coblob1" is a COBOL program that runs as a CGI:
 - * Obtains the value in the "ano" variable supplied from a Web form and assigns it to the trans-partno variable
 - * Uses trans-partno as a host variable in the WHERE clause of a SQL SELECT statement to retrieve the assocated row
 - * Generates an HTML page to display the information, including the BLOB that is the picture of the corresponding item

► Some highlights from the COBOL CGI (just looking at the DB2 part, especially handling the BLOBs):

```
EXEC SQL INCLUDE SQLCA END-EXEC.
    EXEC SQL DECLARE SCOMSTO.ITEMS TABLE
    ( PARTNO
                                   CHAR(9) NOT NULL,
      DESCRIPTION
                                   CHAR(30) NOT NULL,
      OOH
                                   INTEGER NOT NULL,
      ITEMROWID
                                   ROWID NOT NULL,
      PICTURE
                                   BLOB(4194304)
    ) END-EXEC.
01 DCLITEMS.
                          PIC X(9).
    10 HOST-PARTNO
    10 HOST-DESCRIPTION
                          PIC X(30).
    10 HOST-OOH
                          PIC S9(9) USAGE COMP.
                          USAGE SQL TYPE IS ROWID.
    10 HOST-ITEMROWID
                          USAGE SQL TYPE IS BLOB-LOCATOR.
    10 HOST-PICTURE
************************
    blob-file-var usage is sql type is blob-file.
```

- ► DB2 Version 9.1 helps: the ability to reference LOBs using <u>file reference variables</u> is new:
 - In COBOL, specify a USAGE as SQL TYPE BLOB-FILE (or CLOB-FILE or DBCLOB-FILE)
 - If you use file reference variables for retrieval of a LOB, DB2 copies the data in the LOB column into the file you specify; on update or insert, the contents of a named file will be copied into the database LOB column

- ► Use file reference variables when you want to move the entire contents of a single row's LOB column value to / from an external file
 - Since BLOB data is unstructured (but probably well-defined), you certainly don't want to change <u>part</u> of the value!



When you specify a file reference variable, as we did with:

```
01 blob-file-var usage is sql type is blob-file.
```

 ... the pre-processor or co-processor generates four sub fields, using a well-defined naming convention; in our case we get:

```
01 BLOB-FILE-VAR.
49 BLOB-FILE-VAR-NAME-LENGTH PIC S9(9) COMP-5 SYNC.
49 BLOB-FILE-VAR-DATA-LENGTH PIC S9(9) COMP-5.
49 BLOB-FILE-VAR-FILE-OPTION PIC S9(9) COMP-5.
49 BLOB-FILE-VAR-NAME PIC X(255).
```



- ► Working with file reference variables requires you to:
 - Set a value into blob-file-var-file-option to indicate if you intend to:
 - 2 read an existing file
 - 8 create a new file (and if it exists that is an error)
 - 16 overwrite an existing file (and if it doesn't exist, create it)
 - 32 append to an existing file (and if it doesn't exist, create it)
 - Data items are generated with these values, if you care to use them

- Working with file reference variables requires you to:
 - Build the file name in blob-file-var-name
 - Put the length of the file name in blob-file-var-name-length
 - If you are retrieving a LOB, the SELECT service will populate blob-file-var-data-length for you



► Here is the code we used to retrieve our BLOB:

Notes:

- * SQL-FILE-OVERWRITE is the name of the generated field with value 16
- * The other generated fields are:

```
SQL-FILE-READ with value 2
SQL-FILE-CREATE with value 8
SQL-FILE-APPEND with value 32
```



- ➤ Given that we know the part number we are after, we can construct the name for the blob file by appending .bmp and placing this in an available directory
 - We ended up with /u/scomsto/public_html/db2work/Part*nnnnn*.bmp

Note:

* You can have indicator variables for LOB columns, for managing NULL values when retrieving / updating these columns; in our application we didn't need them, since only valid part numbers can be requested and all rows have non-NULL values for the PICTURE column

- If the SELECT is successful, we have retrieved the information we need
 - We can now build an HTML page to send back to the requestor
 - In COBOL, you do this with a series of "display" statements
- Then we're done!



► Here is a sample response from our CGI:



Quantity on hand: 38

LOBs - a Summary

- ► BLOBs, CLOBs, and DBCLOBs provide unique opportunities to handle nontraditional data
- ► DB2 V9. I provides new facilities to make it easier to store and work with documents and multimedia as LOBs in your database tables:
 - Automatic create of supporting infrastructure
 - File reference variables, usable in utilities such as LOAD as well as from programming languages
 - FETCH CONTINUE to access parts of LOBs in small chunks (not discussed here)

References

```
DB2 V9.1 IBM manuals found at:
  http://www-03.ibm.com/systems/z/os/zos/bkserv/zswpdf/#db2v91
IBM Redbooks on DB2:
  http://publib-b.boulder.ibm.com/abstracts/sg246826.html?Open
  http://publib-b.boulder.ibm.com/abstracts/sg247427.html?Open
  http://publib-b.boulder.ibm.com/abstracts/sg247330.html?Open
World Wide Web Consorition (W3C)
  http://www.w3.org/ (follow links here to XML, HTML, etc.)
Free technical papers from The Trainer's Friend
  http://www.trainersfriend.com/General content/Book site.htm
Includes "Introduction to Unicode"
         "Introduction to XSLT"
         "Hosting a Web Site on z/OS"
and more
Training on DB2 and other technologies discussed here
  http://www.trainersfriend.com
```



Conclusion

- ► DB2 Version 9.1 is a significant release of this flagship product, with lots of useful enhancements
- ► Today we have seen how you can create a table that uses LOBs, and how to store and retrieve LOBs from a DB2 database

Questions, time permitting



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Strict//EN"</pre>
     "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-strict.dtd">
<!-- Copyright (C) 2008 by Steven H. Comstock
                                                           Ver1
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" xml:lang="en">
<head>
<link rel="stylesheet" href="db2style.css" type="text/css" />
<title>Novelty Products Division Product Catalog </title>
<script type="text/javascript">
var pno; </head>
<body>
<h1>Welcome to
<span class="logo">
The Trainer's Fiend
</span>
<span class="logo2">
  Novelty Products Division
</span>
```

```
<img src="TrainersFiend.gif" alt="GIF did not display" align="center" />
"We provide the finest products you can't find anywhere else!"

<hr />
<hr />
<div class="catalog">
<hl>Product Catalog</hl>
</div>
<form action="/SCOMSTO/coblob1" method="get" id="oform" >
<h2>Here is the list of items in our catalog; Select the one item you want to see by clicking on it.</h2>
<input type="hidden" name="ano" id="ano" value="Unset;" />
```



```
<label>Descriptions
<select name="description" id="description"</pre>
size="5">
   <option name="Part00105" id="Part00105" onclick="pno='Part00105'"</pre>
   >Keys to the Kingdome </option>
   <option name="Part00240" id="Part00240" onclick="pno='Part00240'"</pre>
   >Overtime Hours
                      </option>
   <option name="Part00273" id="Part00273" onclick="pno='Part00273'"</pre>
   >Anodized Tennis Ball </option>
   <option name="Part00315" id="Part00315" onclick="pno='Part00315'"</pre>
   >Colo. Creeping Crud </option>
   <option name="Part00453" id="Part00453" onclick="pno='Part00453'"</pre>
   >Plastic Food
                      </option>
   <option name="Part00456" id="Part00456" onclick="pno='Part00456'"</pre>
   >Sane Asylum
                      </option>
   <option name="Part00459" id="Part00459" onclick="pno='Part00459'"</pre>
   >Profits
                      </option>
   <option name="Part00681" id="Part00681" onclick="pno='Part00681'"</pre>
   >Company Policy </option>
   <option name="Part00705" id="Part00705" onclick="pno='Part00705'"</pre>
   >Emergency Rations </option>
   <option name="Part00717" id="Part00717" onclick="pno='Part00717'</pre>
   >Hardy Plants
                      </option>
   <option name="Part00735" id="Part00735" onclick="pno='Part00735'</pre>
   >Neighborhood Quarks </option>
```

```
<option name="Part03204" id="Part03204" onclick="pno='Part03204'"</pre>
   >Precision Parts </option>
   <option name="Part03297" id="Part03297" onclick="pno='Part03297'"</pre>
   >Terminal Difficulties </option>
   <option name="Part03303" id="Part03303" onclick="pno='Part03303'"</pre>
   >Temporary Bendings </option>
   <option name="Part03369" id="Part03369" onclick="pno='Part03369'"</pre>
   >User Friendly Carpet Tacks </option>
   <option name="Part03402" id="Part03402" onclick="pno='Part03402'"</pre>
   >Indifferent Bankers </option>
   <option name="Part03450" id="Part03450" onclick="pno='Part03450'"</pre>
   >Diddle Tats
                      </option>
   <option name="Part03600" id="Part03600" onclick="pno='Part03600'"</pre>
   >Impartial Palace </option>
   <option name="Part03666" id="Part03666" onclick="pno='Part03666'"</pre>
   >User Friendly Toys </option>
   <option name="Part03732" id="Part03732" onclick="pno='Part03732'"</pre>
   >Rounding Errors </option>
</select>
</label>
```

```
<br />
<input type="submit" name="sub_1" value="Submit request"
   onclick="getElementById('ano').setAttribute('value',pno);" />
<input type="reset" name="res_1" value="Clear request" />
</form>
</body>
</html>
```



HTML - db2style.css

```
{ color: blue;
pre
          font-weight: bold;
          font-size: 10pt;
          font-family: courier }
         {font-size: 10pt; font-weight: bold}
р
        {font-size: 12pt; font-weight: bold; }
p.pwd
         {font-size: 12pt; font-weight: bold; }
label
span.logo {font-size: 14pt;
           font-weight: bold;
           border-width: 2; border-style: solid; border-color: red;
           font-family: "copperplate gothic", fantasy, serif;
           color: red}
span.logo2 {font-size: 14pt; font-weight: bold; font-family: fantasy, serif;
            color: magenta; align: center }
pre.h-name {color: red}
pre.h-val {color: blue}
pre.a-name {color: green}
pre.a-val {color: magenta}
           {color: yellow}
  SZ
div.catalog {background-color: #FFFF00 ; border-style: ridge;
             border-width: 5; text-align: center; font-size: 12pt}
```

```
process offset
* COBOL program to access a DB2 database from a CGI
* Copyright (C) 2008 by Steven H. Comstock
* Program is invoked from an HTML form, passing back a
* variable named 'ano' which has a value of the form
* Partnnnnn; this is value is used as a select into the
* Items table, retrieving Description, QOH, and Picture
* (which is a lob); copy lob data to file in HFS; build
* HTML response in the general style of displayItem.html
id division.
program-id. coblob1.
environment division.
data division.
working-storage section.
01 blank-line pic x value x'15'.
```



```
* data items for displaying long strings
01 html-stuff.
   02 style-file.
           pic x(23)
       03
         value '<link rel="stylesheet" ' .</pre>
       03
           pic x(38)
         value 'href="/~scomsto/db2work/db2style.css" '.
       03
             pic x(20)
         value 'type="text/css" /> '.
* data items for call to bpxlopn and bpxlclo -----
01 bpx1chm-variables.
    02 options
                         pic x(4) value x'000000C3'.
    02 mode766
                         pic x(4) value x'000001F6'.
    02 file-descriptor pic s9(9) binary value 0.
    02 return-value
                         pic s9(9) binary value 0.
    02 retrn-code
                        pic s9(9) binary value 0.
    02 reason-code
                        pic s9(9) binary value 0.
```



```
* data items for environment variable work
01 Envar-related-variables.
    02 var-name
                     pic x(13)
                                value z'QUERY_STRING'.
    02 env-ptr
                     pointer.
                     pic s9(8) binary value 0.
    02 len
     search-on value
    trans-partno
                              pic x(9).
01
*
     edit numeric field
01
   ed-qoh
                              pic z99.
```



```
db2 data areas
the following data items are used for invoking dsntiar
01
   message-area.
   05 err-len
                        pic s9(4) comp value +1680.
   05 err-txt
                        pic x(120) occurs 14 times
                        indexed by err-index.
01 err-txt-len
                        pic s9(9) comp value +120.
01 err-txt-ct
                        pic s9(9) comp value +14.
01 dsntiar-detail
                        pic x(120).
   db2 sql communication area
   EXEC SQL INCLUDE SQLCA END-EXEC.
```

```
db2 table declarations (from dclgen)
   EXEC SOL DECLARE SCOMSTO.ITEMS TABLE
   ( PARTNO
                         CHAR(9) NOT NULL,
    DESCRIPTION
                         CHAR(30) NOT NULL,
    OOH
                         INTEGER NOT NULL,
                         ROWID NOT NULL,
    ITEMROWID
    PICTURE
                         BLOB(4194304)
   ) END-EXEC.
* COBOL DECLARATION FOR TABLE SCOMSTO.ITEMS
01 DCLITEMS.
   10 HOST-PARTNO
                 PIC X(9).
   10 HOST-DESCRIPTION
                  PIC X(30).
   10 HOST-QOH
                   PIC S9(9) USAGE COMP.
   10 HOST-ITEMROWID
                  USAGE SOL TYPE IS ROWID.
                   USAGE SOL TYPE IS BLOB-LOCATOR.
   10 HOST-PICTURE
* THE NUMBER OF COLUMNS DESCRIBED BY THIS DECLARATION IS 5
01 blob-file-var usage is sql type is blob-file.
```

```
01
   rrs-stuff.
    05 req
                                pic x(18).
                               pic x(4) value 'DB9G'.
    05 ssid
    05 ribptr
                                pointer.
    05 eibptr
                                pointer.
    05 termech
                                pic s9(9) comp value zero.
    05 startecb
                               pic s9(9) comp value zero.
    05 ret.code
                               pic s9(9) comp value zero.
    05 reason
                                pic s9(9) comp value zero.
    05 corrid
                                pic x(12) value spaces.
    05 accttok
                                pic x(22) value spaces.
    05 acctint
                                pic x(6) value 'COMMIT'.
    05 plan
                                pic x(8) value 'COBLOB1'.
    05 collid
                                pic x(18) value spaces.
    05 reuse
                                pic x(8) value 'RESET'.
                                pic zzzzzzzz9.
    05 dretcode
    05 dreason
                               pic zzzzzzzz9.
linkage section.
01 var-value
                     pic x(30).
```



```
procedure division.
*
*
   Emit the front lines of xhtml...
     display 'Content-Type: text/html'
     display blank-line
     display '<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>'
     display '<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC '
      display '"-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Strict//EN"'
      display '"http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/' no advancing
      display 'xhtml1-strict.dtd">'
      display '<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" '
      display 'xml:lang="en">'
      display '<head>'
     display style-file
     display '<title>Display one item from inventory</title>'
     display '</head>'
     display '<body>'
```

move 'TERMINATE identify' to req

CALL 'DSNRLI' USING REO RETCODE REASON

if retcode > 0 perform rrsafer goback end-if

```
* following lines extract query string environment variable
   then connect to DB2, retrieve the row, then disconnect from DB2
      call 'getenv' using var-name returning env-ptr
      set address of var-value to env-ptr
     move var-value(5:9) to trans-partno
     move 'IDENTIFY' to req
     CALL 'DSNRLI' USING REO SSID RIBPTR EIBPTR TERMECB STARTECB RETCODE REASON
      if retcode > 0 perform rrsafer goback end-if
     move 'SIGNON' to req
     CALL 'DSNRLI' USING REO CORRID ACCTTOK ACCTINT RETCODE REASON
      if retcode > 0 perform rrsafer goback end-if
      move 'CREATE THREAD' to req
     CALL 'DSNRLI' USING REO PLAN COLLID REUSE RETCODE REASON
      if retcode > 0 perform rrsafer goback end-if
     perform get-item
      move 'terminate thread' to req
     CALL 'DSNRLI' USING REO RETCODE REASON
      if retcode > 0 perform rrsafer goback end-if
```

```
*
* Emit the back lines of html...
*

display '</body>'
    display '</html>'

goback.

rrsafer.

display '<h1> Had an RRS problem: ' req '</h1>'
    move retcode to dretcode
    display '<h2>Retcode:' dretcode '</h2>'
    move reason to dreason
    display '<h2>Reason:' dreason '</h2>'
    display '<h2>Halting execution with goback</h2>' .
```



```
get-item.
   move sql-file-overwrite to blob-file-var-file-option
   move 1 to blob-file-var-name-length
    string '/u/scomsto/public html/db2work/'
           trans-partno '.bmp' delimited by size
       into blob-file-var-name
      with pointer blob-file-var-name-length
    subtract 1 from blob-file-var-name-length
open and close the file to create it with the correct permissions:
    call 'bpxlopn' using blob-file-var-name-length,
              blob-file-var-name, options, mode766,
              file-descriptor, retrn-code, reason-code
    call 'bpx1clo' using file-descriptor, return-value,
              retrn-code, reason-code
    exec sql
       select description, goh, picture
       into :host-description, :host-qoh, :blob-file-var
       from scomsto items
      where partno = :trans-partno
    end-exec
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if sqlcode = zero
display '<h1>Welcome to'
display '<span class="logo">'
display 'The Trainer' x'7d' 's Fiend'
display '</span>'
display '<span class="logo2">'
display '  Novelty Products Division'
display '</span>'
display ''
display '<img src="/~scomsto/' no advancing
display 'db2work/TrainersFiend.gif" '
display 'alt="GIF did not display" align="center" />'
display '"We provide the finest products you can' x'7d' 't '
display 'find anywhere else!"'
display ''
display '<hr />'
display '<img src="/~scomsto/db2work/' no advancing
display trans-partno '.bmp" align="middle"'
display 'alt="BMP did not display" border="2"/>'
display ''
display 'Here is the item called '
display host-description
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display '<br />'
    move host-qoh to ed-qoh
    display 'Quantity on hand: ' ed-goh
    display ''
   else if sqlcode = +100
        display 'Item not found'
   else perform dsntiar-call.
dsntiar-call.
   CALL 'DSNTIAR' USING SOLCA MESSAGE-AREA ERR-TXT-LEN
   perform dsntiar-print varying err-index
       from 1 by 1 until err-index > err-txt-ct.
dsntiar-print.
   move err-txt(err-index) to dsntiar-detail
   if dsntiar-detail not = spaces
        display '' dsntiar-detail ''.
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