Panel: Research and Products — Are They Relevant to Each Other?

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Focus of Panel

This panel will explore the interaction (or lack thereof) between the research community and the DBMS vendors. It will address questions such as:

- Do vendors look to the research community for future product ideas?

- How do DMBS products take advantage of research?

- Are current research interests in line with product directions?

- Where do commercial DBMS vendors get access to research?

- What can the research community do to make its results more relevant to product development?

- Does the research community care what vendors do?

Panelists

The panelists represent four major vendors, and have a variety of approaches to their use of research. The audience will be encouraged to ask questions of the panelists.

James Hamilton, IBM, Chief Architect, DB2/2, DB2/6000

Gary Kelley, Informix, Chief Architect and Software Director

Roger Manfred, Oracle, Architect

Jacob Stein, Sybase