

Chapter 1: Advanced Topics

You will learn:

- Passing input data on strings.
- Handling error conditions.
- Debugging commands.
- Determining data set characteristics.
- Verifying the existence of a dataset.
- Getting system information.
- Pushing and popping a stack on queue.

Chapter 2: REXX Pitfalls

You will learn:

- Commands and functions – distinction.
- NOP instruction.
- Nested comments.
- Uninitialized variables.
- Variable scoping.
- PARSE instruction.
- Command-line arguments - problem assessing.
- Compound variables - common problems.
- Strict versus non-strict comparison.
- Line continuation – common problems.
- Condition handling – common problems.
- Explicit handling concatenation.
- Uppercasing by ARG and PULL.
- Case sensitivity of labels.
- Null strings versus omitted strings.

Chapter 3: REXXTools

You will learn:

- How to invoke and execute REXXTOOLS functions.
- How to read and write QSAM datasets.
- How to access a PDS directory from REXX.
- How to work with a PDSE.
- How to allocate, read, and write VSAM datasets.
- How to invoke DB2 SQL from REXX.
- Using DB2 cursors in REXX.
- Debugging DB2 REXX programs.