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**B02 IMS DB Basics (double session)**

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This session presents an introduction to IMS full-function databases. It explains the advantages and disadvantages of the various types of databases and shows how data is stored, manipulated and retrieved with each type of database. The information is presented at an introductory level and is directed at people who want a high-level understanding of IMS database concepts. The first part of this double session discusses basic database concepts and the hierarchical sequential organizations. The second part continues with the hierarchical direct organization, logical relationships and secondary indices.