SHARE 2022 Columbus August 21-26, 2022 Notes

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SHARE Columbus https://blog.share.org/Article/share-columbus-summer-of-technology-sights-and-sounds

10Aug2022 Wednesday

SHARE 2022 Columbus Attendee Orientation

SHARE Overview

Columbus Overview

Technical Sessions

STE Monday and Tuesday

Vendor Lunch&Learn Mon, Tue, and Thur (free lunch - best to register before SHARE)

PSP Tuesday 1:15-2:15p

SHARE Association Mobile App

see e-mail for attendee links to Event platform

Activities

Digital Badges - Security Warrior and DevOps Stronger Community Reception Tuesday night 7-8p

event

Wed. lunch sponsored by Broadcom

Sunday reception at Howl at the Moon, 504 North Park St (walk from hotel)

Monday and Tuesday STE evening reception

Thursday happy hour in Hyatt hotel

SHARE Resources

check-in and ribbons for Volunteers

SHARE Tips

plan ahead

go to sessions

feedback for all sessions

dress wisely - rooms cold or warm

backup plans for sessions

Handout for this session will be available soon!

22Aug2022 Monday

SHARE Opening and Keynote

Security and Compliance Project celebrates 50th anniversary

Keynote "Catch Me if You Can"

By Frank Abagnale of FBI and life-story movie fame

Teaches at FBI Academy for 40 years

Restitution (most lost cash will never be returned or recovered)

Every 2 seconds someone's identity is stolen

2018 3.6 billion identity records stolen

Carnage of compromised credentials, especially during pandemic

Every single breach is a failure of someone, people

People steal and wait 3.5 years before using it

>>1 or 2 year credit monitoring is worthless

child identity are 10% of all stolen

12 year old identity is worth twice that of a 64 year old

New born identity is worth even more

Cryptocurrency means there will also be ransomware

Phishing e-mails have gotten much better

Verification

Education

No technology can defeat social engineering, only people can Education is critical

Soft spots

Out-of-office messages, etc.

Vulnerable access points in smart buildings

Home hazards: internet-of-things, smart televisions, smartphones and tablets, Mac and windows computers

How would someone misuse this technology?

Building security into our technology

Passwords are for tree houses

18 billion attacks a year

\$100 million a year to reset passwords in 3 largest banks in US Identification by device and personal id are heading toward eliminating passwords

Stay off social media

Date of birth, or where you were born are 2 of three items needed to steal your identity

70% of employers vet based on social media

54% have rejected candidates after finding objectionable material

Dark web is like deep ocean

Shred everything - ribbon shredder (30 minutes to recreate), crisscross shredder (recreated in a few hours), micro-cut shredder cannot be recreated

Freeze your credit

Credit monitoring - take responsibility to protect yourself

Daily credit scoring, review reports for errors, see all queries plus other

Checks - do not use from most accounts (too much personal info, easy to steal)

Credit card is safest, not debit/credit card

For students going to College:

Credit card backed by parent, paid by parent while in school, after school, student has good credit and can get more credit without co-signing

Guarantee Venmo etc. by credit card, not checking account

Pandemic fraud

\$860 billion given to states for unemployment, \$160 billion was fraudulent

Medicare fraud is \$100 billion a year Cartels have better technology than governments

\$37 billion stolen by scammers targeting elderly adults, 10,000 a day

Scams follow headlines

Scam Me if You Can book by Abagnale - royalties to AARP
Millennials are scammed more, but seniors lose more money
Red flags - money now, ask for personal information
Caller identification easily manipulated

No public service ads or information stuffers any more to educate about scams and rip-offs

https://www.abagnale.com

800-237-7443

Shredding service or event - watch the shredding

End of keynote

New to Z and IBM Champions and IBM Z Xplorer and IBM community education

MVS Program Opening

By Ed Jaffe of Phoenix Software International

APARs of Interest by John Shebey

=> OA62259 Catalog Extension failure fix and improved diagnostics Testcase and ECuRep servers affect sending doc. to support

No anonymous FTP - get an IBM file transfer ID

New address - Testcase servers are using new IP addresses

IBM Flash recommends enabling z/OS Workload Interaction

Correlator SMF records

No cost for recording these records Some records require Entitlement See SHARE Dallas 2022 Bit Bucket for how to collect these records

IBM z16 - the Foundation for Digital Transformation

By Jose Castaneda of IBM Castano@us.ibm.com

Started as MVS TSO developer (wrote initial SEND and RECEIVE commands)

Moved to Tech Sales, then Sales

Digital transformation

2026 half of revenue will come from businesses that do not exist today

9 of 10 organizations sped up digitization during pandemic IBM z16 most successful launch in 23 years

67 of Fortune Top 100 companies, 45 of 50 top banks in the world, 8 of 10 top insurers, 24 of top 25 countries by GDP

IBM Z is critical part of global economy

Over 5M MIPS shipped!

Linux on Z revenue doubled

Over 165 Tailor-Fit Pricing clients including 11 new clients z16 rollout affected by OSA and ESCON cards constraints I tried to break a Million Dollar Computer by Linus .. on YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZDtaanCENbc

Predict and automate, cyber resilient, modernize with hybrid cloud

IBM z16 customers should use iPDU (not BPA) for reduced electric costs

Samsung makes Telum chip from IBM design

Crypto, AI, Sort acceleration

7 nm chip, Intel not there until 2023 or maybe 2024

Flexible capacity option - automated, GDPS,

IBM Security and Compliance Center automates audit-ready checking and validate change compliance in real time Quantum-safe

Harvest (steal) now and decrypt later (in a few years when quantum servers can decrypt)

CRYSTALS-Dilithium and CRYSTALS-Kyber algorithms approved Fit for purpose-Run the right platform on the right infrastructure for optimal business performance

LinuxONE Emperor 4 will be announced Sept 13-14, 2022 (z16-based)

https://www.ibm.com/common/ssi/ShowDoc.wss?docURL=/common/ssi/rep_ca/2/897/ENUS122-002/index.html&lang=en&request_locale=en

MVSE (Core Technologies) Opening

By Arthur Gutowski of Huntington Bank Last SHARE for James Lund of Texas A&M

55 sessions with 6 BYOD Labs

Why IBM Z is Fit for Business Purpose

By Rebecca Levesque, President of 21st Century Software 35+ attendees
See handout

Workloads should run on most appropriate platform Choice of platform must be fact-based, not fashion-based Change platform for existing workloads, economics matter

90% IT and business executives mainframe as growth platform, half reporting increase of transaction volumes over the past 12 months Fit for Business IT Infrastructure - IBM Z is here to stay

Secure operations, reduce latency, and drive legacy processes to levels of dynamic innovation previously only possible for "born in cloud" insurgents

Security and Data management is a business problem

\$387 million average Mega-breach cost and detected after 323 days

Security AI efforts can reduce cost by 62% and 74 days shorter Why is today's situation different from the past?

More remote workers, more cloud users, more cloud services, interactions with 3rd-party partners, and lots of edge devices

4% of ransomware are in financial institutions

Out of 1000 IT leaders

760 paid ransom, 240 could not recover data 470 had cyber insurance

ROI for cybercrime is getting better than drug dealing

Analytics, Machine Learning, and Artificial Intelligence

April 30, 2030 projected date when quantum computing will start breaking encryption algorithms

Enormous environmental improvements moving from x86 to IBM Z

IBM Responses to SHARE Requirements

By Peter Relson and Barbara McDonald of IBM 25+ attendees (lots of IBMers)

As of last Thursday (18Aug2022), first requirement got from SHARE to IBM Ideas (Aha)

OA62150 New Function: z/OS Data Set File System

See Kershaw's session later this week

Cloud file location (at SHARE, not submitted to IBM yet) by Cloud vendor

MVSS 123 Catalog Name filtering for F CATALOG, ALLOCATED SSMVSS00015/ZOS-I-1032 NFS passwords in the Clear SSMVSE04524/ZOS-I-926 Enhance Dynamic Allocation to SMB (system managed buffering)

MR00071167/RFE51590 Storage Management with Facility-Profile Dave Crow's requirement - delivered

DFSMS Community

Need z/OS Sponsor User Interest Survey filled out

Zowe Day Part 3: Deploy & Configure Zowe (Security Update Overview)

By

Verify authenticity of download

Zowe download from zowe.org or via IBM Shopz or PTF Verify the download authenticity hash?

Https....

Most zowe downloads originate from artifactory

Every version has .sha512 file and you can compare the SHA hash in Zowe with .sha512 file

zowe is checked for security each release which comes out about every 6 weeks

Upgrading between versions includes changes, but within version, releases are easy

(For example, 1.24 could be fixed in 1.28.1) and recommended Dependencies

Java, NodeJS, even z/OS should be kept up to date Zowe's HTTPS, TLS, and cipher support comes from its dependencies

Permissions security: server folders

Several folders to secure Check unix permissions

Zowe.runtimeDirectory v2: 555

Zowe.workspaceDirectory v2: 770 or 700

Zowe.extensionDirectory v2: 770

Zowe.yaml: 770 or 700

Instance: 770

Permission security: user accounts

Zowe has 2 STCs, one for authorized code and one for unauthorized code

Operations done by user at CLI or browser are based on user's SAF permissions

Check SAF permissions ring assigned for Zowe and extensions user .zowe and zowe.config.json are used for Zowe .CLI settings

Remove unnecessary permissions in user's home directory so .Zowe should be 700

Zowe.config.json can have high level info, and set to 700 SAF key rings: Zowe v1 and v2

https://docs.zowe.org/stable/user-guide/configure-certificates-keyring

North-bound certificates are external to z/OS Zowe (client side) South-bound certificates are internal to z/OS Zowe address spaces (server side)

search for OID server authentication, a.k.a. Extended Key Usage TLS Web client Authentication may restrict access to end server support

Use keyring, not zowe secure store, for certificates
Zowe v2 has zwe command (zwe -h for help) help also available on
the website
Zowe.yaml has variable links for zowe processing

Consider turning on API mediation layer to simplify certificate configuration

Secure APIs

App Framework - URLs can be restricted but if enabled, all URLs disabled until allow setup is configured

Zowe also uses pass phrases, MFA, Single Sign-On (SSO)

Zowe.org/security to learn how Zowe secures itself

What's New in z/OSMF V2R5

By Gary Puchoff of IBM

50+ attendees

z/OSMF Team structure

z/OSMF team

SMP/E team

Comm Server Team

CP&M team

Any team or company (SDSF, RMM, ...)

z/OSMF Server uses WebSphere Liberty Server

Depends on JES2, TSO, CIM, CEA, WLM, CPM

RMF DDS, SDSF

Single point of access

Reduce learning curve

PH39605 Compare and Merge files

PH29637 Change owners and attributes

Workflow type-ahead now works

Incident Log uses z/OSMF Desktop Editor to display diagnostic data (optional)

Security Configuration Assistant (SCA)

Fix security errors or provide command file for security admin to

use

Web ISPF Global setup

User can override

Incident log

Send data with https via PDUU

Validate connections to multiple z/OSMF servers

Easy to drive operations

Storage Management REST APIs

Pull system symbol values (all or by name) PH41196

Stateless TSO command REST API

REST data set and file API enhanced

REST jobs API enhanced

Job notification without CIM dependency (all built into JES2)

Additional Ansible capabilities

Enhanced Workflow engine

Policy-based workflow archive

Workflow and Workflow Editor support polling REST API step

Improve z/OSMF performance and management

Diagnostic Assistant task

Automatically cleanup diagnostic data to avoid z/OSMF data file system from filling up

SET IZU=xx where xx=PARMLIB and SETIZU to change individual attributes

z/OSMF feedback collection

23Aug2022 Tuesday

Creating a z/OS Instance During your Coffee Break

By Troy Bishop of IBM, Architect for IBM ZD&T, ZVDT, and WAZI Image Builder 24+ attendees
See handout

Provisioning z/OS instance in the Cloud and on ZVDT

IBM Z-based offerings

IBM Wazi as a Service (in cloud)

IBM Virtual Dev and Test Environment for z/OS (ZVDT) (on-premises)

Challenges for Dev and Test

Lack of test automation

Defects found late in cycle

Environment dependency

Availability of resources

High speed and automated provisioning of dev and test environments

Dedicated, isolated environments reduce conflicts

Horizontal scaling allows parallel progress, independent changes, thereby reducing bottlenecks

Independent test data leads to more reliable test results
Use IBM-provided comprehensive software bundle or extract
your own system or custom image

Development and Test Only, no commercial or production use

Use cases

Early development and test Infrastructure testing Education and innovation Secure continuous Delivery

IBM Wazi as a Service

Cloud: Code and Build, unit test, early integration, functional test (not stress testing)

On-premises: final build, stress testing, performance testing, full integration, end user test

Wazi Image Builder (WIB) to clone your on-premises LPAR to cloud and automation to deploy in IBM Cloud; versioning capability IBM Continuous Delivery Services

CVT flags to identify environment for z/OS and vendors Wazi Image Builder (WIB)

Custom images from your on-premises LPAR

Extract and push to Cloud Object Storage

Creation of VPC custom image (terraform script)

Web UI with tole-based access

REST APIs to streamline creation process

See link in presentation

Boot volume in IBM Cloud can only be 250 GB

z/OS 2.4 or z/OS 2.5 required

IBM ZVDT (Virtual Dev and Test)

Want or need local control

Runs on customer IBM Z hardware

Licensing currently is same mechanism as zD&T (x86-based); future is licensing via Z

Runs on Linux on zSystem

Extract components volumes, data sets, CICS data, Db2 tables Mix and match approach

Pre-built ready-to-use components from ADCD each instance about 1/10th of an IFL (16 GB RAM and 2 CPs)

Demo

no parallel sysplex support in either offering Set up hypervisor, tap adapters, license server, other stuff before using ZVDT

Futures

Rescue existing ZVDT or WAZI system if crashed

Upgrade to z/OS 2.5: Planning

By Marna Walle of IBM mwalle@us.ibm.com 23 attendees nn+ online See handout Also Mark Wallen is also IBMer for Upgrade Information

Most upgrade actions can be done now

Content

FIXCAT IBM.Device.Server....

zCX requires Container Hosting Foundation for z/OS which is priced

z/OS Workload Interaction Correlator ZWIC on V2.4

Separate price but entitled with RMF

z/OS Change tracker priced option

z/OS 2.4 OA61368 and OA62489 early RUCSA

z/OS 2.4 SMB to NFS

Z/OS 2.4 JES2 is in base

z/OS 2.5

HFS not supported

z/OS Next

JES3 and BDT removed

Global Manager removed

Distributed file Manager removed

ISFPARMS assembly removed - go to ISFPRM00 PARMLIB

Ordering and deliverables

Crypto back in z/OS, web-deliverable no longer used for 2.5 and later

Java 7.1 end of Service April 30, 2022

Policies

z/OS 2.3 EOS Sept. 2022

Every other release upgrade only gives you a year from new availability to EOS of your release

Planning for z/OS 2.5

Upgrade Workflow and z/OS 2.5 Planning for installation

SYSRES space change minimal between 2.4 and 2.5

ServerPac only installed with z/OSMF (as of July 2022)

Portable Software Instance

userid to install needs READ access to data sets CB.OS* and

CB.ST*

PTFs with FIXCAT IBM.DrivingSystem-RequiredService

Data set merge

Mastercat alias cleanup

IBM z13 or higher to IPL z/OS 2.5

8 GB real memory or 2 GB on z/VM

Software

Coexistence Software

Target software

Most still in Service Support will run (with very few

exceptions)

PTFs may be required

Use z/OSMF Software Management Software Instance maintenance reports to find EOS software on your system

HOLDDATA and MISSINGFIX to get Driving and Target Systems up-to-date

>>>slide 32 has incorrect Workkflow file name Where is upgrade workflow? See chart in handout Use PSI instead of ServerPac name

JES2 Product Update and Latest Status

By Tom Wasik of IBM

z/OS 2.3 EOS in Sept 2022

OA58190 Policy Persistence Processing

OA59665 CTENT and 64-bit fix

OA63458 "chicken switch"

\$T MASDEF,OA63458=ENABLE

2.4 only (2.5 toleration requires correct setup)

Blank Truncation

OUTCLASS(x) BLNKTRNC=YES|NO decides if blanks should be truncated

FSS issue with restoring blanks

In later z/OS 2.5 compression, blanks not truncated

Some customers needed blank truncation

OA60605/OA60528 with new FSS options

Print Services Facility

BLNKTRNC default is YES

Blank_truncation is BLNKTRNC

PROCLIB enhancements

PROCLIB data retrieval function (SSJPPROD) of SSI 82 enhanced

More information returned in JES2 2.5 for fixed and dynamic PROCLIBs

SMF 84 created by JES3 for JMF processing

SMF 1153 is new to replace SMF 84 (deprecated)

Currently JES2 will provide both SMF 84 and 1153

JES2 Policy Expansion

V2R4 introduced to reduce or remove exits

Exits still have the final say

in 2.4, JobConversion initially, added SYSOUTGroup and

PreConversion

in 2.5

added built-in functions AuthorityCheck() and FindNumber()
Added job attributes completioncode, createdlocally, etc. for policy use

PreConversion can only update msgClass attributes

Track Group Maps moved to 64-bit storage (z/OS 2.4) Compatibility APARs for z/OS 2.4 to upgrade to 2.5

Continuous Delivery in JES2 2.5

z/OS jobs REST interface - OA61231

Remove dependency on CEA/CIM

Same JSON document generated by JES2 instead of CEA SYS JOB NOTIFY URL to be posted moved earlier in

INTRDR logic

Similar to EDS (email delivery system)

Undeliverable messages will be retried or manually via \$S EDS,RETRY

\$D EDSQ displays info on email and notification queues Multiple TCP/IP Support for email and HTTP POST \$T JOBDEF,nnnnn

AT-TLS policy has to be configured for notification Some took CIM policy and reused it for JES2

SAF AUTH Check added for SYS_JOB_NOTIFY symbol Fail job if check fails

Additional job notifications via HTTP POSTs SYS_JOB_NOTIFYX extends notify function

z/OSMF updated to support this notification change Job Document (JSON) enhanced

Checkpoint version moving to 64-bit storage (OA61229)

Applications should not be using CKPT versions at all DSERV with 64 bit data pointers

\$CVCB in 31 bit common

z/OS x'7FFFBAD' guaranteed not valid so standard for

failures

Service Updates

Do Not Run Out of BERTs!

OA60328 NETSERV sporadic high CPU

OA60426 CKPT lockout by JESCI and JESEDS

OA60523 Loop in BERT in JESCI

OA60777 JESMSGLG not current

OA62528 prevents excessive dumps
Fixes a number of SPOOL browse problems
OA62115 JES2 storage exhaustion (slide 58 misspelled)
Reduce overhead and CPU use for duplicate job
processing if not Exit 49

Fixed a bug in \$PAWS service
>> OA63207 JES2 Private Storage Exhausted
Possible cold start error so apply fix
OA63479 Instream Symbol logging

Secure Z! z/OS Lunch and Learn

Penetration Testing is Prudent!

More Ways to Manage Your z/OS with SDSF for z/OS 2.5

By Gary Puchkoff of IBM

Architectural Changes

SVC removed

Only uses SAF for security

ISFPARMS load module gone

ISFPRM00 in PARMLIB

ISFACR tool with sample JCL helps migration

ISFUSER exit called on INIT, TERM, and PRE-SAF

New SDSF panels

MEM panel (see slide 7 of handout)

M to map structure, other commands

Column display can be reorganized

Secured by SAF SDSF Class....

point and shoot memory is available

AD ASCB display

CS panel Common Storage

CFD Coupling Facility Display

LLS Link List Sets

DU to show users

SVC panel (Supervisor Call routines)

New Help and search interface

HELP, COLSHELP, and SEARCH commands converted to SDSF panels

ACTH Action Help

CMDH Command Help

COLH Columns Help

Usability enhancements

Screen controls

LOG positioning

Wide screen z/OS operator command

z/OSMF Plug-in Enhancements

Re-written with new look and feel

Tiles or pull-down to get to functions

Settings are integrated (updated within App)

Panel layout

SDSF Security Migration Guide

SDSF RACF Class must be RACLISTed

SDSFAUX STC classify in WLM, do not run as Discretionary

No continuous delivery/continuous integration

No SCA for z/OSMF for SDSF yet - in the works

Upgrade to z/OS 2.5: Technical Actions

By Marna Walle

19 attendees in-person nn attendees online

Fire "don't overlook" Check Broom to cleanup This session does not include all Upgrade Actions - just Marna's choices

Now actions

CYGSTC is IBM z/OS Change Tracker (priced 2.5 offering) Remove deleted data sets and paths New Infoprint Server path in 2.5 zCX new in 2.4

Run your Migration Health checks

SMFLIMxx DSLIMITNUM default reduced to 4096

Leave default and let 2.5 change automatically take effect DIAGxx

CBLOC added REAL31 and REAL64

In 2.5, ASCB and IHAWEB goes to 64-bit

CHECKREGIONLOSS restarts Initiator if memory is too low at task termination

DFDMDdss COPY and RESTORE ignore SHARE for PDSE

Change your processes now

z10 and prior processors removed from HCD

Pre-First IPL actions

RMF Upgrade Actions

Advanced Data Gatherer (entitled by RMF License)

3 things - data gatherer (base), RMF (priced), advanced data gatherer (priced)

ADG prefix is SGRB/AGRB

RACF PROGRAM Class profiles for new and removed data sets CIM now uses HTTPS (change defaults to be 2.5 versions if possible) HTTPS also required for Infoprint Central, RMF,

CSFPARM must point to Member in PDS in ICSF PROCLIB member >> SDSF migrate to SAF-based security

Update Java Path references to JAVA_64

RACF TSO HELP text being removed

Save it for future use

JES2 \$ACTIVATE,LEVEL=22

CYL_MANAGED setting required

Post-First IPL actions

Remove RACF dynamic classes

RDELETE CDT IZP and ZOWE

Verify using correct POSIT values before deleting

Do not share a RACF database between z/OS and z/VM

OpenSSH same level as 2.4

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level 7.6p1 is new in 2.4
Old z/OS was level 6.4p1
No change in 2.5 from 2.4
BPXPRMxx LIMMSG default from NONE to SYSTEM limit which installation can change
BPXPRMxx FORKCOPY(COW) and KERNELSTACKS(BELOW)
changed to COPY and ABOVE and cannot be changed
BPXPRMXX MAXSHRPAGES goes away
JES2 OUTCLASS BLNKTRNC changes being added to Upgrade Workflow
Comm Server
FTP to AT-TLS (health check)
CSM fixed storage increased to 512M
D net,CSM
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24Aug2022 Wednesday

Open Source Sysprogs

By Scott Brod of Broadcom

Open Source tools

History

Working with Mainframe?

Current

Running On Mainframe

Sysprog roles

Many different roles of Sysprog

z/OS

SYSRES

Maintenance

ISV

3rd Party products

New releases

Maintenance roll-outs

configuration

Storage

CICS/MQ

Networking

Evolution of Sysprogs

Experienced Sysprog's

- * Started in Operations
- * Troubleshooting

* wait state IPLs, initiator issues, manual batch, security not as much of a concern (it's a Mainframe!)

* Knows Assembler, REXX and PL/x

Today's Modern Sysprogs

- * digital native generation
- * loves Point and Click
- * Doesn't like ISPF and Green Screen
- * Automate everything!
- * Hack the Planet!
- * Open to Change....

Day in Life of Sysprogs

Planning upgrades

Installing SMP/E

- * New Release or maintenance
 - * reviewing HOLDDATA

*Staging

Open Source Tools?

IDE - Integrated Development Environment

- * not just for developers!
- * VSCode/Codespaces/CodeReady

GitHub - Source Control Maintenance (SCM)

- * integrate with your current SCM
- * refactoring Code!

Orchestrator - Task Automation

- * Jenkins
- * GitHub Actions

Docker

* on z/OS as zCX

Zowe CLI - APIs

Zowe CLI VSCode

Job editing, skeleton code, submitting JCL, viewing output USS file editing - easier than ISPF 3.17 z/OS Workflows mandatory for installing z/OS 2.5 IPL and IVP

Demo

Zowe config list

Zowe zosmf check status

Zowe jobs submit daily "dsname.JCL.cNTL(iefbr14)"

Zowe JCLcheck check DFS "nn" —JCL check-options

Zowe zOS-USS issue ssh "Ls -la"

Zowe console issue command "D IPLINFO"

VSCode extensions workflow for z

Installing z/OS v2r5 Using z/OSMF Software Management

By Banco de Brasilia (BRB) 4 presenters Session 69330 Moved from Unisys to IBM Z in the past 8 years

Business Overview

Brasilia bank 1966

1972 Burroughs B-500

1987 Unisys

1995 moved to AIX

2003 migrate to distributed platform

2012 technical modernization project started

2014 migrate to IBM zEC12 (completed 2018)

2020 partnership with Flamingo soccer team

Tremendous growth 1 m customers to now 4.4 million customers MSU consumed per month doubled from Feb21-Jul22

175 branches, 3000 employees, 2000 contractors, 6400 ATMs, 1.2 billion online transactions in last year

Conditions and Reasons Environment Change

180 systems distributed platforms, 141 hosts, 26000 programs, 63 systems, about 10,000 files migrated to IBM

Software and Hardware Environment

2 sites with same equipment - one for PROD and one for DEV/ TEST+DR

IBM z15 (8562-Y05), DS8900F (150 TB), TS4500 (380 TB), VTS7700 (60 TB) sync'd at each site

z/OS 2.5 Release Beta Program

March 2021 initial 2.5 materials, April client education, May Shopz order, June beta Serverpac arrived, July complete installation, Sept. official GA, Dec. 2021 exit beta review

June 8 start order, June 15 1st IPL, June 16 IPL on support with automation, July 13 1st IPL on development

z/OSMF Installation Process

Define PSI

Open deployment with checklist

Define SMP/e global CSI

check Missing SYSMODs and HOLDDATA

Configure deployment using existing software instance

SMP/e zones

Data Sets change dsname and volumes

Catalogs

Volumes and Storage groups

Submit deployment jobs

Workflows to run post-install And IVPs

Lessons Learned

Reduces error

Reduces complexity

Early tenure

Facility to edit JCL and configure all steps

SDSF error in CMDH generated APAR PH35590

Implementing JES2 Policies from an IBM and

Customer Perspective

By Mike Shorkend of Shorkend and Tom Wasik of IBM Session 38382 22 attendees

JES2 Policies

No Assembler, no JES2 internals, no need to understand JES2 internal logic

Not assembler

Changes to underlying data handled internally by Policy logic JES2 development insures policy code works

Let Tom W or Micha Nelson (see presentation) about what exit do and what policies are needed

Inventory existing exits

\$D LOADMOD and \$D EXIT and maybe SLIP A=TRACE

What do the exits do?

Documentation or comments

Basic analysis of code - what fields, what does it change, what flags are set?

What control blocks are used?

One common thing is limit functions

Enforce installation rules - input classes and output destination New function - command operates, new JCL or JECL operands With idea of what exit does

What jobs affected

Identify where action code and trace code

SLIP traps with trace action

Code changes like WTO, generic track, \$TRACE (could be voluminous)

\$BUILDMSG

WTO with LINKAGE=BRANCH to run anywhere plan B swap exit with unmodified version in case your changes hurt

Use dynamic exits

Sometimes applications for the exit no longer exist

Generic tracker (GTZTRACK)
Build work area 64 bytes

Pass work area to tracking service Tracking management is part of the service SDSF Generic track page

Tom W. Has sample code in handout

JES2 trace

IDs of 8, 9, 10 are for customer use

Specify 8-byte name and data area pointer and length to

trace

Pick a policy type to use

Existing policies are at specific points in processing PreConversion and JobConversion and SYSOUTGroup policies now

Differences between defaults and overrides Exits get final say

Define Conditions and Actions

Policies are conditions and actions and can be simple or complex Depending on what type of policy

JES2 Policy Documentation in JES2 Exits book as JES2 plans to enhance policies

Creating a policy

Stored in PDS or directory

Each member is one "policy" but can perform multi functions

Readable JSON following JSON syntax

JSON syntax rules allow for "hard to read" policies

OA61974 new JSON comment syntax

/* */ or follow // but // requires x'15' or other end of line character Not JSON standard for comments

Policy examples

Report what change was made

Existing Exit by Mike Shorkend

Exit 3/53 JOB/JOBGROUP accounting field scan and set Job class \$ADD POLICYLIB..... and \$DPOLICYLIB \$POLICY IMPORT, POLICYLIB=xxxx, MEMBER=xxx, REPLACE=xxx \$POLICY DISPLAY|DISABLE|ENABLE, NAME=xxxx

Sample code in manuals
IBM responsive to enhancement requests
Convert exits while some HLA knowledge is around
Use SMF RECORD 30 to see what actually runs

24 attendees

Z/OS System Programmer

System install and product maintenance

Problem Solving and Recommendations

Dump and debugging analysis

Gathering data

Good relationship with IBM and ISVs

MVS diagnosis tools and service aids ZAP TERSE AMBLIST

MVS Commands SLIP

TSO/E Command

Transmit

CBT Tape www.cbttape.org

Tools to look at XMIT file on workstation

System Programmer Tasks

Steps in Problem solving

Identify

Identify Problem

Error Messages

Messages and Codes

Quickref

IBM Look

JESLog, messages JCL

System Dumps

Gather Data Dumps and Traces

Dumps

Symptom dump

SVC (System) Dump

Stand-alone dump - IPL'd dump for failing/hung system

SLIP command and dump Traces Master and SYS log

SLIP to trap an event and take action
Create, delete, modify SLIP
PER or non-PER event
IF instruction fetch
SD successful Branch
SA or SK Storage altercation or key alteration
ZAD for zero address detection
Default is SVCDump

AMBLIST to map program

TRANSMIT (XMIT) sends data sets or messages
Creates a sequential data set as FB/80/*
PC utilities to view Xmit format files
Tachyon Unix it
CBT file 800
XMITIP package
Others

RECEIVE processes the XMIT file and create a new copy of the source file

AMATERSE to pack or unpack data Format different from PDUU Output PS/FB/1024 PACK|SPACK|UNPACK Output FB/1024

Data Privacy for Diagnostics
OA57570 (z15 or newer)
Redacts sensitive data from source from target
BLSJDFPD
IPCS sub-commands IPCS 5.6 or batch

AMAPDUPL send data to IBM or larger dump Problem Doc Upload Compresses before sending Control statements CASE id, Target

AMASPZAP "Superzap"

Validate load module/CSECT contents/program objects DUMP or VER

Replace instructions in programs

REP

Update VTOC DSCBs or DASD records Update IDR records (IDRDATA)

PARM=IGNIDRDATA

PARM=PRECHECK

Data Set File System Use Case Scenarios

Understanding the support behind SHARE's #1 Requirement By Kershaw Mehta of IBM

31+ attendees

July 2021 SOD about file system support to access z/OS data sets June 2022 part of z/OS 2.5 2Q 2022 enhancements announcement

Data Set File System is only on z/OS 2.5
Use z/OS data sets from z/OS Unix
Several APARs (see handout)
Data set serialization like ISPF
SAF-based security applies

/dsfs

/dsfs/txt code page IBM-1047
Text file does not contain a <NEWLINE> character
/dsfs/bin (binary) RECFM FB or U
/dsfs/rec (variable length binary)

Kershaw.jcl.cntl mapped to /dsfs/txt/Kershaw/jcl.cntl

Kershaw.proj.source(myfile) maps to /dsfs/txt/Kershaw/proj.source/myfile

Unix Shell utilities that access a path name can access z/OS data sets and members

File names in lowercase and case-insensitive

Data sets name and member names must be conventional z/OS names, acceptable in JCL

User access based on security profiles in security database Anatomy of DFS pathname

/dsfs /tst|bin|rec /directory (HLQ) /filename

Only see not-migrated data sets and not catalog aliases and no VSAM data sets

BSUPRMxx policy in PARMLIB
System-wide, dynamic change

Dsadm is new Unix command

Dsadm createparm to specify MVS data set attributes RECFM and LRECL and such

Attributes similar to BPXWDYN keywords

Psmodel and pdsmodel (one set for /txt, /bin, /rec) for every HLQ

No global defaults, unique per LPAR

mkdir to create PDS, touch to create a sequential data set

Dsadm has a display psmodel and pdsmodel

Grep works within a PDS Cmp (compare) two members

Sftp works to send a dump to IBM

Navigating the Minefield: Diversity Tips for White Males

By Misty Decker and Derek Britton of Micro Focus

Diversity impacts people and business

22% of director level roles in tech industry are women

25% of workforce are women in large tech firms

33% of tech organizations have less than 5% black staff

Easy for companies to view lack of diversity in tech as a pipeline issues

Create variety of difficulties

Al facial recognition problems

Phishing attacks

"Hostile macho cultures"

White males feel sidelined

42% of white males think diversity is "extremely important"

70% of white males feel left out of DEI initiatives

miscommunication getting in the way

Unconscious bias creates organizational weaknesses

Different types of unconscious Bias

Affinity bias when we favor people who we share qualities with

Beauty prefer attractive people and think they are better for a job rather than less attractive person

Contrast compares one thing to another rather than judging the whole application on its merits

Gender when you think one gender is better for a role than another

Halo focus on one great positive, while ignoring flaws
Horns focus on one great negative, while ignoring positives
Seeing both sides

Examples of diversity minefields

Micro aggressions

Navigating the minefield

Gender

Assign notes to female in room Giving women "helper" jobs Men are better problem solvers Attributing their ideas to a man who reiterated the idea Lack of awareness of personal space

Ethnicity

Not pronouncing or spelling an individual's name correctly Assuming a temperament (angry, meek, dishonest) Interrupting when they're speaking Subjecting to more criticism than white counterparts

Age

Selecting millennials to work on social media projects Assuming older generation may struggle with tech Making assumptions of seniority (age+male+white)

Warning Signs

"I know what you're thinking..."

"I know they won't like what about to say..."

"I probably shouldn't't say this but..."

Sighing, eye rolling, voice tone or volume

Moving away or holding your breath

Not giving eye contact

The alliance model

Part 1 accept that unconscious bias creates operational weak spots

Part 2 alliances rebuild strength

Part 3 help build a bigger pie

What we perceive today+what else we could perceive=our combined knowledge

Explicitly ally with other diverse persons

Starting your journey

Avoid generalizations

Listen to other's stories

Challenge assumptions

Become aware of your bias

Use visualization

Speak up

Pay attention to language

Make friends

Equally biased but the biases are different

Guidance

Get trained, get help, get resources

Trust yourself but inspect your assumptions

Find the win - pick operational requirements that benefit from a more diverse approach

Listen with intent to understand

Be ready to fail, be ready to speak out

Takeaway topics

Unconscious bias in all forms impacts organizational growth Unconscious bias towards technology is equally unwelcome Tackling unconscious tech blog from Misty Decker at

share.org

Rise above the noise: white males must lobby for DEI change

Hacks are surprisingly easy

Benefits are profound

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Let's Get z/OS Up and Running on the IBM z16!

By Steve Warren of IBM and Marna Walle of IBM 22+ attendees

FIXCATsIBM.Device.Server.z16-3931.RequiredService

IBM.Device.Server.z16-3931.Exploitation

IBM.Device.Server.z16-3931.RecommendedService

PSP buckets 3931DEVICE 3931/ZOS

Search for "3931DEVICE z/OS"

SMP/E REPORT MISSINGFIX FIXCAT(IBM.Device.Server.z16*)

All required PTF must be APPLYed to all members of the Sysplex before introducing the z16 to the sysplex

z/OSMF Workflows for upgrading to z16 /user/lpp/upgrade/z16_zOS_Upgrade_Workflow.xml Exported format workflow at the IBM Documentation website Several hardware features cannot be ordered or carried forward from previous processors

z/OS Data Gatherer (free function) provided enhanced SMF 71 subtype 1 records

CFLEVEL 25 for Coupling Facility
IBM recommends all CFs in Parallel Sysplex be at highest level

System Recovery Boost (z15)
Start PROC for SRB shutdown up to 30 minutes
Start PROC for SRB startup for 60 minutes

System Recovery Boost (z16)

Adds support for SVCDump System Recovery Boost (short term, maybe 5 minutes from 30 minute daily limit of SRB)

Adds customer-identified middleware start/restart boost
WLM Classification Rule to have new Boost attribute
This boost also is 5 minutes taken from 30 minute limit
Turn off boosting via IEASRB,REQ=DISABLE|ENABLE
D IPLINFO,BOOST,STATE to see status of SRBoost

z/OS Containers Extensions (zCX) support
Hardware code 0104 on z15 does not carry-forward to z16
Now requires IBM Container Hosting Foundation for z/OS
subscription

zCX Foundation for Red Hat OpenShift and related S&S

Use more memory (16GB real) for z16 if possible for each LPAR

The Magic of PSWs and Registers

By Patty Little, Elliott Picker, John Shebey of IBM 26 attendees

z/OS concepts

Program Status Word (PSW)

128-bit right 2 words are instruction address and left 2 words are control information

General Rs, AccessRs, FloatingPointRs, ControlRs

Fullword is 32 bits

High order bit is left most and low order bit is right most

PSW is 4 words with high order word and low order word

2000 z/Architecture changed PSW from 64-bits to 128-bits

Sometimes PSW is scrunched from 128>64 and

unscrunched 64>128

Software only scrunching to save and restore from control blocks for compatibility only for RMODE 24 or 31 bit (program below the 2G Bar)

Z/Architecture PSW

PSW is comprised of 128 bits (4 words)

Bit 12 and add 8 then OR the low order word with 2nd word

AMODE execution mode of program that determines how many bits of 64-bit register or PSW address are used to reference memory (storage)

Bit 31-32 AMODE 24 is 00, 31 is 01, 64 is 11, and 10 is undefined and fails

SAM instruction sets AMODE

Key is bits 8-11 range 0-F

System keys 0-7 only trusted programs can execute in key

Match against a page's storage key

Some products traditionally run in certain keys, like JES2

runs key 1

0-7

Interrupt Masks

Bit 6 I/O interrupt bit 7 external interrupt mask

Enable for interrupt if 1 X'07' means both enabled for interrupt

Spin loops are running Disabled for too long

STNSM or STOSM sets interrupt bits

Problem State bit (bit 15)

ON in Problem State. OFF is Supervisor State

Registers

See common register usage conventions

See Save Area formats chart in handout

Eye catcher in first area for none standard save area

Debugging

z/OS 2.5 User Experience

By Ed Jaffe of Phoenix Software International 00 attendees

Does not do a ServerPac install, uses IBM-delivered pre-release image

Ed J. plays when system is up so this focuses on that work, not on install

z/OS V2R5 user Group Requirements webpage - see link Https://IBM.com/support/pages/new-function-apars-zos-platform list of SPEs

Average 6.5 SPEs a week across the z/OS world RFA 221-260 2.5 new functions

Early delivery of z/OS 2.5 delayed 4.5 weeks by LOG4J issues

Ed compresses ADATA used by XDC and finds much faster response

CA/Broadcom Chorus Software Manager (CSM) functionality is ported to z/OSMF as Software Update

Corrective/Recommended/Functional

Recommended APPLY command is hardwired into Software Update (RSU and RSL (Broadcom)) - wants an option to add other vendor values

z/OSMF Resource Management and Software Services provides Cloud Provisioning and Management

Not much help for vendors to provide templates but lots of user documentation

Setup JOB statement first as many WF steps submit jobs to complete the work

z/OSMF File, Folder and Job manipulation

JOB Output list needs work

Like red for failed jobs

Browse looks good, right-click for command palette

Data Set File Search looks good with

Edit very good, links to other files

Compare is excellent

Data set list has no additional info (tracks, volume, attributes)

z/OSMF Security Configuration Assistant

z/OSMF CFRM Policy Editor

Export results can be put in PARMLIB for future restarts

Tailored Fit Pricing (TFP) System Parameter

RMF and Advanced Data Gatherer

Required Linklist and PROC JCL changes

Anomaly Mitigation Solution

PFA Private Storage Exhaustion health check plus 2 new checks

JES2 Resource Exhaustion and WLM Address Space Velocity

Run PFA and HZR and wait for issues

Updated RACF PassTicket Capabilities

Enhanced PassTickets including option to change timeout/ expiration interval

Enhanced System Recovery Boost (ESRB)

Not a technical restriction, limited function to z16 just to sell more z16s

Data Privacy for Diagnostics

Use sample job in SYS1.SAMPLIB(BLSDPJIN)

Redact, Analyze, Report,

analysis_config.json for analyzer

Use Report output to review analysis report and flag what was not correct

Not sure Sysprogs should look at sensitive stuff 94% false

FEEDBACK function updates analyze file so future dumps have less false positives

Recommends one (long) pass at least to reduce false

positives

Ingest of additional sensitive data identifications See APAR OA58114 for additional doc

Pervasive Encryption Enhancements

zERT needs Db2 to run - needs work

z/OS Authorized Code Scanner (priced)

Vendors want to avoid false positives in the field

z/OS Data Set file System

pwd (print working directory)!

DSFS needs better way of managing contention instead of timer checks

Migrated data sets are not processed by DSFS - big problem for Phoenix Software International (PSI)

Start Your Quantum-Safe Journey by Discovering Cryptographic Calls

By Suman Gopinath of STSM & Chief Architect, DevOps for IBM zSystems

XKCD Comics

Quantum computers can, in principle, perform certain computations in a very small amount of time

Classical Cryptographic Algorithms

Key management, email encryption, car components, payment card and banking transactions,

Data is being stolen today with intent of exposing it tomorrow or much later

Data must be encrypted with 256-bit algorithms to be considered quantum-safe

Problem symmetric key and hashing algorithms

Q cuts security in 1/2, must be SHA-256 at minimum

Z16 leverages quantum-safe technology

Q not ready now but is coming

What about Applications?

Perform encryption (ICSF APIs for example)

Business logic

Store data

Temporary variables (might be scary part)

z/OS Security and Compliance Center

ADDI

Source code library, considering programs as books

Graphical analysis, impact analysis, batch and online application flow, variable analysis

Analysis Project

IDZ Client>Analyze tools>Projects<A.D. repository <Build (parse)<Source Resources

Identify Crypto API calls to ICSF and create a cryptographic inventory

Aid in migration and modernization planning

Aid in quick reaction to security issues

ICSF calls are CSNBxxxx programs like CSNBENC and CSNBDEC

Analyze Continuously - make it part of your development release process

Check early and late in process COBOL only right now but PL/1 coming

So I bought a z114!

By Enzo D'Amato

16 year old high school student with Asperger's syndrome

Built first computer in 4th grade

April 2021 saw NY Government selling z114 for \$500

Parents did not want to build a power substation

LICCC codes for the CPCs were destroyed so hardware was useless

Found a unit on eBay

Physical Planning followed Installation Manual for Physical Planning 3-phase 220V

Avoid multi-frame models as 3-phase power required

Wired 2 phase together to provide power

Seller had no forklift to get on pallet

LiftStar to find someone with lift gate and truck

Paid for shipping and machine and working on getting peripherals

OCA/ICC and printers run over tcp/ip

DASD is nightmare

FBA with Linux driver

CKD storage is almost impossible to find

Machine too big for truck doors, took computer covers off and got it on truck

1800 lb. Mainframe slightly too tall for garage door, broke door frame to get machine into garage

2012 z114 model arrived in mid-2022

Initial setup

Missing hardware was eventually shipped to him

Fiber Channel took I/O Centos software updates to make work

TS7720 machine never setup

IOCDS "read the manual"

Help from Gary Eheman at FlexCUB

Got working

Linux and z/VM installation and configuration

1 GB and 10GB network cards are not connected

Program ACL on storage box and software broken

Finally linux works

z/VM install ran fine

IPL from SCSI requires very specific HCD parameters

Dirmaint

VSEn installation went fine (thanks to 21st Century Software)

A week till slides were due to SHARE about z/OS

"Mainframe from Scratch" Redbook is awesome

IBM sending z/OS ServerPac

Message on Linked-In and ask nicely is secret to get software

Enterpriselab.dev empty now but stuff being posted soon

Enzo@enterpriselab.dev

VS Code Extensions Demystified

By John Rhodes of CM First Group

11+ attendees

Visual Studio Code

Open source but Microsoft trackers can be disabled

Extensibility

Plethora of Mainframe Extensions

Explorer

Syntax Highlighting

Debugging

Visualization

Zowe Explorer extension

create configuration management

Integrate CM evolveIT diagram UI within VS code

Integrate with Zowe Explorer

Format URL and Open in ...

Use VS code to develop extension

Install npm

Install vs code extension generator

Run VS code extension generator

Answer questions

Build package

Npm install -g vsce

Https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/vscode

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A Dashboard You Can Really Use

Session 90881 by Jason Fournier of Broadcom.

Jason.Fournier@broadcom.com

08 attendees

Basic web server up and connect to REST API Dashboard

1 stop page with everything I need, dynamic, customizable, real-

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time (ish)
What you need
    HTTP Server
    Web page editor
    Idea
Tools
    HTTP Server (on mainframe)
    FTP server on your desktop/laptop
    HTTP Editor
IBM HTTP Server
    Comes with z/Os
    create an instance
    CORS already on same network as your data
IBM HTTP Server - Prep
    IBM TTTP Server manual is well documented
    V9.0.5
    SAF USERID and GROUP
IBM HTTP Server - Install
    Logon to OMS
    Cd /user/lpp/ihsa_zos
    Unmask 022, verify
    Install_ihs /user/lpp/ihsa_bin
Confirm
    Cd /etc/websrv2/bin
Install
    Cd /etc/websrv2/bin
    Apachectl start and stop
http.conf
    /etc/websrv2/conf/
    lots of settings for server instance
    serverroot /etc/websrv2
    - timeout 60 wait on page
    - LISTten 8080
    - serverName your.shops
    - Docroot your data
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DirectoryIndex index.html index.html.var index_ihs.html
 HTTP 500 error should look at conf
 Server - point to beginning

FTP files to /etc/websrv2/...

Website

Install ihs.html is default

Modify or tinker

Htdocs folder for html, CSS, JavaScript

Layout planning

Accordions - push page down and back up

Dropdowns - over top of page

REST APIs

Someone has done the work for you

Right amount of data in easy to consume format

Ease of use

REST APIs

HTTP GET/PUT/POST/DELETE

JSON

Object {} curly braces

Arrays [] square BRACKETS

Data is name/value pairs

Data separated by commas

Double quotes

REST API Data Source

Z/OSMF is in your Shop

Notification services

Z/OS Console Services

Z/OS data set and file REST interface

Jobs REST interface

Z/OSMF examples

Z/OS Data Set and File REST Interface

Additional authorizations required

Work with both z/OS and Unix files

Jobs REST Interface

Other products have REST interfaces

Broadcom OPS/MVS and SYSVIEW

IBM z/OS Connect

Many others

Security

Basic authentication

Encoding and encrypting

LTPA (IBM Products)

Cookies

OnAuth2 (credentials) Google/FB

Certificates

Self-signed is bare bones requirements

Sensitive data spend money to get real one

Payloads can be a pain

May need proper format

Web Templates

Many on internet

good source is w3schoolsw.com

W3.css

Swagger

Easy doc and implementation testing of each API

GET/PUT/POST

templates can be useful on computer, table, phone

Configure template

Use HTTP<>HTTP or HTTPS<>HTTPS

HTTP4xx your fault

HTTP5xx server setup issue

http://geosvc.com

Z/OSMF Certificates

Flag to bypass CSRF() in IZUPRMxx member from ON to OFF

Not for Production

Copy certificate and install in browser

Modernize z/OS Systems Management with As-A-Service Approach

By Hiren Shah of IBM

11 attendees

z/OS Management Services Catalog

A z/OSMF Systems Programmer tool
Demo 1 create, Mount, delete file system
Uppercase dsname but will upcase name in future

Export and Import or transfer to another Sysplex is in-progress update

Separation of responsibility

runAsUser

Enable zMSC with PTFs on 2.4 and 2.5

Setup security (see SAMPLIB)

Enable plug-in with z/OSMF Settings

Use SCA to verify security

PH44234 additional enhancements

Service creation, submission, suspend, output, history

2 sample services

encrypt zFS

Create a RACF Certificate

https://www.ibm.com/support/z-content-solutions/management-services/

Zorow at https://GitHub.com/openmainframeproject/zorow

Bit Bucket x'40'

By Tom Conley, Mike Shorkend, James Lund, Ed Jaffe Nn attendees Session 31061

It's a Small zFS After All... by TC

Zfsadm shrink is hard to use

Zfsadm shrink -aggregate ZFS.dsname -size 1

Failed as RO

Remount as RW

Zfsadm fsinfo to see existing block counts

Calculate with block size and count

Zfsadm aggrinfo

Simplifies calculation

5 shrinks later unused down to 0

Default -ai keeps additional blocks in case someone expands while shrink runs

Add -noai to shrink with reserved space

ZOS-I-3390/1/2/3 IBM Ideas submitted by TC

Two Hidden RMF Goodies by MS

ERBSCAN/ERBSHOW

supports 70-79, 99, maybe 98

REXX program to copy SMF to temp VSAM

If TSO PROFILE NOPREF did not work

Use ERBSHOW with record number from ERBSCAN

Shows SMF header for all SMF record Types

Supported record types show more formatted data

RMFM3B Batch reporting for monitor III

JCL PROC in PROCLIB

monitor III report every interval until stopped

writes exceptions via WTO

3 canned reports (REXX execs) WFEX (workflow exception), CPC, and SYSSUM

Options to control reports

Page for each interval

RMF2WTO.pdf found by Marna Walle (2016 session) at IBM github

Procrastination...It's Making Me Wait for Access by JL

Managed services company to install and upgrade to z/OS 2.4 from 2.2

Day of PROD migration, everything looks good

IPL after 5 weeks

Random tasks abending

Health check messages on console about CA1 security failure 3rd party products having security problems

Cached rules?
RACF ICH or Dynamic Classes
Missing 3PP RACF Classes
Desperate for help (managed services not helpful)
RACF-L for help

SR CLASS(CDT) Class Descriptor Table
Different from ICHRRDDE
IRRUT200 with MAP option showing profile count
Rshconsulting.com/July 2016
RSH_Consulting_RACF_Tips_July_2016.pdf

A User Class in active Class report
Mixed class definitions in RACF
Old ICHRRCDE CDT module - "cleaned up" by Managed
Services

New Class(CDE) entries (CA-MSM/CSM)

Prove Managed Services wrong

SMF 42 subtype 21, 24, 25

Managed Services user copied ICHRRCDE to user lib and then deleted it

RACF dynamic CDE is your best bet (in SYS1.PARMLIB)

Ode to a Mainframe Legacy - over 60 years of IBM by JL

Texas A&M shutting down mainframe Retirement scheduled for February 2023

How Low Can Low-Core Go? By EJ

Longest time x'000A0000 000130E1' first 8-bytes of PSW Now all zeros
Jim Mulder says they just changed it, Peter Relson says it was general cleanup

SLIP ZAD to monitor

Java and node.js generates lots of ZAD hits

SLIP ZAD PVTMOD=('z/OS Unix path'),ACTION=IGNORE to reduce

entries in ZAD report
Will IBM correct these poor coding practices?

Lock Around the Clock by EJ

Difficult bug to diagnose
No tracing or logging
Some products use CTRACE
SETLOCK macro has all possible locks for all types
TRACE SET,ON for branch trace