

z/VSE Hints and Tips With focus on hardware and release upgrade

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Some useful system commands, tools, system information, ...

^{*} Internal Attention Routine commands/parameters and output may change dependent on system requirements. The output can not be considered as an interface.

IBM

SIR – System Information Report

- Provides status information and monitoring capabilities
- Can help to identify
 - Latest service level
 - Processor configuration
 - system bottlenecks (resource shortage)

- ...

```
AR 0015
              SIR COMMAND HELP
AR 0015 SIR ((RESET SYS))
                                      RESET/DISPLAY SYSTEM INFORMATION
        SIR SMF((, VSE) = (ON OFF | cuu ) SUBSYSTEM MEASUREMENT DATA
AR 0015
AR 0015
        SIR MON(=<<id|ON(,NOSYM)>|OFF>(option)) MONITORING DATA
        SIR MIH((,CUU)=(NNNNNN|ON|OFF)) DSPLY/ALTER MIH
AR 0015
        SIR VTAPEBUF (= < nnnK | nnM>)
AR 0015
AR 0015
        SIR LIBR
                                      <u>DISPLAY</u> LIBRARIAN INFORMATION
AR 0015
        SIR CHPID(=chpid)
                                      DISPLAY CHPID INFORMATION
AR 0015
        SIR
              VENDOR
                                      DISPLAY VENDOR PRODUCT
        SIR CRWMSG(=(ON|OFF))
AR 0015
        SIR VMCF (= (ON OFF))
AR 0015
                                     DSPLY/ALTER VMCF INTERFACE
AR 0015 SIR PMRMON(=<0N|OFF>)
                                      PAGE MANAGER MONITORING DATA
AR 0015 11401 READY
```



SIR – System Information Report

```
z/VSE
SYSTEM:
                                z/VSE 6.2
                                                     TURBO (01)
                                                                                SYS
                                                                        USER:
                                                                        TIME:
                                                                                08:14:33
sir sus
AR 0015 CPUID
                    = 00222E6739078000
  0015 PROCESSOR =
                      IBM 3907-A01 02
                                        (F2E6702)
                                                     LPAR = Z14
                                                                        No. = 0034
   0015
              CPUs =
                      0001 \text{ (Ded.} = 0000 \text{ Shr.} = 0001) \text{ Cap.} = 100%
  0015 PROC-MODE =
                      z/Arch(64-BIT)
                                        IPL (016)
                                                      08:13:46
                                                                      05/13/2019
  0015 SYSTEM
                      z/VSE
                                        6.2.0
                                                                      10/05/2017
                                        9.4.0
  0015
                      VSE/AF
                                                      DY47808
                                                                      01/25/2019
AR 0015
                      VSE/POWER
                                        9.4.0
                                                      GA-LEVEL
                                                                      12/01/2017
                                        JCL-PROC
AR 0015
        IPL-PROC
                    = $IPLESA
                                                   = $$JCL
  0015 SUPVR
                    = $$A$SUPN
                                        TURBO-DISPATCHER (B2) ACTIVE
   0015
                                        HARDWARE COMPRESSION ENABLED
AR 0015 SEC. MGR. = BASIC
                                        SECURITY
                                                    = ONLINE
        1 I 40 I
                READY
```

SYSTEM: z/VSE	z/VSE	6.2	TURBO (01)	USER: SYS
VM USER ID:ZVSE				TIME: 08:19:49
sir sys				
AR 0015 CPUID VM =	00222E673907800	0	VSE = FF222222	239078000
AR 0015 PROCESSOR =	IBM 3907-A01 02	(F2E6702)	LPAR = Z14	No. = 0034
AR 0015 CPUs =	0001 (Ded.=0000	Shr.=0001)	Cap. = 100%	
AR 0015 VM-SYSTEM =	z/VM 6.4.0	(0000) US	ERID = ZVSE	VMCF = ON
AR 0015 CPUs =			Cap. = 100%	
AR 0015 PROC-MODE =	z/Arch(64-BIT)	IPL(016)	08:19:19	05/13/2019
AR 0015 SYSTEM =	z/VSE	6.2.0		10/05/2017
AR 0015	VSE/AF	9.4.0	DY47808	01/25/2019
AR 0015	VSE/POWER	9.4.0	GA-LEVEL	12/01/2017
AR 0015 IPL-PROC =			\$\$JCL	
AR 0015 SUPVR =				
AR 0015			MPRESSION ENABI	LED
AR 0015 SEC. MGR. =	BASIC	SECURITY =	ONLINE	
AR 0015 11401 READ	Y			



Tools to monitor your workload *

SIR SMF

AR	oo15 0015	DEVICE	I/O-CNT	QUEUED msec/SSCH	CONNECT msec/SSCH	DISCONN msec/SSCH	TOTAL msec/SSCH
	0015						
AR	0015	46D	13605	0.169	0.317	0.002	0.489
AR	0015	46E	18855	0.146	0.177	0.005	0.329
AR	0015	970	40342	0.148	0.163	0.000	0.311
AR	0015	971	26089	0.150	0.166	0.000	0.317
AR	0015	972	12318	0.150	0.173	0.000	0.325
AR	0015	1 I 40 I	READY				

1									
	sir smf,zhpf,178								
	(16.0)	AR 0015	ZHPF I/O	REQUEST STATIS	TICS				
	(16.1)	AR 0015	CUU	OVERALL	ZHPF	REJECTED			
	(16.2)	AR 0015	178 BAS	E 29	0	0			
	(16.3)	AR 0015	91FC ALI	AS 0	0	0			
	(16.3)	AR 0015	91FD ALI	AS 0	0	0			
	(16.3)	AR 0015	91FE ALI	AS 0	0	0			
	(16.3)	AR 0015	91FF ALI	AS 1109	865	0			



Tools to monitor your workload *

SIR PMRMON

```
pmrmon
AR 0015
                         PAGE MANAGER MONITORING REPORT
AR 0015
                      (BASED ON A 0000:00:21.879 INTERVAL)
AR 0015 IPF0 31-BIT
                                         IPFQ 64-BIT
                                                                      0
         PSO 31-BIT
                                484924
                                          PSO 64-BIT
                                                               6746514
AR 0015
                                                                  16445
AR 0015 PF EXCH TOTAL
                                 16445
                                         PF EXCH 31->64
AR 0015 PF EXCH 64->31
                                                                 179742
                                     0
                                         PGFLT TOTAL
AR 0015 PGFLT PMGR
                                176790
                                                                   2950
                                         PGFLT USER
AR 0015 PGFLT IMM PO
                                                                  16446
AR 0015 SELCT ON PSO
                                 16447
                                         SELCT ON PSO
                                                                  88394
AR 0015 SELC R=1 MAX 31
                                         SELC R=1 MAX 64
                                                                      6
AR 0015 RECLAIMS
                                         NPSO LOW
                                  4193
                                                                      0
AR 0015 PGOUT I/O TOTAL
                                 48444
                                         PGIN I/O TOTAL
AR 0015 PGOUT I/O UNC.
                                 13071
                                                                  35373
                                         PGOUT I/O PRE.
AR 0015 LRA PGM CHECK
                                     0
                                         TFIX 64-BIT FR
                                                                      0
AR 0015 HWM MB FRM-64
                                         HWM MB FRM-31
                                     0
                                                                      0
AR 0015 MB FRM TFIX RPL =
                                     0
                                         MB FRM PGO RPL
                                                                      4
AR 0015 1I40I
                READY
```



Tools to monitor your workload *

- Monitored data can be retrieved from VSE Console
- SIR MON Attention Routine Command
 - Can help to analyze performance problems
 - Provides counters for
 - o SVCs, Fast (107) SVCs and function codes
 - TD Service SVCs and function codes
 - MVS SVCs
 - Program Call codes
 - Bound conditions
 - o TD performance (15 counters)



Tools to monitor your workload ...

SIR MON Attention Routine Command ...

```
sir mon
AR 0015
                                MONITORING REPORT
AR 0015
                       (BASED ON A 0000:00:16.680 INTERVAL)
AR 0015
                                SVC SUMMARY REPORT
AR 0015 EXCP
                                                      38
                                                          SETIME
                             53
                                 WAIT
                                                                               17
AR 0015 SVC-0D
                                                  37949
                             57
                                 SYSIO
                                                          EXIT
                                                                               34
AR 0015 SETIME
                                 WAITM
                                                      18
                                                          COMREG
                                                                               20
                             15
AR 0015 GETIME
                                                         SVC-31
                                 POST
                                                      26
                                                                               11
AR 0015 TTIMER
                                 SVC-35
                                                          GETVIS
                                                                               88
                                                     109
                                 CDLOAD
AR 0015 FREEVIS
                             69
                                                          SECTVAL
AR 0015 FASTSVC
                                                          SVC-75
                            579
                                 (UN)LOCK =
                                                                               65
AR 0015 PRODID
                                 SVC-83
                                                          SVC-84
                                                     200
                                                                              147
AR 0015
                                SVC-X'6B' DETAIL REPORT
AR 0015
           FC-02 =
                             25
                                    FC - 03 =
                                                      78
                                                             FC-06 =
                                                                              109
AR 0015
           FC-08 =
                             26
                                    FC - 09 =
                                                     100
                                                             FC-0A =
                                                                               76
AR 0015
           FC-OD =
                                    FC-0E =
                                                     192
                                                             FC-4F =
                             16
AR 0015
           FC-67 =
                                    FC-73 =
                                                     60
                                                             FC-86 =
                                                                               22
AR 0015
                                    FC-96 =
           FC - 90 =
                                                             FC-9F =
                             62
                                                                              156
AR 0015
           FC-B6 =
                             16
AR 0015
                                SVC-X'75' DETAIL REPORT
AR 0015
                                    FC-9C =
           FC-98 =
                             57
                                                       8
AR 0015
                                MVS-SVC'S DETAIL REPORT
AR 0015 SVC-01
                                SVC-02
                                                          SVC-22
AR 0015 SVC-2E
                                 SVC-2F
                                                          SVC-6B
                                                      23
                                                                              141
AR 0015 SVC-77
```



Tools to monitor your workload

• QUERY TD – Query Turbo Dispatcher information, monitor CPU and elapsed time

```
LNXSALM1
                              z/VSE 6.2
                                                 TURBO (01)
                                                                          SYS
                                                                   USER:
VM_USER_ID:LNXSALM1
                                                                   TIME:
                                                                          12:57:34
query td, internal
AR 0015 CPU
               STATUS
                          SPIN TIME
                                    NP TIME TOTAL TIME NP/TOT
                                                                   DISP ENTR
AR 0015
                                                       568 0.764
          \Theta\Theta
               ACTIVE
                                  0
                                           434
                                                                       229553
AR 0015
               INACTIVE
AR 0015
AR 0015 TOTAL
                                  0
                                           434
                                                       568 0.764
                                                                       229553
AR 0015
AR 0015
                      NP/TOT: 0.764
                                          SPIN/(SPIN+TOT): 0.000
AR 0015
         OVERALL UTILIZATION:
                                 1 %
                                           NP UTILIZATION:
                                                              0%
AR 0015
         CPU BALANCING:
AR 0015
                               NOT ACTIVATED
AR 0015
AR 0015
         ELAPSED TIME SINCE LAST RESET:
                                                 50752
AR 0015 NUMBER OF SVC'S SINCE LAST RESET:
                                                177848
AR 0015 11401 READY
```



CPU Balancing

- When CPU balancing is activated, the z/VSE Turbo Dispatcher will only use CPUs required for the current workload
- Can be activated and deactivated via AR/JCL command
 - SYSDEF TD, INT=0 to deactivate, default
 - SYSDEF TD,INT=nn (=1..99) to activate and "nn" interval in seconds, after which the CPU utilization is inspected
- Threshold can be defined after which an additional CPU is activated
 - SYSDEF TD, THR=nn (10..99) in percent, default: 50
- CPU balancing via stop or quiesce process
 - SYSDEF TD, INT=nn, STOP the stop process to be used
 - May provide performance improvements for z/VM guests (z/VM 5.4 or higher)
 - SYSDEF TD, INT=nn, STOPQ the quiesce process to be use, default
- QUERY TD shows current settings
- CPU balancing may reduce multiprocessing overhead



CPU Balancing ...

Retrieve CPU time values: QUERY TD

```
query td
AR 0015
         CPU
               STATUS
                         SPIN_TIME
                                      NP_TIME TOTAL_TIME NP/TOT
AR 0015
         00
               ACTIVE
                                        63715
                                 0
                                                    96636 0.659
AR 0015
               ACTIVE
         01
                                 0
                                         13668
                                                    22614 0.604
AR 0015
         02
               INACTIVE
                                         23692
                               210
                                                    34187 0.693
AR 0015
AR 0015 TOTAL
                               210
                                        101075
                                                   153437 0.658
AR 0015
AR 0015
                                         SPIN/(SPIN+TOT): 0.001
                      NP/TOT: 0.658
AR 0015
        OVERALL UTILIZATION: 80%
                                           NP UTILIZATION:
                                                            53%
AR 0015
AR 0015
        CPU BALANCING (STOP): INT:
                                       9 SECONDS
                                                      THR:
                                                            50%
AR 0015
AR 0015
        ELAPSED TIME SINCE LAST RESET:
                                               190550
AR 0015 1I40I READY
```

All values below in milliseconds:

```
TOTAL_TIME = CPU time used by workload

NP_TIME = non-parallel CPU time, contained in TOTAL_TIME

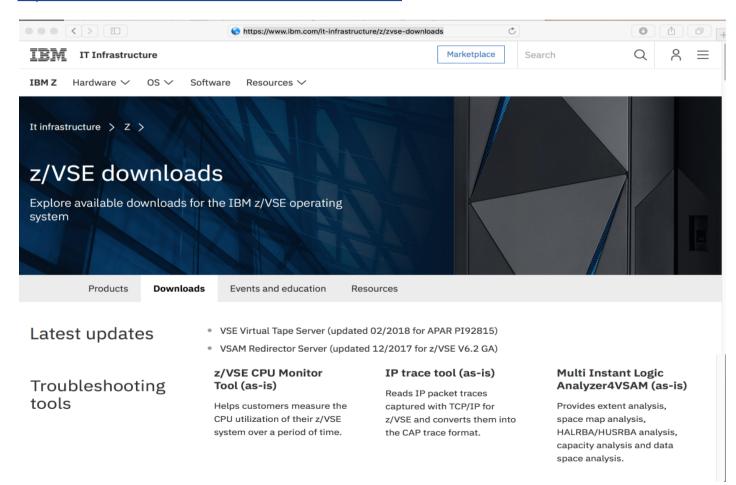
SPIN_TIME = CPU time needed to wait for a non-parallel work unit
```

NP/TOT = ratio NP_TIME / TOTAL_TIME = non-parallel share SPIN/(SPIN+TOT) = spin time ratio

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z/VSE Downloads

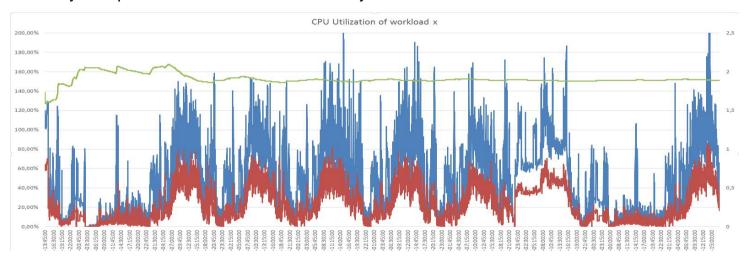
https://www.ibm.com/it-infrastructure/z/zvse-downloads





How to get the CPU utilization of a workload

- The z/VSE CPU monitoring tool (CPUMON) can be used to get the CPU utilization.
- CPUMON can be downloaded from the z/VSE web pages.
 https://www.ibm.com/it-infrastructure/z/zvse-downloads
- CPUMON may run for a day or more and measures in e.g. minute intervals.
- The monitored data can be loaded into a spreadsheet. A line chart can show workload peaks.
- Use CPUMON to understand the CPU requirements of your workload.
- Run CPUMON before you upgrade your hardware or z/VSE release and save the data. You may compare that data with data from your new environment.





z/VSE Downloads ...

- To gather information before z/VSE upgrades
 - z/VSE CPU Monitor Tool
 - o Measures the CPU utilization of their z/VSE system over a period of time.
 - Installed Software Report Tool
 - o Generates a z/VSE Installed Software Report used for IBM ShopZ.
 - VSF Health Checker
 - System diagnosis utility to retrieve, display, and analyze performance relevant data from a z/VSE system.
- More z/VSE Downloads: https://www.ibm.com/it-infrastructure/z/zvse-downloads



z/VSE and hardware upgrades



Upgrade – General considerations

- Hardware upgrade can be any changes on the hardware infrastructure, such as processors, I/O, network, crypto cards, disks, ...
- Software upgrade can be upgrade to new SPE / release / version via Fast Service Upgrade (FSU) or initial installation
- Upgrade tasks:
 - Collect reference data
 - Backup your data and system
 - Obtain required software license and updates from vendors
- Recommendation: do not upgrade to a new processor and release in one step



Processor upgrade

Tasks before the upgrade

- Look for repeatable workloads
- Collect reference data
 - Measure and collect most important workload parameters
 e.g. performance, I/O activity / timings, CPU / elapsed time, console logs, etc.
- Check the Preventive Service Planning (PSP) bucket
 - PSP describes service requirements for the new processor
 e.g. PTFs IOCP, EREP, HLASM, z/VSE base PTFs for toleration and exploitation
 - PSP buckets: http://www14.software.ibm.com/webapp/set2/psearch/search?domain=psp
- Obtain new software licenses, if products have dependencies on the CPU id
- Install required z/VSE, z/VM and vendor PTFs



Collection of workload parameters

- Performance reports from performance monitors provided by vendors
- Console logs
- Network data
- z/VSE console commands
- Commands to get additional information
 - SIR to get general information about the system
 - SIR SMF to gather I/O information per device (I/O-count, timings queued, connect, msecs/ I/O)
 - SIR MON to retrieve workload counters (SVCs, bound conditions, some internal counters, ...)
 - SYSDEF TD, RESETCNT to reset counters
 - QUERY TD to retrieve used CPU time, CPU utilization, non-parallel share, elapsed time, ...
 - Some of those commands are described in the z/VSE Hints and Tips book
 https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSB27H 6.2.0/technical articles and whitepapers.html



How to measure CPU / I/O performance

1. SIR MON=ON -starts monitoring (system services)

2. SIR SMF=ON - starts monitoring for I/O related counters

3. SYSDEF TD, RESETCNT - resets counters

4. <monitor interval - e.g. 1 or more hour at peak>

SIR MON=OFF - stops monitoring

6. QUERY TD - displays CPU counters

7. SIR MON - displays SVC counters

8. SIR SMF - displays I/O counters

9. To start next interval, begin with 1.

when finished: SIR SMF=OFF



Processor upgrade ...

Tasks before the upgrade ...

- Review / update your z/VSE definitions, e.g.
 - Stop sub-capacity pricing data collection (CMT) before you upgrade
 - Save your CMT files
 - If you use a \$ASIPROC.PROC, add the new CPU id.
 - If you use DASD sharing, initialize the lock file at first IPL
- Review / update z/VM definitions
 - Verify, if the z/VM release is supported on the new processor
 - Review definitions of guest systems
- Review / upgrade vendor definitions
 - Update vendor software before the upgrade, if required
 - Verify license requirements



Processor upgrade ...

- Processor upgrade:
 - Generate the IOCDS for the new processor
 - Define the LPARs on the new processor
 - Configure the terminal sessions, if you use the OSA-Express Integrated Console Controller
 - Configure your OSA-Express devices (on HMC, e.g. CHPID type OSE for SNA or TCP/IP)
 - Verify your settings in a test environment before going into production
- Disk / tape upgrade
 - Check the PSP bucket for the device
 - Install required PTFs, if any
 - Upgrade to the new devices
- Concurrent microcode upgrade for IBM System Storage (tape / disk)
 - Recommendation: shutdown your system, upgrade to microcode, re-ipl



Processor upgrade ...

- Recommendation: Upgrade to new hardware and z/VSE release
 - Avoid an upgrade to new hardware and software in one step
 - 1. Upgrade to new hardware first and run workload in production for some time
 - Verify performance characteristics
 - 2. Upgrade to new z/VSE release
- Consider Architectural Level Set (ALS)
 - z/VSE V5 ALS z9 and later
 - z/VSE 6.1 ALS z10 and later
 - z/VSE 6.2 ALS z114 / z196 and later
 - z/VM 6.4 z114 / z196 and later
 - z/VM 7.1 zBC12 / zEC12 and later
- See the z/VSE hardware and release status information for more details <u>https://www.ibm.com/it-infrastructure/z/zvse-resources</u>



Upgrade to IBM z14 or z14 ZR1

- z14 and z14 ZR1 start IPL in z/Architecture mode, no longer in ESA/390 mode
 - VSE/ESA releases and z/VSE 3.1 can not IPL on z14 and z14 ZR1
 - z/VSE Version 4 releases can only IPL in z/VM 6.4 guests, not in LPAR
 - z/VSE 5.1 need to be on the latest PTF level (UD54170)
 - z/VSE 5.2 and z/VSE Version 6 can run on z14 and z14 ZR1
 - Should be on latest PTF level
- z/VSE PSP for z14 ZR1: Upgrade 3907DEVICE, Subset 3907/ZVSE http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=isg1 3907DEVICE 3907-ZVSE
- z/VM PSP for z14 ZR1: Upgrade 3907DEVICE, Subset 3907/ZVM http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=isg1 3907DEVICE 3907-ZVM



Concurrent microcode upgrade of IBM System Storage

- Please consult your device documentation.
- Recommendation for IBM Disk Storage:
 - (E)CKD disks: z/VSE strongly recommends to shutdown the z/VSE system prior to the microcode upgrade for local disks, and also if remote disks are coupled via PPRC.
 - **FCP-attached SCSI disks:** z/VSE does not support concurrent microcode upgrade for FCP-attached SCSI disks.
 - That is, please shutdown the z/VSE system(s), do the upgrade and-re-IPL the z/VSE system(s).
 This includes all dependent z/VSE systems (e.g. systems that use the same lock file).
- Recommendation for IBM Tape Storage:
 - z/VSE with the latest service level supports concurrent microcode upgrade for IBM Tape Storage. z/VSE recommends to take the tape units offline (z/VSE OFFLINE command) prior to the microcode upgrade or use the next maintenance window. Once the upgrade completed, take the tape units online again (z/VSE ONLINE command). Please check with your software vendors (e.g. tape management systems), if they support concurrent microcode upgrade.



Migration from coax-attached to ICC printers

- Printer sessions can be defined to OSA-Express Integrated Console Controller (OSA ICC)
 - OSA-ICC is integrate in z9 and higher (CHPID type OSC)
 - Supports TN3270E and non-SNA DFT
 - No terminal controller required for local terminals
- You may use the IUI dialog (as administrator) to configure a OSA-ICC attached printer
 - Select 2 Resource Definition, now you are on panel "Resource Definition"
 - Select 4 Hardware Configuration and IPL, the you are on the corresponding panel
 - Select 1 Configure Hardware, then you are on "Hardware Configuration: Unit Address List"
 - Press PF6 to add a new address, you are on "Hardware Configuration: Add a device
 - Enter the address(es) of the device and enter a "?" in line "Device name"
 - Press enter, you are prompted for device name, next is panel "Hardware Configuration: Device Group"
 - Select 1 Local non SNA (Terminals/PCs), you are on "Selection list: Devices"
 - On the bottom of the list you see DSC printers, select e.g DSCPRT
 - Press enter, you are on "Hardware Configuration: Non-SNA Terminal List
 - Press PF5 to process the device to be added, back on panel "Hardware configuration: Unit address list"
 - Press PF5 to process (prepare to update IPL, CICS / VTAM definitions),
 you are on "Hardware Configuration: Catalog startup members
 - Press enter to prepare update job, you are on "Job disposition" panel
 - press enter to submit job
 (press enter again, if you have an ICCF member with job name, or change job name and press enter)



Backup your system and data

- Backups should be performed regularly, ... and verify your backups
- Backup utilities
 - "Flashcopy"
 - "ICKDSF PPRC"
 - z/VM DDR
 - VSE/Fastcopy
 - VSE/VSAM IDCAMS
 - Librarian backup
 - VSE/POWER POFFLOAD
 - VTAPE (e.g. via Tivoli Storage Manager IBM Spectrum Protect)
 - ISV tools
 - ...
- Ensure that data is consistent
 - E.g. shutdown partitions that access data, before Fastcopy
 - VSE/VSAM catalog and data space



Multi-Version Measurement (MVM)

- MVM replaces the Migration Pricing Option (MPO) and Single Version Charging (SVC)
- No time limits for running multiple eligible versions of a software program on the same machine
 - VSE/ESA V1 / V2, z/VSE 3.1, z/VSE V4, z/VSE V5, z/VSE V6, in any combination
- E.g. systems with zELC, AEWLC and MWLC pricing are eligible for MVM.
- MVM only possible for versions within same machine. Multiple machines can not be combined.
- MVM web page: https://www.ibm.com/it-infrastructure/z/software/pricing-multi-version-measurement
- Full-capacity clients:
 - No additional requirements
 - Need to request MVM, except SVC systems
 - If one non-subcapacity Version on machine, you will be billed at the highest version price as full capacity.



Multi-Version Measurement (MVM) ... & SCRT

- Sub-capacity clients
 - Pay for the combined MSUs (concurrent peak) at the latest version price.
 - Sub-Capacity Reporting Tool (SCRT) requirement:
 - Latest SCRT tool (Java)
 - Command line interface
 - Java-version, 32- and 64-bit Java supported on Windows & Linux
 - Download: https://www.ibm.com/it-infrastructure/z/software/pricing-tools
 - Sample on how to automate the SCRT process (data transfer, REXX tool)
 ftp://public.dhe.ibm.com/eserver/zseries/zos/vse/pdf3/zVSE_Samples.pdf
 - White paper "Using SCRT with z/VSE Best Practices"
 https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSB27H 6.2.0/technical articles and whitepapers.html
 - IBM Z software pricing (licensing, tools, resources, ...) https://www.ibm.com/it-infrastructure/z/software/pricing



z/VSE Release / Version upgrade

- Planning tasks
 - Verify requirements for new release / version (see z/VSE Planning book for details)
 - e.g. required hardware (processor, installation medium)
 - Check PSP buckets
 - Upgrade ZVSE620, Subset BASEAPAR http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=isg1_ZVSE620_BASEAPAR
 - Upgrade ZVSE620, Subset OPT-APAR http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=isg1_ZVSE620_OPT-APAR
 - Check, if Recommend Service Level (RSL) available on z/VSE preventive service page http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=isg3T1027465
 - Get an MSHP retrace of your system (to get list of installed products and service levels)
 - Use the latest service level of your target release / version
 - Order z/VSE release and optional products from IBM Shopz https://www-304.ibm.com/software/shopzseries/ShopzSeries_public.wss
 - Contact your vendors, if software updates are required
 - Update the vendor software before the FSU migration, if possible
 - Decide on a migration via Fast Service Upgrade (FSU) or initial installation
 - o z/VSE Version 5 to Version 6 require an initial installation
 - o z/VSE 6.1 to z/VSE 6.2 can be upgraded via initial installation or FSU



z/VSE Release / Version upgrade

- Data migration
 - Use the utilities provided by the product / component
 - Migration from ECKD to SCSI, see paper z/VSE SCSI Support and Migration Options
 https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSB27H 6.2.0/technical articles and whitepapers.html

 Possibility to setup mixed ECKD / SCSI or SCSI only environments
 - Initial installation:
 - Migrate batch environment (jobs, settings, procedures, ...)
 - Migrate your CICS environment (SIT, recompile CICS tables / exits, ...)
- Obtain software licenses for IBM and ISV products, if required
 - New z/VSE versions require new licenses
 - TCP/IP for z/VSE Version 2 and the corresponding GPS feature require new licenses
 - License need to be acquired via Shopz, before you get a new key
- Post migration tasks
 - Create a standalone dump tape or disk
- Detailed upgrade information in paper: z/VSE Release and Hardware Upgrade https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSB27H 6.2.0/technical articles and whitepapers.html



CICS on z/VSE

- z/VSE 4.2 was the last release with 2 CICS releases
 - CICS/VSE 2.3 and CICS TS for VSE/ESA 1.1
- CICS/VSE 2.3
 - z/VSE 4.3: CICS/VSE can not be used with DL/I
 - Can not run on z/VSE Version 5 and Version 6
 - End of service since October 2012
- CICS TS for VSE/ESA 1.1
 - Can not run on z/VSE Version 6
 - End of service October 31, 2018
- CICS TS for z/VSE 2.1 for z/VSE 6.1
 - Latest release level to migrate DTSECTXN (transaction security into BSM Control File
 - Can not run on z/VSE Version 5 and z/VSE 6.2
 - End of service June 30, 2019
- CICS TS for z/VSE 2.2 for z/VSE 6.2
 - DTSECTXN not supported
 - Can not run on z/VSE Version 5 and z/VSE 6.1



CICS Migration Documentation

- IBM Redbook: Migration to CICS TS for z/VSE http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/Redbooks.nsf/RedbookAbstracts/sg248390.html?Open
- CICS Migration Guide Migration from CICS/VSE to CICS TS for z/VSE (VSE/ESA)
 - PDF Library on CICS TS for z/VSE Knowledge Center https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/en/SSECAB 2.2.0/welcome.html
- CICS Enhancements Guide
 - PDF Library on z/VSE 6.2 Knowledge Center
 https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/en/SSB27H 6.2.0/pdfs 6.2.0 neu.html



z/VSE Version 6: TCP/IP upgrade

- TCP/IP products (IBM TCP/IP for z/VSE, IBM IPv6/VSE) are preinstalled
 - If you order z/VSE V6, you need to select the TCP/IP product you want to use
 - Please delete the TCP/IP product, you don't have a license for.
 - o Run the delete jobs (DELTCPIP, DELIPV6) located in ICCF lib 59
- New IBM IPv6/VSE release (z/VSE 6.1: IBM IPv6/VSE 1.2, z/VSE 6.2: IBM IPv6/VSE 1.3)
 - IBM IPv6/VSE is installed in sublibrary PRD2.TCPIPB
- New IBM TCP/IP for z/VSE Version 2
 - A new version requires a new license key for the Application Pak and the GPS feature
 - To be requested from the IBM Key Center, cover letter holds contact information
 - IBM TCP/IP for z/VSE is installed in sublibrary PRD2.TCPIPC
- Please verify the LIBDEF chain of your TCP/IP startup job. It has to include the sublibrary
 - Of the TCP/IP product
 - That contains the customer information and license key
 E.g. for IBM TCP/IP for z/VSE, that is the CUSTDEF.PHASE and PRODKEYS.PHASE
 - Otherwise you will get message: IPN110E Product key validation failed for Stack reason=GETKNFNB and the job terminates.
 - Customer number in CUSTDEF.PHASE has to match with the customer number of your key order.



z/VSE 6.2 Compatibility

- Architectural Level Set (ALS) to z114 / z196
- Tape delivery dropped with z/VSE 6.2
 - z/VSE will be delivered on DVD or electronically via Shopz
- z/VSE 6.2 can not be installed on 3380 disks (or 3390 in 3380 track compatibility mode)
 - 3380 disks still supported as data disks
- Upgrade to z/VSE 6.2 via initial installation or Fast Service Upgrade (FSU)
 - FSU from z/VSE 6.1 to z/VSE 6.2 only
 - FSU not supported from z/VSE V5 or if system disks are on 3380
 - z/VSE 6.2 upgrade will fail, if z/VSE not on z114 / z196 or higher



z/VSE 6.2 Compatibility ...

- CICS TS for z/VSE 2.2
 - Replaces CICS TS for z/VSE 2.1 (not supported on z/VSE 6.2)
 - SIT need to be recompiled
 - Recommendation: Recompile / relink CICS tables from earlier
 - TCPIPSERVICE need to be redefined
- CICS transactions no longer protected via DTSECTXN table
 - DTSECTXN table entries to be migrated to Basic Security Manager (BSM) control file
- IBM IPv6/VSE 1.3 replaces IBM IPv6/VSE 1.2 (not supported on z/VSE 6.2)
- IBM TCP/IP for z/VSE 2.2 replaces IBM TCP for z/VSE 2.1 (not supported on z/VSE 6.2)
- Starting with z/VSE V6.1, z/VSE is shipped as English version only.



Upgrade to a supported z/VSE release

- Please upgrade to a supported z/VSE release to get the latest software service, hardware exploitation and functionality
 - z/VSE 6.1 planned end of service (eos): June 30, 2019
- Currently supported releases: z/VSE 6.1 and 6.2
 - **z/VSE 6.1** requires an initial installation and supports z10 and higher
 - z/VSE 6.2 supports z114 / z196 and higher
 - FSU from z/VSE 6.1 supported
- Multi-Version Measurement (MVM): https://www.ibm.com/it-infrastructure/z/software/pricing-multi-version-measurement
- z/VSE release & hardware upgrade white paper available:
 https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSB27H 6.2.0/technical articles and whitepapers.html
- CICS TS for z/VSE V2 migration aspects in CICS TS for z/VSE Enhancements Guide: https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSB27H 6.2.0/pdfs 6.2.0 neu.html



More tips

- Spooled 3800 printers for CICS partitions
 - In rare cases there may be a problem during CICS initialization
 - o Symptom: CICS abends, hardwait FED or FFF
 - Trigger: ASSGN SYSLST to spooled 3800 printer device type
 - Resolution: ASSGN SYSLST to another printer device type, such as PRT1.
- Quiesce / shutdown signal in z/VSE
 - To be enabled at IPL with SYS QUIESCE
 - Signal-quiesce event from HMC or z/VM triggers messages

0W01D DO YOU WANT TO CONTINUE SYSTEM SHUTDOWN (WILL BE FORCED AFTER TIMEOUT)? REPLY 'YES' TO ENTER HARD WAIT STATE OR 'NO'

YES = hardwait, NO or no reply = hardwait after predefined time-interval

- IPL delayed because of larger memory
 - More CPU time required for larger memory, because of page frame validation
 - To reduce delays during IPL use only the real memory required for your workload (max. VSIZE, e.g. with NOPDS IPL option)
- Stop long running redisplays, e.g. if you use a filter
 - If you are in redisplay mode, use PF6 (CNCL) to stop redisplay process
- How to include TCP/IP messages into the Online Message File (OME)
 - See blog entry https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/community/blogs/vse/entry/How to include TCP IP messages into the online message file?lang=en



Daylight Saving Time (DST) change with z/VSE

- Time change for Germany on October 27, 2019
- Time change
 - Forward (summer time) has normally no impact, except e.g. for accounting
 - Backward (winter time) could effect subsystem, accounting and logging, ...
- z/VSE recommendation: IPL z/VSE systems for any time changes
- You may use the IPL commands SET ZONEDEF and SET ZONEBDY to switch between standard and daylight local times. IPL is required, however.
- More information on time changes
 - CICS technote: <u>Daylight Savings Time changes effect on CICS</u>
 - z/VSE Hints and Tips: section System Data and Time
 - Technical article: Daylight Savings Time change with z/VSE



z/VSE Service & Support



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- Service and support web page on http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=isg3T1027442
- Hot service news shows important updates on our service and support web pages http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=isg3T1027442#news
- Preventive service: information on
 - Service refreshes
 - PSP buckets
 - Recommended Service Levels (RSLs)
 - Security and system integrity
- Corrective service Latest APARs per z/VSE component
- z/VSE security and system integrity APARs
- CICS TS service status -> http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=isg3T1027422
- IBM Support Guide: https://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=ibm10733923



z/VSE Service & Support ...

- The z/VSE service team may ask for the following material for problem analysis
 - SIR command output
 - Console log
 - Information about hardware / system changes
 - o Did the workload change?
 - O Were any new PTFs / products installed?
 - Did the configuration change (new processor / devices)?
 - Does the problem occur once or multiple times? Is it reproducible?
 - Does the problem occur on the test or production system?
- Upload of customer data requires an IBM id
 - Since May 25, 2018, to meet legal requirements
 - Please see the Enhanced Customer Data Repository (ECuRep) web page

https://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=ibm10739283

- Tape delivery in Shopz is discontinued
 http://www-03.ibm.com/support/techdocs/atsmastr.nsf/WebIndex/FLASH10889
- Please visit the z/VSE hot service news for details
 http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=isg3T1027442



z/VSE Service & Support: New service tool to open PMRs (cases)

- New Support site to replace the IBM Service Request Tool and Retain
- IBM Z software products will migrate to the new Support site this summer. IBM Z hardware later.
- New Support site provides
 - Improved product selection
 - Simplified search
 - Greater visibility into the status of your support cases
 - New Support site URL: http://www.ibm.com/mysupport
- You won't be able to open cases (today called PMRs) until the migration of IBM Z software products is complete.
- Recommendation: Attend Q/A webbinars: https://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=ibm10888373
- Replays: https://mediacenter.ibm.com/media/t/1_3lexsp7e
- Please visit my blog for any news: https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/community/blogs/vse/?lang=en



News, z/VSE status, Documentation, ...



z/VSE 6.2 Hints & Tips

- z/VSE 6.2 Hints & Tips can be downloaded from z//VSE Technical Articles and Whitepapers
 https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/en/SSB27H 6.2.0/technical articles and whitepapers.html
- Some chapters reworked and new information added
 - Examples of new information
 - o "Activate TCP/IP messages in the Online Message File" on page 279
 - "CICS TS CSD Migration" on page 284
 - o "DFHCSDUP Utility" on page 307
 - "Apply PTF from the internet" on page 309
 - "Transferring Tape Image Files to virtual Tape" on page 310
 - "How to define and use auxiliary trace file B" on page 314
 - Information related to z/VSE 6.2



z/VSE Resources - status

- z/VSE release on https://www.ibm.com/it-infrastructure/z/zvse-resources
 - Supported z/VSE release, PDF includes supported hardware
 - o z/VSE adapters and crypto
 - o IBM storage
 - IBM Z servers

Version.Release	Date available	Withdrawal from Marketing effective (1)	Withdrawal from Service effective	Minimum z/VM level (2
→ <u>z/VSE V6.2</u>	12/01/2017 Announcement	TBD	TBD	z/VM V5.4
→ <u>z/VSE V6.1</u>	11/27/2015 Announcement	12/01/2017 Announcement	06/30/2019 Announcement	z/VM V5.4
→ <u>z/VSE V5.2</u>	04/25/2014 Announcement	03/13/2017 Announcement	10/31/2018 Announcement	z/VM V5.4



z/VSE Resources - status ...

z/VSE server support						
IBM z Systems, IBM System z, zSeries and S/390 Server	z/VSE V6.2	z/VSE V6.1	z/VSE V5.2			
IBM z14 ZR1 (1)	Yes	Yes	Yes (4)			
IBM z14 (1)	Yes	Yes	Yes (4)			
IBM z13s (1)	Yes	Yes	Yes			
IBM z13 (1)	Yes	Yes	Yes			
IBM zEnterprise BC12 (1)	Yes	Yes	Yes			
IBM zEnterprise EC12 (1)	Yes	Yes	Yes			
IBM zEnterprise 114	Yes	Yes	Yes			
IBM zEnterprise 196	Yes	Yes	Yes			
IBM zEnterprise BladeCenter Extension (zBX) - IEDN Support	Yes (2,3)	Yes (2,3)	Yes (2,3			
IBM System z10 BC	No	Yes	Yes			
IBM System z10 EC	No	Yes	Yes			
IBM System z9 EC (formerly z9-109)	No	No	Yes			
IBM System z9 BC	No	No	Yes			
zSeries 990, 890	No	No	No			
zSeries 900, 800	No	No	No			
S/390 Parallel Enterprise Server G5/G6	No	No	No			
S/390 Multiprise 3000	No	No	No			



z/VSE Resources - status ...

- z/VSE unsupported releases on https://www.ibm.com/it-infrastructure/z/zvse-resources
 Supported z/VSE release, PDF includes supported hardware

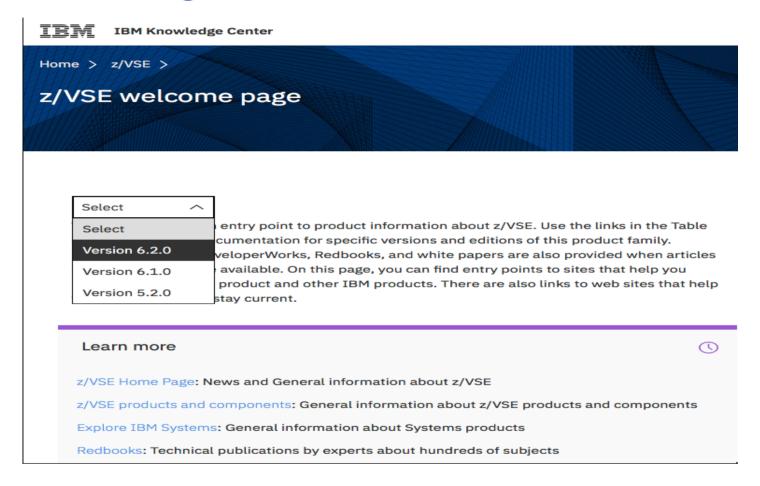
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IBM z14 ZR1 (7)	Yes (8)	LPAR: No z/VM: Yes (6, 9)	No	No	No	No	No
IBM z14 (7)	Yes (8)	LPAR: No z/VM: Yes (6, 9)	No	No	No	No	No
IBM z13s (7)	Yes	Yes (6)	Yes (4)	Yes (4)	No (2)	No (2)	No (2)
IBM z13 (7)	Yes	Yes (6)	Yes (4)	Yes (4)	No (2)	No (2)	No (2)
IBM zEnterprise BC12 (7)	Yes	Yes (6)	Yes (4)	Yes (4)	No (2)	No (2)	No (2)
IBM zEnterprise EC12 (7)	Yes	Yes (6)	Yes (4)	Yes (4)	No (2)	No (2)	No (2)
IBM zEnterprise 114	Yes	Yes (6)	Yes (4)	Yes (4)	No (2)	No (2)	No (2)
IBM zEnterprise 196	Yes	Yes (6)	Yes (4)	Yes (4)	No (2)	No (2)	No (2)
IBM System z10 EC	Yes	Yes (6)	Yes (6)	Yes (4)	Yes (4)	No (2)	No (2)
IBM System z10 BC	Yes	Yes	Yes (4)	Yes (4)	No (2)	No (2)	No (2)
IBM System z9 EC (formerly z9-109)	Yes	Yes	Yes (4)	Yes (4)	No (2)	No (2)	No (2)
IBM System z9 BC	Yes	Yes	Yes (4)	Yes (4)	No (2)	No (2)	No (2)



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 - Available for download in IBM Publication Center https://www-05.ibm.com/e-business/linkweb/publications/servlet/pbi.wss
 - Electronic only, not on physical DVD
 - z/VSE 6.2 Collection Kit: SK3T-8348-15
- Documentation of z/VSE releases z/VSE Internet Library on http://www.ibm.com/systems/z/os/zos/bkserv/vse.html
- z/VSE Knowledge Center: http://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSB27H/zvse_welcome.html
 - Link to PDF library (z/VSE documentation)
- CICS TS for z/VSE Knowledge Center: https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSECAB



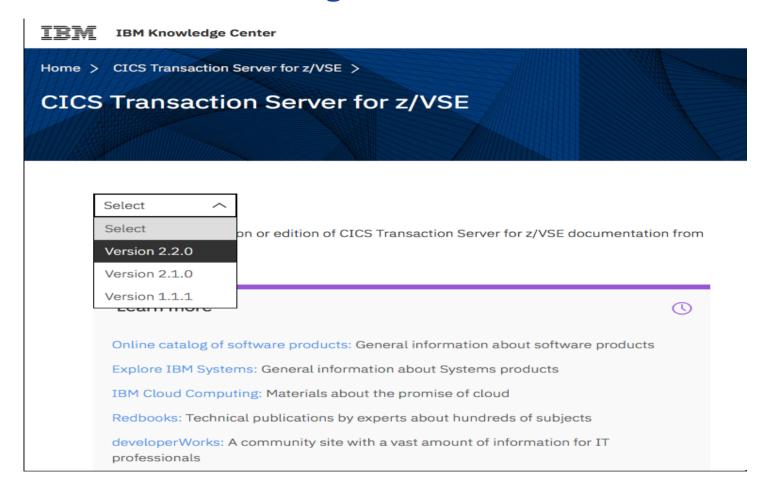
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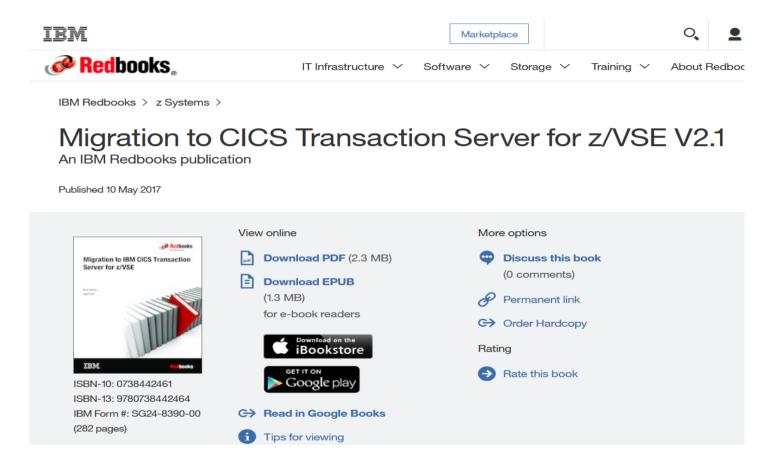
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- You may submit requirements at conferences (GSE, zUniversity, VM Workshop, ...)
- z/VSE requirements via the Request for Enhancements (RFE) database: http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/rfe/
 - Please select the following for z/VSE requirements
 - Brand = Servers and System Software
 - Product family = z Systems Software
 - Product = z/VSE
 - Component = General, z/VSE, VSE/AF, VSE/VSAM, VSE/POWER, VSE Unique Code, ...
 - Operating system = IBM z/VSE
 - Source = Share, IBM user group, IBM Conference, ..., Other
- CICS Transaction Server requirements via the Request for Enhancement (RFE) database: http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/rfe/
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 - Product family = Transaction Processing
 - Product = CICS Transaction Server
 - Component = Runtime or Explorer
 - Operating system = IBM z/VSE



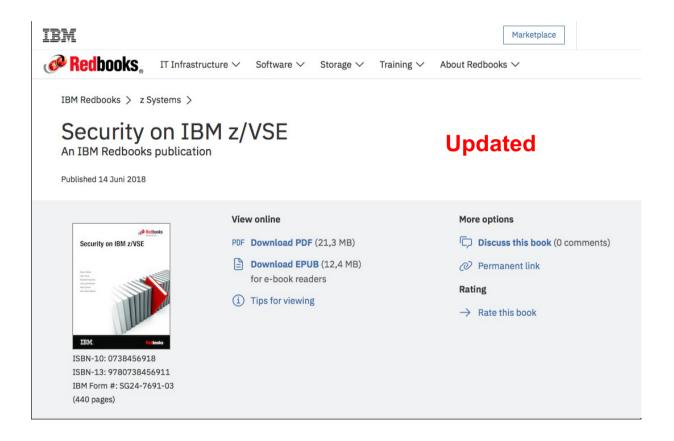
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 - IBM System z Connectivity Handbook, SG24-5444
 - Introduction to the New Mainframe: z/VSE Basics http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/sg247436.html?Open
 - Security on IBM z/VSE updated http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/sg247691.html?Open
 - z/VSE Using DB2 on Linux for System z http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/sg247690.html?Open
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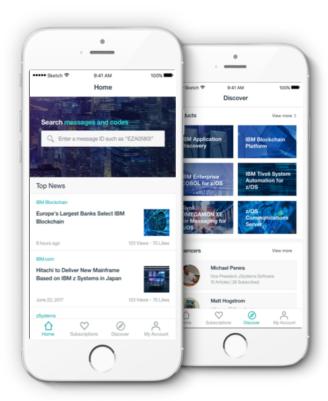
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 - z/VSE z/VM IP assist
 - Parallel Access Volume (PAV) white paper
 -
 - New: Hints and Tips for z/VSE 6.2: http://www.ibm.com/systems/z/os/zvse/documentation/#hints
- Sample code: Transfer SCRT89 records via the Host Transfer File
 - Link in PDF ftp://public.dhe.ibm.com/eserver/zseries/zos/vse/pdf3/zVSE Samples.pdf





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