

# 2026 VM Workshop - VCU

Updated 2026-06-10

Room	1201	1102	2104	2201	2107
	VM	LINUX	VSE	Mixed	LAB
All Times EDT	Wednesday 6/10	Wednesday 6/10	Wednesday 6/10	Wednesday 6/10	Wednesday 6/10
07:30-17:00	Registration Table				
07:30-08:30	Continental Breakfast (Sponsor Area)				
08:15-09:30	VM Workshop Opening (Ecock/Ecock, IBM Speakers) Room 1201				
09:30-09:45	Coffee Break (Sponsor Area)				
09:45-10:45	z/VM Platform Update (Hartmann)	User Experience Setting up Red-Hat Openshift Container Platform Single-Node and Multi-Node (Cohen)	21CS VSEn Secured with MFA (Medakovic)	IBM z/VM Express System Install (Novak, Cross, Horn)	
11:00-12:00	Customer Experiences Implementing Databases on IBM Z and LinuxONE (Simpson)	Introduction to Virtualization with z/VM (Lee)	What's new with 21CS VSEn? (Muelas-Serrano)	Getting a lil' Rust on the Mainframe (Slaughter)	z/VM and Virtualization Hands-on Lab - Choose your own Lab - Part 1 (Lewis)
12:00-13:00	Lunch				
13:00-14:00	GDPS v4.9 Technical Update: New Capabilities for HA, DR, and Cyber Resilience (Cook/Hampton)	Introduction to XEDIT (Vincent)	21CS VSEn 6.4 New Installation, Upgrade and System License Key (Ibikunle)	Optimization and Simplification Tips for Deploying z/VM Products (Jagos)	z/VM and Virtualization Hands-on Lab - Choose your own Lab - Part 2 (Lewis)
14:15-15:15	Modernizing the Mainframe with the Modern Muscle of z/Cobol (Rankin)	Modernizing zLinux DASD storage (Nelson)	Securing 21CS SMDMU (DITTO) ...the right way (Medakovic)	VFILE coming to a Reader Near You (Troth)	z/VM and Virtualization Hands-on Lab - Choose your own Lab - Part 3 (Lewis)
15:15-15:30	Coffee Break (Sponsor Area)				
15:30-16:30	VCU Student Panel (Santalucia)	z/VM I/O Update for 2026 (Horvath)	Monitoring VSE (Smrcina)	Enabling workloads under z/VM for AI (Cross)	z/VM and Virtualization Hands-on Lab - Choose your own Lab - Part 4 (Lewis)
16:45-17:45	Bit Talks with Friends (Bitner, et. al.)	From Installation to Impact: Making IBM Operations Manager, Tape Manager, and Backup & Restore Manager for z/VM Work for You (Forell)	21CS VSEn: SCRT: The process...And How to Review for Correctness (Hall)	Updates on CSI International Development (Rankin)	
18:00-20:30	VM Workshop Banquet Student Commons Building Richmond Salon				
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07:45-08:30	Continental Breakfast (Sponsor Area)				
08:30-09:30	z/VM: Beyond the Horizon (Hartmann)	Build Your Own Linux (Troth)	21CS VSEn Hints and Tips (21CS VSE Support Team)	What's new with the VSE SSH Client Suite (Ferguson)	Linux for IBM Z Installation Hands-on Workshop - Part 1 (Lewis)
09:30-09:45	Coffee Break (Sponsor Area)				
09:45-10:45	Rexx Language Primer (Vincent / Smrcina)	z/VM Memory Management Update (White)	Jumpin' Jack, Flash VSE (Weifenbach/Thigpen)	Standing up and administering a public-access VM/SP system (Novak, et. al.)	Linux for IBM Z Installation Hands-on Workshop - Part 2 (Lewis)
11:00-12:00	Lessons Learned From Being Struck by Lightning - Private Cloud on IBM Z and LinuxONE: How to Create a Stable, Manageable, High-Performance Environment (Novak)	Saying Hello to z/VM V7.5 Security (Hugenbruch)	A Mainframe Update from Germany (Tores)	Solving Customer Problems with Velocity Software (Acker)	Linux for IBM Z Installation Hands-on Workshop - Part 3 (Lewis)
12:00-13:00	Lunch				
13:00-14:00	CMS Pipelines Basics (Barlow)	Deploying Encrypted Filesystems in Linux under z/VM (The CITI Team)	21CS OLTP transaction looping, you can take care of it! (and other enhancements) (Medakovic)	The Evolution of z/VM - 25 years of innovation (White)	
14:15-15:15	GDPS Cyber Resiliency: Securing, Vaulting, and Recovering Critical Data (Cook)	Visualization is Key (Smrcina / Castro)	A Hardware Primer for System Programmers (Altmark)	21CS: Then, Now, Next (Waldrop)	Putting the ME in Mainframe (Goldberg)
15:15-15:30	Coffee Break (Sponsor Area)				
15:30-16:30	Introduction to RACF Administration on z/VM (Vincent)	ZIP Through Install with GetShopz (Capodocci)	21CS VSEn Connectors and VSCoDe - Efficient and modern ways of working with VSEn (Jordinson)	Express Linux Automation and Networking: Ansible and scripting for z/VM (Cross)	A Beginner's Perspective: Q&A With A VCU Student (Castagnola)
16:45-17:45	RACF: The Right Way (Altmark)	Recommendations for Large-Scale Linux Deployment on LinuxONE (Hartmann)	VSE's Blueprint for Achieving Formula One Success (Dougherty)	CMS Shared File System Administration (Smrcina)	EMMA: A New Mainframe Education and Apprenticeship Engagement Model (Brown)
	Dinner on your own				
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08:30-09:30	z/VM - KVM - OpenShift Virtualization: Hypervisor choices for IBM Z (Weigand)	IBM Cloud Infrastructure Center (IIC): Core Architecture and Recent Advancements (Becker)	Introduction to z17 Channel Performance Management (Ross)	Git for VMers (Wills)	21CS VSEn Hands-on-Lab - Part1 (Ibikunle)
09:30-09:45	Coffee Break (Sponsor Area)				
09:45-10:45	ZTRUST (Troth/Hugenbruch)	Solutions for Real Customer Challenges Managing z/VM and Linux (Dean)	GDPS Overview: Availability, Disaster Recovery, and Cyber Resiliency for z/OS, z/VM, and Linux on Z (Cook)	IBM Stories: Innovation from Passion (Bitner)	21CS VSEn Hands-on-lab - Part 2 (Jordinson)
11:00-12:00	Keys to the Kingdom: Managing Cryptographic Resources on z/VM (Hugenbruch/Horvath)	Networking with the z/VM Virtual Switch (Altmark)	21CS SDB (DB2) Client Supporting up to 60 Character Length Password (Haggen)	Unlocking VSEn Data for Real Time Operational Use Cases and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Leverage and Acceleration (Bulanov)	
12:00-13:00	Lunch				
13:00-14:00	Networking on IBM z17 with EQDIO and z/VM: What it Means for You (Lee)	A high-level View of TCP/IP Version 4 Networking (Cohen)	21CS VSEn AI ChatBot - on your premises and supervised by you! (Muelas-Serrano)	Mainframe Evolution: Securing, Monitoring, and Scaling with Next-Gen Open Source (Santalucia)	(B.Y.O.D) Hands-on Lab: Managing z/VM and Linux on IBM Z or LinuxONE (Dean)
14:15-15:15	From Setup to Insight: Building a Complete z/VM Performance Monitoring Pipeline (Porell)	Python, a GUI, openSSH, and an SSH Server for CMS (Ferguson)	21CS Customer Portal (Barnes)	This LinuxONE Security Session was Generated by AI (Hugenbruch)	Operational Monitoring and Automation of Multiple z/VM LPARs with Linux Guests (Dean)
	VM Workshop Close Room 1201				
	Post Workshop Committee Meeting				
** Sessions, times and/or presenters may change **					
	User session	Lab Session	New to Z	Common	Vendor Session