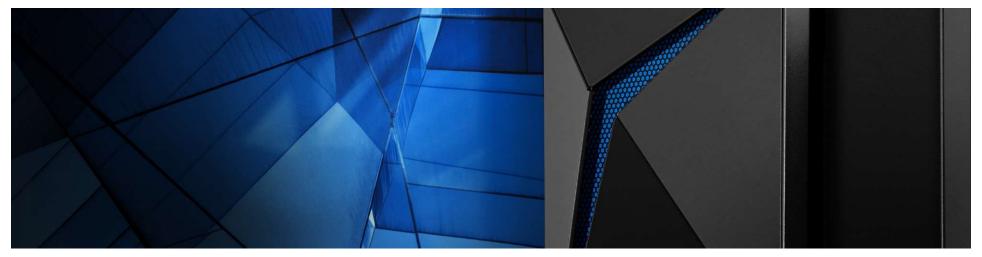


z/OS Product Documentation: Content by Design

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Agenda

What drives our changes

- Design Thinking and Agile methodology
- Customer feedback

Information currency

- Continuous delivery
- Hot Topics now digital

Information search

- z/OS Search Catalogs V2.0
- z/OS Adobe Indexed PDF Collections
- Look@ Knowledge Center
- LookAt API in KC4z
- Search tool demos

Content solutions

- Components of a content solutions
- Example content solutions and demos
- Comprehensive content collections (c3)
- Workflows

And lastly...

- "zfavorites"
- We want your feedback!



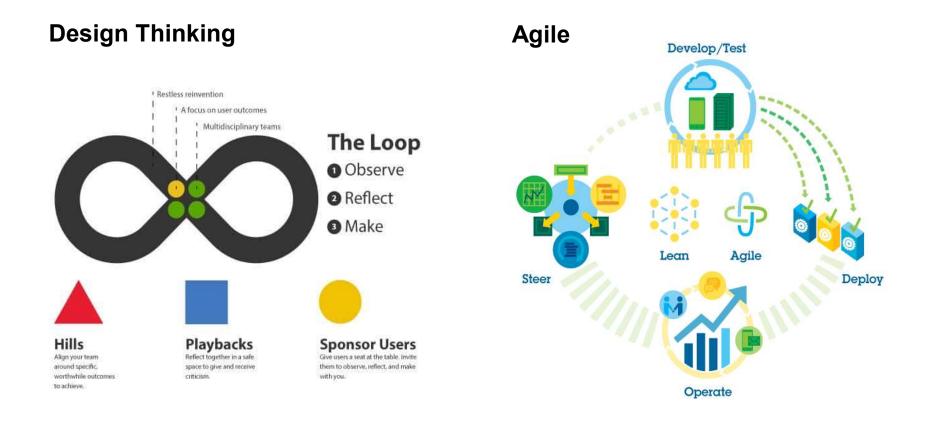


WHAT DRIVES OUR CHANGES



Transforming Our Information

Two driving forces to transformation:





Customer Feedback

You spoke, we listened. This presentation provides an update on how we're responding to your feedback by taking actions on what's important to you.

Customer feedback has these main recurring themes

- Information currency
 - Do I have access to the latest information?
 - Can I get notified when content changes?
- Information search
 - Do I have everything I need?
 - Can you make searches more targeted?
 - Can I find everything I need, even if I don't know what to search for?

At the most recent SHARE conference, we held a session just to talk with users and get their feedback.



Requirements on KC

Requirement	Status
When content is removed there should be a built in redirect to the latest version of the documentation at the topic level.	Open
Incorporate the LookAT Algorithm into KC Hosted and KCCI	Complete
Automatically Provide a Knowledge Center wide search if searching within a scope returns no hits	In progress
Make Displaying the TOC the default	Complete
z/OS Customer Requirement to Search at the Book Level and once in the book, do additional searches within that book	In progress
Provide the "Book Title" in KC Search Results Abstract	In progress
Information Provisioning and Information Currency for KCCI	In progress
Ability for the Customer and ISV to Publish their Content / Custom Content in KCCI	In progress
Ability to Create Predefined Persistent Search Scopes (aka Collections) in a Published KC Instance	Open



INFORMATION CURRENCY



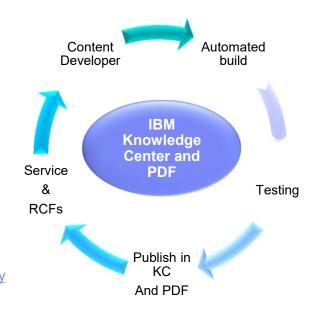
Continuous Delivery

z/OS information in both IBM Knowledge Center and corresponding PDFs can be updated weekly

- Replaces quarterly refreshes, with V2R3
- Can better align with availability of new function

Notifications can be sent about updates

 Subscribe to the z/OS library PDFs in Resource Link https://www.ibm.com/servers/resourcelink/svc00100.nsf/pages/zOSV2R3Library



Before V2R3	Now
 Deliver regularly but infrequently Minimum: 3 months (if meets criteria) Maximum: 2 years (release boundary) 	 Deliver on demand Can deliver approved updates the next day KC refreshed every week
No notification of updates	Notification of updates to PDFs



Hot Topics

FEEDBACK

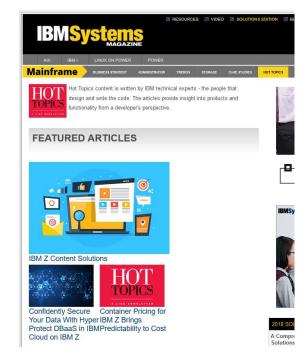
"We love Hot Topics and would like to receive articles year round versus an annual printed issue."

SOLUTION

z/OS Hot Topics content has gone digital. Benefits:

 Timely, continuous delivery of relevant information (announcements, new features) to customers IBM z/OS Hot Topics digital content is distributed and shared across five* popular Mainframe channels on a continuous delivery cycle.

URL: http://ibmsystemsmag.com/mainframe/hot-topics/





INFORMATION SEARCH



Improving Search

- The default search scope for content in IBM Knowledge Center is at the product release level, so you're searching **all of V2R3** every time. This works well for smaller libraries, but not for z/OS.
- We heard your concerns and developed some additional search tools:
- z/OS Search Catalogs V2.0
 - Lets users search at the element library or individual book level
- z/OS Adobe Indexed PDF Collections
 - Now available for all z/OS V2Rx releases.
- Look@ Knowledge Center
 - This new version works with IBM Knowledge Center against any IBM message in any product
- LookAt API for KC4z
 - Provides powerful search for messages and commands in local KC4z repositories.



Improving Search: z/OS Search Catalogs V2

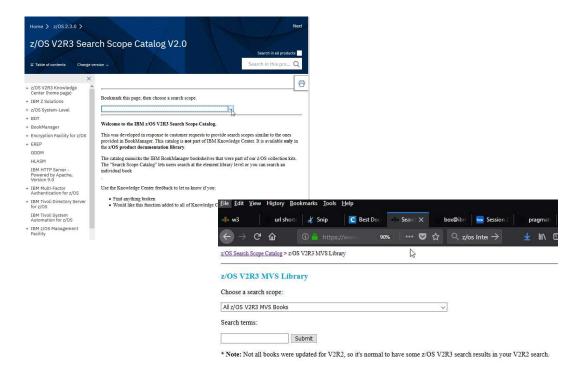
■ The search catalogs are back! An underlying change in search technology had broken the first (experimental) search catalogs. Version 2.0 of the catalogs fixes the problem.

■ The search catalog lets users narrow the search to a element library or an individual book.

There are direct links to each catalog from the z/OS Internet Library page

https://ibm.biz/BdYsTv







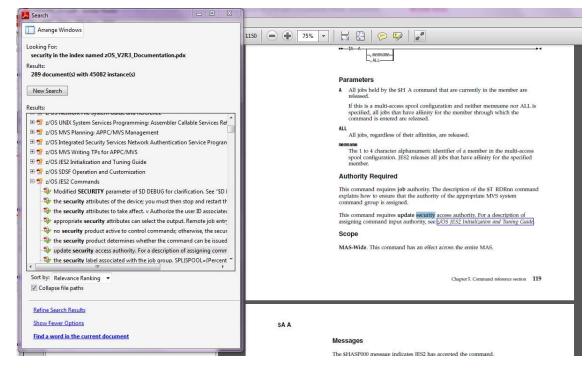
Improving Search: Adobe Indexed PDF Collections

- These collections are all of the PDF files for a release that have been indexed with the industry standard Acrobat Search packaged in a single ZIP file for easy download and use offline.
- Each collection has a master index that lists book titles with a link to the corresponding PDF

 These collections replace traditional softcopy collections but provide a very familiar search experience where search results are displayed in book and library context so users can better choose the content they want.

New:

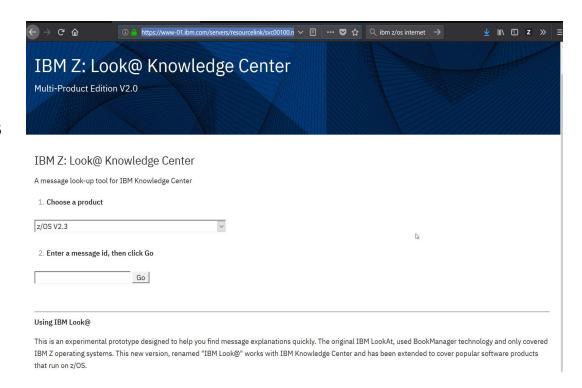
- Collection kits are now available for z/OS V2R1-3 and V1R12-13
- All kits can be downloaded from the z/OS Internet Library
- https://ibm.biz/BdYsTv





Improving Search: Look@ Knowledge Center

- A new message and reference lookup facility
- Works across all products in Knowledge Center
- Uses KC on the Internet, so the information is always current
- https://ibm.biz/BdYswf





Improving search: LookAt API in Knowledge Center for z/OS

- Uses:
 - Standalone installations of z/OS where no Internet access is allowed in the same room with the system
 - Enterprise repository of documentation for disaster recovery
 - Local copy of the library in case Internet access is lost
- Not the same as KC hosted
- Released in z/OS V2R2; for V2R3 added the "LookAt" API for messages and commands, which provides functionality similar to the old LookAt search facility.
- For configuration and usage information, see IBM Knowledge Center for z/OS
 Configuration and User Guide (https://www.ibm.com/servers/resourcelink/svc00100.nsf/pages/zOSV2R3sc276805)
- Download plugins: https://ibm.biz/BdYsTv



Demo of some new search tools



CONTENT SOLUTIONS



Why do we need something different?

- With traditional information, content is often scattered throughout the z/OS library
- There is no clear starting point and no easy way to find everything I need.



Feedback: (from a recent ESP)

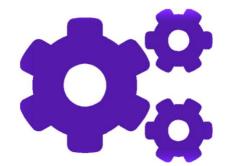
"...There's at least 3 different places for documentation...Would it be possible to get a comprehensive documentation?"

"Would like a single source for all planning, enablement, using, etc..."

"...There's no clear work flow to configure all of these parts."



IBM Z Content Solutions



An IBM Z content solution contains all of the information that a client needs to successfully understand and implement a function, feature or product solution. It covers all aspects of the client experience, and is created using Design Thinking with customer validation.

A high-value, comprehensive, deliverable, comprised of one or more solution components, developed using agile methodologies with frequent stakeholder validation.

- Comprehensive Content Collection (c3)
- Integrated user interface text and help
- Workflows
- Digital media, social and print
- Multimedia
- Mobile applications

Content Solution Components



Comprehensive Content Collection (c3)

End-to-end collection of information in one comprehensive view



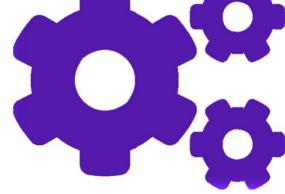
Workflows

A series of guided steps in z/OSMF



User interface text and help

The best place for content is in the user interface itself!





Multimedia

Video, podcasts



Digital media, social, and print

Articles Redbooks Hot Topics Tutorials
Blogs Technotes Developer works Whitepapers



Example Content Solution: Container Pricing

Value statement

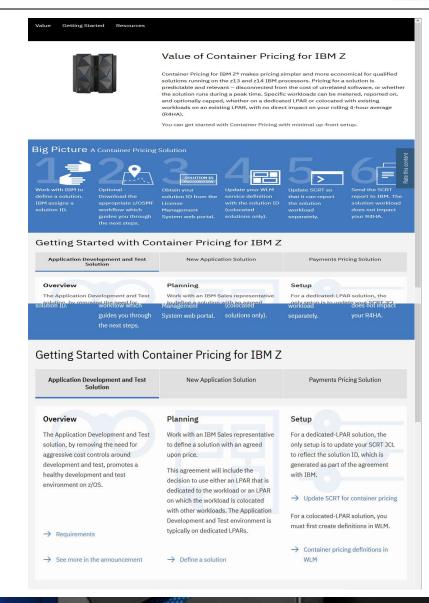
Container Pricing for IBM Z makes pricing simpler and more economical for qualified solutions running on the z13 and z14 processors. Pricing for a solution is predictable and relevant – disconnected from the cost of unrelated software, or whether the solution runs during a peak time.

- **Big Picture**Simple, graphical description
- Getting Started
 - Application Dev & Test solution
 - New Application solution
 - Payments Pricing solution
- Content Solution Components
 - Web page
 - c3, videos, workflows

Additional Resources

- Videos, podcast, website, blogs, & more

https://izswebpage.mybluemix.net/cp/containerpricing.html





Example Content Solution: Pervasive Encryption for IBM Z

Value statement

Pervasive encryption is a consumable approach to enable extensive encryption of data in-flight and at-rest to substantially simplify encryption and reduce costs associated with protecting data and achieving compliance mandates.

Getting Started

- z/OS Data Set Encryption
- z/OS Coupling Facility Encryption
- z/OS Encryption Readiness Technology

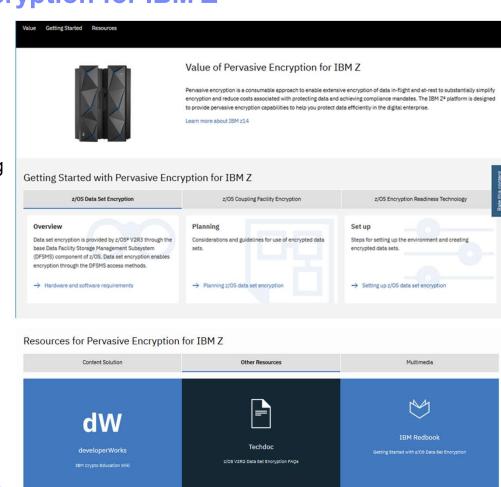
Content Solution Components

- Web page in Knowledge Center
- c3
- Hot Topics (planned)
- Podcast (planned)

Additional Resources

- Videos, Redbooks, wiki, and more

https://izswebpage.mybluemix.net/pe/pervasive.html





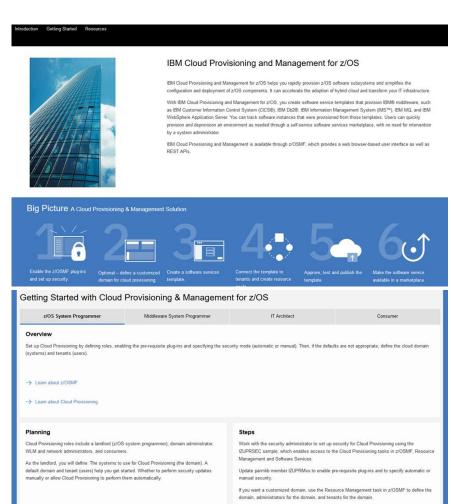
Example Content Solution: Cloud Provisioning and Management

Value statement

IBM Cloud Provisioning and Management for z/OS helps you rapidly provision z/OS software subsystems and simplifies the configuration and deployment of z/OS components. Use it to improve the agility of your DevOps team, integrate z/OS into your hybrid cloud, and transform your IT infrastructure.

- Big Picture
 Simple, graphical description
- Getting Started
 - z/OS system programmer
 - Z/OS middleware system programmer
 - IT architect
 - Consumer
- Additional Resources
 - c3, Redbooks, blogs, free trial, video, & more

https://izswebpage.mybluemix.net/cpm/cloudprovisioning.html



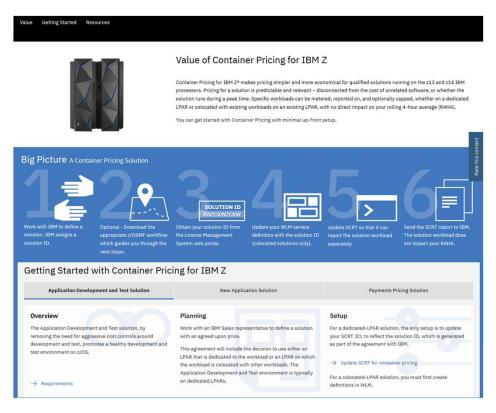


Demo of some new content solutions



We want your feedback on solutions!

- Use Rate this content on the content solutions web pages to tell us what us what you think of content solutions.
- If you want to start a dialog, provide your email address so that we can get back to you.



- https://izswebpage.mybluemix.net/pe/pervasive.html
- https://izswebpage.mybluemix.net/cp/containerpricing.html
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Comprehensive Content Collection (c3)

- One-stop-shop in the Knowledge Center for all of the technical content about a function.
- Begins with a value statement and getting started information.
- Combines information across z/OS elements and products.

About the Container Pricing for IBM Z® Content Solution

What is Container Pricing for IBM Z®?

Container pricing scenario

- Step 1: Work with IBM Sales to define a solution and get a Solution ID
- Step 2: For a colocated solution, create Container Pricing definitions in WLM
- Step 3: For a colocated solution, WLM, RMF and SMF track and record solutio
- Step 4: For either a colocated or dedicated solution, use SCRT to collect billing

Requirements for Container Pricing for IBM Z

Setting up a colocated Container Pricing solution
WLM definitions for a colocated Container Pricing solution

- Some WLM basics for Container Pricing
 - Defining tenant report classes
 - Defining tenant resource groups
 - Defining resource groups

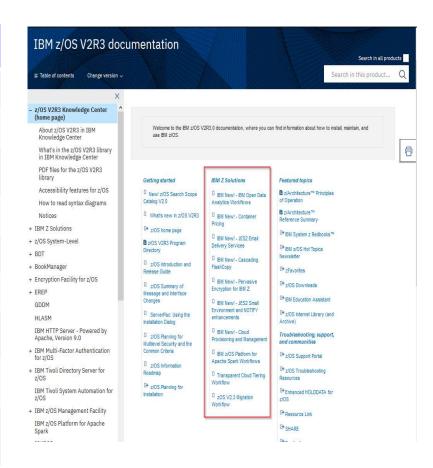


Container Pricing c3

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Index of IBM Z c3s

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JES2 Small Env. & NOTIFY	TOC	PDF
Pervasive Encryption	TOC	PDF
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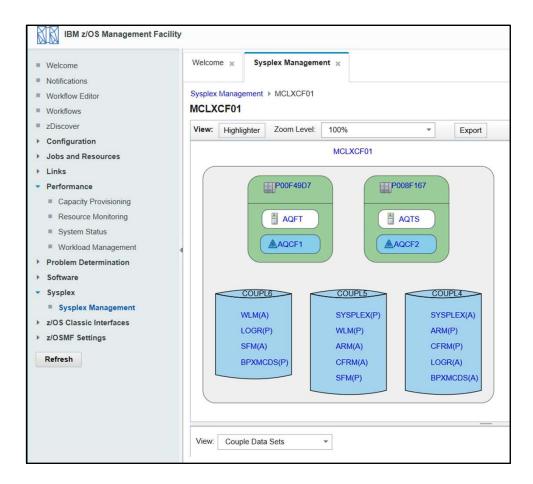
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z/OSMF Workflows

z/OSMF:

- Web-based interface
- Helpful for people new to z/OS
 - Familiar modern UI
 - Wizards, tool tips, and other user assistance help them get started quickly
- Also helpful for expert users
 - Growing set of function not available through the green screen
 - Sysplex management
 - Cloud Provisioning

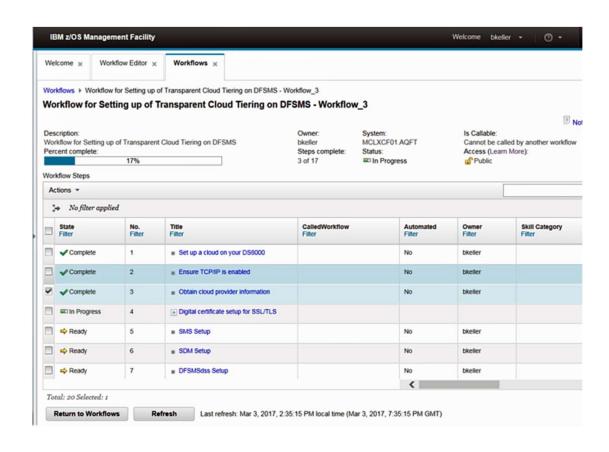




z/OSMF Workflows

- Guided set of steps
 that helps you perform an activity on z/OS, such as installing or configuring a software product or managing a z/OS resource.
- Track progress and assign work to others while maintaining a single overall view of the task.





z/OSMF Workflows

- Create using the z/OSMF workflow editor
- Delivered in XML
- Consumed by the z/OSMF Workflows task
- Can include automation that accomplishes work on your behalf
- Available on GitHub at https://github.com/IBM/IBM-ZzOS/tree/master/zOS-Workflow

Container Pricing for IBM Z

- Implementing a dedicated LPAR solution
- Implementing a collocated solution

IBM Platform for Apache Spark

- Installation and configuration
- Tuning and allocating resources
- Set up the z/OSMF Mainframe Data Services.

IBM Open Data Analytics for z/OS

- Installation and configuration
- Tuning and allocating resources

Transparent Cloud Tiering

- Setting up transparent cloud tiering

XCF – Upgrading a Coupling Facility

- Push/pull of a CPC
- POR of a CPC on which a coupling facility image resides
- Disruptive coupling facility upgrade.

z/OS Migration Workflows

- z/OS V2.3, z/OS V2.2, and z/OS V2.1

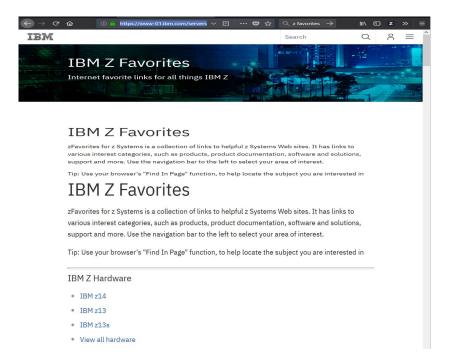


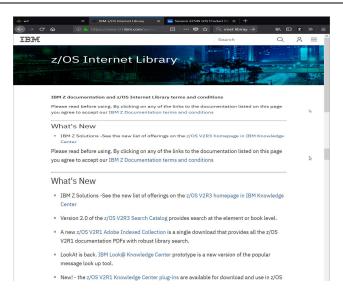
AND LASTLY...



Fast Path to z/OS Documentation

- Google "<u>zfavorites</u>" and take the top link
- Provides links to the z/OS Internet Library and all things "z"





- What's new in information
- Direct links into each release of z/OS in Knowledge Center
- A link for searching each release at the element and book level
- Links to the PDF download page where you can download single books
- A link to our newest collection: The Adobe Indexed PDF Collection SC27-8430
- Links to the library archives



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