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VSE/ESA 2.6/2.7 VSAM Redirector

The VSAM Redirector is a new VSE/ESA connector, introduced with VSE/ESA 2.6. The VSAM Redirector allows you to redirect all requests to a certain VSAM file into any other file system or database on any other (Javaenabled) platform. VSE/ESA is the client, while the server part runs on any other Java-enabled platform like Windows or Linux on zSeries.



For example you could use the VSAM Redirector to synchronize a VSAM file with a DB2 database running on a Windows or Linux on S/390 or zSeries. By using the VSAM Redirector your existing VSAM programs doesn't require any revisions.

The VSAM Redirector makes use of a so called VSAM Data Access Exit (VDA). This exit intercepts all VSAM requests. The exit gets control at OPEN, CLOSE, and for all data requests (GET, PUT, INSERT,...).

A configuration table is used to define which VSAM files are being "redirected". The VSAM Redirector Client on VSE forwards all requests against a redirected file to the VSAM Redirector Server which then handles the request.

The VSAM Redirector Server is a Java application. It can run on any Java enabled platform.

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Setup in a VSAM Redirector environment



The setup for a VSAM Redirector environment:

On Windows

- Setup Redirector server
- Adjust the handler(s) for data manipulation

On VSE:

- choose the VSAM files to be redirected
- define the options in the Configuration phase
 - define the type of redirection

- local (Vendor Exit)

- remote (Redirector client)
- for remote redirection choose
 - Synchronization
 - pure remote work



Chapter 1. Software prerequisites for Windows



STEP1.1: Verification if Java environment installed

To install the VSE Connector Client, a Java Virtual Machine (JVM) must be installed in Windows.

The JVM can be installed in different flavors.

*To just run Java programs, the JRE 1.3.x or later is needed (Java Runtime Environment),

 $\mbox{*to}$ develop/compile Java programs, JDK 1.3.x or higher is needed (Java Developer Kit, which includes the JRE).

To verify if a Java Virtual Machine is installed, open a Command propmt and enter command:

java -version

You should see something like:

Java version "1.3.1"

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Java}}(\ensuremath{\mathsf{TM}})$ 2 Runtime Environment, Standard Edition

If the messages above are shown go to Chapter 2.

STEP1.2 Install a Java Environment

If following message (or similar) is shown:

java' is not recognized as an internal or external command, operable program or batch file.

then your system has no Java virtual machine (Runtime Environment) installed or it can not be found in the path.

To install a Java Virtual machine download the code from IBM:

http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/java/

or download a SUN Version from http://www.sun.com 6 Install the downloaded JDK 1.3.x. or later.







STEP2.4: Handler specifications

To be able to work via the VSAM access method on VSE (EBCDIC) with data from another platform (ASCII), the most important component is the **Handler**.

Multiple handler can be invoked via the **Redirector server**. The Redirector server and handler are Java components



In the workshop we'll use the HTML Handler.

The description how to use Redirector with a DB2 database is described in <u>Appendix D</u>.

The handler used is stored in directory: C:\vsamredir\com\ibm\vse\htmlhandler and is coded in HtmlHandler.java

The handler needs to know the structure (mapping) of the VSAM record which will be transferred with each request to it. In the Lab, the VSAM Cluster **FLIGHT.ORDERING.ORDERS** and its map **ORDERS_MAP** will be used.

In the HTML handler: C:\vsamredir\com\ibm\vse\htmlhandler\HtmlHandler.java the mapping for the VSAM record is hard coded. The Record Layout of the FLIGHT.ORDERING.ORDERS cluster is defined as follows: Offset Length Type Field Name Description Key _____ 0 20 STRING no FIRST_NAME First Name 20 STRING no LAST_NAME 20 Last Name 40 4 UNSIGNED no FLIGHT_NUMBER Flight Number 44 4 UNSIGNED no SEATS Seats 48 1 BINARY no NON_SMOKE Smoker 0=no The Record length is 49 Bytes The handler will be used as it is shipped in the VSAM redirector package available for free download on the VSE home page. The handler is a program that can be modified and adapted to your private needs. Appendix C shows how to change the HtmlHandler. d vse27 11 Α





We have to setup the Configuration phase (IESRDCFG.PHASE). In this phase we have to define which VSAM cluster should be redirected to which remote location, and optionally decide which requests. For that a skeleton in ICCF Library 59 is shipped, called SKRDCFG It was copied to your primary library. The definitions for the redirected file were extracted into member RDCFGxx were xx is your team ID This was done to be able to build one phase with the settings from all attendees of this workshop. We want to redirect the requests for the: • VSAM cluster: FLIGHT.ORDERING.ORDERS.TEAMxx in VSAM catalog: VSESP.USER.CATALOG ٠ Edit skeleton **RDCFGxx** and change the text in the configuration member. Enter: 1 <enter> (in the left margin of RDCFGxx) Session E - [24 x 80] 8 _ O × Eile Edit View Communication Actions Window Help PRIMARY LIBRARY PAGE 1 of PRIMARY (READ/WRITE): 21 OPTIONS: 1 = EDIT 2 = CHANGE 3 = PRINT 4 = COPY 6 = RENAME 7 = SUBMIT 8 = COMPILE 9 = DISPLAY OPT MEMBER NAME NEW NAME NEW LIB LAST ACCESSED OWNER PASSW PRIVATE 03/10/2004 MILD 03/10/2004 MILD RDCFG01 3=END 4=RETURN 6=ADD MEMBE 9=SORT.DATE 10=SORT.NAME 11=SORT.SIZE 12=LIST QUEU PF1=HELP 6=ADD MEMBER .OCATE MEMBER/LIST QUEUE PREFIX ==> MEMBER PREFIX (PF2) ==> MA e 10/022 Connected to remote server/host 9.82.1.89 using port : IBM 4019 LaserPrinter on LPT1: 14 Enter **CASE M** in the command line to switch to mixed case mode before editing. Change the text as shown below. Please keep track of the mixed case format.

IESRDENT CATALOG='VSESP.USER.CATALOG',	Х
CLUSTER='FLIGHT.ORDERING.ORDERS.TEAM <u>xx</u> ',	х
EXIT='IESREDIR',	х
OWNER=REDIRECTOR,	Х
IP=`x.x.x.x',	Х
HANDLER='com.ibm.vse.htmlhandler.HtmlHandler',	Х
OPTIONS=''	

Replace x.x.x.x with the IP address of your PC. Enter **ipconfig** in a command prompt to find out which IP address has been assigned to your PC.

The most important parameter is **OWNER:**

OWNER=VSAM means the READ requests will be done from the VSAM cluster and the INSERTS will be done to VSAM and to the remote site specified in IP. That means a synchronization takes place.

OWNER=REDIRECTOR means all requests are redirected to the remote site The HANDLER parameter specifies the Java class that should be invoked for this VSAM cluster by the Redirector server on Windows.



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In the Primary library were you changed the member **RDCFG<u>xx</u>** you have a skeleton to compile and check for errors for the settings done. Edit your skeleton **SKRDCFG**. Enter: **1 <CR>** if you want to edit it and look at it. Hit: **PF3** (to save and exit)





Chapter 4. Use a standard program to redirect VSAM requests

STEP4.1: Copy the VSAM file to a remote file (HTML)
Make sure the Redirector server is started on your Windows PC (STEP2.6)
Use IDCAMS REPRO to copy the VSAM file to another VSAM file which is redirected to a remote location. The copy job will transfer all VSAM records to Windows and generate an HTML page via the HTMLHandler.
On the main IUI Panel enter:
(To get there hit PF3 until you see the screen title 'VSE/ESA function selection')
51<Enter>
1 (Edit) for file FOOREPRO

Update the file name with your team number:





Appendix A: Download from the Internet

Open the VSE Homepage with a web browser: http://www-1.ibm.com/servers/eserver/zseries/os/vse/ Click on "Service and Support" on the left side and then on "e-business connectors and utilities".

The page opened contains the VSE Connector Client and other tools and Add-Ons that can be downloaded for free, like VSAM Redirector server.

Navigate to the VSAM Redirector Server which represents the remote component of the VSAM Redirector function.

VSAM Redirector Server Updated: 06/2003 Use your existing applications (e.g. COBOL programs) without any changes, to work with data on any Java-enabled platform. Provides a Java-based server which communicates with the VSAM Redirector Client on VSE.

W-book: IESVSMRD.W in PRD1.BASE Platform: VSE/ESA 2.6 or later

Details and Download

Click on:

Details and Download

The page explains the most important functions of the VSAM Redirector Server and the communication with VSE. It also mentions that a **Java** environment is needed.

To Download latest Code. Cick on: redir270-pq74694.zip (VSE 2.6 and 2.7). The file name may vary since it contains an APAR number. Please make sure you have applied the corresponding APAR on your VSE system.

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Appendix B. Use standard program to redirect VSAM requests

Access the VSAM file with Ditto

Similar to a batch program (Chapter 4), the Redirector can work with a CICS transaction. Here the description how to use DITTO to write to a HTML page on Windows.

Make sure the Redirector server is started on your Windows PC (STEP2.7)

Use **Ditto** to edit a VSAM file. All inserts, and only the inserts, that will be done in VSAM, will be also redirected into a HTML page in Windows.

On the main IUI Panel enter:

(To get there hit PF3 until you see the screen title 'VSE/ESA function selection')





- Change the mode Ditto works in HEX (upper right corner)
 Now from position 39 you can key in the numeric fields
 - Now from position **39** you can key in the numeric fields (two times 4 byte numbers and a binary field that can be 00 or 01 – as the map describes them in *STEP1.8*)



Add as much records as you want and then save the changes.

At the command line hit save or press PF3

The Redirector Console on Windows should show a message that the output.html

B Redirector sample - Microsoft Internet Explorer

page was created.

Open the HTML page with the Internet Explorer C:\vsamredir\output.html

Jutpu	t from red	irected V	/SA	M
CLIGE	11.ORDE	RING.OI	KDF	CRS cluster:
Flight Nu	nber First name	e Last name	Seats	Smoker?
2413	Alexander	Schöttle	1	false
1999	Ingo	Franzki	2	false
321	Paul	Gallagher	1	true
555	Jörg	Schmidbauer	1	false
	TZ anatas	Grant	2	****

You should see your inserted records only.

If the **OWNER** in the configuration phase on VSE is changed to **REDIRECTOR** and you'll see each time you open in Ditto the cluster, it's empty – because it will not read from VSAM anymore. \$24\$

Appendix C. Change the handler on Windows

STEPC.1: Change Handler to read the entire VSAM record as string.

Exit Ditto on VSE (PF3). Stop the Redirector server on Windows using command Quit in the Redirector console window.

To avoid the complexity with Ditto to enter hex values, we'll change the HtmlHandler on Windows. That would allow to use string fields in Ditto for the entire VSAM record.

Use a Windows command prompt and Notepad to edit the handler: C:

cd C:\vsamredir\com\ibm\vse\htmlhandler Notepad HtmlHandler.iava

Make following changes:

1. Change the HTML header tag to create an HTML page that will refresh itself all 5 seconds.

<html><head><title>VSE/ESA Redirector sample</title> <meta http-equiv=refresh content=5></head>

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2. Change the lines in the source as below to read a string of 49 char.
    - Define all fields as String:
     String firstname, lastname, flightnumber, seats, smoker;
    - Make the changes below in the source code (it's in the last 3-rd)
           firstname = requestInfo.getString(0, 20);
          lastname = requestInfo.getString(20, 20);
          flightnumber = requestInfo.getString(40, 4);
          seats = requestInfo.getString(44, 4);
          smoker = reqeustInfo.getString(48, 1);
     // smoktmp = requestInfo.getString(48, 1);
     // if(smoktmp.length > 0)
                    if ( \text{smoktmp}[0] == 0 )
     11
     11
                               smoker = false;
     11
                               else
     11
                               smoker = true;
                                                            25
             htmloutput.newLine();
            htmloutput.flush();
```

STEPC.2: Save and recompile the changed handler

To be able to compile it we have to update the CLASSPATH temporary. In a Windows command prompt enter: set CLASSPATH=VsamRedir.jar;.;%CLASSPATH% C: cd C:\vsamredir javac com\ibm\vse\htmlhandler\HtmlHandler.java

STEPC.3: Activate the changed handler

Restart the Redirector server on Windows. In the command prompt enter: run.bat

In VSE repeat STEP4.1 Use Ditto again, in CHAR mode (right upper corner) add some records with 49 characters each. SAVE the changes you made in VSE.

Open the HTML page

with the Internet Explorer C:\vsamredir\output.html | Fle Edit View Favorites Toole Help | - - - - 3 2 * Links * Address 🖉 D: Vedir\output.html Output from redirected VSAM FLIGHT.ORDERING.ORDERS cluster:

Fligh	t Number First nam	e Lastname	Seats	Smoker?	
2413	Alexander	Schöttle	1	false	
1999	Ingo	Franzki	2	false	
321	Paul	Gallagher	1	true	
555	Jörg	Schmidbauer	1	false	
7371	Karsten	Graul	2	true	
					w.
🗐 Done				周 My Computer	11

Now the output.html should refresh itself each 5 seconds and show the inserted records.

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 Right click the Cluster, choose "Create map definition". Enter a name for the map, e.g. "FFMAP"

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- Right click on the map, choose "Change map definition":

Mapping of FESTORES.DEMO.CLUSTER:							
Field name Type Offset Length							
STOREID	STRING	0	6				
STORENAME	STRING	6	25				
LOCSTREET	STRING	31	25				
LOCCITY	STRING	56	25				
LOCZIP	STRING	81	10				
LOCCOUNTRY	STRING	91	25				
LOCREP	STRING	116	20				
STOREN1	UNSIGNED	136	4				
STOREN2	UNSIGNED	140	4				
LDATE	STRING	144	10				
WEBPIC1	STRING	154	20				
WEBPIC2	STRING	174	20				
ACODE	STRING	194	10				

To verify the mapping, use the VSE Navigator to display the VSAM data. Right click on the map, choose "Display VSAM Data". On the "Display Filter" dialog box, press "OK" to display all records (no filter).

STO	STORENAME	LOCSTREET	
)00001 Fred	hdax	Elbeplatz 2	Boeblingen 🔺
000002 Cafe	e Keese	Reeperbahn 15	Hamburg
000003 Hote	el Sacher	Hauptstr. 15	Wien
000004 Cafe	Frech	Postplatz 3	Boeblingen
000005 Cafe	e Frech Filiale 1	Seestrasse 2	Boeblingen
000006 Cafe	e Frech Filiale 2	Schoenaicherstrasse	Boeblingen
000007 Cafe	e Frech Filiale 3	Blumenstrasse	Boeblingen
	e centra a	en a se de la companya de la compa	

Note: If the structure definition of the VSAM record exists in a Cobol Copy book or PL/I structure, use **MAPTOOL** to import the definitions and generate the map

STEP D.2: Export the mapping to a XML File

The VSAM Redirector "*Create DB2 Tables*" tool reads the mapping from a XML file. Therefore we export the definitions from Navigator into XML form. Right click on the map and choose "Export map to XML". Enter a filename 28 (e.g. ffstores.xml). This file is needed in the next step.

STEP D.3: Create the tables in the DB2 database

To continue with the next steps

-you must have installed a database management system (i.e. DB2).
-you must have a JDBC Driver for it (i.e. db2java.zip in <db2>\java\).
-you must be able to connect to the database (userid/password)
Make sure the JDBC driver is in the utility CLASSPATH. You may have to edit the create.bat/create.cmd/create.sh batch files as well as the run.bat/run.cmd/run.sh batch files and add the JDBC Driver Archive to the classpath:

set CLASSPATH=.;xerces.jar;<db2>\java\db2java.zip; %CLASSPATH%

Also the path must setup to contain the DB2 libraries. Start the "Create DB2 Tables" utility (create.bat/create.sh or START -Programs - VSAM Redirector - Create DB2 Tables).

Enter following parameters when prompted by the tool:

-XML Filename: name of the XML File you exported before (i.e. ffstores.xml)

-DB url: the JDBC URL for your database, i.e. jdbc:db2:sample

-DB user: a user id you use for accessing the database

-DB password: db users password

-DB table name: name of the data table, i.e. FFSTORES. This table will contain the VSAM data later on.

-**Map table name:** Enter the name of the table that contains the mapping information, (structure of VSAM record) i.e. FFSTORES_MAP. You can use the same map table for several clusters.

-**Map name:** Enter the name of the map, that will be the selection key in the '*Map table*' i.e. **FFSTORES**. This name is independent from the map defined with the VSE Navigator.

-DB system: Enter 1 for DB/2, 2 for Oracle.

-The tool now imports the XML file and connects to the database.

–Next, the map info table is created (FFSTORES_MAP).

Enter Yes to continue.

-The data table is created (FFSTORES).

Enter Yes to continue.

-Cluster Type: Enter 1 (KSDS without AIX).

-Primary key field: Enter the name of the key field: STOREID. Press enter to create the table and indexes.

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Before we can work with data in that database, we have to load/migrate once the whole data from VSAM into the database. To do this we define a 'twin' cluster, with the same characteristics as the one with the data, redirect this cluster and copy (repro) the original cluster into the redirected one.

STEP D.4: Define 'twin' cluster FFSTORES.REPRO.CLUSTER

Define it with the same attributes as FFSTORES.DEMO.CLUSTER: -KSDS -Max/Avg. record length: 210 -Key Position: 0, Keylength: 6

STEP D.5: Configure the Redirector for FFSTORES.REPRO.CLUSTER:

Copy skeleton SKRDCFG from ICCF Library 59 to your primary library. Edit/add an entry to the configuration table. Enter CASE M in the command line to switch to mixed case mode before editing.

IESRDENT CATALOG='VSESP.USER.CATALOG',	х
CLUSTER='FFSTORES.REPRO.CLUSTER',	х
EXIT='IESREDIR',	х
OWNER=REDIRECTOR,	х
IP=' <ip-addr>',</ip-addr>	х
HANDLER='com.ibm.vse.db2handler.DB2Handler',	х
OPTIONS='dburl=jdbc:db2: <db>;dbuser=<userid>;</userid></db>	х
<pre>maptable=FFSTORES_MAP;map=FFSTORES;</pre>	х
dbpassword= <password>;dbtable=FFSTORES'</password>	

-let the job load IESRDCFG into the SVA (Step 2)
-let the job copy IESVEX01 to IKQVEX01 in PRD2.CONFIG (Step 3)
-let the job load IKQVEX01 into the SVA (Step 4)
-let the job load IESRDANC into the SVA, if not already done (Step 5)
-let the job execute IESRDLDA to register the new configuration (Step 6)
-submit and check for RC=0000

STEP D.6: Copy FFSTORES.DEMO.CLUSTER into FFSTORES.REPRO.CLUSTER:

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Use the IDCAMS REPRO function to copy the contents of 
FFSTORES.DEMO.CLUSTER into the redirected 
FFSTORES.REPRO.CLUSTER:
```

```
* $$ JOB JNM=REPRO,CLASS=A,DISP=L
```

```
// JOB REPRO COPY FILE
```

- // DLBL COPYIN, 'FFSTORES.DEMO.CLUSTER',, VSAM, CAT=VSESPUC
- // DLBL COPYOUT, 'FFSTORES.REPRO.CLUSTER',, VSAM, CAT=VSESPUC

// EXEC IDCAMS, SIZE=AUTO

```
REPRO INFILE (COPYIN) -
```

```
OUTFILE (COPYOUT) -
NOREUSE
```

```
/*
```

```
/&
```

```
* $$ EOJ
```

During the copy process, the VSAM Redirector Client will get control (at open time of FFSTORES.REPRO.CLUSTER) and will connect to the VSAM Redirector Server and to the database. In case this fails, a VSAM open error message will be displayed.

To verify the data in the DB/2 table, issue the following SQL statement in a DB2 command window, or use the DB/2 Control Center:

SELECT * FROM FFSTORES

JNIQRBAC	STOREID	STORENA	LOCSTREET	LOCCITY	LOCZIP	LOCCOUN	LOCREP	STORE
0	000001	Frechdax	Elbeplatz 2	Boeblinge	71032	Germany	Hiller	31 🔺
1	000002	Cafe Kees	Reeperbah	Hamburg	20000	Germany	Domina	31
2	000003	Hotel Sach	Hauptstr. 1	Wien	11111	Austria	Arnold S	31
3	000004	Cafe Frech	Postplatz 3	Boeblinge	71032	Germany	Hiller	31
4	000005	Cafe Frech	Seestrass	Boeblinge	71032	Germany	Hiller	31
5	000006	Cafe Frech	Schoenaic	Boeblinge	71032	Germany	Hiller	31
6	000007	Cafe Frech	Blumenstr	Boeblinge	71034	Germany	Hiller	31
7	000008	Cafe Frech	Dahlienstr	Boeblinge	71034	Germany	Hiller	31
8	000009	Cafe Frech	Rosenstra	Boeblinge	71034	Germany	Hiller	31
9	000010	Cafe Muell	Marienplatz	Munich	000080000	Germany	Hiller	31
10	000011	McDonalds	Main Street	Melbourne	20000	Australia	Hiller	31
11	000012	Cafe Howa	Harbor Ro	Sydney	10000	Australia	Hiller	31
12	000013	McDonlads	Main Street	Perth	30000	Australia	Hiller	31
10	000044	A.4. A.4.		m	40000	n a stationer	1.00	21

STEP D.7: Configure the Redirector for FFSTORES.DEMO.CLUSTER:

Edit skeleton SKRDCFG:

Change the previously created entry in the configuration table. Enter **case m** in the command line to switch to mixed case mode before editing. Change FFSTORES.**REPRO**.CLUSTER to FFSTORES.**DEMO**.CLUSTER

IESRDENT CATALOG='VSESP.USER.CATALOG',	x
CLUSTER='FFSTORES.DEMO.CLUSTER',	x
EXIT='IESREDIR',	x
OWNER=REDIRECTOR,	x
IP=' <ip-addr>',</ip-addr>	x
HANDLER='com.ibm.vse.db2handler.DB2Handler',	x
OPTIONS='dburl=jdbc:db2: <db>;dbuser=<userid>;</userid></db>	x
<pre>maptable=FFSTORES_MAP;map=FFSTORES;</pre>	x
dbpassword= <password>;dbtable=FFSTORES'</password>	

-let the job load IESRDCFG into the SVA (Step 2)

-let the job copy IESVEX01 to IKQVEX01 in PRD2.CONFIG (Step 3)

-let the job load IKQVEX01 into the SVA (Step 4)

-do NOT let the job load IESRDANC into the SVA, because it has already be done (Step 5)

-let the job execute IESRDLDA to register the new configuration (Step 6) -submit and check for RC=0000

STEP D.8: Reopen the file in CICS and start applications.

You have to reopen the VSAM file in CICS, since the VSAM Redirector configuration becomes active at open time.

You can now work with your VSAM applications which will transparently access DB2 data and think they are working with VSAM data .

