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## z/VSE Version 5 Update

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## z/VSE Roadmap

Quality

### z/VSE Statement of Direction (SOD)

CICS Explorer update, Channels & Containers, new CICS TS for z/VSE release, next z/VSE release: ALS to z10 or higher

Connectivity

**z/VSE 5.2** Ann: 04/07/2014, GA 04/25/2014  
zEnterprise exploitation, device support  
Tapeless installation, networking / security enhancements

z/OS Affinity

**z/VSE 5.1** 11/2011, end of service 06/30/2016  
64 bit virtual, zEnterprise exploitation, z9 or higher  
**z/VSE 5.1.1** 06/2012: CICS Explorer, LFP in LPAR, database connector  
**z/VSE 5.1.2** 06/2013: TS1140, 64 bit I/O, openSSL, db connector enhancements

Capacity

**z/VSE 4.3** 11/2010, end of service 10/31/2014  
Virtual storage constraint relief, 4 digit cuus, z/VSE 4.3.1 08/2011

**z/VSE 4.2** October 2008, end of service 10/31/2012

More tasks, more memory, EF for z/VSE 1.1, CPU balancing, SCRT on z/VSE

**z/VSE 4.2.1** 07/2009 - PAV, EF for z/VSE 1.2, **z/VSE 4.2.2** 04/2010 - IPv6/VSE 05/2010

**CICS/VSE** end of service 10/31/2012

**z/VSE 4.1** March 2007, end of service 04/30/2011

z/Architecture only, 64 bit real addressing, MWLC – full and sub-capacity pricing

## z/VSE 5.1.2

- z/VSE 5.1.2 includes z/VSE V5.1 - Additional enhancements: Ann 03/02/2013, GA 06/14/2013  
Latest Recommended Service Level (RSL): June 2014  
z/VSE 5.1 End of Service: June 30, 2016
  - Support of zEC12, zBC12
    - Configurable Crypto Express4S
    - OSA Express4S / OSA Express5S (1000BASE-T)
  - Support of IBM System Storage
    - IBM System Storage TS1140 (3592 E07)
    - IBM System Storage TS7700 Virtualization Engine
    - IBM System Storage DS8870
    - IBM System Storage Storwize V7000
  - 64-bit input/output (I/O) processing for applications
  - HiperSockets configurable input buffers

## z/VSE 5.1.2 ...

- z/VSE 5.1.2 includes z/VSE V5.1 - Additional enhancements ...
  - System dump support for memory objects
  - z/VSE Database connector enhancements
  - OpenSSL update
  - IPv6/VSE V1.1 enhancements
    - o Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) for secure data transmission
    - o Layer 2 support for OSA Express devices for IPv4 links
- Statement of general direction (SOD) of April announcement:
  - IBM intends
    - o in the future to enhance IBM CICS Explorer for IBM CICS Transaction Server for VSE/ESA to provide updates to CICS resources.
    - o to add functionality that allows initial installation of z/VSE without requiring a physical tape.

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## *z/VSE 5.2 – Quick Overview*

- Announcement: 04/07/2014, GA: 04/25/2014  
Latest Recommended Service Level (RSL): June 2014
  
- Hardware support
  - IBM System z Enterprise support
  - Device support - Tape, ECKD and FCP-attached SCSI disks
  
- 64 bit virtual exploitation
  - Virtual disk in memory objects
  
- Networking enhancements
  - IPv6 support for selected z/VSE functions

## *z/VSE 5.2 – Quick Overview ...*

- Security enhancements
  - Basic Security manager (BSM) and VSE/POWER audit enhancements
  
- Ease of use
  - Tapeless installation from ECKD devices
  - Stacking tape support
  
- Fast Service Upgrade (FSU) from z/VSE 4.3 and z/VSE 5.1
  
- Pricing
  - z9, z10, z196, zEC12: Midrange Workload License Charge (MWLC) pricing with sub-capacity option
  - z114, zBC12: Advanced Entry Workload License Charge (AEWLC) pricing with sub-capacity option

## *z/VSE 5.2 – Hardware Support*

## *Hardware support*

- Support for IBM zEnterprise EC12 and IBM zEnterprise BC12
  - Configurable Crypto Express4S feature
  - OSA-Express5S features
  - HMC based configuration for OSA-Express4 and OSA-Express5S (OSA/SF)
  
- Support for IBM System Storage
  - Tape support
    - Systems Managed Encryption with IBM System Storage TS1140
    - IBM System Storage TS7700 Virtualization Engine Release 3.1
  
  - ECKD / FCP-attached SCSI disk support
    - IBM System Storage DS8870 Release 7.2
    - Upgrade of the z/VSE support for the Parallel Access Volume (PAV) feature (ECKD)
  
  - FCP-attached SCSI disk support
    - IBM Storwize V5000 Midrange Disk
    - IBM Storwize V3700 Entry Disk



## Hardware / z/VM support

- z/VSE V5 supports IBM System z servers:

- IBM zEnterprise EC12 (zEC12)
- IBM zEnterprise BC12 (zBC12)
- IBM zEnterprise 196 (z196)
- IBM zEnterprise 114 (z114)
- IBM System z10 (z10 EC, z10 BC)
- IBM System z9 (z9 EC, z9 BC)

... and z/VSE V5 can run in an LPAR or as a z/VM guest on all supported z/VM releases

... in uni- or multiprocessor mode

### **z/VM V5.4 support** (August 5, 2014 announcement):

- z/VM 5.4 withdrawn from service December 31, 2016 or until z9 processors are withdrawn from support, whichever is later. Replacement product: z/VM V6.
- The zEC12 and zBC12 are planned to be the last System z servers supported by z/VM V5.4 and the last System z servers that will support z/VM V5.4 running as a guest (second level).

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## VSE Support for IBM System z

VSE Release	z800 / z900	z890 / z990	System z9 / z10 / z196 / z114 / zEC12 / zBC12	VSE EoS
z/VSE V5.2	No	No	Yes	tbd
z/VSE V5.1	No	No	Yes	06/30/2016
z/VSE V4.3	Yes	Yes	Yes	10/31/2014
z/VSE V4.2	Yes	Yes	Yes	10/31/2012
z/VSE V4.1	Yes	Yes	Yes	04/30/2011
z/VSE V3.1	Yes	Yes	Yes	07/31/2009
VSE/ESA V2.7	Yes	Yes	Yes	02/28/2007
VSE/ESA V2.6	Yes	Yes	Yes	03/2006
VSE/ESA V2.5	Yes	No	No	12/2003
VSE/ESA V2.4	Yes	No	No	06/2002
VSE/ESA V2.3	No	No	No	12/2001

## *IBM zEnterprise exploitation*

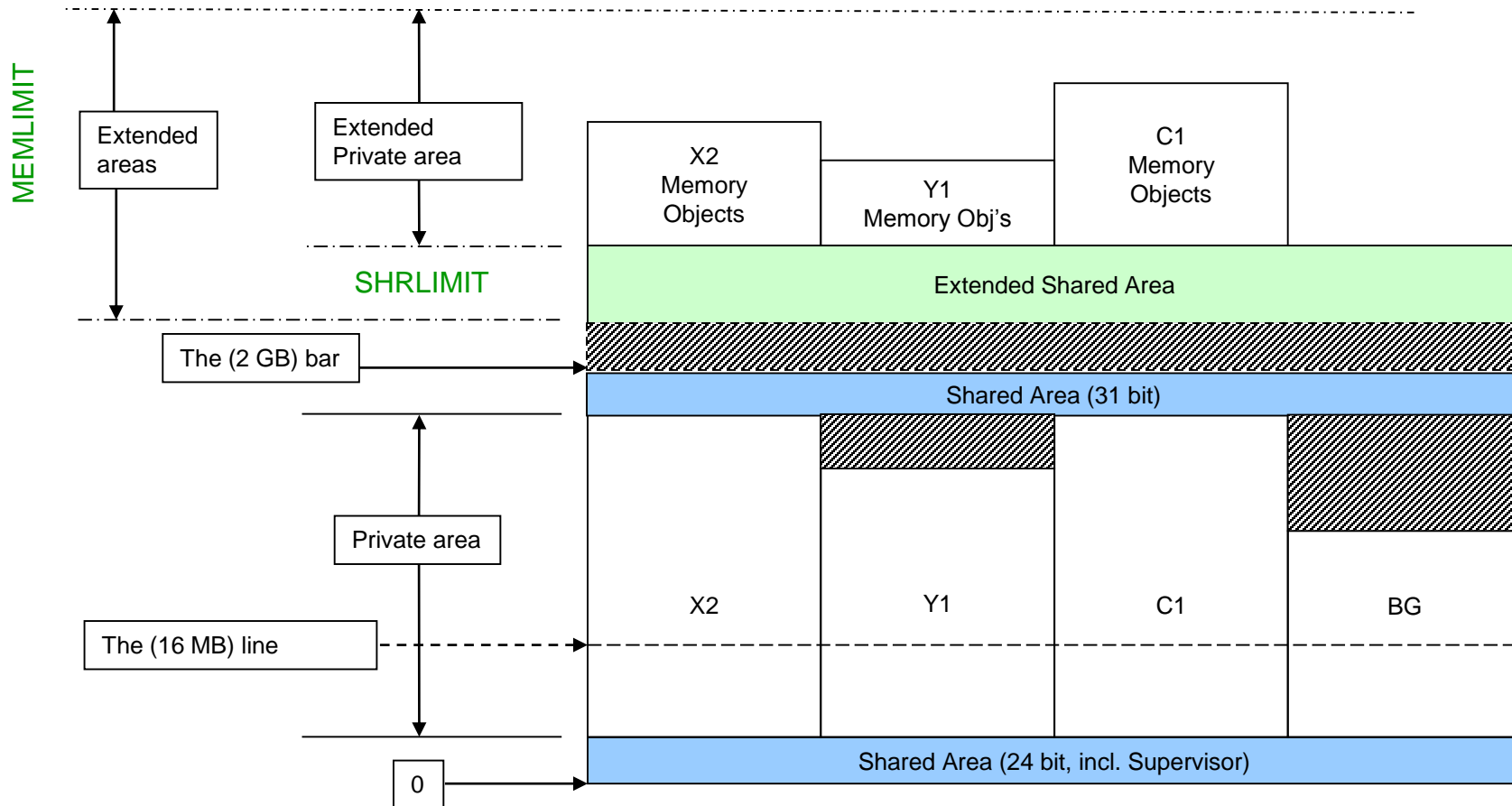
- 64 bit real addressing - up to 32 GB (System z), 64 bit virtual addressing – up to 90 GB
- Large page support (z10, zEnterprise)
- Dynamic add / remove of logical CPs (z10, zEnterprise)
- OSA-Express 3, OSA-Express 4, OSA-Express 5S support
- HiperSockets Completion Queue on z196, z114, zEC12, zBC12 (z/VSE 5.1.1 and higher)
- Linux Fast Path (LFP) in z/VM mode LPAR (z10, zEnterprise)
- Exploitation of the z/VSE z/VM IP Assist (zEnterprise)
- zEnterprise and zEnterprise BladeCenter Extension (zBX) support
  - Intra Ensemble Data Network (IEDN)
  - Virtual LAN support, Layer 2 support
  - IEDN communication using the z/VM VSWITCH
- 4096-bit RSA key support with configurable Crypto Express3 (z10, zEnterprise)  
.... and Crypto Express4S (zEC12, zBC12) – z/VSE V5 only
- Static power save mode supported for SCRT (z196, zEC12)
- **zEC12 / zBC12 do not support ESCON channels**

## *z/VSE 5.2 – 64 bit virtual exploitation*

## 64 bit virtual

- Introduced with z/VSE 5.1
- Support 64 bit virtual addressing
- 64 bit area can be used for **data only**
  - No instruction execution above the bar
- **z/OS affinity:** APIs (IARV64 services) - to manage memory objects – compatible with z/OS
  - Private memory objects for use in one address space
  - Shared memory objects to be shared among multiple address spaces
- Maximum VSIZE still limited to 90 GB
- Advantages:
  - Eases the access of large amounts of data
    - E.g. compared to data spaces
  - Reduces complexity of programs
    - Data contained in primary address space
  - Chosen design has no dependencies to existing APIs, minor impact on existing system code

# 64 bit virtual - Address Space Layout



## *64 bit virtual I/O for applications*

- Available with z/VSE 5.1.2 and z/VSE 5.2
- SYSCOM bit IJBIO64E in IJBIOFL1, if 64 bit virtual I/O support available
  
- I/O buffers can now be created above the bar (above 2 GB)
- I/O buffers in **private memory objects** supported only
- I/O control blocks to be allocated below the bar (in 31 bit storage)
  
- Supported for ECKD devices
  
- CCB macro with a new parameter: IDAW=FORMAT2
- CCB points to a Format-0 or Format-1 CCW
- CCW with IDA-flag and data address point to a single Format-2 IDAW containing a 64 bit virtual address.
  
- I/O buffer will be TFIxed by I/O Supervisor, not necessary to PFIx the I/O buffer
  
- Not supported for FBA / SCSI / tape devices, LIOCS

## Virtual Disk in Shared Memory Objects

- A Virtual Disk
  - is emulating a FBA disk device;
  - may be used for temporary data, such as
    - temporary files and libraries,
    - temporary VSE/VSAM space and user catalogs
  - „lives“ until the next IPL
  - has to fit into the available virtual storage (VSIZE)
  
- A Virtual Disk may be created in
  - a Data Space or
  - a shared memory object (z/VSE 5.2)
- If there is enough space available in the extended shared area, the Virtual Disk will be created in a shared memory object; otherwise in a Data Space.
- Maximum Virtual Disk size, if allocated in
  - Data Space: up to 2 GB
  - Shared memory object: up to 4 GB
  
- Virtual Disks are defined with the VDISK command



## Memory Objects enhancements

### System Dump

- System dump may be taken in case of abnormal termination dependent on JCL options
  - New JCL option MODUMP, NOMODUMP
- If program running in 64 bit mode and registers hold 64 bit addresses
  - The dump routine will take 4K on either side of this address
- Partitions dumps will be written to dump library or SYSLST dependent on OPTIONS
- May be processed with IUI Storage Dump dialog

### Standalone Dump

- New standard option: STDOPT SADMPSTMO=YES|NO
  - Controls, if standalone dump should include **shared memory objects**
- (Standard) option STDOPT SADUMP=(n,m,o)
  - Controls, if standalone dump should include **private memory objects (o)**  
(n= priority of partitions, m= priority of data spaces)

### IUI dialog Display Storage Layout

- Displays system values MEMLIMIT and SHRLIMIT

## *z/VSE 5.2 – Ease of Use*

## *Tapeless installation*

- Initial installation of z/VSE from physical tape or bootable installation disk
- z/VSE provides tools to create an installation disk
- Installation disk is supported
  - for LPAR and z/VM guest environments
  - on ECKD devices, not on FBA / SCSI devices
  - for initial installation only
- Installation disk
  - contains the **z/VSE base tape** in AWS format, a boot program and the VTOC
  - created on LPAR may be used by a z/VM guest or vice versa
    - LPAR: create installation disk by using the DVD with the HMC or SE Load function
- Installation from installation disk possible on ECKD, FBA and FBA-SCSI
- Files required for the creation of the installation disk delivered on DVD or via the Internet

## *Tapeless installation ...*

- System requirements
  - Installation disk space
    - LPARs and z/VM guest: 500 cylinders on 3390 disk device
    - z/VM guest: additional 400 cylinders (CMS disk) in addition for the tools and AWS file
  - Minimum processor storage
    - 64 MB (general z/VSE 5.2 requirement)
    - LPAR: 512 MB to create the installation disk

## *Stacking Tape Support*

- Standard labeled tape of type 3592, where several tape images (files) can be stored
- Based on z/VSE's Virtual Tape (VTAPE) support
- Contains multiple virtual tape files
  
- Job Control VTAPE command extended to support stacking tape
- Writing to a stacking tape
  - VTAPE INIT to initialize a stacking tape
  - VTAPE START with WRITE opens a new tape file
  - VTAPE STOP closes the tape file
- VTAPE function LIST to list the contents of a stacking tape
- VTAPE START with READ positions to the requested tape file

## *Stacking Tape Support ...*

- Reasons to use stacking tape support:
  - Useful for tape migration of older tapes, such as 3480 and 3490
  - Exploit the capacity of modern tape volumes, such as TS1140
  - May reduce cost
  - ...
  
- Restrictions
  - No alternate tape support,
  - tape file can not be accessed via MTC command,
  - concurrent tape file access not supported,
  - existing tape files can not be deleted, modified or replaced  
However, new tape files can be appended

## *z/VSE 5.2 – Networking*

## *TCP/IP Connectivity for z/VSE*

- TCP/IP connectivity for IPv4 communication
  - IBM TCP/IP for VSE/ESA 1.5F – licensed from CSI International
  - IBM IPv6/VSE – licensed from Barnard Software, Inc. (BSI)
  - Linux fast path (LFP)
  
  - EZA socket interface, new function calls
  - LE/C socket API
  
- TCP/IP connectivity for IPv6 communication
  - IPv6/VSE
  - Linux Fast Path
  
  - EZA socket interface, new function calls
  
- All TCP/IP options can run concurrently within one z/VSE system



## *TCP/IP Connectivity for z/VSE – New with z/VSE 5.2*

- IPv6 support in for z/VSE components, such as
  - z/VSE Connectors
    - Connector server & client, script server & client,
    - VSAM Redirector, HTTP & SOAP client, LDAP client, Monitoring agent & trap client
  - Virtual Tape (VTAPE)
- CICS listener
  - Enhanced listener support
  - Configuration dialog enhancements (selection: TCP/IP stack, standard / enhanced listener)
  - IPv6 support
- LE/C multiplexer
  - Controls access to TCP/IP C-socket API depending on SYSID
  - New parameter: SSLPHASE allows to select openSSL independent on TCP/IP stack
- IPv6/VSE V1.1 enhancements
  - Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) for secure data transmission, exploits openSSL provided by z/VSE V5
- IBM TCP/IP for VSE/ESA in separate AF sublibrary PRD2.TCPIPC

## Linux Fast Path (LFP)

- Routes IPv4 or IPv6 socket request to Linux on System z
  - Without using the local TCP/IP stack
  
- LFP on z/VM
  - Uses an IUCV connection between z/VSE and Linux on System z
  - Both – z/VSE and Linux – need to be z/VM guests of the same z/VM
  
- Linux Fast Path using z/VSE z/VM IP Assist (VIA)
  - Both – z/VSE need to be a z/VM guests
  
- Linux Fast Path in LPAR
  - LFP daemon on Linux forwards the socket request to the Linux TCP/IP stack
  
- LFP is transparent to IBM socket APIs
  - Supported APIs: LE/C socket API, EZA socket / EZASMI interface, ...
  - Transparent to IBM applications (DB2 client, Connectors, Power PNET)
  - No standard TCP/IP applications (Telnet, FTP, ...) provided
  - IPv6/VSE: TCP/IP applications can exploit LFP
  
- Provided with the z/VSE base product – no additional charge

## *z/VSE 5.2 – Security*

## OpenSSL

- openssl support for z/VSE is available since z/VSE 5.1
- openssl code level: openssl 1.0.1e (updated)
  - Supports Transport Layer Security (TLS) 1.2
- z/VSE supports a subset of openssl functions
- IPv6/VSE and Linux Fast Path exploit openssl
- z/VSE supports the GSK (z/OS SSL API) and openssl API
- New APAR available since end of August 2014: APAR DY47561 (PTF UD54054)

## *Security enhancements*

- Basic Security Manager (BSM) / IUI enhancements
  - Separation of auditor from administration function
    - New user type AUDITOR
  - Extension of IUI security dialog for MQ classes
  - Unique group (GRP) and user id (UID) names ensured
  
- Key store conversion to manage multiple key stores
- (openssl) LE multiplexer to separate SSL function from TCP/IP API
  
- LDAP batch tools to support search, add, modify, delete
  
- Monitoring agent security enhancement through IP filter support
  - Checks if incoming source IP / packet matches the information in the configuration file
  
- VSAM IDCAMS security
  - IDCAMS protected via RACROUTE

## *z/VSE 5.2 – Further Enhancements*

## *z/VSE Component Enhancements*

- VSE/VSAM
  - Chaining VSAM requests (chained RPL support) – reduces system overhead
    - Whole RPL chain released when error detected
  - Remove duplicate VOLSERS on DEFINE CLUSTER
    - Eliminates duplicate VOLSERS automatically
  - SHOWCB macro enhancements
  - New catalog management trace
  - CISIZE definition on DLBL statement for VSAM files
  - VSAM IDCAMS security
  
- VSE/POWER
  - Extended generation messages (XEM)
    - Generated for created, altered or deleted Q-entries
    - May be retrieved by SAS users
  - Delete SLI member after reading (DEL=YES/NO keyword in SLI statement)

## *z/VSE Component Enhancements*

- z/VSE Connectors
  - SOAP enhancements
  - VSE/POWER XEM messages may be retrieved by Java applications
  - DDNAME support for redirector SNAP trace
  
- Language Environment
  - Easy activation of Run-unit work area (RUWA) tracing (CRUT transaction)
    - Can help to debug and monitor CICS program storage requirements
  
- IUI dialogs
  - Display VTOC dialog – sort by VOLID
  - Updated device information dialog
  
- Base install without VTAM terminals (with TCP/IP terminal instead)
  
- Duplicate volumes are detected during installation and set to device down
  
- FCOPY performance improvements
  - new OPTIMIZE=5 parameter to read 15 tracks per I/O



## *z/VSE 5.2 – Statement of Direction (SOD)*

## *z/VSE Statement of Direction (SOD) in z/VSE 5.2 Announcement*

- IBM intends to provide  
  
new capability in a future release of IBM CICS Transaction Server for z/VSE, to provide:
  - (i) Updates to CICS resources for CICS Explorer, and
  - (ii) Channels and Containers to enable the transfer of large amounts of data between CICS applications.
  
- IBM intends to rename  
  
the product z/VSE Central Functions to z/VSE in a new z/VSE version.
  
- z/VSE V5.2 will be the last release that supports IBM System z9.  
Future releases of z/VSE will support IBM System z10 and higher.
  
- Stabilization of support and discontinued functions:
  - CICS DDM: Support for CICS Distributed Data Management (DDM) is stabilized in CICS TS for VSE/ESA V1.1.1. In a future release of CICS TS for z/VSE,  

IBM intends to discontinue support for CICS DDM.

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## *CICS Explorer for z/VSE*

- Announced 04/03/2012, GA 06/15/2012
  
- CICS Explorer – The new face to CICS
  - System management framework for CICS TS
  - Consists of CICS Explorer client and a CICS TS server extension
  - CICS Explorer client
    - Read-only capabilities
    - Eclipse-based user interface on workstation
    - Connects to CICS TS via TCP/IP - Communication via HTTP requests
  - CICS Explorer server extension
    - Delivered as PTF for CICS TS for VSE/ESA 1.1.1
    - z/VSE V5 only
  
- Statement of direction (SOD)
  - IBM CICS Explorer to provide updates to CICS resources
    - Update resources as you would do with transactions on your CICS terminal
    - Enable / disable CICS resources
    - Change selected CICS definitions
    - ....

IBM CICS Explorer - C:/CICS-Work

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## z/VSE Requirements

- You may submit requirements at conferences (GSE, zUniversity, ...)
- **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 = zSeries 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/>
  - Please select the following for z/VSE-CICS requirements:
    - *Brand = WebSphere*
    - *Product family = Transaction Processing*
    - *Product = CICS Transaction Server*
    - *Component = Runtime or Explorer*
    - *Operating system = IBM z/VSE*

## *Migration to a supported z/VSE Version 5 release*

- Please migrate to a supported z/VSE release
  - to get the latest software service, hardware exploitation and functionality
- z/VSE 4.3 end of service is October 31, 2014.
  
- After October 31, 2014, the only supported releases are z/VSE 5.1 and z/VSE 5.2.
  - z/VSE Version 5 supports z9 or higher
  
- z/VSE 5.1 had end of marketing in May 2014.
  - That is z/VSE 5.1 can no longer be ordered.
- Consider the single version charging requirements.
  - IBM System z software pricing: <http://www-03.ibm.com/systems/z/resources/swprice/reference/>
  
- z/VSE 5.1 end of service announced: effective June 30, 2016.

## *End of service announcements*

*August 5, 2014*

- **z/VSE 5.1** withdrawn from service June 30, 2016.
  - Replacement product: z/VSE 5.2.
  
- **WebSphere MQ for z/VSE 3.0** withdrawn from service September 30, 2015.
  - Replacement product: none.
  - Individual service extension contracts can be requested for service beyond September 30, 2015 for a period of at least 3 years.
  - The WebSphere MQ Client for VSE will still be available.
  
- **Emulation Program (EP) 1.14** withdrawn from service December 31, 2015.
  
- **z/VM 5.4** withdrawn from service December 31, 2016 or until z9 processors are withdrawn from support, whichever is later.
  - Replacement product: z/VM V6.
  - The zEC12 and zBC12 are planned to be the last System z servers supported by z/VM V5.4 and the last System z servers that will support z/VM V5.4 running as a guest (second level).

## *Price change(s) for selected IBM software products*

### *Announced: August 12, 2014*

- Monthly license charges (MLC) on select middleware software programs and their features will increase on January 1, 2015
  
- 4% price increase depending on the features selected
  - DB2 Server for VSE&VM V7
  - IBM C FOR VSE/ESA VERSION 1
  - IBM C/370 Compiler Version 2
  - IBM COBOL VSE/ESA
  - IBM PL/I VSE/ESA
  - Rational COBOL RT for zVSE
  - IBM HIGH LVL ASSEMBLER MVS,VM,VSE V1
  - MQ SERIES FOR VSE/ESA V2R1
  - WEBSHERE MQ FOR Z/VSE V3
  - IBM Compiler for REXX/370
  - IBM Library for REXX/370
  
- approximate 7% price increase on all software billing metrics
  - CICS TS for VSE/ESA 1.1.1



## Documentation related to z/VSE

- z/VSE documentation page - <http://www-03.ibm.com/systems/z/os/zvse/documentation/>
  - New books are uploaded: z/VSE 5.2 TCP/IP Support, z/VSE 5.2 Diagnosis Tools, z/VSE 5.2 Guide for Solving Problems, z/VSE 5.2 Supervisor Diagnosis Reference, z/VSE Hints & Tips
  
- z/VSE Collection Kit - April 2014
  - Available for download in IBM Publication Center
  - Electronic only, not on physical DVD
  
- Documentation of z/VSE releases
  - z/VSE Internet Library on <http://www.ibm.com/systems/z/os/zos/bkserv/vse.html>
  
- IBM Redbooks
  - Redbook page with new IBM System z mainframe Redbooks
    - zEC12 / zBC12 Technical Guide, SG24-8049 / SG24-8138
    - IBM System z Connectivity Handbook, SG24-5444
  - More IBM Redbooks information on next pages
  
- Technical articles: <http://www-03.ibm.com/systems/z/os/zvse/documentation/documents.html#articles>
  - z/VSE SCSI Support and Migration Options
  - SHOWCB enhancements in z/VSE 5.1
  - z/VSE z/VM IP assist
  - Parallel Access Volume (PAV) white paper

## More Information

... on VSE home page: <http://ibm.com/vse>

- Ingolf's z/VSE blog: <https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/mydeveloperworks/blogs/vse>
  
- **New:** Hints and Tips for z/VSE 5.2:
  - <http://www.ibm.com/systems/z/os/zvse/documentation/#hints>
  
- 64 bit virtual information:
  - IBM z/VSE Extended Addressability, Version 5
  - IBM z/VSE System Macro Reference, Version 5
  
- CICS Explorer: <http://www.ibm.com/software/htp/cics/explorer/>
  
- IBM Redbooks:
  - 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/Redbooks.nsf/RedbookAbstracts/sg247691.html?Open>
  - z/VSE Using DB2 on Linux for System z  
<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/sg247690.html?Open>
  - **New:** Enhanced Networking on IBM z/VSE  
<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/Redbooks.nsf/RedpieceAbstracts/sg248091.html?Open>
  
- Please contact z/VSE: <https://www-03.ibm.com/systems/z/os/zvse/contact/contact.html>  
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