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E63 - z/VSE Tools - An Overview



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Agenda

- § The z/VSE web site offers more than 20 tools ('as is', at no additional charge) for download.
 - The tools are designed make certain z/VSE tasks easier and more interesting.
 - Because of the sheer number of tools, you may have lost track about what tools are provided and what they are for.
 - There may be a tool available that you are not aware of, for a task you need to perform.
- § This session will provide an overview of each the tools that are currently available on the VSE homepage.
 - For every tool, a short description and usage scenarios will be discussed.

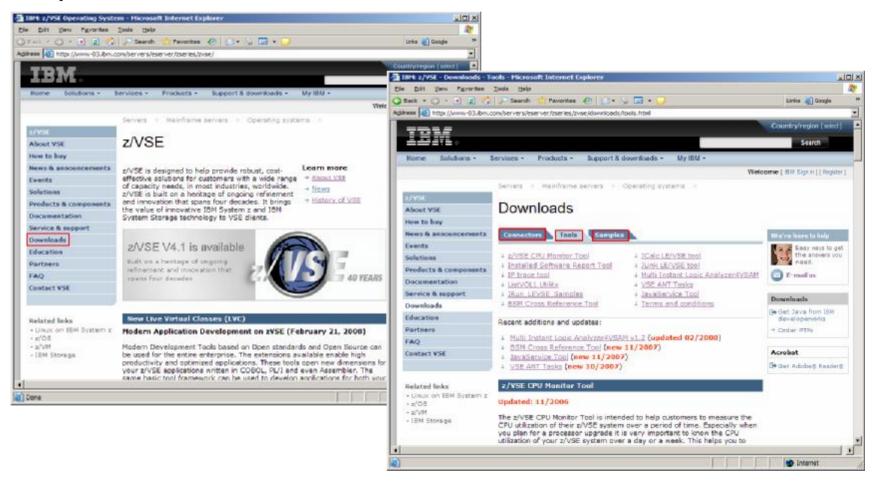
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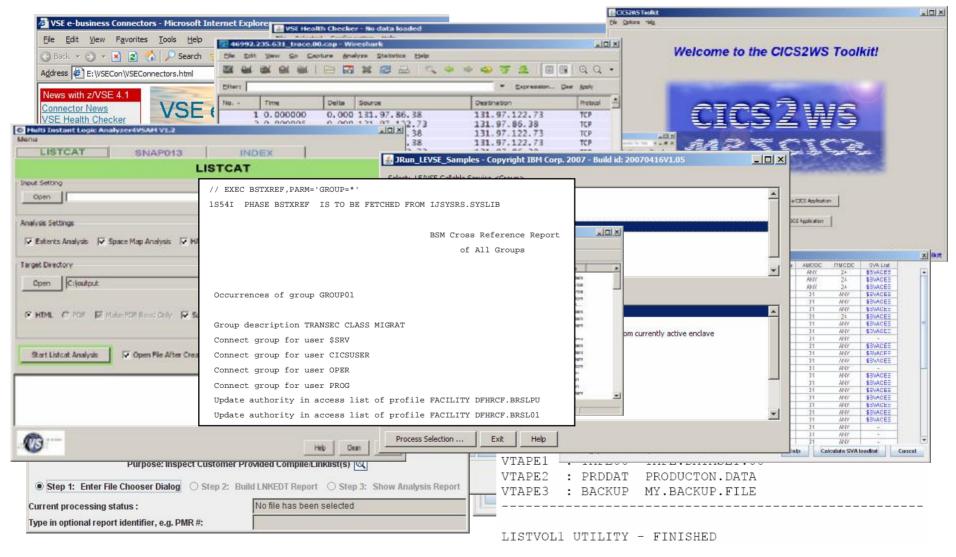
Overview – z/VSE Homepage

http://ibm.com/vse





Overview - All Tools





Overview - Components

- § Connector components (Part of z/VSE)
 - VSE Connector Client
 - VSAM Redirector Server
 - VSE Script Server
 - VSE Virtual Tape Server
- § Connector Tools
 - VSE Navigator
 - VSAM Maptool
 - Keyman/VSE
 - VSE Health Checker
 - CICS2WS Toolkit
 - VSE ANT Tasks
 - VSEPrint Utility



Overview - Components

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 - IP Trace Tool
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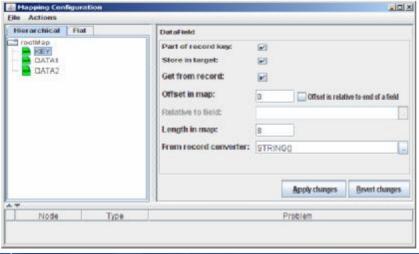
Connector components

- § Part of z/VSE (5686-CF8-35)
- Officially supported

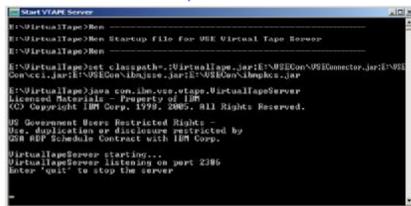
VSE Connector Client



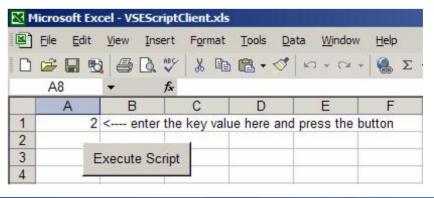
VSAM Redirector Server



VSE Virtual Tape Server



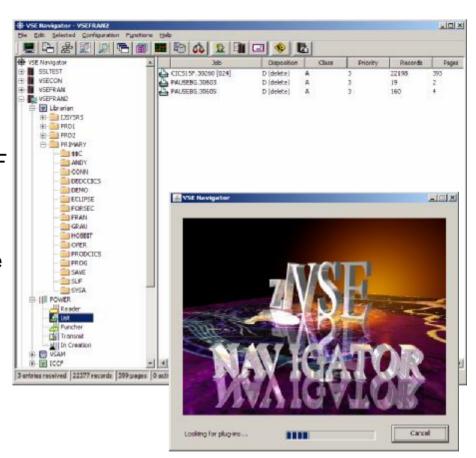
VSAM Script Server





VSE Navigator

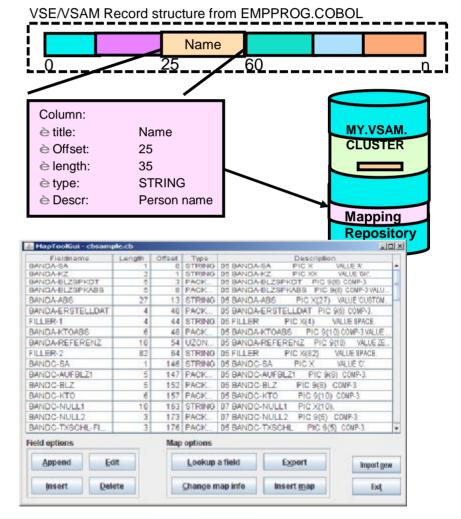
- § Graphical user interface for z/VSE
 - Look and feel similar to Windows Explorer
- § Based on functions provided by VSE Connector Client
- § Browse VSE libraries, POWER queues, ICCF libraries, VSAM catalogs
- § Copy members via Drag & Drop
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- § Provides graphical system management functions
 - System activity,
 - Retrace MSHP history file
 - ... and many more





VSAM Maptool

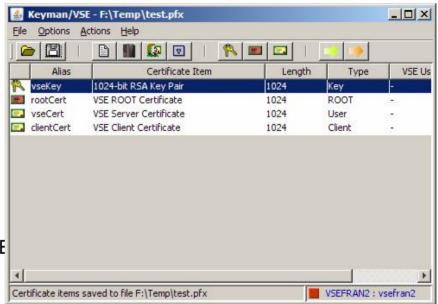
- Second Assists you in creating a mapping of your VSAM files
 - Mapping is used by VSE Connector Client and VSAM Redirector
 - Mapping can also be created using the IDCAMS RECMAP command.
- § Import Cobol ot PLI copybook to create the mapping from it
- § Import (receive) a given map from a given z/VSE system
- § Export a map to a VSE system (send it to z/VSE)
- Import a map from a XML file
- § Export a map to a XML file
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Keyman/VSE

- Keyman/VSE is a tool to manage the z/VSE specific public key infrastructure.
- Create RSA key pairs
- Create self-signed certificates for testing and learning purposes
- Create PKCS#10 certificate requests
- sSan certificate requests
- Import and export certificates
- Read and write PKCS#12 keyring files
- Catalog keys and certificates on VSE
- Maintain the mappings of VSE client certificates to VSE user IDs
- In addition to these basic functions, Keyman/VSE provides two "Wizard dialogs" for
 - Creating a complete self-signed VSE keyring including the server side z/VSE library members and a client side keyring file, and
 - Creating a complete z/VSE keyring with certificates issued by an external Certificate Authority, like Thawte.



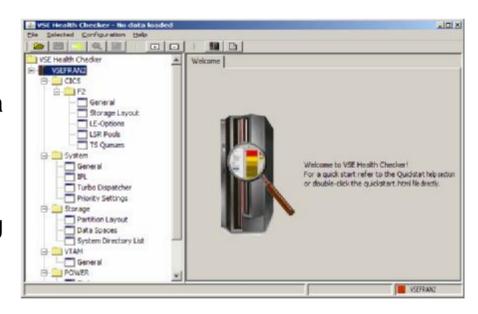
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VSE Health Checker

- § The VSE Health Checker is a Javabased system diagnosis utility
 - Retrieves, displays, and analyzes performance relevant configuration settings and status information from a z/VSE system.
 - Gathered data can be exported and imported in XML format.
- § A health check is performed by applying a set of rules against a snapshot of retrieved z/VSE data.
 - A printable report can be generated
- § VSE data is retrieved by sending console commands, submitting VSE/POWER jobs, downloading VSE Librarian members, and invoking CICS transactions.





CICS2WS Toolkit

- The CICS2WS Toolkit helps you to use Web Services with z/VSF
 - Creates proxy code that you use as a layer between your existing programs and the VSE SOAP engine.
 - The proxy code is generated as Assembler program, therefor you do not need a Cobol or PL/I compiler.
- § Web Service enable an existing CICS program:
 - The tool reads COBOL and PL1 copybooks and creates the proxy code and WSDL file.
- Service from a CICS
 § Call an external Web Service from a CICS program
 - Reads an WSDL file and creates the proxy code and a copybook for the COMMAREA mapping.

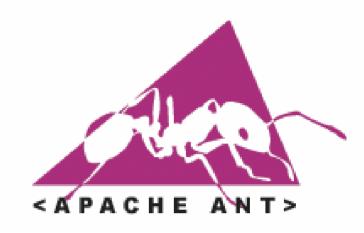


WSDL = Web Service Description Language Contains all information required to call a particular Web Service.



VSE ANT Tasks

- § Apache ANT is an Java-based Open-Source Build-Tool, similar to Make.
 - Originally intended for automated build (compile) of Java code
 - ANT provides Java-Classes (Tasks) for automating different things
 - Build-Scripts are formulated in XML
 - Web Page: http://ant.apache.org/
- § z/VSE provides a set of ANT-Tasks to automate VSE specific operations
 - Submit VSE Jobs
 - Upload & Download members and files
 - Issue console commands and retrieve messages
 - Access VSAM data
- § Allows to automate VSE processes from a central place





VSEPrint

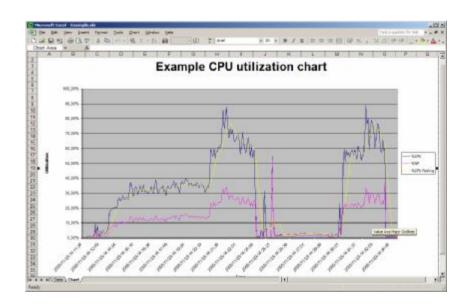
- § The VSEPrint utility allows you to print VSE/POWER list queue entries on any locally or LAN-attached printer.
- The queue entry can be formatted for proper output by specifying a meta-file which contains instructions for formatting the file.
- § The print-file can be previewed on the platform where the LAN-printer is attached.
- § On VSE, the TCP/IP command DEFINE EVENT is used to setup a listener for list queue entries which have a given class.
- These queue entries are then sent via AUTOFTP to a platform, where the VSEPrint utility runs.
- § The VSEPrint utility then performs all print setup, formatting and optional previewing.





VSE CPU Monitor Tool (CPUMON)

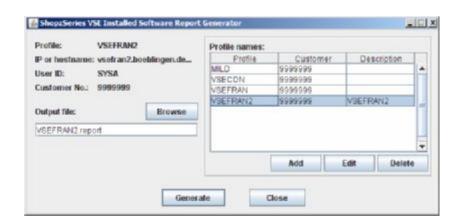
- § Intended to help customers to measure the CPU utilization of their VSE system over a period of time.
- § When you plan for a processor upgrade it is very important to know the CPU utilization of your VSE system over a day or a week.
 - Helps you to estimate the size of the new processor.
- § The VSE CPU Monitor Tool is not intended to replace any existing monitoring product provided by partners.
- § It provides only very basic monitoring capabilities on an overall VSE system level.
- § No details about CPU usage of certain applications are provided





z/VSE Installed Software Report Tool

- § This tool is able to generate a z/VSE Installed Software Report as used by IBM ShopzSeries.
 - http://www.ibm.com/software/shopzseries
- § It connects to z/VSE via FTP and submitts 2 MSHP Jobs
- § The output is retrived and a servcie bitmap is created
- § The servcie bitmap (= Installed Software Report) can then be uploaded to ShopzSeries when ordering service for z/VSE.



§ Note: This tool is officially supported by IBM.

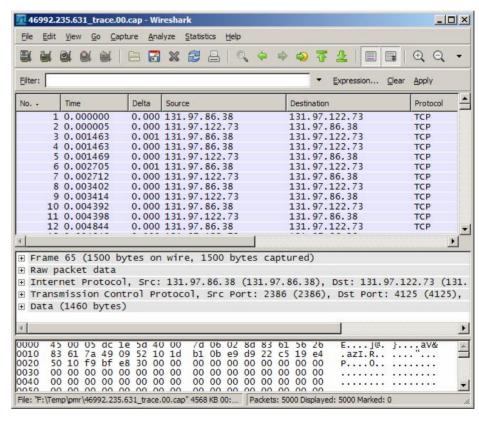


IP Trace Tool

- § This tool is able to read IP packet traces captured with TCP/IP for VSE and convert it into the CAP trace format
- § Trace can then be viewed and analyzed with Wireshark (formerly Ethereal) or

Packetyzer.

- http://www.wireshark.org/
- http://sourceforge.net/projects/packetyzer/
- Wireshark provides very powerfull network and protocol analysis functions like
 - Follow TCP stream
 - Packet flow graph
 - TCP round trip time graph
 - Statistic and performance analysis
 - ... And many more.
- § Supports TCP/IP for VSE 1.5D, 1.5E and 1.5F





ListVOL1 Utility

- § This tool helps to manage VSE VTAPE images stored in VSAM files
- It can display the VOLSER and File-ID of the files stored on the virtual tape without mounting it as VTAPE.
- § The ListVOL1 utility reads the first 2 tape records of tape image
 - You can specify multiple VTAPE files
- § It prints the VOLSER and FILE-ID from the VOL1 and HDR1 labels on the tape:

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LISTVOL1 UTILITY - LIST VOL1/HDR1 LABELS OF VTAPES

FILENAME: VOLSER FILE-ID

VTAPE1 : TAPE00 TAPE.DATASET.00

VTAPE2 : PRDDAT PRODUCTON.DATA

VTAPE3 : BACKUP MY.BACKUP.FILE

LISTVOL1 UTILITY - FINISHED
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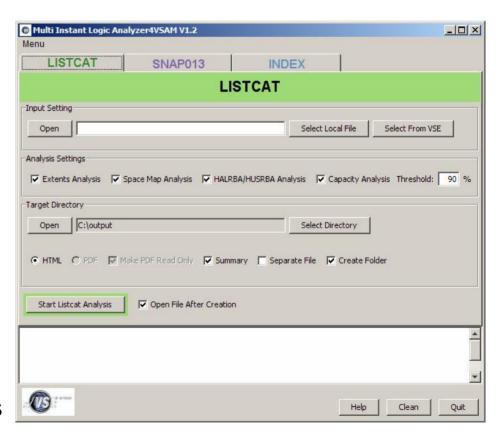
Multi Instant Logic Analyzer4VSAM

§ The Multi Instant Logic Analyzer4VSAM combines several

VSAM analysis tools:

Extent analysis

- Space map analysis
- HALRBA/HUSRBA analysis
- Capacity analysis
- The SNAP013 analysis:
 - Extracts Snap013 trace tables from a given hex dump.
- INDEX analysis tool:
 - Error analysis
 - Index component capacity analysis providing reorganization indicator

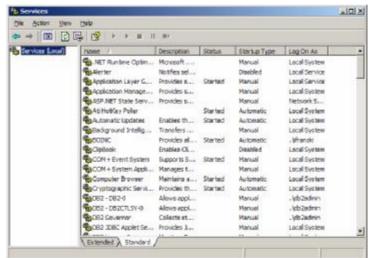




JavaService - Run a Java program as a Windows Service

§ IBM provides several server applications for use with z/VSE that are implemented in Java:

- VSAM Redirector Server
- VSE VTAPE Server
- VSE Script Server
- § You may wish to run such a server on an unattended Windows system.
 - Even if no user is signed-on
- § The JavaService tool allows running a Java application as a Windows service in the background.
- § It acts as a wrapper in-between the Windows Service Control Manager and the Java Program.





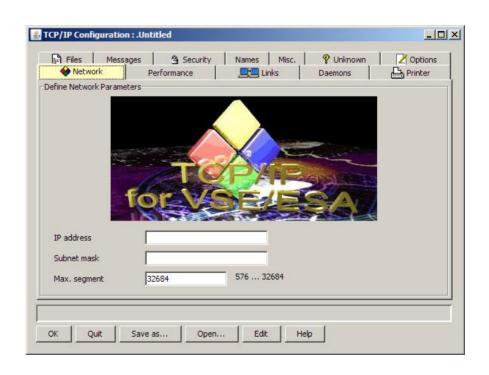
BSM Cross Reference Tool

- § The z/VSE BSM Cross Reference Tool is intended to help administrators control the profile definitions in the BSM control file.
- § Example:
 - When you delete a user ID, you can use it to ensure that you have removed the user ID from all access lists and groups.
- § The following functions are provided:
 - List all groups and resource profiles which contain a specified user ID.
 - List all resource profiles where a specified group is on the access list.
 - List all user IDs found in the BSM control file but is not defined in the VSE control file.
 - List all resource profiles that allow any user to access a resource (UACC not NONE).



TCP/IP Configuration Tool

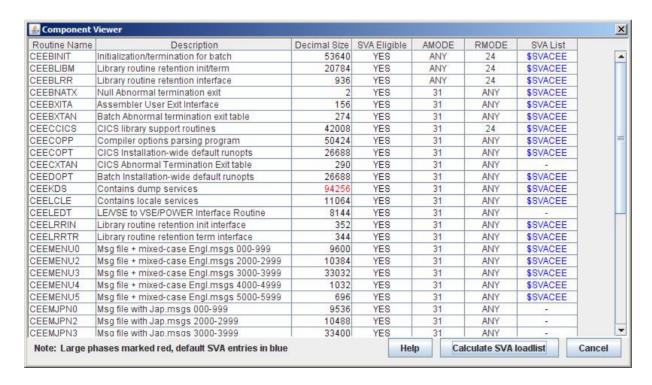
- § TCP/IP for VSE Configuration utility is a workstation-based tool to help configure TCP/IP for VSE.
- § The tool reads an existing IPINIT-member and display the definitions in a set of dialogs.
- § These definitions can be modified or deleted, or new definitions can be added.
- § The definitions can be saved to the same or a new IPINIT member.
- The tool also creates
 - A TCP/IP startup job
 - A VTAM B-book if Telnet daemons are defined
 - A batch file to upload all files to the host through filetransfer.





JCalc LE/VSE Tool

- § This tool is able to calculate and provide an online view of SVA-eligible Language Environment for VSE
- It also takes into consideration whether default-, recommended- and/or optional LE/VSE supplied SVA-loadlists are intended to be used.





JLink LE/VSE Tool

- Soping with Language Environment for VSE run-time problems often is a complex task
 - It requires analysis of the failing application and environment.
- § A useful approach is to cross-check program compile/link lists (e.g in regard to languages, interfaces, products, options, stubs involved).
- § This tool validates VSE compile/link list(s) to judge whether or not a run-time problem might be related to the way the application is built.
 - The tool has initially been developed to help IBM support people to analyze LE related problems.
 - It is now also available to customers.

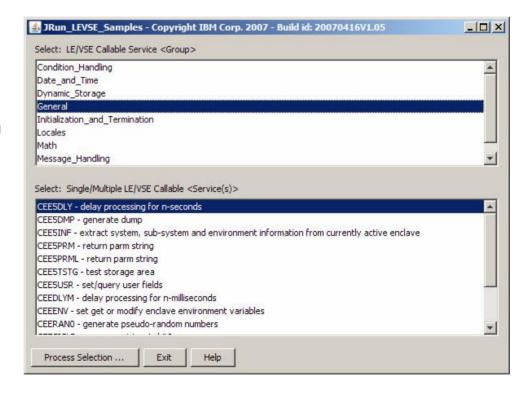




JRun_LEVSE_Samples

- § This tool provides an integrated front-end to download and try out IBM provided LE/VSE sample source programs
 - Supports samples written in the COBOL, PL/I and C programming language.
 - LE/VSE callable services which can be coded cross programming language.
- § The following samples are covered:
 - Condition Handling
 - Date and Time
 - Dynamic Storage
 - General, Initialization and Termination
 - Locales
 - Math
 - Message Handling
 - National Language Support
- § Note:

A corresponding LE/VSE conforming compiler (COBOL/VSE, PLI/VSE and/or C/VSE) must be installed on z/VSE





Summary

- § IBM offers are a huge set of tools available on the VSE Homepage
 - http://ibm.com/vse
 Click on Download on the left
- § Most tools are 'as is', at no additional charge.
- Sonnector components (part of z/VSE and officially supported) are also available here
- § Check it out now!





Questions?

