



Improving the Manageability of IMS with IMS Configuration Manager

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Dynamic Resource Definition

- IMS 10 introduced dynamic resource definitions (DRD)
 - DRD allows IMS resources (transactions, programs, database and fast path routing codes) to be installed dynamically
 - DRD means you can introduce changes more frequently with no IMS down time
 - Maybe, but is it better than on-line change or IMS type 1 command?
 - DRD means you no longer need to perform a SYSGEN
- The DRD environment is a growing feature in IMS as the direction for a world without systems generations.

What are the challenges to success with DRD?

- Organizations usually have established processes around their IMSGEN tight control of the change process
 - Stage 1 source is system definition base
 - Stage 1 source is constantly evolving
 - Changes deployed on regular scheduled basis
 - Cold start
 - Online Change or dynamic resource update
 - Migration to systems level by copying source
- With DRD, how do you achieve the same integrity in the system definition process?
 - What becomes your system definition base?
 - How do you know if the current MODBLKS are correct?
 - How do you stage changes into the system?
 - How do you migrate changes between system levels?
 - How to you bridge the 'gap' between SYSGEN and DRD?

Life Without SYSGEN: the challenges

- With DRD all MODBLKS changes look the same
 - How do they tell the difference between a schedules change and an ad hoc one?
 - How do you relate a change to a logical change request?
 - How do you schedule the installation of a change?
 - How do you get 'Change Control' approval?
 - how do you restore a system to a previous state?
 - What if updates to some of your applications still come as stage 1 source?
 - What do you consider your system image base?
- Some DRD changes require resource conditioning. For example, when can you stop a database or an application if necessary for DRD conditioning

Introduction to IMS Configuration Manager

- IMS Configuration Manager consists of a resource manager and a parameter manager
- The resource manager provides offline management of IMS resources with an online resource installer that leverages the capabilities of DRD
 - Includes support for traditional SYSGEN environments to support a staged DRD conversion
 - Allows scheduled deployment of changed resources
 - Enables Change Control Process
 - Serves as system definition base
 - Provides history of resource deployment
 - Enables back out of incorrectly applied resource changes
- The parameter manager provides a robust smart editor for IMS parameters, syntax checking, and an edit history



How Configuration Manager helps

- Create and update IMS resources consistent with your needs
 - Delegate change entry as required
- Create collections of changed that need to be installed together
- Integrate DRD into existing change management processes
- Schedule install and/or backout with an intelligent resource installer
- Gain a complete audit history of all install activity performed through the product
- Migrate changes to different systems
- Enable an IMSPLEX view of changes

IMS Configuration Manager Complements DRD; retains benefits of both approaches

Dynamic resource definition (DRD)
Alternative to IMSGEN

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IMSGEN

Batch system definition process, with online change process

Immediate Simple Flexible

Structured Controlled Organized



Configuration Manager Approach

- Changes to be installed reflected in change packages
 - You can see changes and status of each change package
- Install change package to RDDS or Stage 1
- Simplified resource definitions
 - Use models and apply system-specific attributes of resources
- Ability to use product without IMSPLEX definitions
- View resource definitions by IMS system
- DRD changes made via batch process
 - Can be scheduled for install 'window'
 - Audit logs for all install and/or back out executions



Getting Started

- Resource take-up: gathers resources from stage 1 source or RDDS and adds them to IMS Configuration Manager repository
 - Resources are organized into logical resource groups
 - Associate resource groups with IMS systems
- Edit and/or add resources to resource groups as required
- Add changes to resources into change packages:
 - Close and schedule change packages: create JCL for implementing the package
 - Command change packages: install updates using DRD commands
 - GEN change packages: generate an RDDS or Stage 1 source for coldstart processing and/or on-line change
- Run scheduled jobs: create stage 1/RDDS or install resources into live systems depending upon change package type

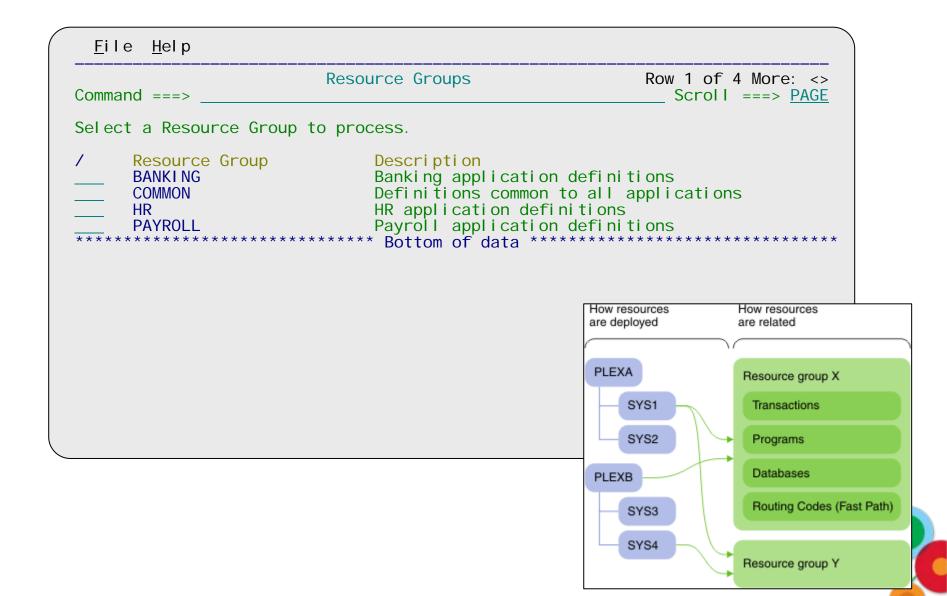


Takeup (simple)

```
File Help
                         Resource Groups
                                                         Row 1 of 8 More: <>
Command ===> NEW
                                                            Scroll ===> PAGE
Select a Resource Group to process.
    Resource Group
                    IMSID Created
                                               Changed
                                                                    I D
    BILLING
                                    2011-01-27 2011-03-16 17. 16. 23 REA
                                    2011-01-27 2011-03-14 12.00.50 REA
    BILLING_TEMP
                                    2011-01-27 2011-01-31 13.18.16 REA
    GENERAL
                                New Resource Group
       IMSID . . . . .
       Description . .
          Add resources via Takeup
           Input type . . \underline{1} 1. Stage 1 macros 2. RDDS
           Input file . . <u>'IADK.VA10.CNTL(STAGE1)'</u>
           User macro file 'FUNDID. IMS. IMSGEN'
              Create notes from comments (stage 1 only)
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Take-up places resources in logical groups; includes associations



Support for the systems generation model

- IMS CM allows you to manage resources around your current cold-start windows
 - You can create changes for a cold start window, add those changes to a generate change package, and then continue work for the next window
 - If there are any emergencies or any changes that need to be scheduled straight away you can use on-line change just like you do now

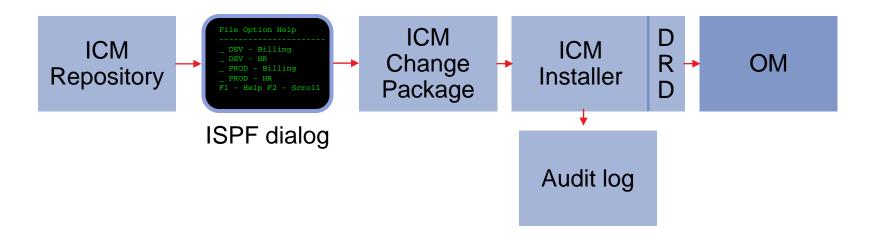


Workflow: updating and implementing changes to resources

- Even if you are DRD-enabled, all modification to resources are performed against the ICM repository
 - Build a change package from the required resources
 - Opportunity to review changes
 - Once closed a change package cannot be modified
 - Change package approval
 - Consolidate changes made by multiple groups within the organization
- Once you have put the changes in a change package you make more changes between update cycles
 - Deletes are the exception as they must be included in change package at the time of deletion if they will be implemented via DRD
- Workflows are provided for both GEN processes and DRD



ICM Processes: updating resources using DRD



- An ISPF dialog is provided to edit and manage resources
- An audit log is maintained of all live changes made through IMS Configuration Manager change packages

Simple forms for creating and updating resources

```
File Help
FDIT
                          Transaction TX001
Command ===>
Update transaction definition.
Transaction : TX001
Description . . You can use descriptions and notes ----> Notes...
                                                                   More:
                                                                              +
Attri bute
                          Description
                          AOI command option (CMD, N, TRAN, Y)
 AOCMD . . . N
 CLASS . . . . 1
                          Class (1-999)
 CMTMODE . . . SNGL
                          Commit mode (SNGL, MULT)
 CONV . . . N
                          Conversational (Y, N)
  DCLWA . . . . _
                          Log write-ahead option (Y, N)
                          MSC direct routing option (Y, N)
  DI RROUTE . . N
  FDITRTN . . .
                          Input edit routine
  EDITUC . . \overline{Y}
                          Edit to uppercase (Y, N)
  FMHBSZ . . . _
                          EMH buffer size (12-30720)
  EXPRIME . . O
                          Expiration time (0-65535)
  FP . . . . . N
                          Fastpath processing option (N, E, P)
                          Inquiry option (Y, N)
                                                 - Context sensitive help
                          Limit count (1-65535)
                                                 - Extensive validation
                                                 - Notes
```



Create a package when ready

```
File Help

Create System Change Package

Command ===>

Change Package . . JUNE CP

Description . . . . CP for June Cold-Start window

I MSplex . . . . : PLXB
I MSI D . . . . : I MSB Version . . : 12.1

/ Change Package type 2 1. COMMAND (CMD) - Selected resources
2. GENERATE (GEN) - Complete system i mage

* Output Type . . . 1 1. Stage 1 Macros
2. Cold Start RDDS
```

- Contains all resources for the IMS image
- You can now continue to make changes for the next cold-start window
- Generate stage 1 or RDDS when you are ready to schedule the package...

Schedule a GEN change package

```
File Help
                     Schedule a GENERATE Change Package
                                                                              <>
C
                                                                              GE
   Specify Generate CP scheduling information
S
    Create Date . . . : 2011-04-04 13.10.04
    Change Package . : MAY GEN CP
    Description . . . :
    Type . . . . . : GEN
    IMSID . . . . . : IMSB Version . . : 12.1
S
                                                                              * * *
    Submit Immediately 2 1. Yes
                           2. No.
    Force . . . . . . N
   Output type . . . \underline{1} 1. STG1 (Stage 1 macros)
                           2. CRDD (COLĎ start RDDS - Type 2 commands)
```

The dialog helps you create the JCL for generating stage 1 or RDDS

Create changes for the next cycle

```
File Help
                    Change Packages - System View
                                                          Row 1 of 5 More: <>
Command ===>
                                                             Scroll ===> PAGE
     . . . . . : IMSA Version . . : 11.1
System Description:
IMSplex . . . . : PLXA
     Create Date/Time
                        Change Package Name
                                                 Status
                                                           Condi ti on
                                                                     Type
     2011-03-17 15. 56. 21 EMER PLXREGEN
                                                 OPEN
                                                           NOTSCHED
                                                                      CMD
     2011-03-17 15.55.53 PLXREGEN
                                                 CLOSED
                                                           NOTSCHED
                                                                      GEN
     2011-03-17 15.54.43 PLX REGEN
                                                 CLOSED
                                                           NOTSCHED
                                                                      GEN
     2011-03-17 15.52.35 EMER UPDATE TO APPS
                                                 CLOSED
                                                           NOTSCHED
                                                                      CMD
     2011-03-17 15.51.45 APRIL SYSGEN
                                                 CLOSED
                                                                      GEN
                                                           NOTSCHED
6 More: <>
                                                                                   ===> PAGE
              Resource Group . : BILL
                     . . . . . : IMSA Version . . : 11.1
              IMSID
              Description . . .
                                                                           Notes...
              Select a resource to update its definition.
                   Name
                             Prompt
                                                 Created
                                                              Changed
                                                                                   I D
                                       Type
                                       DATABASE
                                                 2011-03-16
                                                                                   REA
                   BLLL
                                                              2011-03-16 14, 27, 51
                   BILL
                                       TRAN
                                                 2011-03-16
                                                                                   REA
                                                              2011-03-16 14, 27, 51
                   BILLPGM
                                       PROGRAM
                                                 2011-03-16
                                                              2011-03-16 14, 27, 51
                                                                                   REA
                   BI LLPGM2
                                       PROGRAM
                                                 2011-03-16
                                                              2011-03-16 14, 29, 17
                                                                                   REA
                   BI LLSYSO
                                       TRAN
                                                 2011-03-16
                                                              2011-03-16 14.28.43
                                                                                   REA
                                                 2011-03-16
                                              Bottom of data
```

Create command change packages

```
File Help
                    Change Packages - System View Row 1 of 5 More: <>
Command ===> NEW
                                                             Scroll ===> PAGE
IMSID . . . . . : IMSA Version . . : 11.1
System Description:
IMSplex . . . . : PLXA
    Create Date/Time Change Package Name
                                                          Condition Type
                                                 Status
     2011-03-17 15.56.21 FMER PLXREGEN
                                                 CLOSED
                                                          NOTSCHED
                                                                     CMD
     2011-03-17 15.55.53 PLXREGEN
                                                 CLOSED
                                                          NOTSCHED
                                                                     GEN
                           Create Change Package
       Command ===>
****
        Change Package . . APP2.01
       Description . . . . <u>Updates to new app</u>
IMSplex . . . . : PLXA
        IMSID . . . . . : IMSA Version . . : 11.1
       Change Package type 1 1. COMMAND (CMD) - Selected resources
                              2. GENERATE (GEN) - Complete system i mage
       Output Type . . . _ 1. Stage 1 Macros 2. Cold Start RDDS
```

Select the resources you want to include

```
File Help
                       Select Change Package Resources
                                                               Row 1 to 15 of 15
Command ===>
                                                                Scroll ===> PAGE
CP Name . . . : APP2.01
CP description : Updates to new app
IMSplex . . . : PLXA
IMS ID . . . : IMSA Version . . : 11.1
View . . . . . 2 1. Resource Groups
                   2. Resource Group elements
                              Resource Group
         Resource
                  Type
                                                             Changed
                                                        Lev
         BI LL
                   DATABASE
                             BLLL
                                                              2011-03-16 14.27
         BI LL
                   TRAN
                              BILL
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PROGRAM
BILLPGM
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         BI LLPGM2
                   PROGRAM
                              BILL
                                                              2011-03-16 14.29
         BI LLSYSO
                   TRAN
                              BILL
                                                              2011-03-16 14.28
BI LL2
                   TRAN
                              BLLL
                                                              2011-03-16 14.26
         BILL3
                   TRAN
                              BILL
                                                              2011-03-16 14.26
         BI LL4
                   TRAN
                              BILL
                                                              2011-03-16 14.26
         BI LL5
                   TRAN
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         DBPART
                   DATABASE
                              UTIL
                                                              2011-03-17 15.50
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                   TRAN
                                                              2011-03-18 14.41
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         PART
                   PROGRAM
                                                              2011-03-18 14.42
                              UTIL
         UTI LPGM
                   PROGRAM
                              UTIL
                                                              2011-03-17 15.50
         UTI LT1
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         UTI LT2
                   TRAN
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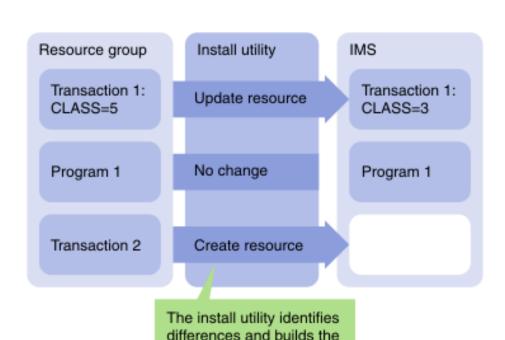
Close and schedule the change package

```
Schedule a COMMAND Change Package
Specify scheduling information and press Enter to process.
Press Cancel or Exit to cancel the request.
Create Date . . . : 2011-08-01 11.42.14
Change Package . : Command CP
Description . . . : Closed and Scheduled
Type . . . . . : CMD
IMSID . . . . . : IMAB Version . . : 12.1
Submit Immediately \underline{2} 1. Yes 2. No
                                     3. Edi t
Output Type . . . : ICMI (Install via DRD Type 2 commands)
JCL data set . . . 'MY. JCL(INSTL)'
Journal data set
```



IMS Configuration Manager resource installer

- The installer provides enhanced services on top of the IMS type-2 command interface
- Automatically determines whether an install or update is required.
- Rollback option
- Full-logging and auditing of install activity

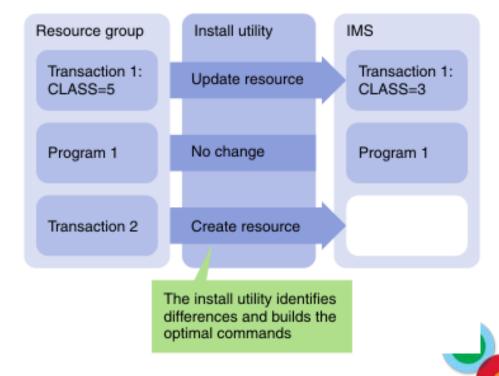


optimal commands

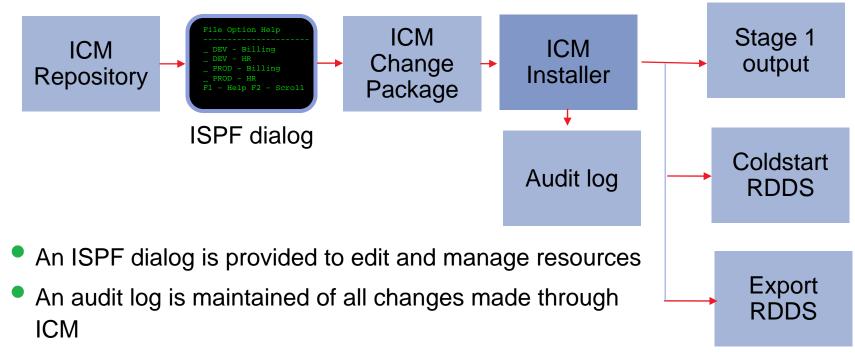
IMS Configuration Manager resource installer - BACKOUT

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- Each change that is made is tracked in the journal
- A BACKOUT command can be used to reverse the changes



ICM Processes: Generate



- Used to enable support for current Sysgen environments during DRD conversion
- Enables DRD resource updates via IMS System Coldstart



GEN processing

- Also uses change packages
- A GEN change package contains an entire system image
- It is closed as soon as it is created
- Can create Stage 1 macros or a system RDDS

```
File Help

Create Change Package

Change Package . . APRIL UPDATES
S Description . . . Contains all updates for next cold start
I MSplex . . . . : PLXA
I MSI D . . . . : I MSA Version . . : 11.1

/ Change Package type 2 1. COMMAND (CMD) - Selected resources
2. GENERATE (GEN) - Complete system i mage
Output Type . . . 1 1. Stage 1 Macros
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Parameter management

- Enhanced parameter listing and search
 - Semantic search: finds parameters and members based on keywords;
 identifies missing parameters and members
 - Listing of PROCLIB members that are active on a given system
 - Edit history for all members
- Enhanced ISPF edit session that provides:
 - Checking of parameter syntax
 - Ability to insert parameters from a model
 - Context sensitive help for all parameters
 - Retains many ISPF edit functions
 - Does not alter or modify the member in anyway (unless you explicitly add or modify parameters)
 - Allows you to back up members before saving them
 - In the future may be extended to perform checking of entire PROCLIBs

Parameter semantic search

```
File Help
FDLT DVP. I BDF. VB10. PROCLIB
                                                                                      Row 11 of 32
Command ===> Scroll ===> CSR
Search . . DRD
   Member
   * Prompt Lib Created ---- Changed ---- ID 1 2009/02/11 2009/02/11 13: 26: 45 NMC2
    COMMON_SERVICE_L=...
    MODBLKS=... How MODBLKS resources are changed
    DYNAMI C_RESOURCE=. . .
   AUTOEXPORT=...
Definitions exported at checkpoint time
Definitions automatically imported in COLD
DCLWA=...
DCLWA=...
Default log write ahead option for created
Action on error during automatic import
Action on error when accessing RDDS
RDDSDSN=...
List of DSNs for RDDS processing
   DFSDF000 1
    COMMON_SERVICE_L=. . .
                                         /* DRD ENABLED: MODBLKS OLC
      MODBLKS=DYN
      DYNAMIC DESCUDE
              Finds members and parameters even if they do not exist
```

Help for each parameter



```
File Edit Edit_Settings Help
EDI T
         REA. CLIST(DFSDFBLN) - 01. 01
                                                   Col umns 00001 00072
                                                     Scroll ===> CSR
Command ===>
CHECK Validate the member syntax
MODEL Insert a new parameter with syntax assistance
000002 /* Dynamic Resource Definition Section */
000003 /***
000004 <SECTI ON=DYNAMI C_RESOURCES>
000005 RDDSDSN=I MSTESTL. I MS1. RDDS1,
===== +.....===MSG> Unmatched parenthesis. RDDSDSN=IMSTESTL
000006
              IMSTESTL. IMS1. RDDS2,
             I MSTESTL. I MS1. RDDS3,
000008 AUTOI MPORT=AUTO
000009 AUTOEXPORT=AUTO
000010 IMPORTER=ABORT
                               New parameter smart editor
==MSG> Unknown parameter: 'IMPORTER
                               Syntax validation
000011 RDDSERR=ABORT
```

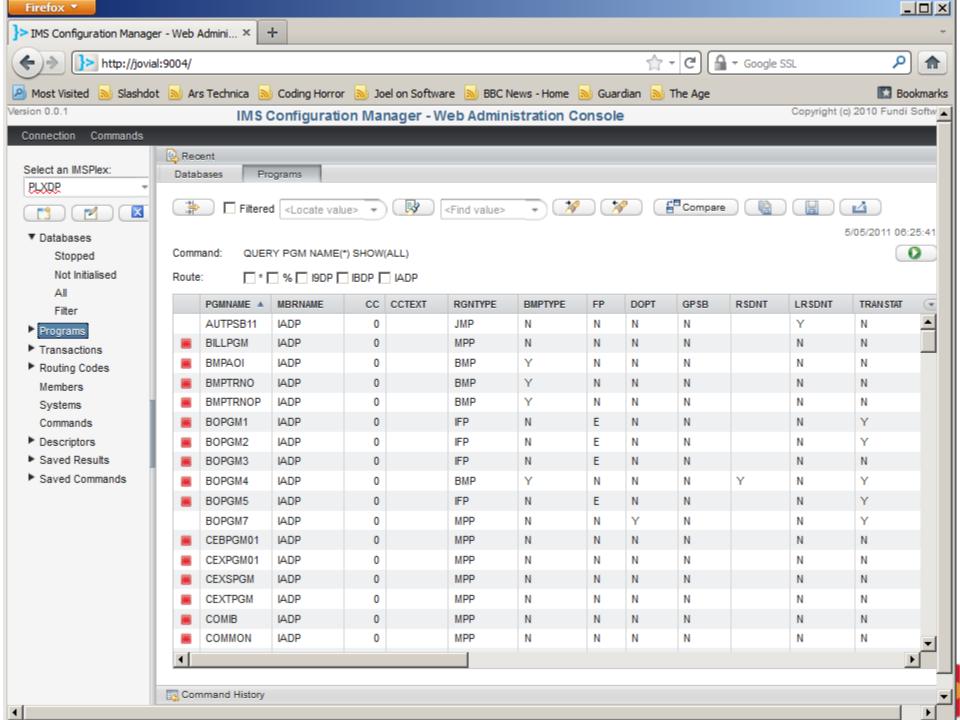
Parameter value validation

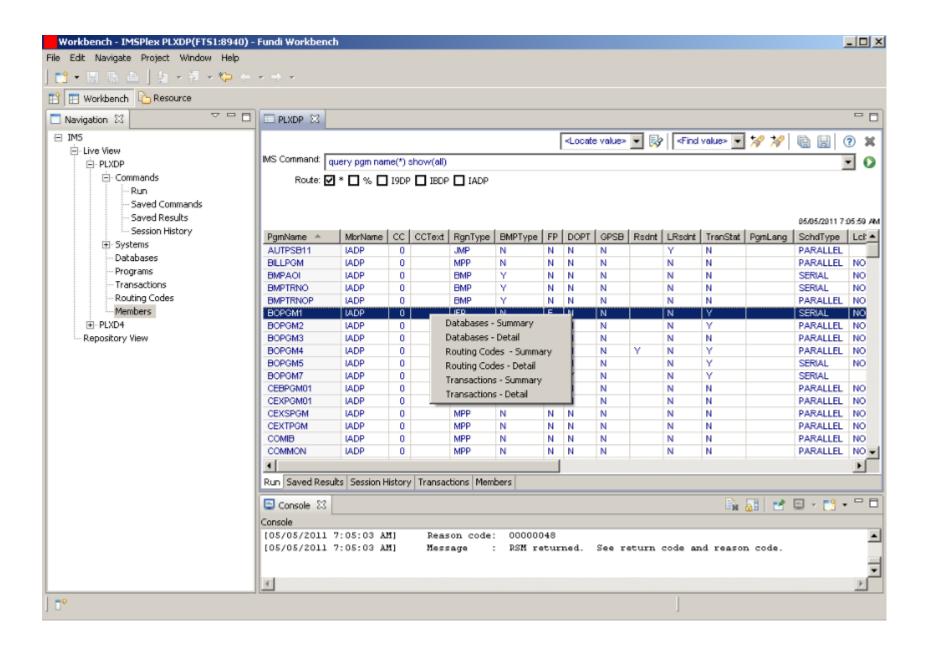
Works with existing members

Context sensitive help

Future possibilities

- Graphical user interface
 - Access from distributed platforms
 - Improved analytics





Conclusions

- IMS Configuration Manager simplifies the management of IMS resources and parameters
 - Using DRD or traditional SYSGEN processes
- Provides the same level of controls you had in a SYSGEN environment
- The resource installation process is streamlined making it easy to synchronize offline source with online systems
- The availability of rollback helps customers introduce changes as a unified set
- Back out provides auditors with peace of mind
- IMS Configuration Manager provides a foundation from which an endto-end IMS administration and management system can evolve





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