



| z/TPF V1.1

# 2013 TPF Users Group Requirements Process Update

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Main Tent

**AIM Enterprise Platform Software**  
**IBM z/Transaction Processing Facility Enterprise Edition 1.1**

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# Communication

## Current Channels

- PMRs
- Customer Service Representatives
- Conferences
- Strategy Meetings
- Service Bulletins
- Surveys
- Education
- [Information Center](#)
- [Redbooks](#)
- [z/TPF Website](#)

## What's new?

- [developerWorks](#)
  - [z/TPF Blog](#)
  - [Request for Enhancement \(RFE\)](#)
- Social Business
  - [Twitter](#) - @IBM\_TPF
  - [LinkedIn](#) - [TPF, z/TPF, & ALCS Professionals](#)
  - [YouTube](#)
- Knowledge Center (GA 1Q14)
  - Consolidation of 800+ Information Centers within a single application utilizing Google Site Search

**TPF**  
Users Group

IBM Knowledge Center



 **Redbooks**

YouTube



# Request for Enhancement (RFE)

- **Request for enhancement (RFE)**

- New tool being rolled out for the TPF Family of Products (z/TPF, z/TPFDF, TPF Operations Server, TPF Toolkit)
  - Requirements can be submitted and tracked directly by customers
- IBM RFE Community: [www.ibm.com/developerworks/rfe/](http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/rfe/)
- Integration into TPFUG Requirements Process
  - Mark Whitney & John Chauvenne will discuss the proposal at the Requirements Subcommittee

- **Benefits**

- Common across all IBM products
- Provides transparency
- Customers can open and track RFEs directly with an IBM Universal ID
- RFEs are public
  - All users can view all requirements
  - Company name and business justification are private (originator and IBM)

# Submitting an RFE

Welcome Request for Enhancement (RFE) Community users! Here you have an opportunity to collaborate directly with the IBM product development teams and other product users.

→ [Search for RFEs](#) (view, comment, vote, and watch)

→ [Submit RFEs](#)

→ [Track your RFEs](#) (My RFEs)

## RFE activities for all brands

→ [Search RFEs](#)

Before you submit a request, search the existing database to minimize the number of duplicate entries. You can add your own comments to existing requests and share information across the community.

→ [Submit RFEs](#)

Submit your own idea for a new RFE. Our development team will review your request and provide status updates throughout its lifecycle.

## Browse RFEs

→ [Top 20 watched RFEs](#)

→ [Top 20 voted RFEs](#)

→ [Submitted RFEs](#)

→ [Planned RFEs](#)

→ [Delivered RFEs](#)

## My stuff

Select a topic you would like to view. The data will be displayed in the list to the right.

- My watchlist
- My votes
- My RFEs
- My group memberships
- My saved searches

[Submit](#)

## My watchlist

Keep track of RFEs you're interested in.


[MQ Receive user exit](#)

[TEST](#)


→ [View all](#)

# RFE Fields

- **Required**

- Submitter
- Company 
- Headline
- Submitter's ranking of priority
- Brand ([WebSphere](#))
- Product family ([Transaction Processing](#))
- Product
- Component
- Operating system
- Description
- Use Case

- **Optional**

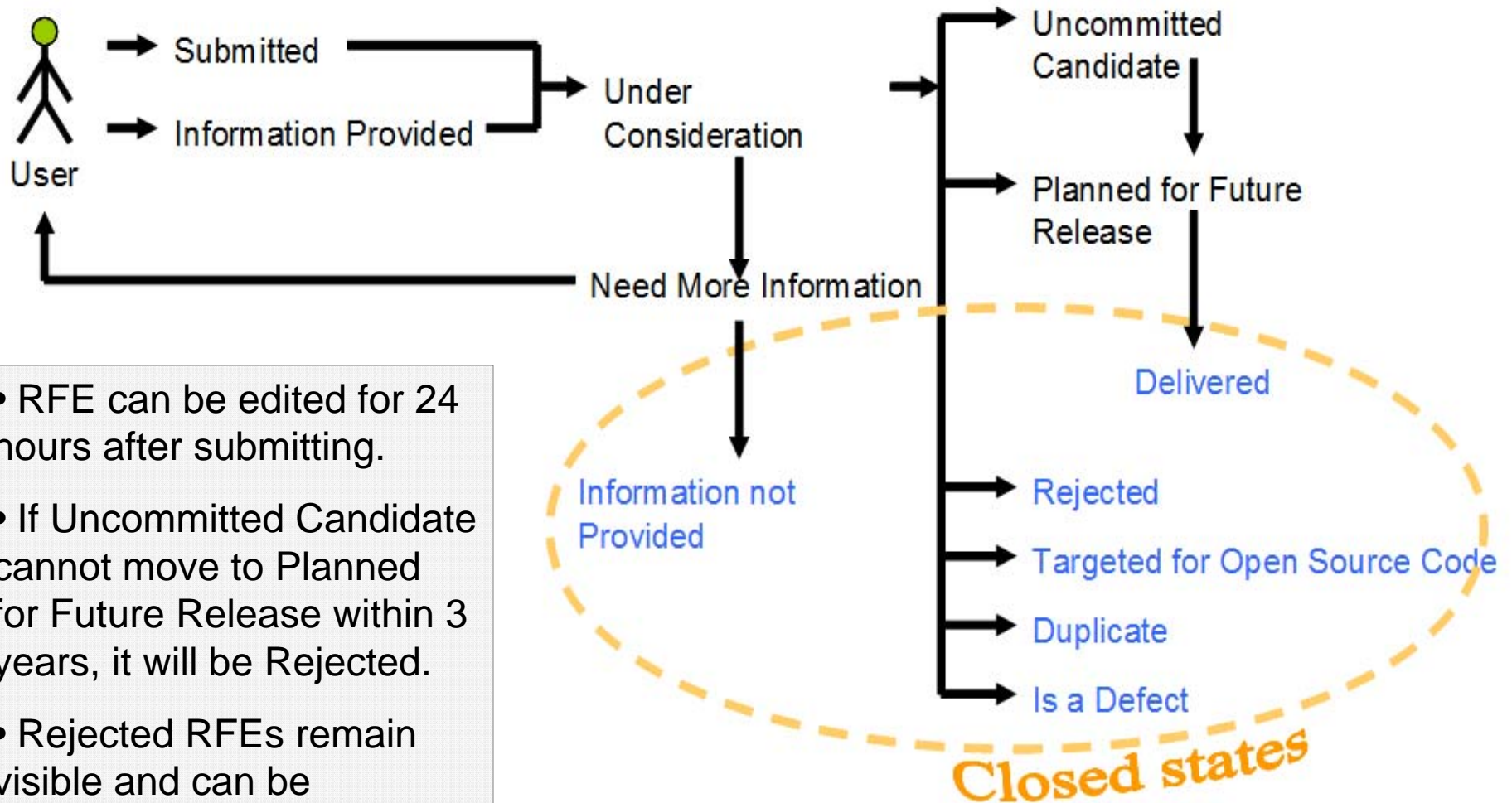
- Source
- PMR ID
- Business Justification 
- RFE Actions
  - Add Vote
  - Add to MyWatchlist
- File attachments
  - 4 per user allowed
  - 20 total allowed
  - 10MB limit per attachment

- **Populated upon creation**

- Submitter
- Visibility
- Country



## RFE Process Flow (RFE, not TPFUG, requirement states)



- RFE can be edited for 24 hours after submitting.
- If Uncommitted Candidate cannot move to Planned for Future Release within 3 years, it will be Rejected.
- Rejected RFEs remain visible and can be reopened after 18 months.

## Features within the IBM RFE Community

- **The IBM RFE Community provides the ability to:**
  - Start / join a Group
    - Private: Invitation-only
    - Public: Petition to join; group admins grant access by request or set automatic approval
    - Forums can be set up for the Group
  - Watch RFEs (My Watchlist; Group Watchlists)
    - Email notification available
    - RSS feeds available
    - Categories can be created within Watchlists to filter displayed requirements
    - Watchlists can be sorted by priority
    - Watchlists can be downloaded to CSV
  - Search RFEs
    - Searches can be saved
    - Results can be downloaded to CSV
  - Comment on an RFE
  - Attach files to an RFE (20 total; 4 per user; up to 10MB per attachment)
  - Email an RFE
  - Bookmark the RFE
  - Vote on an RFE
    - 'Like' the RFE(s) you are interested in

## Additional Information / Useful Links

- **Existing customer requirements**
  - Customer Service Representatives will work with customers to move open requirements into RFE, as desired
  - Customers can open an RFE for an existing requirement
  - Existing requirements will automatically become RFEs as they are implemented
- **Future TPFUG requirements will become RFEs**
  - TPFUG RFE process proposal is in progress

IBM RFE Community in developerWorks	<a href="http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/rfe">http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/rfe</a>	▶
Obtaining an IBM universal ID or registering an existing one. Follow instructions via Need an IBM ID? link under the Sign in (or register) drop down:	<a href="http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/rfe">http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/rfe</a>	▶
Tutorial - Learn about the RFE process	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVTONEEjaz0">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVTONEEjaz0</a>	▶
Tutorial - Learn about how to submit, view and send out notifications on RFEs	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V90SMeHkaoI">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V90SMeHkaoI</a>	▶
Tutorial - How to search for RFEs	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AvXWsiXuqoA">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AvXWsiXuqoA</a>	▶
Tutorial - How to vote for RFEs	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CiTgVanVNTA">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CiTgVanVNTA</a>	▶
Tutorial - How to watch for and get notified for RFEs	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDif8TuSM_8">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDif8TuSM_8</a>	▶
dwRFE FAQs	<a href="http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/rfe/execute?use_case=changeRequestFAQ">http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/rfe/execute?use_case=changeRequestFAQ</a>	▶
dwRFE status values and definitions	<a href="https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/rfe/execute?use_case=changeRequestDefs">https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/rfe/execute?use_case=changeRequestDefs</a>	▶





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## Notes

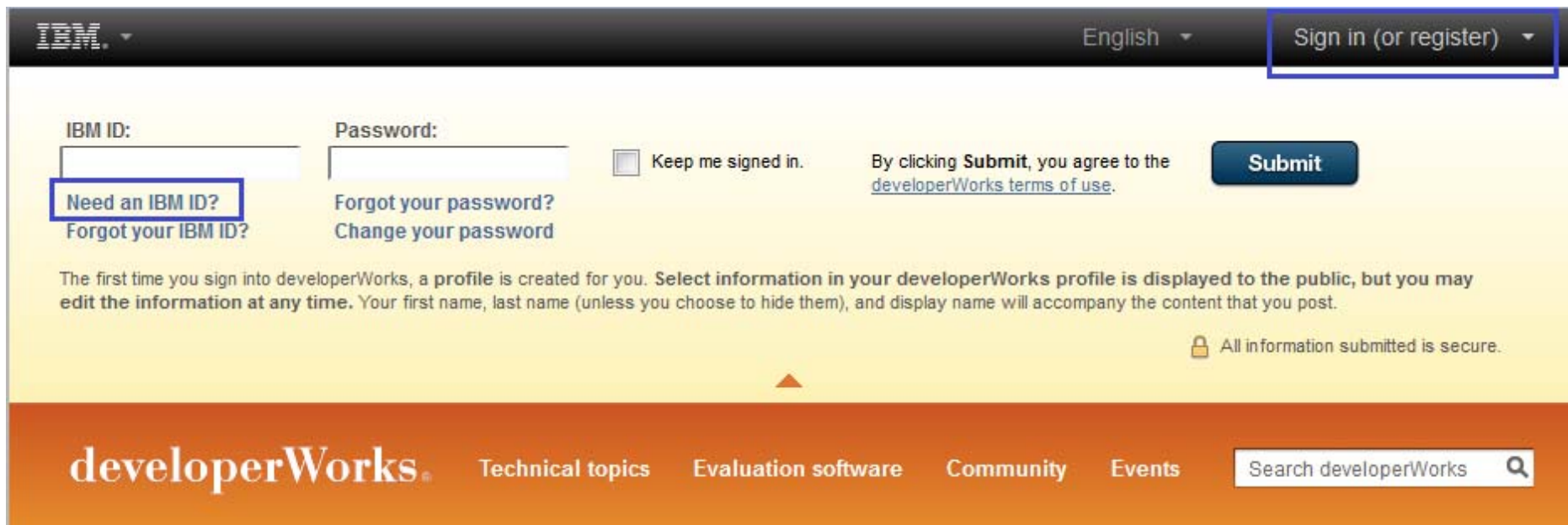
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# Backup

## Signing in to RFE

- IBM RFE Community: [www.ibm.com/developerworks/rfe/](http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/rfe/)
- Obtaining an IBM universal ID or registering an existing one
  - Instructions: 'Sign in (or register)' drop down → 'Need an IBM ID?'



The screenshot shows the sign-in page for IBM developerWorks. At the top left is the IBM logo. At the top right, there is a language dropdown set to 'English' and a 'Sign in (or register)' dropdown menu. Below the header, there are two input fields: 'IBM ID:' and 'Password:'. To the right of the password field is a checkbox labeled 'Keep me signed in.' and a 'Submit' button. Below the input fields, there are links: 'Need an IBM ID?' (highlighted with a blue box) and 'Forgot your IBM ID?' under the IBM ID field; 'Forgot your password?' and 'Change your password' under the Password field. A disclaimer states: 'By clicking **Submit**, you agree to the [developerWorks terms of use.](#)' Below this, a paragraph explains that a profile is created on first sign-in and that profile information is public. A lock icon indicates 'All information submitted is secure.' At the bottom, there is a navigation bar with 'developerWorks' logo and links for 'Technical topics', 'Evaluation software', 'Community', and 'Events'. A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation bar.

# Searching RFEs

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## Search submitted RFEs

**Run one of your searches**

You have not saved any searches. To save a new search, select the search criteria and click **Save search**.

**Search by attributes** Search by RFE IDs or RATLC numbers

To view submitted RFEs, enter values for one or more fields, then click Search.

<b>Brand:</b>	WebSphere	▼
<b>Product family:</b>	Transaction Processing	▼
<b>Product:</b>	z/TPF	▼
<b>Component:</b>	All components	▼
<b>Status:</b>	All statuses	▼ ⓘ
<b>Submitter display names:</b>	<input type="text"/>	ⓘ
	Separate multiple display names with commas.	
<b>Keywords:</b>	<input type="text"/>	
	Separate multiple keywords with commas.	
	Search	Save search

# Viewing RFEs / RFE Actions

RFE details	
<b>Headline:</b>	MQ Receive user exit
<b>ID:</b>	31314
<b>PMR ID:</b>	41254,227,000
<b>RTC ID:</b>	725
<b>OTHER ID:</b>	3155
<b>State:</b>	Open
<b>Status:</b>	<a href="#">Uncommitted Candidate</a>
<b>Created on:</b>	14 Feb 2013, 03:59 PM Eastern Time (ET)
<b>Updated on:</b>	19 Feb 2013, 07:41 PM Eastern Time (ET)
<hr/>	
<b>Submitter:</b>	Joel Whitworth
<b>Submitter's ranking of priority:</b>	Medium - Lack of the RFE functionality is a minor road block to deployment/adoption
<b>Brand:</b>	WebSphere
<b>Product family:</b>	Transaction Processing
<b>Product:</b>	z/TPF
<b>Component:</b>	Runtime
<b>Operating system:</b>	IBM z/TPF
<b>Source:</b>	Other
<b>Visibility:</b>	Public <small>Public RFEs are visible to all users. Private RFEs are visible</small>

RFE stats	
1	vote(s)
0	comment(s)
2	user watchlist(s)
0	attachment(s)

RFE actions	
	<a href="#">Add vote</a>
	<a href="#">Remove from My watchlist</a>
	<a href="#">Email this RFE</a>

RFE activities	
<a href="#">→ Search RFEs</a>	
<a href="#">→ Submit RFEs</a>	

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# My watchlist

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## My watchlist

**Filter by category** Add RFE

To filter RFEs from your watchlist, select the category and click Search. To add or remove categories, go to [Manage categories](#).

Category:  Search

**My watchlist**

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Rank	ID	Headline	Status	Date
1	<a href="#">31314</a>	<a href="#">MQ Receive user exit</a> Product: z/TPF RTC ID: 725 Categories: <No category> <a href="#">Remove watch</a>   <a href="#">Categorize this RFE</a>   <a href="#">Add vote</a>	<a href="#">Uncommitted</a> <a href="#">Candidate</a>	19 Feb 2013
2	<a href="#">32530</a>	<a href="#">TEST</a> Product: z/TPF Categories: <No category> <a href="#">Remove watch</a>   <a href="#">Categorize this RFE</a>   <a href="#">Remove vote</a>	<a href="#">Submitted</a>	19 Mar 2013

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