Extend Development Team Productivity

Extending Your Mainframe for More Business Value

We have a lot of new solutions to build. If I build them all on System z, I will have to find more System z development skills.

With modern tools from Rational, even your inexperienced programmers will be productive.

Service Oriented Finance Needs Productive Development Tools

Service Oriented Finance Development Manager

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Rational Developer for System z (RDz)

- IBM’s latest tool for System z development
  - Version 7.1 shipped Sep 2007

- Single integrated tool for developing mainframe applications using both traditional and newer technologies
  - Develop traditional COBOL/PL1/ASM/JCL/BMS/EGL applications
  - Develop Java/J2EE and Web applications, including JSF and struts

- Boosts developer productivity compared to green screen tools
  - Workstation tool based on Eclipse

- Leverage existing assets in a Service Oriented Architecture
  - Quickly expose CICS, IMS and DB2 assets as native services
  - Visually wire together CICS transactions into a business flow

IBM Development Tools Are Built on Eclipse

Function delivered as perspectives in eclipse – plug-ins in blue ship with RDz
ISPF: How Does Traditional “Green Screen” Development Work?

Programmer goes through a sequence of screens in order to get the job done:
- 3.4 listings, job listings, SDSF outputs, etc.
- Programmer is constantly flipping back and forth between these ISPF screens.

RDz Highlights for Traditional Mainframe Development

- Interactive, workstation-based environment
  - Interactive access to z/OS
  - Work with host files as though they are local

- Boosts developer productivity compared to “green screen” tools
  - Interactive edit/compile/debug on the workstation
    - Work offline or online
  - Interactive job generation, submission, monitoring, command execution
  - Supports different runtimes (CICS, IMS, Batch, USS, DB2, WAS)
  - Language sensitive editors

- Can access different host based Source Code Management systems through a unified interface
  - CARMA (Common Access Repository Manager)
DEMO: Introducing Rational Developer for System z

- Perspectives and views
- Remote System Explorer
- Working with host datasets
- Language-sensitive COBOL editor
- Works with DB2 on z/OS
- Productivity features
- Edit/Compile/Visual Debug

Interactive Problem Determination: RDz Integrates with Host-based PD Tools

Applications Under Debug

End to End Debug
Edit VSAM data
Analyze abend logs

Rational Developer for z
Inexperienced Programmers Can Be Productive

- An independent study from Branham Group concluded:
  
  - Using RD/z, a developer with no mainframe experience can be just as productive as an experienced ISPF programmer
  
  - In addition, the RD/z developer achieved
    - 44% productivity advantage in COBOL and PL/1 edit, compile, debug activities
    - 3 times productivity advantage in creating web services
  
- Workstation based edit and unit test saves mainframe cycles
  
  - Customers at Fiducia, Deutsche, Nationwide observed an 80% reduction in the cost of compiles

http://www.branhamgroup.com/wdz_study

Customer Example

Background:

- German bank providing financial services to private companies across Europe
- Provider of online banking services

Challenge:

- Upgrade teller workstations and ensure they continue to work with an existing third-party COBOL run-time environment

Solution:

- New application framework based on **IBM COBOL**
- **WDz** to design new COBOL and other code

“In one tool, we have a single development environment for multiple environments. I don’t have to jump between different tools to do different tasks. The tool is very complete.”

- Armin Schiller, transaction banking payments and cash transactions, Commerzbank AG
Another Tool to Help Inexperienced Programmers

- **WebSphere Studio Asset Analyzer (WSAA)**
  - Powerful tool for Discovery and Impact Analysis
    - Search for application assets
    - Understand asset structure and relations
      - find dependencies across applications and lines of business
    - Perform data flow and impact analysis
    - Extract code for re-use
  - Supports both mainframe and distributed assets
  - Results are displayed in easy-to-read graphical windows
    - Uses a Web Interface

WSAA Can Discover and Take Inventory of a Wide Variety of Mainframe Assets

- Source code: COBOL (including copybooks), PL/I, assembler, and JCL
  - Source code can be in a partitioned data set (PDS or PDSE) or controlled by a source control management (SCM) product.
- CICS online regions and transactions
- IMS subsystems and transactions
- SQL statements (DCLCURSOR, DCLTABLE, DELETE, FETCH, INSERT, SELECT, UPDATE)
- DB2 catalogs (columns, stored procedures, systems, tables, and views)
- MQ calls and queues
- J2EE assets
A Look at Rational Enterprise Generation Language (EGL)

- A simplified high level programming language that lets developers write full-function applications quickly
  - Supported by new development tool, Rational Business Developer (RBDe)

- Code in higher level language, then generate to language of choice (Java or COBOL)
  - Tight integration with Java Server Faces

- Well suited for “business oriented developers”
  - Who are used to using Oracle Forms, Informix 4GL, Visual Basic, and RPG

- Learn and use quickly and easily
Service Oriented Finance Needs Testing Tools

I need to make sure our new solutions are fully tested.

With Rational testing tools you can be confident that the deployed applications will be of the highest quality and have the best performance.

Service Oriented Finance Test Manager

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Rational Functional Tester

- Use Rational Functional Tester
  - Record/Enhance/Execute scripts on Windows/Linux
  - Functional test any .NET, web, or Java application (z or non-z)

- Use Rational Functional Tester Extension for Terminal-based Applications
  - Record/Enhance/Execute scripts on Windows
  - Functional test System z terminal based applications
Performance Testing

Definition: Testing conducted to evaluate the compliance of a system or component with specified performance requirements. 1

- The evaluation of a system’s capability to provide acceptable response times and function while serving a large number of clients
- Also goes by the names of Load Testing, Capacity Testing, or Stress Testing

![Performance Testing Diagram](image)


Rational Performance Tester and Workload Simulator

- Use Rational Performance Tester for z/OS
  - Develop scripts on Windows or Linux
  - Execute scripts on z/OS
  - Performance test any web application (z or non-z)

- Use IBM Workload Simulator
  - Develop scripts on z/OS
  - Execute scripts on z/OS
  - Performance test any System z terminal application
Service Oriented Finance Needs Better Change and Release Management Tools

Our different development teams use different change and release processes

Rational has modern tools that can help unify your Change and Release Management Processes

Service Oriented Finance Development Manager

IBM

Service Oriented Finance Development Teams

- Teams separated by distance and function
- Different development processes
- Little sharing of code assets
- Uneven quality control

ClearCase

Visual SourceSafe

.NET Development Team

Web and Java Development Team

Mainframe Development Team

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Rational Change and Release Management
Solutions For All Your Development Teams

Requirements
- Requirements
- Use Case Analysis
- Change request

Project
- Create Projects
- Assign resources
- Track projects

Develop
- Compile
- Edit
- Debug
- Unit Testing

Testing
- Function
- Regression
- Performance
- Stress

Build
- Activity
- Directed
- Builds

ClearQuest (Change Management)

ClearCase (Configuration Management)

Rational Build Forge (Build Management)

- Associates ClearQuest activities with builds for better tracking and reproducibility
- Provides a detailed bill of materials that documents the contents of each release for compliance management
- Improves team efficiency by enabling more frequent, automated build iterations

Build Forge directs the steps involved in a build

Aggregated Reports across entire Process
Service Oriented Finance Development Teams – Common Change and Release Management Process

- Teams separated by distance and function
- Same change management process
- Linked repositories are synchronized
- Easy sharing/reuse of code assets
- Uniform and remote activity driven builds for all development teams

Summary

- Improve the productivity of mainframe application developers with Rational Developer for System z, WebSphere Studio Asset Analyzer, Rational Business Developer Extension
- Improve the quality of applications with Rational Functional Tester, Rational Performance Tester, and IBM Workload Simulator
- Achieve a common change and release management process with Rational ClearQuest, ClearCase, Build Forge
  - Orchestrate all problem tracking and configuration management with Rational ClearQuest
  - Manage enterprise assets with Rational ClearCase
  - Produce traceable, automated, and cross-platform builds with Rational Build Forge