Modernizing business critical applications with open languages on z/OS

Day 1

Overview of the open-source languages on z/OS – Go, Node.js, and Python

Speakers



Yves Tolod IBM Z Client Technical Professional

As a Z veteran, Yves brings unique perspectives gained from working with different clients to unleash the true potential of IBM Z. Using real-world examples, Yves sheds light on how clients can bring the most value out of their IBM Z investments.



Jennifer Rowan
Offering Manager - Python and Node.js on z/OS

Prior to her current position, Jennifer held many positions in Development Support, Security, Project Management and Lab Services. Jennifer is passionate about Open Source and application modernization on IBM Z.



James Tang Offering Manager – Go and Java on z/OS

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Panelists



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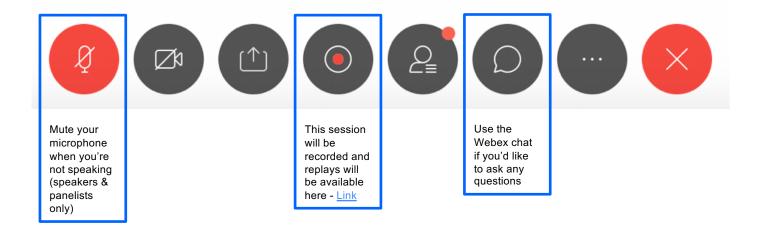
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The challenge

The number of new applications and the cost of maintaining existing applications is skyrocketing

It's important for clients to embark on a strategy to modernize applications and build new one because:

500m

New Apps from 2018 to 2025 ¹

40%

Technical debt²

- Modern applications enable speed to develop and deploy new capabilities, responding to market demands with the tools to compete and win
- Modern applications aren't challenged with technical debt and skills shortages of older technology
- Modern applications require that the developer experience change from working on monolithic, slow and cumbersome apps to a fast, agile and responsive culture
- Modern applications are more secure and meet compliance standards

IBM's approach to building and modernizing applications maximizes agility and ROI

Strategy & roadmap

Optimize core apps

Application development

Access to data and services

Managing at scale

Culture, people, skills



- Source: IDC FutureScape: Worldwide IT Industry 2020 Predictions October, 2019
- Source: Gartner: Application Modernization Should Be Business-Centric, Continuous and Multiplatform, August, 2019

IBM z15[™] is most advanced business platform on the planet

It doesn't need to be modernized; you need to modernize the way you use it





Cloud native



Encryption everywhere



Cyber resiliency

container based development and deployment

protect eligible data across hybrid cloud environments

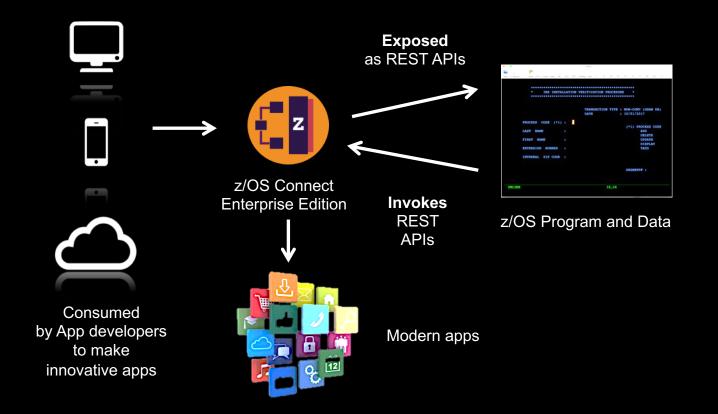
continuous availability and scalable isolation of workloads

Designed for flexible computing

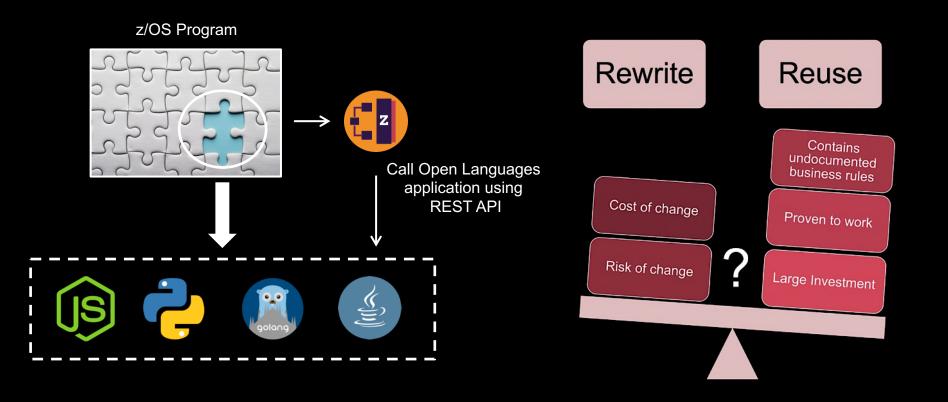
new option for high availability plus accelerators

Modern applications are fueled by APIs

Integration of Z assets via APIs is seen as the most effective first step on a hybrid cloud journey



Extend existing Core Applications on z/OS with Open Languages Invoked as APIs to accelerate modernization



Why modernize with open programming languages

- Access a vast pool of developers to work on z/OS
- Leverage a large number of "good-to-go" packages to use instantly in applications
- Accelerate digital transformation and enable new applications on IBM Z
- Co-locate applications and services on z/OS to improve performance in accessing critical applications and data



Estimated number of developers worldwide (2021)¹

Python: 8.4M

Node.js: 7.5M

Go: 5.6M

IDC - PaaSView and the Developer 2020: Focus Topic Pivot Table –



Support IBM offerings and latest technology development

- Python: Red Hat Ansible Certified Content for IBM Z, ZOAU
- Node.js: Wazi, Zowe
- Go: Container runtime and Kubernetes orchestration for z/OS SOD: <u>Link</u>

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- Zero license charge
- Optional priced S&S

IBM Open Enterprise SDK for Node.js

What is the IBM Open Enterprise SDK for Node.js - z/OS Offering?

Run Node.js applications in z/OS UNIX shell



What is Node.js?

- Server-side JavaScript runtime
- Designed to build scalable network applications
- Best suited for data-intensive (i.e. I/O bound) applications

IBM Open Enterprise SDK for Node.js is a \$0 license charge product with optional IBM Subscription & Support

npmjs.org

Repository of community contributed packages

Over 1.5M packages covering all domains

IBM Open Enterprise SDK for Node.js on z/OS use cases

Digital Transformation

Modernize applications by extending existing applications using Node.js - z/OS microservices on Z

API Orchestration

Avoid exposing more APIs than necessary, simplify API development and maintenance

Interoperability

Access z/OS based resources from Node.js using REST APIs

Application Development

Develop web Applications and create REST APIs

Benefits



Replace monolithic design



Improved organizational efficiency



Better performance. Better security



Modernize in place. Ability to write modern interfaces on z/OS

Why IBM Open Enterprise SDK for Node.js on z/OS?

- JavaScript is ubiquitous, available everywhere
- Large open-source community support & largest repository of modules
- Co-location of Node.js applications with critical assets (i.e. applications and data) on z/OS to reduce response time, increase throughput and increase security
- Directly connect your Node.js applications to your critical assets with Z native modules
- Drive digital transformation



Learn more about Node.js

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Latest information, how-to and more - Link

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Node.js.org - <u>Link</u>

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IBM Open Enterprise SDK for Python

Product Overview

IBM Open Enterprise SDK for Python is based on the popular Python interpreter from Python Software Foundation (PSF)

Current Releases:

IBM Open Enterprise SDK Python 3.8

IBM Open Enterprise SDK Python 3.9

Pricing

\$0 license charge product with optional S&S

Application: 64-bit, ASCII/XPLINK

Packages shipped with the SDK include:

Python stdlib, cffi, cryptography, numpy, pycparser, pip, setuptools, six, zos_util

Python Package Index (PyPI)

Repository of community contributed packages Over 200,000 packages

Packages cover all domains, web hosting, scientific computing, databases, etc.

IBM Open Enterprise SDK for Python use cases

Business Transformation

Z clients can extend core business critical applications using Python

Data Science

Perform advanced data analysis using the most popular python packages on the platform where the data is stored

Interact with z/OS

Using Z Open Automation Utilities, you can utilize the existing infrastructure and interact with different utilities (datasets, JCL, etc.)

Ansible via Python

Automate applications and IT infrastructure using Python via Ansible

Benefits



Drive business transformation. Modernize in place



Co-locating the data and Python applications on Z will improve performance and keep data secure



Simplify. Automate. Don't need to move your data



Manage your z/OS resources the same way as you would on distributed

Why IBM Open Enterprise SDK for Python on z/OS?

- Develop Python applications on Z the same way you would on any other platform
- Leverage a large ecosystem of packages and frameworks to shorten delivery time
- Drive digital transformation
- Co-locating the data and Python applications on Z will improve performance and keep data secure
- Python on z/OS enables Z clients to use the de facto language to develop Red Hat® Ansible modules to streamline automation operations for their hybrid IT environment



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Product Overview

IBM Open Enterprise SDK for Go is an industry-standard Go (or Golang) compiler that brings a powerful framework for building fast and scalable applications to the z/OS platform.

Current Release:

IBM Open Enterprise SDK for Go 1.16

(GA'ed March 12, 2021)

Pricing

\$0 license charge product with optional S&S

Technical details

Software requirements

- z/OS V2R4, or later
- IBM z/OS UNIX System Services

Hardware requirements

- IBM Z servers that support z/OS V2R4, or later
- Required hard disk space is minimum 850 MB

Full enablement of Go on z/OS

- Go standard runtime library
- UTF-8 Unicode Standard
- Go modules and multithreading
- Enablement of Go to call C code

IBM Open Enterprise SDK for Go use cases

Modernization in place

Develop APIs / plugins / wrappers to extend business critical applications using Go for faster delivery, ease of maintenance and lower cost

Enable popular Go applications on z/OS

Applications written in Go on another platform can run more efficiently, securely and with higher performance on z/OS (Kubernetes, Open Container Initiative, Analytics, AI, etc)

Interoperate with middleware / other languages

Communicate and integrate with existing middleware via z/OS Connect APIs and other languages via cgo

Develop new applications

Build applications that are more lightweight, use less system resources, and perform better overall

Benefits



Simplicity - Simple syntax, lightweight, easy to understand & maintain



Agility - Microservice architecture, multiple manageable services



Performance - Fast running due to small syntax and concurrency support, highly scalable



Ecosystem - Access to millions of Go developers worldwide

Why IBM Open Enterprise SDK for Go on z/OS?

- Leverage colocation of Go applications with critical assets and data on z/OS, for faster response times and more throughput
- Run popular Go applications from other platforms on Z, for greater reliability and resiliency
- Take advantage of great features supported by a large open community, for greater agility
- Leverage Go's powerful standard library of packages and built-in functions, for rapid development



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Q&A

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Thank you for joining us today and don't forget to attend tomorrow's deep-dive session.

Here's what you can expect in tomorrow's session –

- How to create a simple RESTful backend using Go internal HTTP server: Use battery-included features in Go to create standalone web servers to parse JSON format.
- How to extend core business applications with Node.js: The first demo shows how you can extend an
 existing CICS and IMS COBOL application by calling a microservice written in Node.js. The second demo
 shows how can you create a Backend For Frontend (BFF) layer with Node.js to make multiple calls a call
 to CICS and a call to Db2 and expose it as a single call.
- Exploring Binary classification with Python. This demo will show you how to perform exploratory analysis on your existing data, normalize values, generate plots and figures (heat maps, histograms, etc.), and prepare the data for classification. Execute binary classification algorithm on the pre-processed data and classify new data according to the trained model.

Replay link will be emailed soon.

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