

Modernizing business critical applications with open languages on z/OS

Day 2

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

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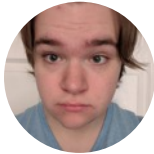
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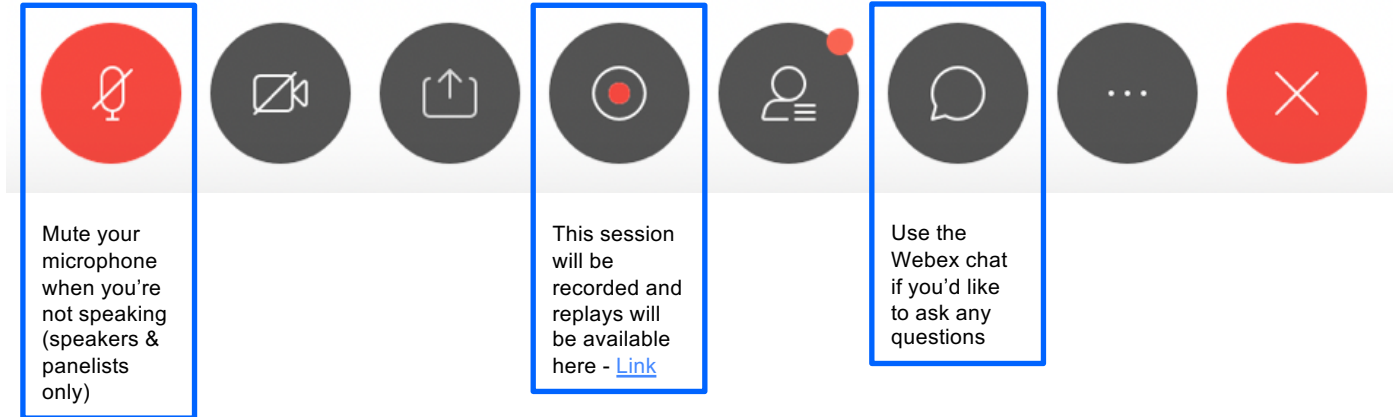
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IBM Open Enterprise SDK for Node.js

What is Node.js?

- **Server side JavaScript runtime**
Designed to build scalable network applications
- Lightweight and efficient
- Uses an event-driven, single-threaded, non-blocking I/O model
- Best suited for data-intensive (i.e. I/O bound) applications
- Provides a module-driven, highly scalable approach to application design and development that encourages agile practices

'Hello World' Web Application

```
1 var http = require("http");
2
3 http.createServer(function(request,response) {
4   response.writeHead(200, {"Content-Type": "text/plain"});
5   response.write("Hello z/OS World");
6   response.end();
7 }).listen(8888);
8
9
10 })' fT2f6U(8888):
11 LG2b0u36*6uq( )
```

Largest repository of modules

- **NPM (Node Package Manager)**
- **Repository of community contributed modules**
- **1.5M modules and growing**
- **3x growth rate vs other runtimes**

By the numbers

Packages

1,578,404

Downloads • Last Week

26,238,889,765

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128,251,125,495

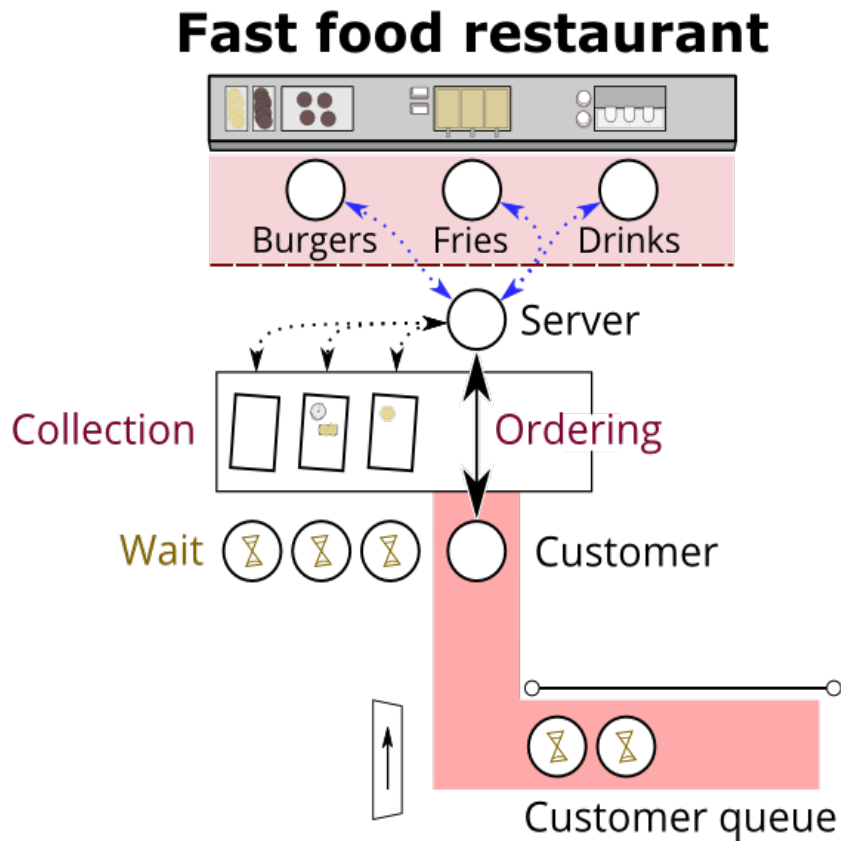
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How Node.js Works?

The Event Loop

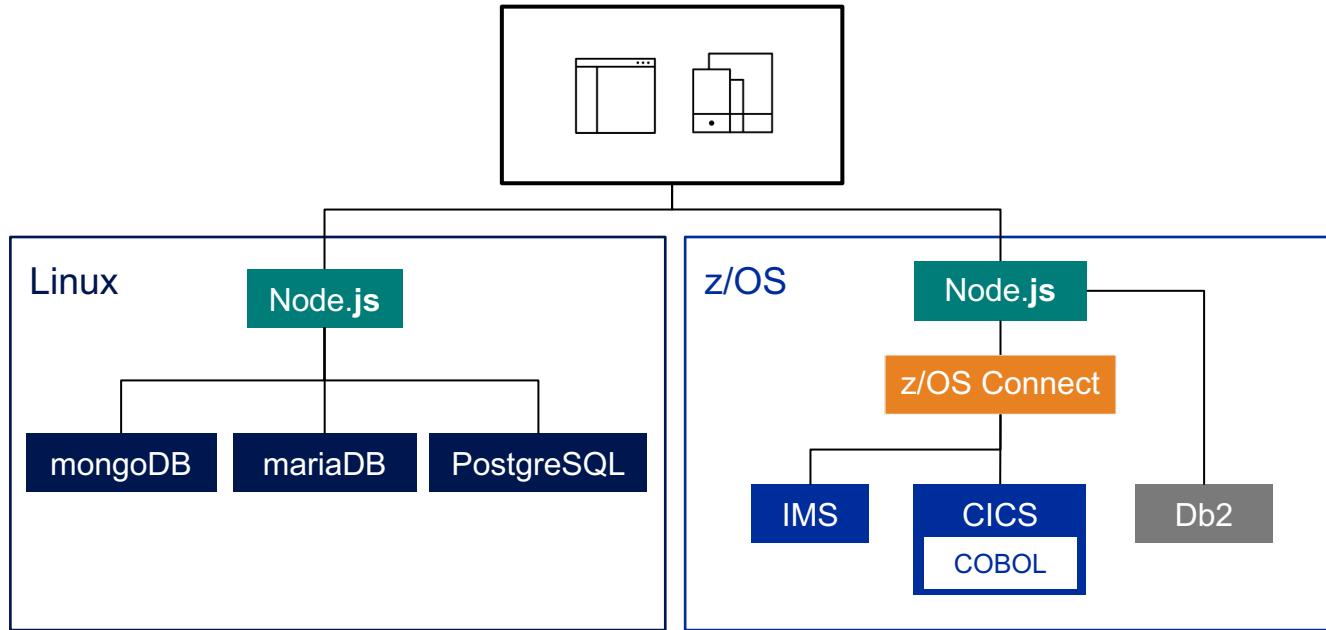
Allows Node.js to perform non-blocking and asynchronous operations

Node.js is a Single- threaded Application
Supports concurrency via events and callbacks
Loop that listens for events, and then triggers a
callback function when one of those events
is detected



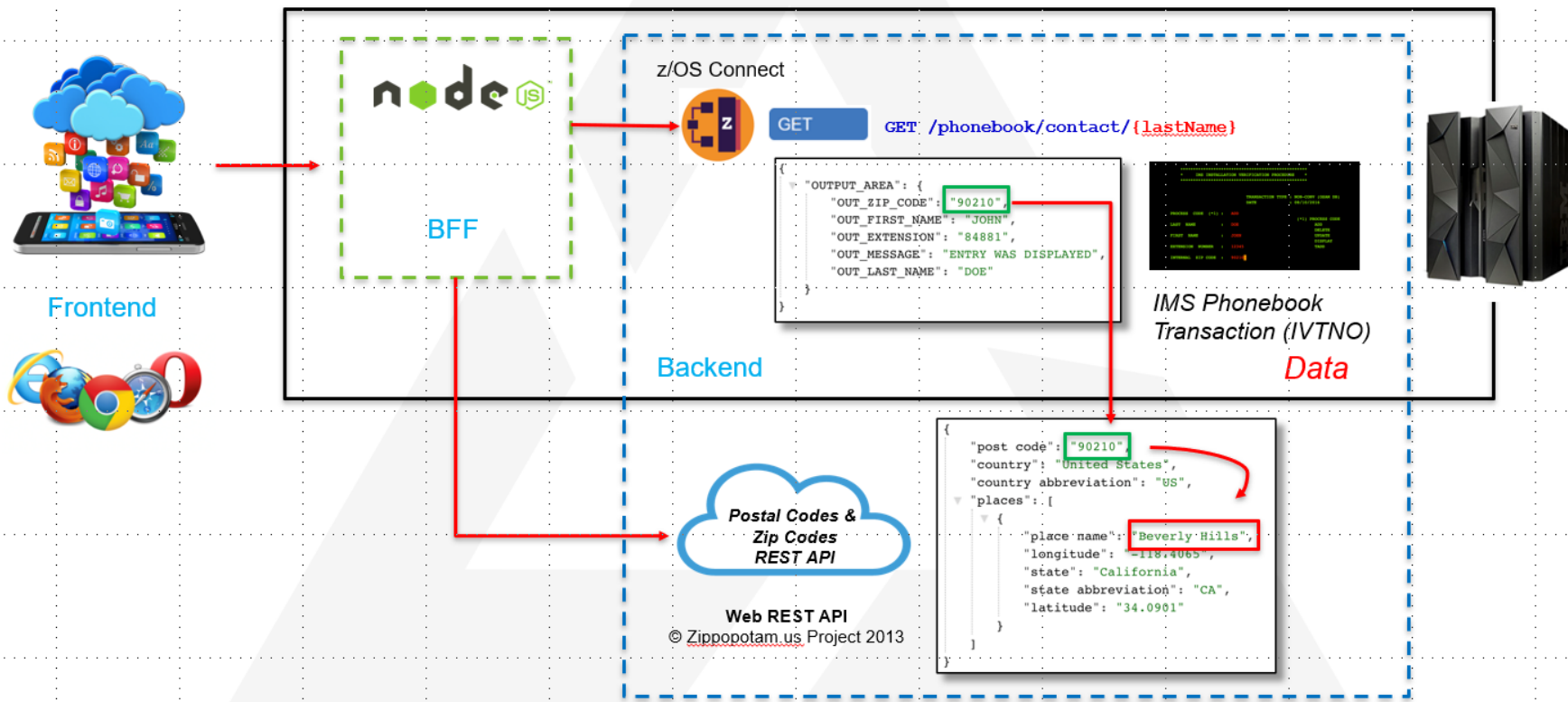
Why use Node.js on z/OS

Co-locate applications and data on IBM Z to deliver better throughput and response time



Why use Node.js on z/OS?

Put your Backend for Frontend (BFF) closer to your data



Connect to your z/OS assets

z/OS Connect Enterprise Edition (EE)

- Access z/OS assets that are exposed through IBM z/OS Connect EE
- zosconnect-node: [link](#)
- Loopback connector for z/OS Connect EE: [link](#)

CICS

- Can deploy Node.js application in CICS the same way as COBOL: [link](#)

Db2

- Provide direct access to Db2 on z/OS via npm module: [link](#)

VSAM

- Interact with z/OS VSAM datasets and records via npm module: [here](#)



Connect to your z/OS assets

z/OS Node Accessor

- Module to interact with z/OS MVS dataset and z/OS UNIX files and simple JCL operations: [link](#)

zREXX

- It calls z/OS REXX scripts residing in PDS from Node.js: [link](#)

RACF

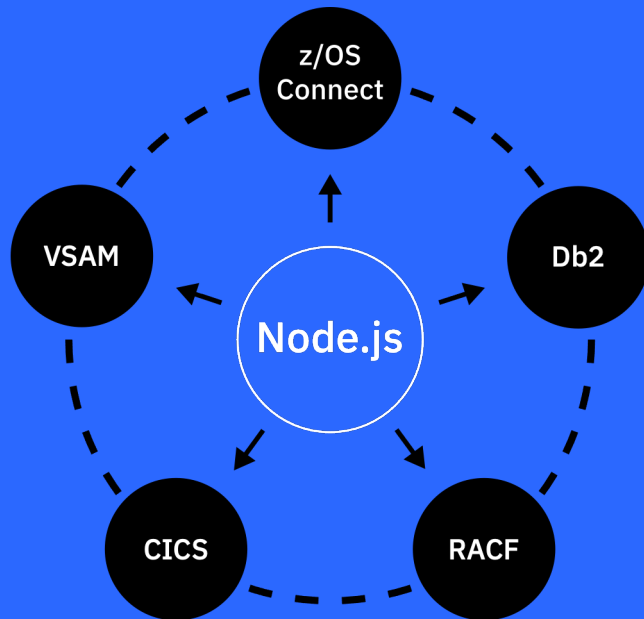
- This Node.js module enables your application to validate against RACF: [link](#)

BPXWDYN Dynamic Allocation

- Node.js interface to the BPXWDYN program, used for dynamic allocation: [link](#)

zCRYPTO - Interface to RACF Keyrings

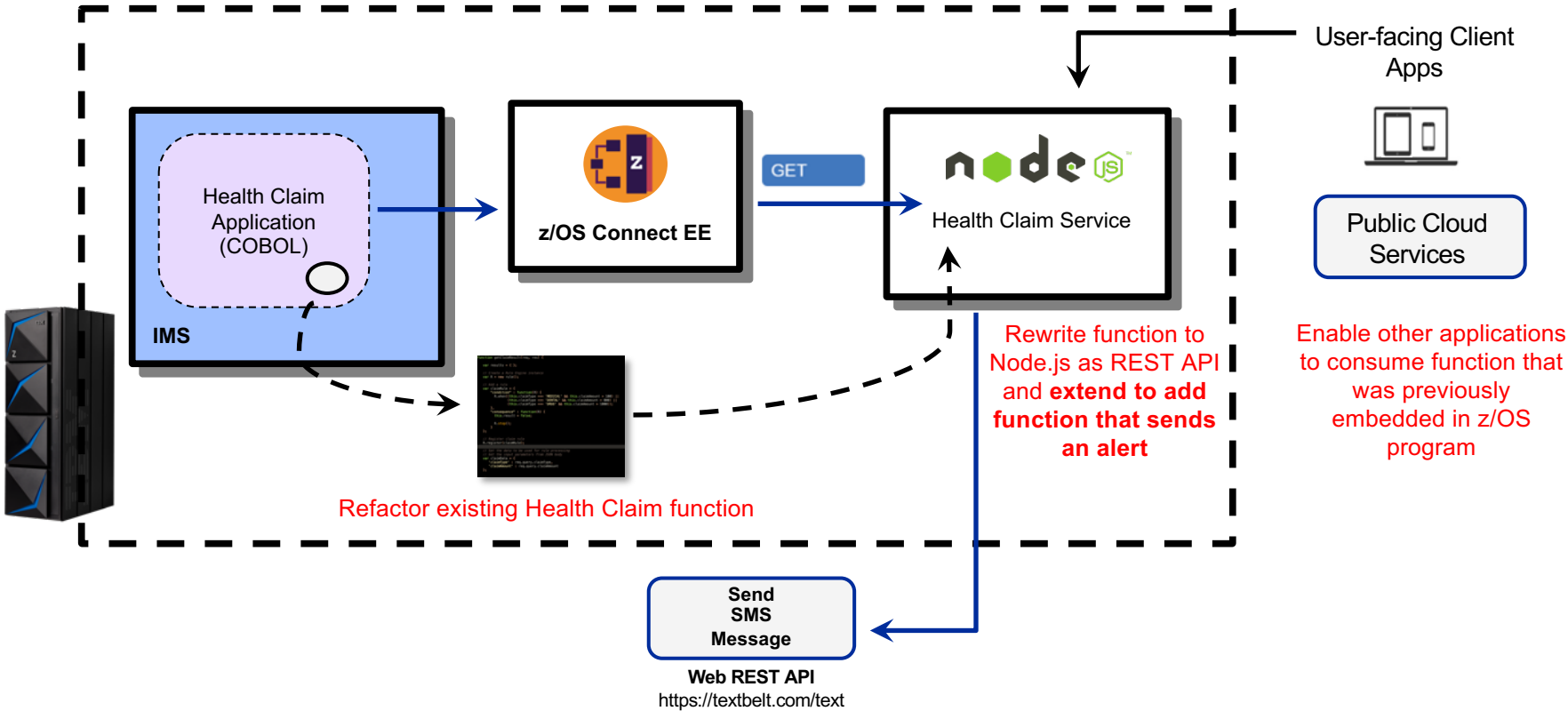
- Provides APIs to RACF key rings [link](#)



Demo time!

Refactor elements of an existing z/OS application into discrete services

Rewriting a COBOL function as a Microservice in Node.js and invoked as a REST API



Demo Take-aways

- Revitalize existing monolithic application with APIs
- Develop new functions using open languages and invoked as APIs to extend existing core applications on z/OS
- Refactor specific functions of existing z/OS application using open languages to simplify maintenance

IBM Open Enterprise SDK for Python

What is Python?

Python is an interpreted, object-oriented high-level language with simple and easy to learn syntax.

Python encourages code reuse through packages & modules, which are available through the Python Package Index (PyPI) repository, where users can share open-source projects.



Extensive Package Ecosystem

The Python Package Index (PyPI) is a repository of community contributed packages for the Python programming language

There are over 200,000 packages covering all domains (web hosting, scientific computing, databases, etc.)



What's included in IBM Open Enterprise SDK for Python

Full port of Python™ 3.9 to z/OS®

UNIX Systems Services:

- The cpython interpreter
- The Python standard library
- Enhancements to support interaction with EBCDIC data
- Support for ctypes and calling native language libraries
- Distutils customization to enable packaging Python applications on z/OS

z/OS tailored PyPI packages

- numpy tuned for IBM Z® hardware
- cffi
- cryptography
- ebcdic
- zos_util (IBM Python module for file tagging utilities for z/OS)
- pycparser
- six
- pip
- setuptools

Why Python for z/OS?

IBM Z clients can develop applications with IBM Open Enterprise SDK for Python in the same way as they would on any other platform.

Simple, easy to learn, vast group developers readily available

By Co-locating Python applications with **critical assets** (i.e. applications and data) on z/OS you can increase throughput and maintain better security

- Perform advanced analytics from the same machine where the data is stored

Extend existing code

- CFFI/Ctypes
- Extensions
- Embedding
- JCL with Z Open Automation Utilities (ZOAU)
- Call from REXX, JCL and etc.



Ansible

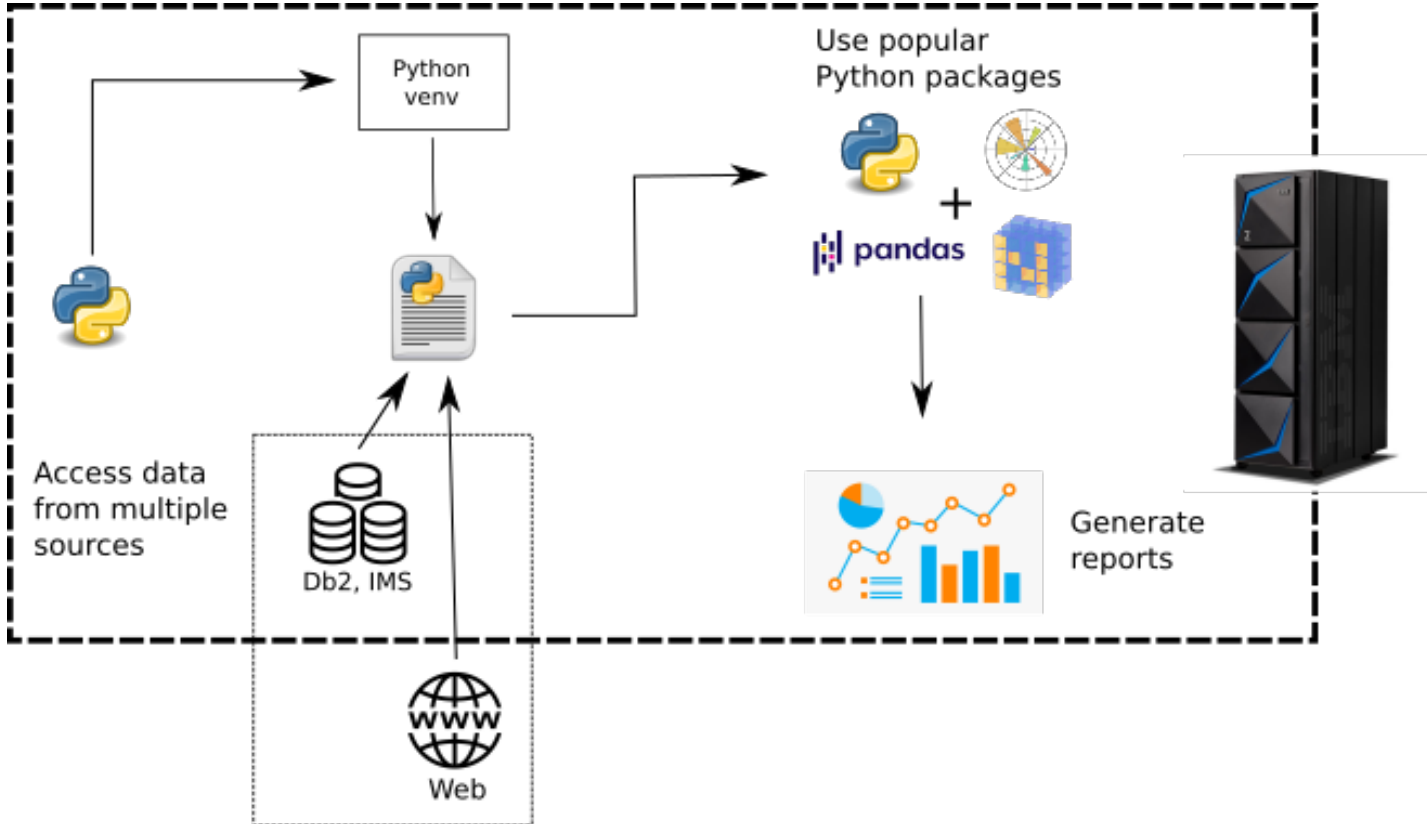
Infrastructure management tool:

- Written in python
- Can be used to deploy apps, manage machines and more
- Runs entirely through python over ssh

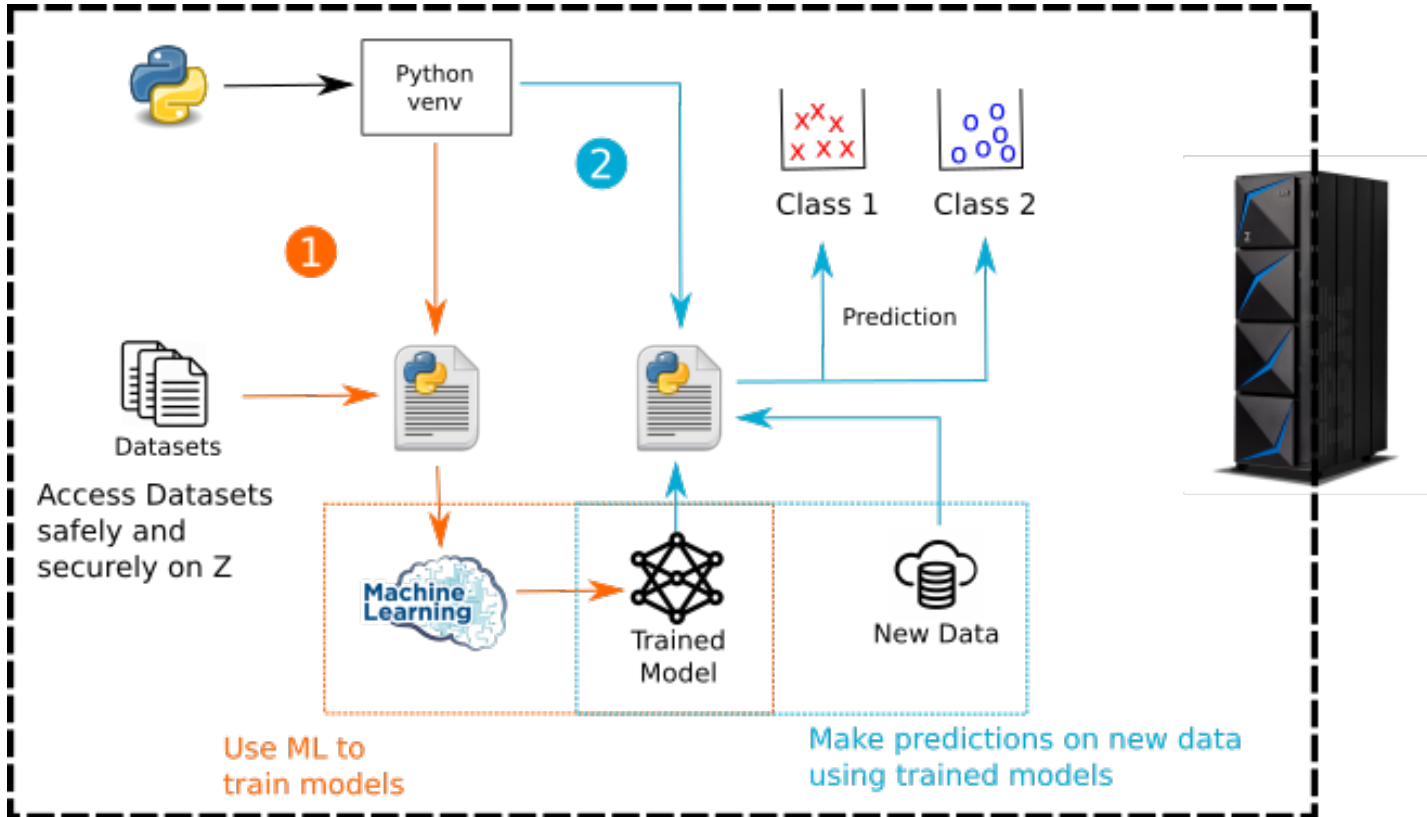


Demo time!

Demo 1: Data Analysis with Python



Demo 2: Machine Learning with Python



Demo Take-aways

- Safely and securely gain access to dataset contents on z machines with a few lines of python code
- Access data, analyze and generate reports on Z, similar to how you would on a distributed system
- Deploy your machine learning models on the same machine where your data resides

IBM Open Enterprise SDK for Go

Go compiler on z/OS

What

- New language, Go 1.0 released by Google in 2012, now at 1.16
- Design goals:
 - Efficient code, native compiler
 - No included files
 - Interface to C
 - Simple syntax, static typing
 - Built-in framework for testing and benchmarking
 - Built-in concurrency
 - Built in networking
 - Garbage collection
 - Portable community contributions

Why

efficiency + productivity

Get out of “dependency hell”

When you need to call C libraries

Programmers can “keep it in their heads”

No excuses for not writing tests as you code

Full use of multi-core power with goroutines, channels and synchronization

All common networking and security protocols + built-in http server

Because modern GC is fast and efficient and prevents obscure memory errors

Thousands of open-source, endian-independent packages available

Large Ecosystem

Extensive standard library and growing list of third-party packages

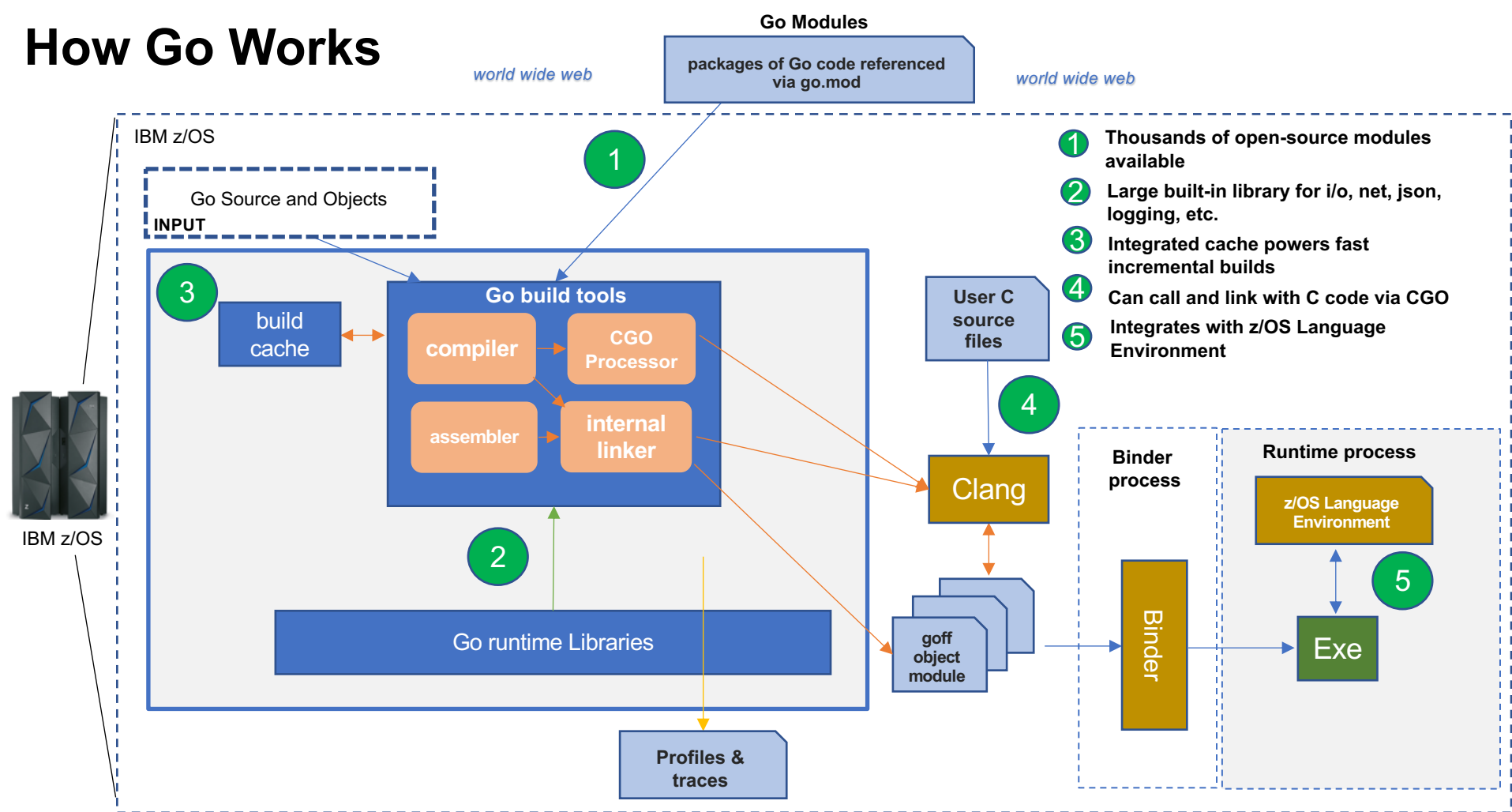
Standard and 3rd party libraries - cryptology, archiving, mail operations, encoding/decoding, networking, error manipulation, OS interfaces, and other popular functions. These packages encourage **code reuse and expedite time to market**.

Go community – additional freely available packages available just by specifying package in import section

Developers can implement business functions with fewer lines of code, which help **shorten development times and reduce costs**. The continued contribution of modules from the community ensures a steady stream of new libraries and tools



How Go Works



Demo time!

Create a RESTful Server

JSON Request

```
{  
  "catnum": "5",  
  "title": "Golang is the Future",  
  "blurb": "Go is the best ...",  
  "review": "Go Go Go to Golang"  
}
```



REST Client (Postman)

get

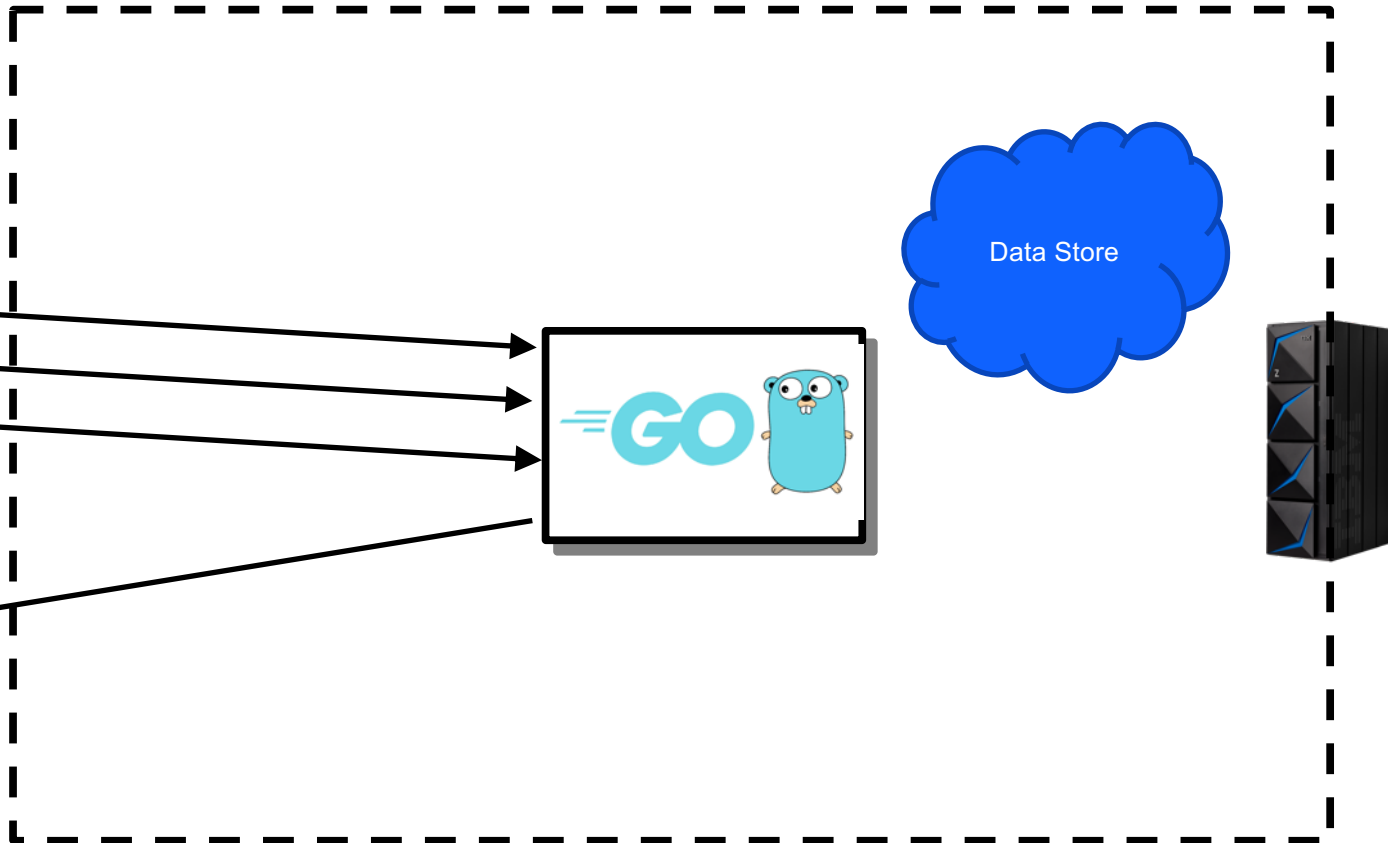
post

delete

{...}

```
{  
  "catnum": "5",  
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  "blurb": "Go is the best...",  
  "review": "Go Go Go to Golang"  
}
```

JSON Response



Demo Take-aways

- Built in Go libraries for many common functions, including json, i/o, logging, webserver
- Use of community-provided module – no porting needed ("mux")
- Very little code needed to setup a working REST server
- Tight integration with json
- Module versioning is a first-class capability – stability for completed code

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