

# AGENDA

- Why Go to SHARE?
- Odds and Ends
- Best Sessions
- Other Sessions of Interest
- SHARE Status

Cover: Cinderella's Castle at Walt Disney World in Florida (Personal by Ed

Webb)

Here: Cartwheel Galaxy from James Webb Space Telescope

Courtesy of NASA

Last slide: Disney's Tron ride at Walt Disney World in Florida (Disney Photopass)



# WHY GO TO SHARE?

- Mainframe Skills Council customers and vendors and IBM
  - https://newsroom.ibm.com/IBM-Mainframe-Skills
  - Mainframe Skills Council IBM, SHARE, other key organizations
- z/OS 3.1 <u>Announcement</u> Review and Upgrade Planning
- Late-breaking z/OS 3.1 News 2Q2024 Continuous Delivery Functions
- Networking with peers and IBM developers and executives

# WHY GO TO SHARE?

- SHARE Requirements Carry More Weight with IBM than Ideas (were RFEs)
  - On SHARE site, use Vote for Submission to more easily view text of requirement
    - <a href="https://www.share.org/Connect/Advocacy-Requirements-System">https://www.share.org/Connect/Advocacy-Requirements-System</a>
  - www.ibm.com/ideas z/OS direct link
  - · Submit tactical rather than strategic Ideas

# WHY (DO I STILL) GO TO SHARE?

- Because I'm a Z Person who has attended these conferences since 1979; first at GUIDE starting in 1979, then at SHARE in 1999
- Networking with Friends and Vendors
- Staying Current and Being Re-energized about z/OS
- SHARE Emeritus Membership eliminates Membership Cost
  - Dramatically Reduces Registration expenses
- Walt Disney Experience at KC Museum!

# SHARE 2024 KANSAS CITY

## 5 Days In-Person and Some Recordings!

- Four Days Full of Content with some sessions recorded
- SHARE Opening Reception Sunday evening with food
- SHARE Tech Exchange Monday and Tuesday evenings with food
- SHARE Tech Exchange Wednesday lunch with food
- Lunch (free) and Learn Sessions on Monday and Thursday
- Broadcom-sponsored Lunch (free) on Tuesday
- Recorded sessions are available soon (Ends December 31, 2024)
  - 45-50 minute sessions video and audio with handouts in most cases
- SHARE Partners with dedicated sessions on Tuesday

# ODDS AND ENDS

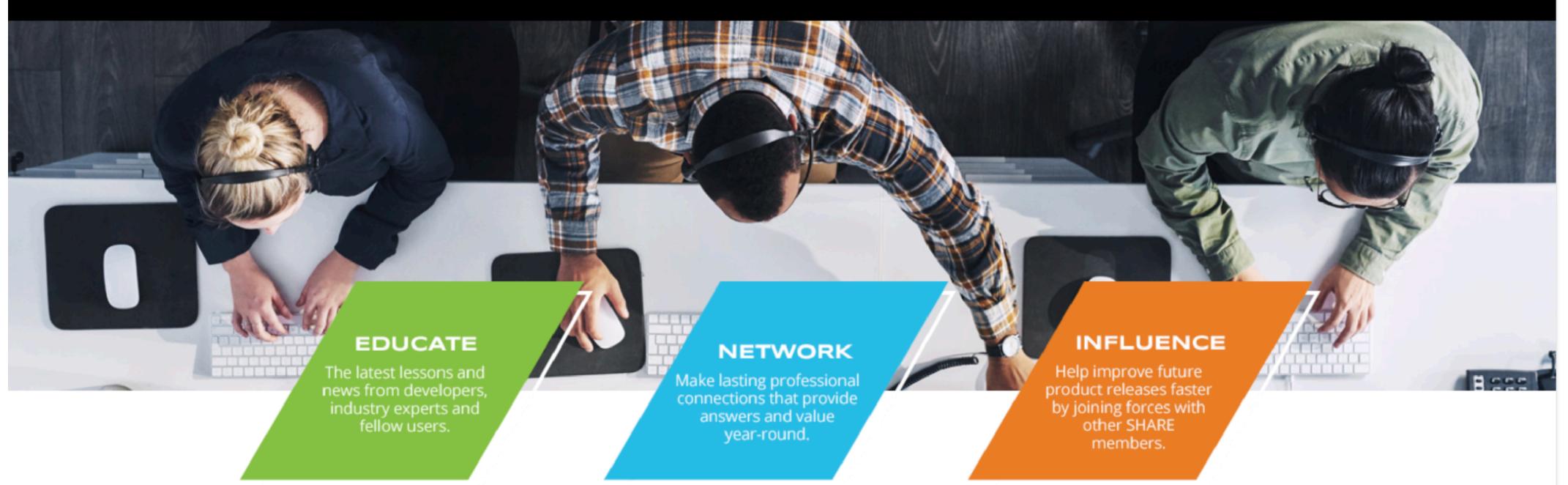
- Curious about some new z/OS function? Then locate details here:
  - <a href="https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/new-function-apars-zos-platform">https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/new-function-apars-zos-platform</a>
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## Core Tech z/OS Track Welcome

## By Art Gutowski of Huntington Bank and others

- Core Tech Track includes z/OS Systems programming, hardware, storage, communication server
- Art G. is retiring from Core Tech to become President of SHARE!
- Becky Parchman of BMC and another person are taking over Core Tech leadership

### Core Tech z/OS Track Welcome

- Critical z/OS Service APARs by John Shebey of IBM
  - OA66647 z/OS Unix with Shared File System sysplex
    - Fixes New Function PTF (UJ94645/6) Error
    - PTF target is August 9
    - Recovery steps are available
  - OA66785 z/OS Unix with Shared File System sysplex
    - Fixes another error in UJ94645/6
    - If use NEWROOT swap, then rolling IPL of sysplex to recovery
    - APAR still open
  - OA66439 RSM HIPER Pervasive
    - Base z/OS 3.1 and with certain PTF in 2.5
    - During Summary Dump Processing, Lock not released, random abends
    - PTFs available July 1, 2024

## Core Tech z/OS Track Welcome

- Critical z/OS Service by John Shebey of IBM
- Red Alert
  - 20240621 Db2 V12 and V13 for z/OS users: undetected data loss
- PSP buckets (preventive service buckets)
  - No longer published on the web
  - Not being created for new IBM Z products
  - Existing PSP buckets still available via <a href="https://www.ibm.com/">https://www.ibm.com/</a>
    ibmlink

## Core Tech z/OS Track Welcome

### z/OS Simplification Over The Years

- by John Petreshock, z/OS principal product manager and Shelley Brand, IBM
- z/OSMF and other work over past 20 years
- Design Thinking started about
  - z/OS 2.2
    - z/OSMF changes, WAS Liberty instead of full WAS reduced footprint and CPU
  - z/OS 2.3
    - autostart z/OSMF
    - RACF PARMLIB, parallel sysplex in z/OSMF
    - Software Management to use common process to download portable software packages
  - z/OS 2.4
    - zCX, SCA, desktop interface, multi-tasking
    - Assembler Exit Reduction

### Core Tech z/OS Track Welcome

- z/OS 2.5
  - NOSQLVSAMDB data set on z/OS
  - Sysplex CFRM Policy Editor
  - z/OSMF Software Management (July 2022) for ServerPac install
  - Assembler Skills Reduction
    - More C headers
    - JES2 policy-based exits
  - RMM plug-in for z/OSMF

## Core Tech z/OS Track Welcome

- z/OS 3.1
  - z/OS change tracker
  - CFRM policy editor for CF sizing
  - z/OSMF REST services for Workflows and Ansible
  - Cloud Device Access (CDA) services for single API to get data across all Cloud data platforms
  - Al capabilities for WLM

## Core Tech z/OS Track Welcome

- Other efforts
  - IBM Z Ordering for "free software"
    - Open Enterprise SDK Python
    - IBM Z Open Automation Utilities (ZOAU)
    - IBM Open Enterprise Foundation products
  - IBM Z Community Skills and Training
    - Badges, Mainframe Skills Council, New-to-Z community groups

## Core Tech z/OS Track Welcome

- Pain points from new System Programmers
  - Onboarding is years of effort and doesn't fit career path expectations
  - Educational material may be difficult to obtain in school or on the job
  - Specific skills needed to learn are difficult, uniques skills with high stakes
  - Long time before new users can tinker, and longer still before new users are given core responsibilities

## Core Tech z/OS Track Welcome

- IBM's efforts to reduce Pain points
  - 4 simplification principles
    - Consolidate, standardize, remove unnecessary or obsolete, educate
  - Simplification governance board
    - Support IBM product teams to simplify
    - Identify work groups

## Core Tech z/OS Track Welcome

- Developed specific projects design
  - Announced and active
    - Watsonx Assistant for Z and Watsonx Code Assistant for Z
    - Al integration into z/OS
  - Projects under consideration
    - Infrastructure as code
    - New user experience for z/OS

## Core Tech z/OS Track Welcome

- Developed specific projects design
  - Cross-platform work groups under consideration
    - APIs for SYS management
    - Terminology standardization
    - Reducing configuration parameters
    - Automation strategy (levering Ansible)
    - Installation
    - Problem analysis and resolution

### Core Tech z/OS Track Welcome

- Ideas user-friendly console
  - z/OSMF console requires login
  - Green screen looks old
  - Z hardware configuration is difficult for new users
- z/OS Client Engagement
  - z/OS Sponsor Users
  - z/OS Function alpha
  - z/OS Function Beta
  - z/OS Release beta....
  - Contact shelley.brand@ibm.com to participate

What's New in z/OS 3.1: The Kansas City Edition

By Dave Surmon, Steve Warren, Marna Walle of IBM

- Latest Compiler Offerings on z/OS
  - IBM Open XL C/C++ 2.1 compiler
  - · At no charge and no service charge:
    - Open Enterprise SDK for Python,
    - · IBM Z Open Automation Utilities (ZAOU), and
    - IBM Open Enterprise Foundation for z/OS

## z/OS 3.1 Release Overview – z/OS support summary

Release	z10 EC z10 BC WdfM	z196 Z114 WdfM	zEC12 zBC12 WdfM	z13 Z13s WdfM	z14 ZR1 WdfM	<b>z15</b>	<b>z</b> 16	End of Service	Extended Defect Support
z/OS V2.2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9/20	9/232
z/OS V2.3			X	X	X	X	X	9/22	9/252
z/OS V2.4			X	X	X	X	X	9/241	9/272
z/OS V2.5				X	X	X	X	9/26 <sup>1</sup>	9/292
z/OS 3.1					X	X	X	9/28 <sup>1</sup>	9/31 <sup>2</sup>

#### **Notes:**

WdfM - Server has been withdrawn from Marketing

#### Legend

Defect support provided with IBM Software Support Services for z/OS

**Generally supported** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>- All statements regarding IBM's plans, directions, and intent are subject to change or withdrawal without notice.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>-Extended support dates are projected and are subject to change or withdrawal without notice.

- z/OS Software Package Signing (CD)
  - IBM Portable Software Instances being signed with intro of 3.1 (optional use)
  - Exploitable by ISVs such as Broadcom
- Python Al Toolkit for IBM z/OS 1.1
  - Free and paid versions
- Al Toolkit for IBM Z and LinuxOne
  - Free and paid versions

- z/OS Management Services Catalog (CD) is Dead
  - Use Ansible scripts
- · Java releases determined by Oracle
  - z/OS 3.1 required Semeru 11 (support extended to Nov2025)
  - z/OS 3.1 now requires \$17 with recent set of PTFs
  - and expect S21 before z/OS 3.1 End of Service (EOS)
- zShell (Zsh) on z/OS
- EzNoSQLAPIs

- z/OS Anomaly Mitigation PFA, RTD, SLIP/PER
- z/OSMF PARMLIB App
  - 38 members supported
  - Syntax Validation REST APIs
- z/OS Unix Skulker enhancements
- z/OS Change Tracker (priced feature) includes new Compare Resources

- z/OS Education Assistant for z/OS 3.1 materials at z/OS github:
  - https://github.com/IBM/IBM-Z-zOS/tree/main/zOS-Education/zOS-3.1-Education
- z/OS Requirements (RFEs) are now Ideas based on AHA platform:
  - https://ideas.IBM.com
- Here's the Link to User Requirements satisfied by z/OS 2.5 (any in 3.1?):
  - https://www-01.ibm.com/servers/resourcelink/svc00100.nsf/pages/zosv2r5user-req?OpenDocument
- Use SHARE requirements to submit requirements
  - https://www.share.org/Connect/Advocacy-Requirements-System

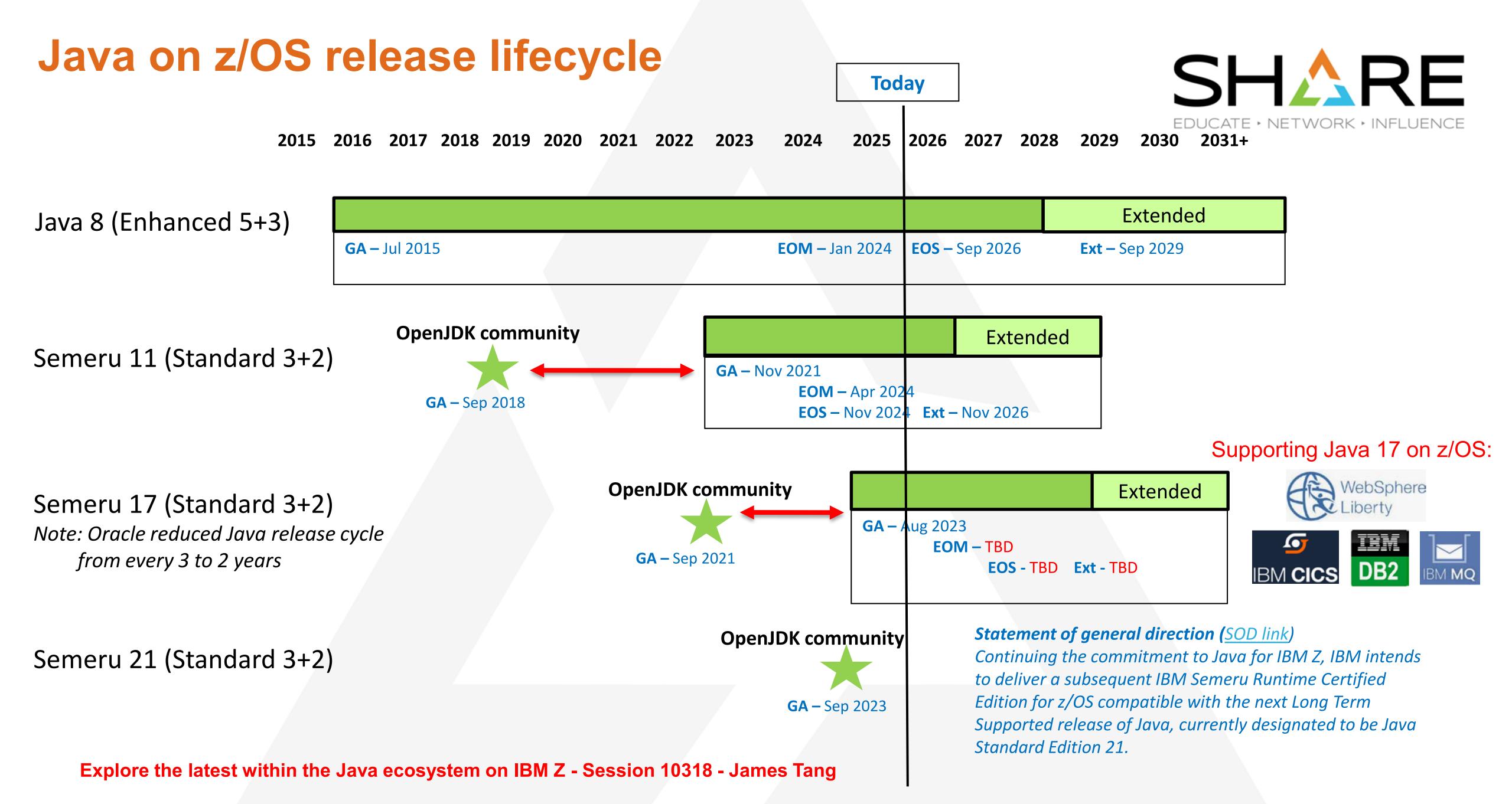
Upgrading to 3.1: Planning (1 of 2)

By Aaron Kippins and Marna Walle of IBM

- JES2 is only subsystem on z/OS 3.1
  - JES3 is not available from IBM (talk to Phoenix Software)
- z/OS Security Level 3 must be ordered explicitly (unless you're from a U.S. government-embargoed country)
- KC4Z removed, will be replaced by DOC4Z sometime
- CIM server dependency removed in z/OS Next
- Bypassable Reqs see Marne's Blog <a href="https://www.marnasmusings.com">https://www.marnasmusings.com</a>

- Ordering a deliverable
  - z/OS 3.1 Ordering started Sept. 19, 2023
    - requires entitlement (new version but no price change) so get human involved
  - Crypto 2.5 HCR77D2 and 3.1 HCR77E0 are incorporated
- No charge orderables but require S&S paid:
  - IBM Al System Services for IBM z/OS
  - SDK for Node.js 16.0 and 18.0 (20.0 not yet supported by Zowe)

- Ordering a deliverable (continued)
- IBM Semeru Runtime Certified Edition [Java] for z/OS VI.I I
  - ==>> z/OS 3.1 requires this Semeru II EOM Apr2024 and EOS Nov2024Nov2025
  - ==>> z/OS 3.1 Will Require Semeru 17 (order 11 and 17)
- Semeru support cycle is 2 years while z/OS is 5 years so get use to changing Java Semeru releases during a z/OS life-cycle
  - FIXCAT for ...Semeru\*
  - .../current symlink points to newest Java and may break applications that depend on older Java



- Ordering a deliverable (continued)
  - IBM Open Enterprise SDK for Python
  - IBM Z Open Automation Utilities (ZOAU)
  - IBM Z Open Enterprise Foundation

- You can Port SMS to non-SMS during PSI install
- Run Health Checks early and they will be run by z/OS 3.1 upgrade workflows

- z/OS Support policies
  - IBM.Coexistence.z/OS.3.1
    - Use IBM.Coexistence.z/OS.\* for FIXCAT
- Target System DASD sizing
  - Target, DLIB and Fonts libraries PDS and PDSE (about same as 2.4 and 2.5)
  - Root 4500>5600 CYLs Extended Addressability volume is strongly recommended
- Driving System
  - z/OS 2.4 or z/OS 2.5 with z/OSMF active and Software Management available
  - READ access to CB.OS\* and CB.ST\* data set names
  - APPLY Driving System PTFs using FIXCAT IBM.DrivingSystem-RequiredService

- Upgrade workflows (WF)
  - /usr/lpp/BCP/upgrade has Workflows for 2.4>3.1 or 2.5>3.1
- Updates to 3.1 upgrade workflow will have same FIXCAT
  - "Create new based on existing" to pick up updates and continue your WF
- Reordered steps by time sequence instead of component order
  - HOLD Action PTFs are in WorkFlow, so if PTF is installed WF skips steps
  - Automatically runs REPORT MISSINGFIX
- General z/OSMF Portable Software Instance (ServerPac)
  - https://www.IBM.com/support/z-content-solutions/serverpac-install-zosmf/

## Upgrading to z/OS V3.1: Planning Summary



- Changing content of z/OS 3.1
  - New z/OS content: XML Toolkit, Change TrackerDFSMStvs is included in the base
  - •Removed in z/OS V2.5: HFS
  - •Removed in z/OS 3.1: JES3, ISFPARMS, Alternate Base, CommServer Security L3, ...
- Timeline of z/OS ordering and deliverables associated products to consider
- z/OS Policies
  - •Three consecutive releases (√2.4 → 3.1) for coexistence, upgrade, fallback.
- Ensuring System Requirements are Satisfied
  - Driving, Target SW, Target HW, and Coexisting System Requirements
    - •z/OS 3.1 requires z14 or later
    - Memory requirements: 8 GB "native", or 2 GB zPDT or under zVM of memory
    - Target system requirements: general Java SDK 11 functional requirement.
    - •Use FIXCATs IBM. TargetSystem-RequiredService.z/OS.3.1, IBM.Coexistence.z/OS.3.1, IBM.Function.HealthChecker, IBM. TargetSystem-RequiredService. Semeru. \* ...
- Use IBM Health Checker for Upgrade Actions:Install and activate checks
- Use z/OSMF Workflow for z/OS 3,1 Upgrade:Goodbye, book!
- z/OSMF is the ServerPac driving system as of July 10, 2022!
  - This includes all ServerPacs, including middleware.

Attend Upgrading to z/OS 3.1: Part 2 Technical Actions for an overview of the upgrade <sup>35</sup>actions!

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## Upgrading to 3.1:Technical Actions (2 of 2)

- By Marna Walle of IBM
- What is an upgrade action? Not exploitation, just getting current stuff running on 3.1
- Upgrade actions
  - Now, Pre-First-IPL, Post-First IPL is new order for Upgrade Workflow steps
  - Step types are Required, Required-IF, and Recommended
  - Overview to 3.1 from 2.5 or 2.4
    - 2.4>2.5 issue ZAD-related WSC TechNote 7162097
    - No new address spaces
    - SDSF cleanup: ISF.SISFLINK and SISFMIG removed from LPALST and LNKLST
    - New in 3.1: XML toolkit target, dlibs, paths
    - Required for all sysplexes: SSD-capable sysplex couple data sets
    - Parameter passing in JCL will be in non-executable storage
    - Recommended: Update DIAGxx: CBLOC VIRTUAL3 I (IHAASVT)
      - Use less SQA below the 16Mb line
    - JES2 Resource Limiting enabled by default

## <u>Upgrade actions at V2.5 you should not overlook:</u>

1. z/OSMF ServerPac driving system requirement.



2. HFS removal



3. Use only SAF-based security to protect SDSF functions



- 4. Activate JES2 z22 mode
- 5. Perform updates for RMF structural changes



### "Big Migs" occurring on 3.1



### Upgrade actions at 3.1 you should not overlook:

- 1. Update your z/OS functional dependency to Semeru 17 prior to November 30, 2025 (verify JAVA\_HOME)
- 2. IBM JES3 removal
- 3. Use dynamic statements for SDSF configuration, not assembler macros.
- 4. Sysplex couple data sets are System Status Detection (SSD) capable
- 5. OpenSSH new ported level, 8.4p1
- 6. z/OSMF Workflow definition files for undeclared referenced entities, before 3.1 IPL.
- 7. zCX Workflow instances should be completed, before 3.1 IPL.

z/OS 3.1 User Experience

By Ed Jaffe of Phoenix Software International

- z/OS RFA <u>223-012 Announcement</u>
- Phoenix was first vendor in the world to deliver a z/OSMF PSI-based product set
- SPEs have new name:
  - Continuous Delivery New Function APARs <u>IBM.com/support/</u> <u>pages/new-function-apars-zos-platform</u>
  - IBM averaging 7.5 SPEs a week up from 6.5 at previous SHARE in March 2024

- z/OSMF Security Configuration Assistant (SCA)
  - z/OSMF plug-in built on Security Definition Files (SDF)
  - Ed J. experimented with own Security Definition Facility
  - See /usr/lpp/sca/sdffile on your system for SCA security definitions
- z/OS CF (Coupling Facility) Sizing
  - Needs values which are unknown or hard to find, wish the app gathered some of the data itself

- z/OSMF WLM Policy Advisor
  - Provide SMF data file but support for multiple systems (multiple files) is lacking
  - Color selection not great: red is bad, pink is OK confusing
- SMF Explorer with Python
  - very dependent on Python level
  - Requires running a separate z/OSMF Server!
- z/OSMF File and Data Set Upload and Download
  - Just shows data set names, needs to show more info
  - Migrated data set shows as missing, not migrated

- z/OSMF Swagger Interface
  - Ad hoc to test REST APIs
  - /zosmf/api/....
- z/OS System UUID
  - Show which Software Instance in z/OSMF associated with which SMP/E CSI
- Data Set Filesystem (DSFS)
  - In 3.1, now supports JES SYSOUT data sets
  - Extattr utility enhanced

- Knowledge Center for z/OS replaced by IBM Doc for z/OS
  - Doc4z still missing, use KC4z 2.5 version as a band-aid
- IPCS IEAVHELP (follow-on to 2.6i)
  - 48 new commands
- ASVT Above the 16M Line
  - CBLOC VIRTUAL3 I (IHAASVT) was coded in DIAGxx
  - IBM services not affected but application code might break
- ABDISPCC= EXEC JCL Keyword
  - This is great! Waited a long time.

### Bit Bucket x'44'

#### Frustrated TSO/E Command Line

by Ed Jaffe of Phoenix Software International (PSI)

- Using RACDCERT from TSO Ready
  - Hard to read Red-colored text on screen
  - No log of what you did
  - commands from Ready don't use wide screen, wraps at 80 columns
    - Unless wide screen on other displayed panel
- Using Zowe CLI [Command Line Interface]
  - Now Ed J uses z/OS UNIX prompt via SSH
  - Set alias for TSOCMD as T
  - Uses Rocket's terminfo from AppDev for Z
  - use DSFS to access output on JES SPOOL

### Bit Bucket x'44'

## Fully Wired System Programmer REBOOT

By Donna Hudi of Phoenix Software International (PSI)

- Originally by Sam Knutson starting at SHARE 20 years ago
- LISTSERVs like IBMMain, MVS-OE, ISPF-L (died years ago but link goes to new site)
- IBM Tech Xchange Community
- Open Mainframe Project (OMP) Slack Channels
- Redbooks, z/Arch Principles of Operations
- Blogs and Webinars IBM Community and Open Mainframe
- Interskill Learning individual pricing available
- IBM Z Xplorer Learning Platform (was Master the Mainframe)

Bit Bucket x'44'

## Java Jive

By Tom Conley

- Customer app needed Java 17 but running V2R4
- IBM intends to support Java for all supported releases

## It's a Small zFS, After All

By Tom Conley

- challenges with zfsadm shrink
- See Tom's Ideas in IBM Ideas zOS-I3390/3

### Bit Bucket x'44'

### **CBT USERMOD Collection for ISPF (CUCI)**

### By Tom Conley

- File 967 on <a href="mailto:cbttape.org">cbttape.org</a>
- Several enhancements for ISPF in CUCIVIR8 for 20230704
  - Fix issues and add capability to HIGHLITE
  - Now PYTHON and JAVA supports ASCII as well as EBCDIC
  - fixed problems
  - Added /\* REXX \*/ to some execs that were missing them so HIGHLITE worked
- CUCIVIR9 coming soon
  - YAML Highlighting
  - Make all highlighting ASCII-aware

# SESSIONS OF INTEREST

## JES2 Product Updates

## By Tom Wasik, IBM JES Architect

- JES2 3.1 Enforces Limits on TGs [Track Groups] and JOEs [Job Output Entries]
  - Environment for each option
    - If small "job", that is, TG<10K or JOE<600
      - then wait any job using more than 75%
    - If Large "job", that is, TG>10K or JOE>600
      - then wait job using more than 25%
    - Default is Wait
  - Any job will be waited
  - Control via JOBCLASS or Policy or Exit

# SESSIONS OF INTEREST

What's New for z/OSMF 3.1

## Don't Despair, There is help for z/OSMF

- One Stop Hub
- Join IBM Z Communities to communicate with kindred spirits or lost souls
  - z/OSMF Guild <u>home page</u>
    - Archived presentations back into 2021

# STATUS OF SHARE

- SHARE 2023 New Orleans highlighted 2 Changes:
  - SHARE Individual Membership (New in 2023!)
    - \$199 starting January 2024
    - Affiliate Membership at \$99 may still be available
  - SHARE Changes for Program and Projects
    - They are now called Focus Areas and Tracks
    - Some ongoing impact at Future SHAREs

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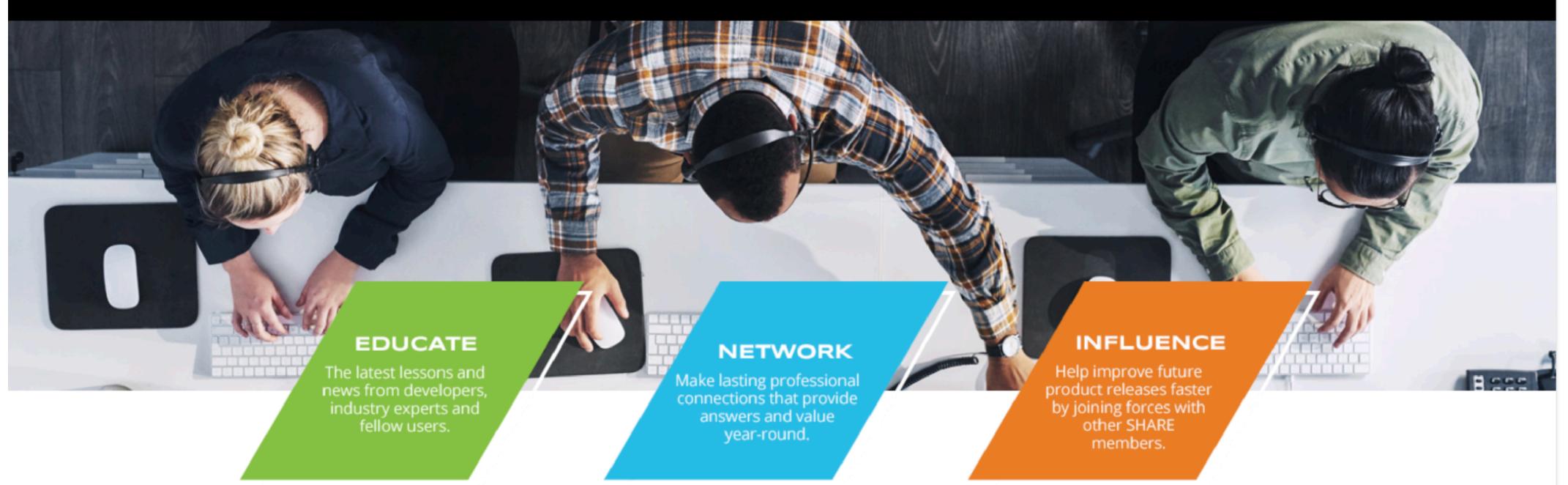
- SHARE 2025 Washington, D.C. will be a full four-day conference February 23-27, 2025
  - Call for Presentations Ends on Sunday, September 15, 2024
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zSecure Error trying to run Reports in Batch - File ...

By: David Astemborski, 25 days ago

Posted in: Security and Compliance (SEC) Open Community

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Aug 21, 08:00 - 17:00 (CT)

