

IBM Education Assistant (IEA) for z/OS V2R3

UNIX - 2038/2042 support

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Trademarks

- See url <http://www.ibm.com/legal/copytrade.shtml> for a list of trademarks.
- Additional Trademarks: None

Session Objectives

- External z/OS UNIX syscall changes supporting 2038.
- General discussion of internal UNIX changes supporting 2042.

Overview

- Problem Statement / Need Addressed
 1. The signed 4 byte POSIX seconds since epoch (SSE) will overflow in January 2038.
 2. The unsigned 8 byte z/Architecture time-of-day clock provided via STCK will overflow in September 2042.
- Solution

z/OS UNIX is updating the remaining external system calls to support dates beyond 2038/2042.

z/OS UNIX is updating internal flows to handle 2042 related overflows.
- Benefit / Value

Provide early support for future use of z/OS UNIX.

Usage & Invocation

Assembler Callable Service system call updates for 2038 support:

- BPX1QCT(message control)
- BPX1SCT(semaphore control)
- BPX1SHM(shared message control)

Sub-commands IPC_SET and IPC_STATUS only allow 4 byte POSIX times.

AMODE 64 version BPX4QCT, BPX4SCT, BPX4SHM allow for 8 byte POSIX times.

New support: IPC_SET_EX and IPC_STATUS_EX allow for 8 byte extended POSIX times with AMODE 31.

e.g.

CALL BPX1QCT,(MSG_ID,

=A(IPC_STATUS_EX),

=A(BUFFER),

RV,RC,RSN)

← output includes 64 bit times (see BPXYMSG)

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- BPX1QRC(message receive)

Flag MSG_INFO only provides 4 byte message sent time.

New support: New flag MSG_INFO_EX allow 8 byte message sent time, just like BPX4QRC.

- BPX1GTH (get thread data)

New support: Output mapped by BPXYPGTH includes 8 byte start time, i.e., time the process was dubbed.

- BPX1GPS (get process data)

New support: Output mapped by BPXYGPS also includes 8 byte start times

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- z/OS UNIX REXX support

REXX syscalls that support time related file attributes are now 2038 ready.

e.g.,

... (set and display a file change time) ...

```
"v_setattr vntoken" st_ctime (4102444800)
```

```
"v_getattr vntoken" st.
```

```
"gmtime" st.st_ctime tm.
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```
say 'gmtime st_ctime =' st.st_ctime ' = ',
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```
right(tm.tm_year,4,0) '-' right(tm.tm_mon,2,0) '-' right(tm.tm_mday,2,0),
```

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right(tm.tm_hour,2,0) ':' right(tm.tm_min,2,0) 'GMT'
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... produces ...

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gmtime st_ctime = 4102444800 = 2100-01-01 00:00 GMT
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- z/OS UNIX 2042 support

Most changes for 2042 are internal. Since not all z/OS supervisor functions are 2042 ready yet, some z/OS UNIX<->z/OS Supervisor functions have not changed (yet).

Some external changes that might be needed for 2042 have not changed. For example, z/OS UNIX SMF external time values are based on the STCK instruction. z/OS UNIX has not changed these. However, it is possible customer programs reading SMF data can interpret “wrapped” times (e.g., 00000000 00000001x) as post-2042 times. z/OS already does this in some cases. For example, via IPCS:

```
>ip listtod 000000000000000001
```

```
09/17/2042 23:53:47.370496 STCK X'00000000 00000001'
```

So the time of day is not 1900, but 2042. z/OS UNIX does this internally as well in some cases. This is an area that is still under discussion.

Interactions & Dependencies

- Software Dependencies
 - None
- Hardware Dependencies
 - None
- Exploiters
 - z/OS C/C++ Run Time Library Support

Migration & Coexistence Considerations

None

Installation

None

Session Summary

- z/OS UNIX is 2038 ready and (almost) 2042 ready.

Appendix

- *z/OS UNIX System Services Planning (GA32-0884)*
- *z/OS UNIX System Services File System Interface Reference (SA23-2285)*
- *z/OS UNIX System Assembler Callable Services Reference (SA23-2281)*