

# Unit 3

- z/OS: Essential Technology of Large Enterprises,
- Introducing IBM Mainframe Operating Systems,
- z/OS - IBM Z Flagship Operating System,
- z/OS Professional Documentation,
- Architecture of IBM Z systems,
- networking, and security aspects.



# Why Z Matters

**Utilities**



**Retail**



**Government**

**Financial**



**Healthcare**

**Travel**



**Telecoms**



**Automotive**

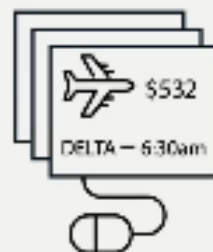
**Weather**





**Currency Facts**  
**8% of the money is physical**  
**92% of the money is electronic**

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IBM Z

## IBM Z Distinctive Strength Large-Scale Transaction Processing



## What is inside the IBM Z mainframe?

### **Customer Usable**

- **Processors**  
170 max 5.2 GHz  
CPU, IFL, zIIP, CF
- **Memory (Enabled)**  
32 TB max  
RAIM

### **System Dedicated**

- **Processors**  
36 max 5.2 GHz  
SAPs & Spares
- **Memory (Flexible)**  
24 TB max  
RAIM
- **Cache**  
4 levels

# Introduction

- **What is OS?**
- an *operating system* is a collection of programs that manage the internal workings of a computer system
- **What is z/OS**
- z/OS is designed to take advantage of the IBM System z architecture, or z/Architecture, which was introduced in the year 2000. The z in the name was selected because these systems often have zero downtime.
- z/OS is designed to offer a stable, secure, continuously available, and scalable environment for applications running on the mainframe.
- It evolved from an operating system that could process only a single program at a time to an operating system that can handle many thousands of programs and interactive users concurrently.
- Batch OS-> Time Sharing
- The z/OS operating system executes in a processor and resides in processor storage during execution. z/OS is commonly referred to as the system software or base control program (BCP).

# Hardware resources used by z/OS



Mainframe Computer  
(CPU, processor  
storage)



Disk Storage



DASD  
Controller



Tape Drive



Tape  
Cartridge



- Mainframe hardware consists of processors and a multitude of peripheral devices such as disk drives (called direct access storage devices (DASD)), magnetic tape drives, and various types of user consoles;. Tape and DASD are used for system functions and by user programs executed by z/OS.

- Software: The z/OS operating system consists of load modules or *executable code*. During the installation process, the system programmer copies these load modules to *load libraries* (files) residing on DASD volumes.
- Hardware: The system hardware consists of all the channels<sup>2</sup>, control units<sup>3</sup>, devices, and processors that constitute a mainframe environment.
- Peripheral devices: These devices include tape drives, DASD, and consoles. There are many other types of devices,
- Processor storage: Often called real or central storage (or memory), this is where the z/OS operating system executes. Also, all user programs share the use of processor storage with the operating system.

# Multiprogramming and multiprocessing

- single-user computer systems.
- the computer systems that z/OS manages are capable of *multiprogramming, or executing many programs concurrently.*
- Multiprogramming allows z/OS to run thousands of programs simultaneously for users who might be working on different projects at different physical locations around the world.
- z/OS can also perform *multiprocessing, which is the simultaneous operation of* two or more processors that share the various hardware resources, such as memory and external disk storage devices.

# Overview of z/OS facilities

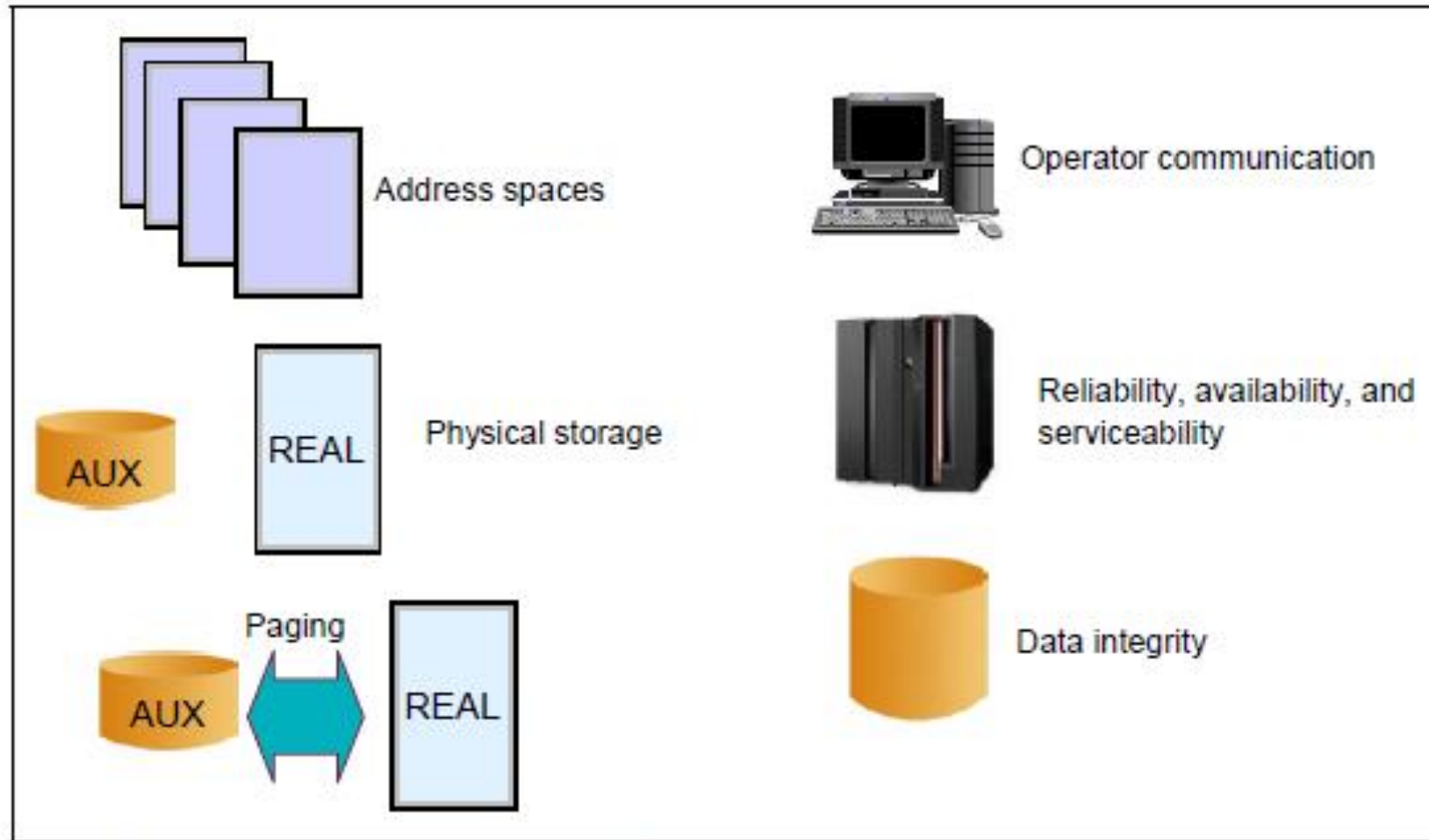


Figure 3-2 z/OS operating environment

# Overview of z/OS facilities

- Two types of physical storage are available: central storage and auxiliary storage (AUX). Central storage is also referred to as *real storage or real memory*.
  - The Real Storage Manager (RSM) controls the allocation of central storage during system initialization, and pages in user or system functions during execution.
- – The auxiliary storage manager controls the use of page and swap data sets. z/OS moves programs and data between central storage and auxiliary storage through processes called paging and swapping.
- z/OS dispatches work for execution (not shown in the figure), that is, it selects programs to be run based on priority and the ability to execute and then loads the program and data into central storage. All program instructions and data must be in central storage when executing.
- An extensive set of facilities manages files stored on direct access storage devices (DASDs) or tape cartridges.
- Operators use consoles to start and stop z/OS, enter commands, and manage the operating system.

# z/OS, Distinctive Strengths

## **z/OS is the IBM Z :**

- Best operating system for large and mixed workloads
- Continuing compatibility
- Most reliable operating system
- Most secure and trusted operating system
- Most scalable operating system
- Best operating system for unparalleled high availability
- Most feature rich operating system
- Most dynamic and configurable operating system

## z/OS, Application Development



### ***Application Development***

#### **Integrated Development Environment (IDE)**

Highly Customized Documented GUI Procedures  
Write, Test, Debug, Maintain, Deploy  
Requires Experience with tooling such as IBM IDz



### ***Development Support***

#### **Pre IDE Development Environment**

Documented Procedures Requiring Experience with:  
TN3270, TSO, ISPF, SDSF, JCL



### ***Production Support***

#### **Pre Disk Storage Automation Environment**

Advanced JCL

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## z/OS, Other Support Roles



***Application  
Development***



***Development  
Support***



***Production  
Support***

### **Support Roles**

- z/OS system programmer (highest)
- CICS system programmer (high w/speciality)
- Database system programmer (high w/speciality)
- Database administrator (high w/speciality)
- Network system programmer (high w/speciality)
- Automation specialist (high w/speciality)
- Production control analyst (high w/speciality)
- Security administrator (high w/speciality)

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