

Access Guide to z/OS Connect EE Virtual Wildfire Exercises

An IBM virtual environment has been preconfigured for you to access a Windows 10 desktop. The virtual environment connects to an IBM Z environment hosted on the IBM Cloud. The environment contains everything you need to perform your exercises including:

IBM Explorer for z/OS with z/OS Connect API Toolkit	MQ Explorer	IMS Enterprise Suite
Postman	Data Virtualization Manager	All Lab Documentation

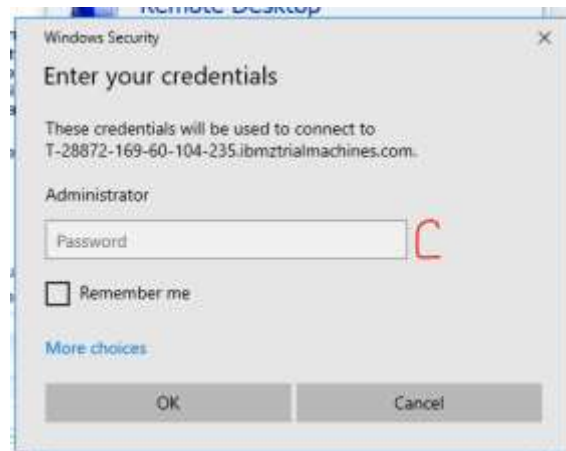
You can access the virtual environment using either a remote desktop or a web browser. Navigation with the virtual desktop interface works a bit better than the web browser, especially when looking at the PDF exercise instructions. My personal preference is to use the remote desktop, but feel free to use the interface that works best for you. The environment that you are using is running in a virtual system, and as such will run slower than if you were using the assets on your own machine.

Some organization's firewalls block access to the IBM virtual environment. If you encounter a firewall issue, try using your personal machine to access the IBM environment.

The connection links and credentials to access the virtual system will be sent in the email that came with this document.

Option #1 - Remote Desktop

- Launch the remote desktop app on your workstation
- Using the supplied values from the email, enter the computer (A) and username (B). Hit enter and enter the password (C).
- You may need to click on “show options” to expand the window to show the logon settings.



- You may be challenged with the security certificate as shown below. If so, just click on “Yes” to continue.



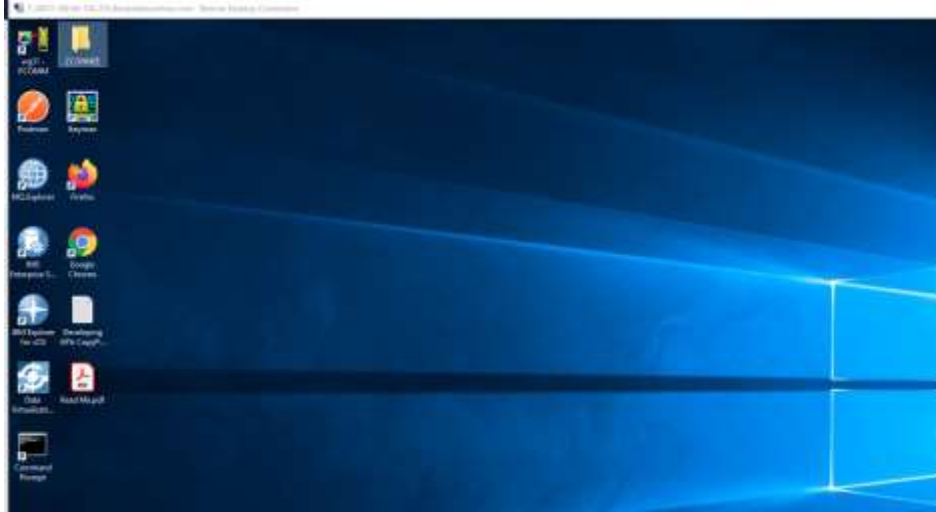
Option #2 - Web Browser

- Use the supplied URL to launch the virtual environment
- You will be promoted for a username and password. Use the values from the supplied email

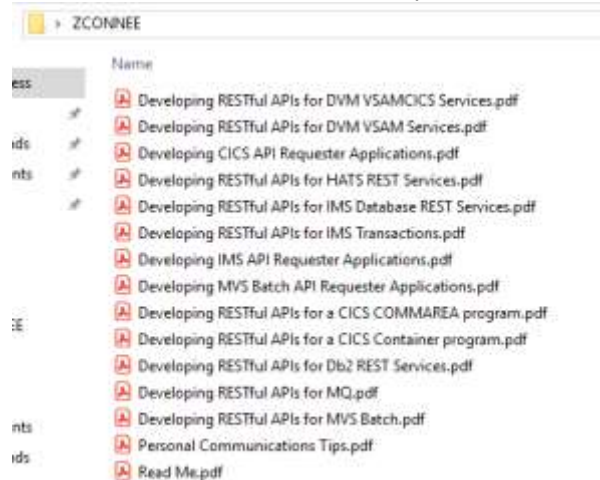
The image shows a web browser window titled 'IBM Z Trial'. The main text reads: 'Thank you for choosing to try out IBM z/OS Connect EE Workshop. You can find your user credentials in the last email we sent you. This demo will be active for 3 days from the date of the same email. If you have any problems or you wish to extend the trial please contact xttrial@uk.ibm.com'. Below this is a login form with two fields: 'Username' with the value 'Administrator' and 'Password' with a masked password '*****'. At the bottom are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Log in'.

Virtual Environment

Once you launch the virtual environment you will be presented with this Window's 10 desktop:



The **ZCONN** folder on the desktop contains the instructions for the various exercises:



The exercise instructions can also be accessed here: <https://github.com/ibm-wsc/zCONN- wildfire-Workshop/tree/master/exercises>. This site is useful if you'd like to download and save a copy of the instructions.

Each exercise is independent and can be done in any order. Since the amount of time is limited, you may want to start with the ones that are most applicable to what you plan for your own environment.

If requested by the lab exercise, the password for the z/OS ID of **USER1** is **USER1**. The password for the zCEE ID of **Fred** is **fredpwd**. Refer to the “**Read Me**” pdf in the ZCONN folder for more details.

When leaving the virtual environment, just close the virtual desktop or close the browser.

DO NOT power down the virtual windows environment. If you power down the virtual windows environment, you will not be able to relaunch.