

ServerPac Installation using z/OSMF for Platform-wide Simplification

0:01 IBM is committed to collaborating with other leading industry software vendors to improve and streamline a new, common software installation process.

0:10 Working with IBM, some leading software vendors have already implemented an Automated Service Request Server to enable automated acquisition of product fixes.

0:22 Building on that, we're taking another large step towards platform-wide simplification.

0:28 This multivendor effort is important because it makes z/OS platform software easier to package, install, configure, deploy, and service - leading to a smoother and more efficient experience for users of all levels.

0:43 One part of this common installation process is to deliver IBM's ServerPac as a z/OSMF-consumable Portable Software Instance.

0:53 An IBM ServerPac is an entitled software delivery package consisting of integrated products and service for which IBM has already performed the SMP/E installation steps and some customization steps.

1:06 The "pre-installed" products contained in a ServerPac have successfully streamlined the installation process for decades, but they have traditionally only been available in an IBM deliverable.

1:17 Now, this simplified effort is available using z/OSMF through Portable Software Instance format for the first time.

1:24 CICS Transaction Server (and associated CICS products) is the first offering in this new common format for z/OSMF, with the rest of the IBM z/OS platform product catalog planned for the future.

1:38 By converging on a single install method within z/OSMF, less experienced z/OS system programmers will be able to manage software consistently and become more productive in a shorter period of time.

1:52 This single software installation method encompasses both SMP/E and non-SMP/E packaged products in order to ensure that we have wide applicability to the entire industry's z/OS software stack.

2:08 The new common installation process has a familiar flow as the IBM ServerPac, but with an easier to use interface with enhanced capabilities along the way.

2:17 As IBM moves forward with driving this industry strategy into our deliverables, we encourage you to adopt this new method and exploit its full capability.