

Access Guide to Db2 for z/OS REST Hybrid Cloud 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:

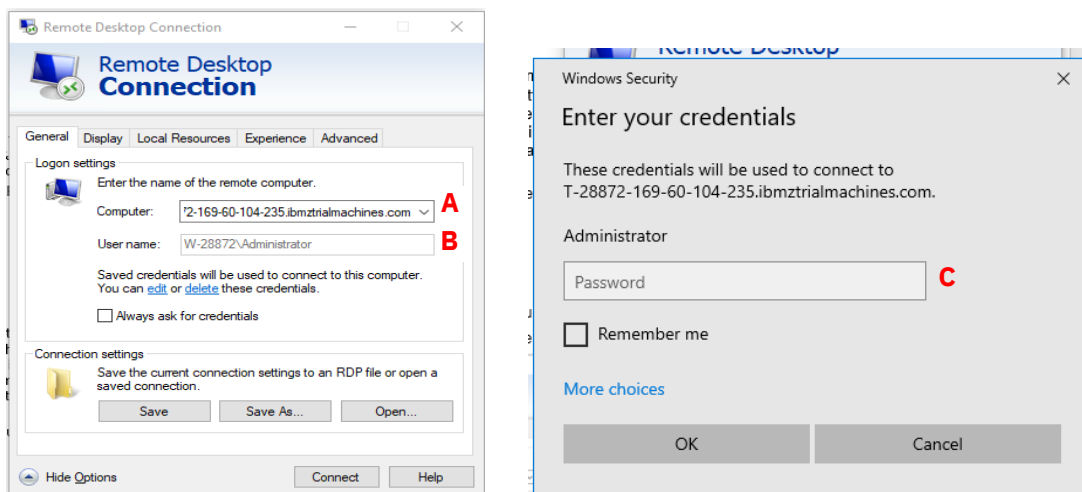
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You can access the virtual environment using either a remote desktop or a web browser. Navigation with the virtual desktop interface works a bit better than the web browser, especially when looking at the PDF exercise instructions. My personal preference 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.

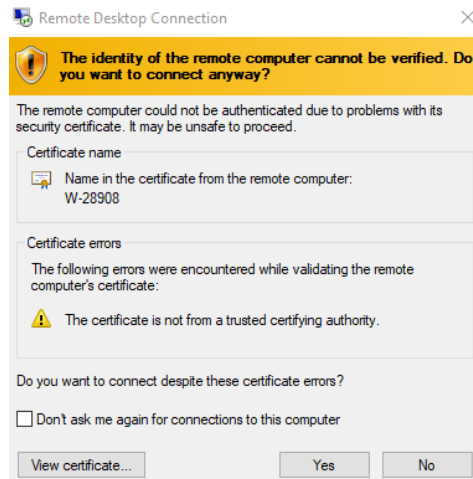
Some organization's firewalls block access to the IBM virtual environment. If you encounter a firewall issue, try using your personal machine to access the IBM environment.

Option #1 - Remote Desktop

- Launch the remote desktop app on your workstation
- Using the supplied values from the Credentials Portal, 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 that you retrieved from the Credentials Portal.

 A screenshot of the 'IBM Z Trial' login page. The header is 'IBM Z Trial'. The main text says: '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 ztrial@uk.ibm.com'. Below this are input fields for 'Username' (containing 'Administrator') and 'Password' (masked with dots). At the bottom are 'Cancel' and 'Log in' buttons.

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.