Z Open Development Proof of Technology (PoT) ZUnit-CICS Lab

Exercises **Using zDT from Shares**

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LAB 0: Unit Testing for COBOL CICS

Introduction to Unit Testing

Unit Testing is a level of software testing where a component, or individual units are tested. In the distributed world, it is quite common to find methods or functions as the individual unit of testing. By concept, unit testing also involves testing only the code — unaffected by external inputs like data base calls etc. Typically, unit testing involves stubbing out or mocking such calls so that the developer can test just the logic behind his or her code. Test stubs simulate the behavior of software components — These could be calls to a database, other functions and so on.

This lab aims at bringing Unit Testing to z/OS Applications – providing the ability to test just a single program within a CICS transaction without the need to run the whole transaction. The technology stubs out CICS calls, enabling the programs to be tested without a CICS environment and without the need to deploy to CICS after a code change. This enables a developer to test early without impacting other developers when working on a shared environment. This can then be followed by other levels of testing within the environment – like Integration testing, Regression testing and so on.

Scenario Overview

You will use z/OS Automated Unit Testing or ZUNIT which is part of IBM® Developer for Z Systems to create unit test cases for a program This is also a separate product called IBM® Z Open Unit Test which can be used with IBM® Z Open Development.

In this exercise, you will use IBM Developer for Z Systems (referred to as IDz in the remaining of this document) to create and execute automated unit tests for a program using CICS. This process includes recording or capturing data from a live CICS Application run and importing data for playback/stubbing so that you can run your unit tests without deploying.

This scenario guides you through the discovery process in roughly 30-45 minutes. By the end of the session, you'll know how to:

- Use ZUNIT from IBM Developer for Z systems to create a unit testing test case from a recording.
- Run the test
- Modify a program and view the failure of a test case

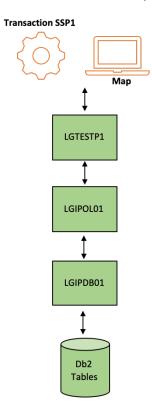
No previous knowledge of application architecture is needed, but experience with Eclipse-based tools and z/OS application programming are required.

The Story

GenApp is a General Insurance application based on CICS, COBOL and Db2 that can be used by Business Operations to enquire and update policy data for customers for various kinds of policies – Home, Auto etc. The scenario for this lab is based around making changes to one of the programs that

is part of the transaction invoked to query a Motor Insurance Policy. And the change scenario is to ensure that a No-claim bonus of 50\$ is provided to vehicles that do not have an Accident History.

The CICS transaction that is involved in this scenario is SSP1 which is the Motor Policy Enquiry transaction. This transaction consists of the programs shown below –





As a developer, you will normally go through a set of analysis steps to arrive at what constitutes a transaction – You could use simple CEDF CICS Debug facility or a Debugger or Analysis tools to help you do this. The lab assumes that you already know the program that needs a change and the aim is to create a Unit test case for this program.

Accessing the Environment

Goals

- 1. Login to the Lab Environment
- 2. Access IBM Developer for Z Systems
- 3. Connect to the z/OS Environment

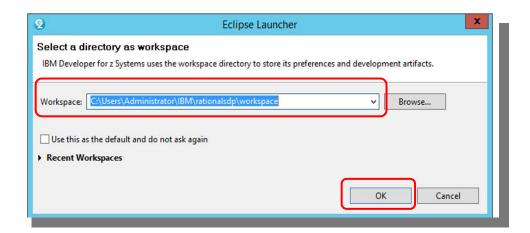
To login to the Lab Environment - Your instructor will give you the details of a remote machine which will be your lab environment. You can access it via a browser or a Remote Desktop connection. This will help you to login to the lab environment.

Steps to open IBM Developer for Z Systems

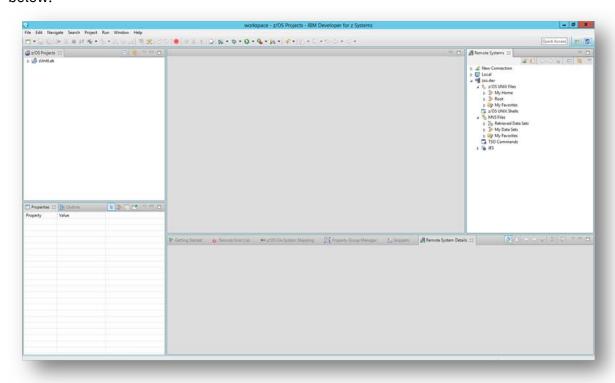
1. Click the icon for IDz highlighted below.



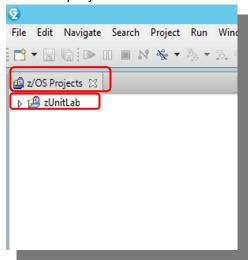
2. **Click OK** on the next screen which prompts to enter a workspace. A workspace should appear as shown below.



If this happens to be blank or a different one, copy the following path into the workspace text box-C:\Users\Administrator\IBM\rationalsdp\workspace and Click on OK 3. This should open up IDz as shown below.



4. Note the project zUnitLab under the z/OS Projects tab that has already been setup for you.

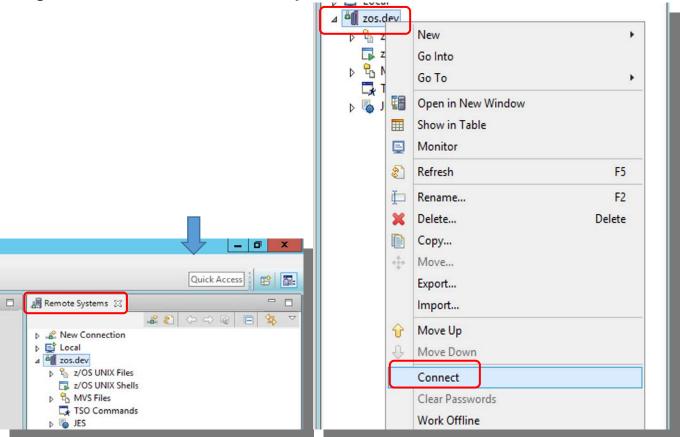




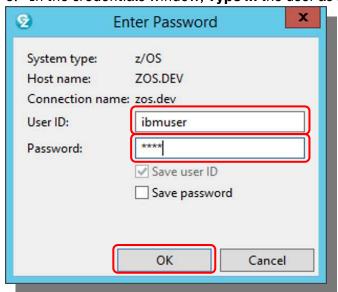
IDz helps you categorize your mainframe code (MVS and Unix) into projects and the z/OS Projects view helps you work with these projects..

Connecting to the z/OS environment

5. Right click on zos.dev from the Remote systems view and select Connect

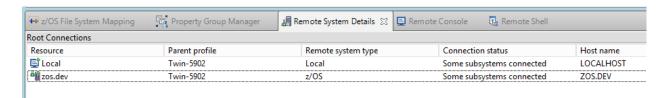


6. In the credentials window, Type in the user as ibmuser enter the password as sys1. Click on OK.

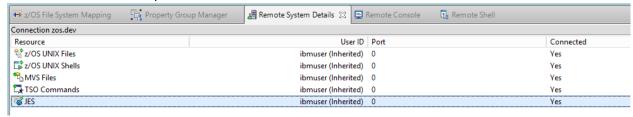


7. You are now connected to z/OS. You can view datasets, jobs. In the Remote systems view at the bottom, you can see the jobs submitted under your userid **IBMUSER**.

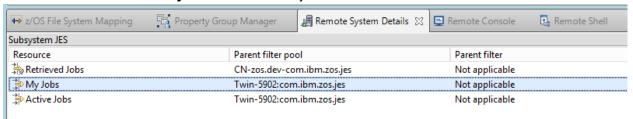
8. Double click and Open the **zos.dev** system.

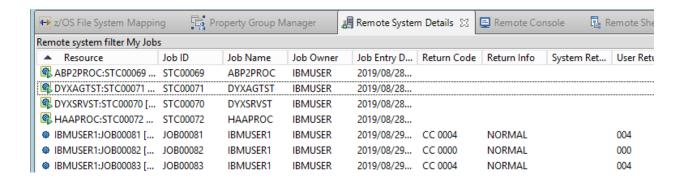


9. Double click and Open the **JES** resource



10. And Double click on **My Jobs** to show all your submitted Jobs.





You have now successfully opened IDz and connected to the z/OS Systems.

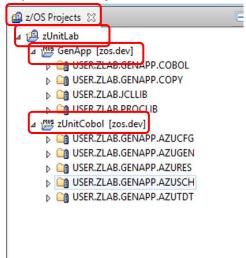
Creating a Testcase

Goals

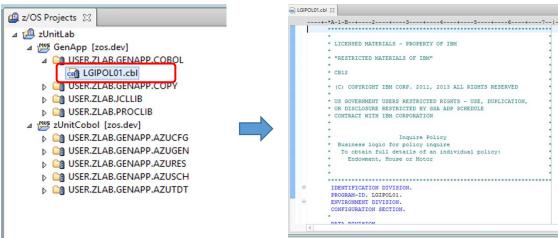
- 1. View the program LGIPOL01 and understand the changes that need to be tested
- 2. Invoke the test case editor for LGIPOL01. Understand the Testcase editor
- 3. Record a test and import the test data
- 4. Create a ZUNIT test case program, run the tests and view the results of a successful test run

Steps

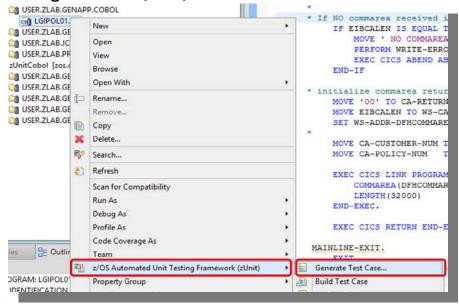
1. Expand the Project zUnitLab from the z/OS Projects view on the left by clicking on $^{-4}$



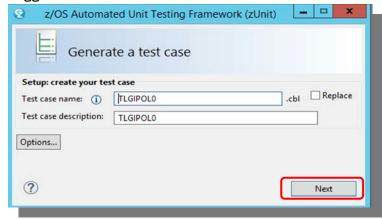
Double click and Open the program LGIPOL01 from z/OS Projects > zUnitLab > GenApp > USER.ZLAB.GENAPP.COBOL > LGIPOL01.cbl .

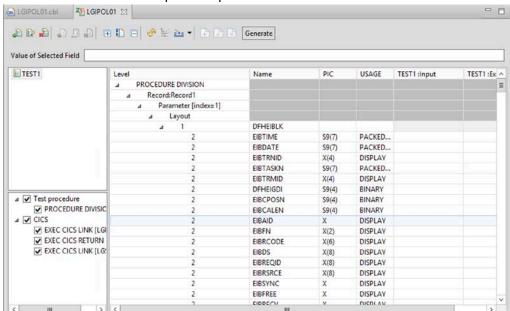


3. To create a testcase for LGIPOL01, Right click on the program and select **z/OS Automated Unit Testing Framework(zUnit) > Generate Test Case..**



4. This opens a window where you can name your testcase. Accept the auto-generated name ZUnit suggests - TLGIPOL01. **Click on Next.**





5. The Test Case Editor is opened up on the screen.



Understanding the test case editor

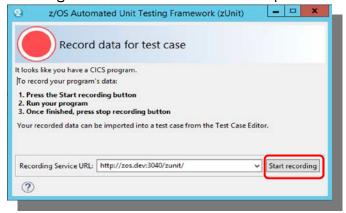
- The bottom left box summarizes all the input output variable structures – In this example, the program has a COMMAREA exchanged via the PROCEDURE DIVISION and three EXEC CICS statements.
- The COMMAREA and the CICS statements are also accompanied by the CICS DFHEIBLK variables.
- The variables that are an input to the program e.g. certain commarea values on entry, DFHEIBLK on entry are to be entered against the TEST1:Input column.
- The variables that are returned by the program are the output from the program logic that a developer should be checking. The expected results of these variables should be in the TEST1:Expected column
- 6. To import data from a live-run into the test case, click on the Record button in IDz





For a developer working on a complex CICS program it is difficult to understand what values go into each of the Input variables and which go into the output. It will be helpful if the developer has to verify only the variables that matter to his/her code change. This is made easier with the Record function. This allows you to capture the data that is passed through the program during an actual live run.

In the dialog box that opens up, click on **Start Recording**. The recording service url points to the CICS region from where the live run is captured. For this lab, the url does not need any changes.



When recording is turned on, the message 'You are now recording' appears.

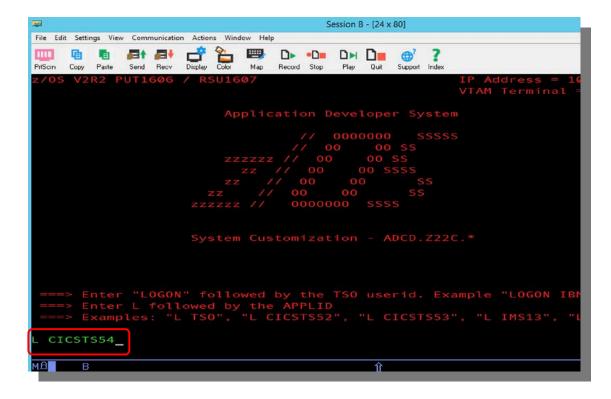


You are now free to invoke your CICS transaction in the manner that it is usually invoked – via a green screen or a webpage etc. In this lab, we will sign on to a host emulator to trigger the transaction SSP1.

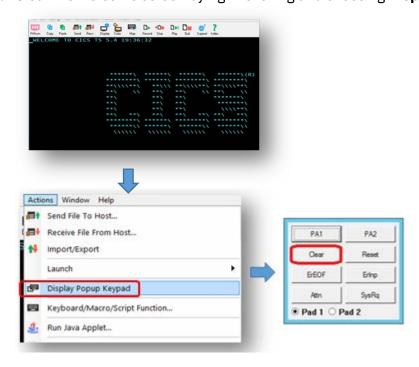
7. Click on the host emulator icon at the bottom of the screen



8. This opens the host emulator. Type **L CICSTS54** in the bottom of the screen.



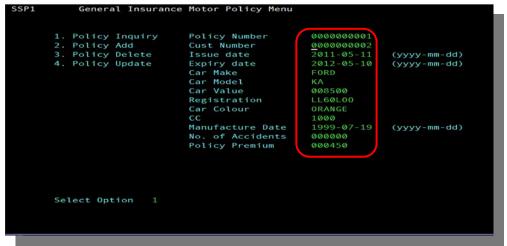
9. Clear the welcome screen by right-clicking and choosing **Display Keypad** and then selecting **Clear**.



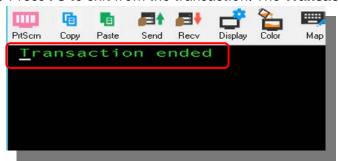
10. Type SSP1. This brings up the Motor Policy screen. Type **000000001** against the **Policy Number**, **0000000002** against the **Customer Number**, Enter '1' against the **Option** and Press **Enter/Ctrl.**Use Tab to navigate to the different fields.



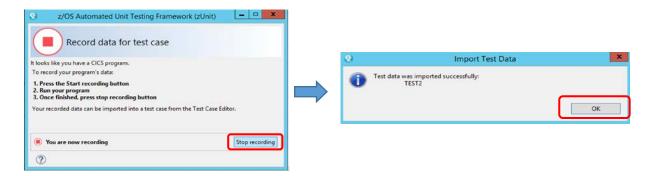
11. This brings up the Motor policy screen for the customer number 000000001. Please note that the No. of Accidents for this customer is 0.



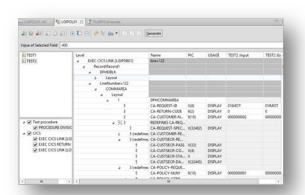
12. Press **F3** to exit from the transaction. The **Transaction ended** message is displayed.

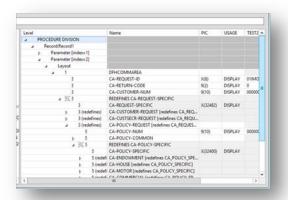


13. Switch back to IDz. Click Stop on the recording window that is open. The message 'Test Data is imported successfully' is displayed. Click **OK** on the Import Test Data window.



14. You can now see a new test – TEST2 created in the editor and it is populated with values from the live run. Use the scroll bar to view the data that is populated. You can see that this is the same that was displayed in the CICS screen.



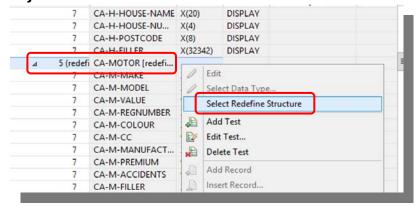




The program LGIPOL01 is a program that is in the call chain of the transaction SSP1. It calls the program LGIPDB01 and passed values to its caller via the commarea. Hence the values in the commarea are the expected output. The call to program LGIPDB01 is populated as Input as it is an input to LGIPOL01.

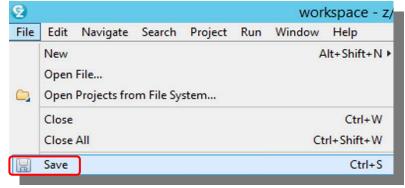
You can also choose to delete the testcase TEST1 as it is blank.

15. ZUNIT also gives you the option to select the right layout in case of a multi layout copybook as the one used here. To record the Motor policy layout, scroll down and Right click the CA-MOTOR redefinition variable under PROCEDURE DIVISION > Record:Record1 > Parameter[index=2] > Layout > DFHCOMMAREA > CA-MOTOR -> Select Redefine Structure.

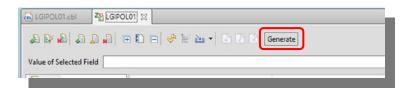


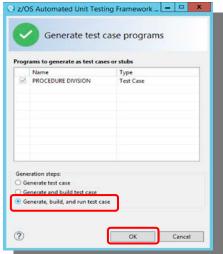
The motor policy will now be correctly mapped to the layout in the commarea.

- 16. Repeat step #15 for the motor policy layout returned by the LINK call to LGIPDB01. This can be found under EXEC CICS LINK [LGIPDB01] > Record:Record1 > Line Number 122 > COMMAREA > Layout > DFHCOMMAREA > CA-MOTOR.
- 17. Save the Test Entry by clicking on Ctrl+S or File > Save



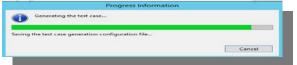
18. Now that the expected output values and the input has been set in the editor from the recorded run, **Click on Generate** to generate the test case program.

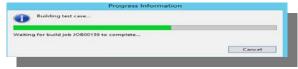




19. In the pop-up window, Select the option Generate, build and run test case and Click on OK.

This action creates a test case program with two tests (TEST1 is blank) and a stub program that is to stub out CICS. It also builds the programs and runs the test case

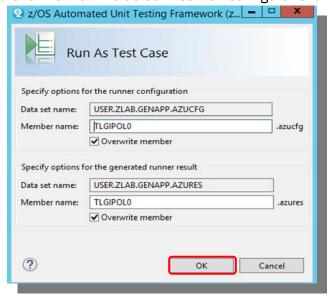




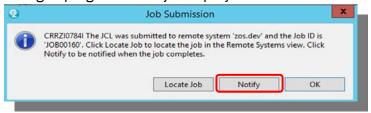
The two programs created can be viewed in the program dataset



20. Click next on the default test run configuration. The default option runs all the tests in the testcase



21. Click notify on the popup. The test case is now running as a batch job with CICS stubbed out. The changed program is not yet deployed into CICS.

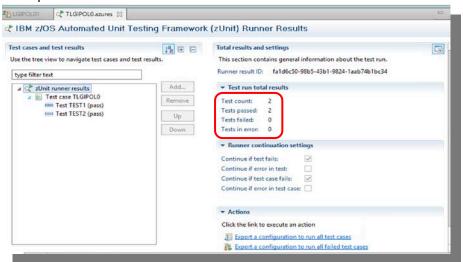


Optional Step – You may verify that CICS is stubbed out by running a CEMT I PROGRAM(LGIPOL01) in the CICS region before and after the test case run. The Count will remain the same as the program is not running within CICS when the test case is executed showing how CICS programs that are in the call chain of the transaction can be individually tested without the need to deploy into CICS



While running CEMT, please take care that the transaction is not triggered directly on CICS as it will increase the count.

22. After a successful run, the results screen is displayed where you can see that the two test cases have passed.



You have now created a test case with data imported from a recorded run and you have been able to successfully test a CICS program without the need of a CICS environment.

Modifying Source code and Viewing a failed test case

Goals

- 1. Edit the business rules in the program LGIPOL01
- 2. Run the testcase and view the failed testcase

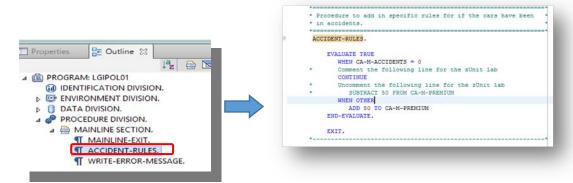
3. Correct the test data and run the test case again

Steps

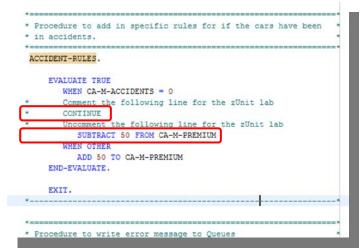
Switch to the program LGIPOL01. To do this, Double click on the program name from z/OS Projects
 GenApp > USER.ZLAB.GENAPP.COBOL



2. From the Outline view at the bottom left of IDz, Navigate to the paragraph ACCIDENT-RULES

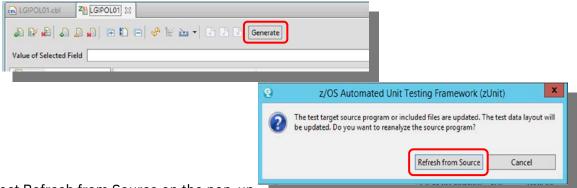


3. To make the code change for no-claim bonus, the developer has to subtract 50\$ from the Policy premium if the car was accident free i.e. the number of accidents is 0. To do this, **comment the line CONTINUE** and **uncomment the line SUBTRACE 50 FROM CA-M-PREMIUM**

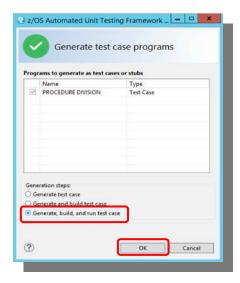


4. Save the program with File > Save or Ctrl+S.

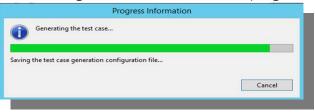
5. Click Generate on the Test case Editor.

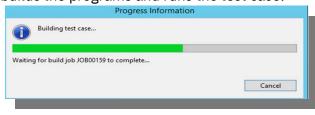


- 6. Select Refresh from Source on the pop-up.
- 7. In the pop-up window, Select the option **Generate, build and run test case** and **Click on OK**.

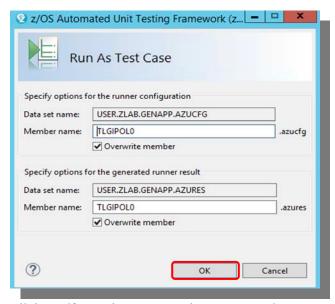


This action generates a new test case program, re-builds the programs and runs the test case.

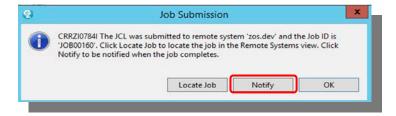




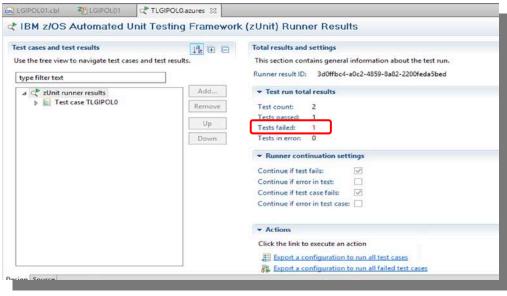
8. Click next on the default test run configuration. The default option runs all the tests in the testcase

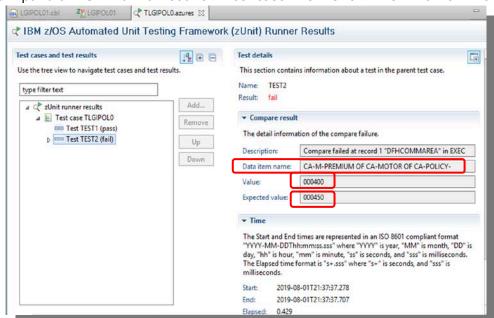


9. Click notify on the popup. The test case is now running as a batch job with CICS stubbed out. The changed program is not yet deployed into CICS.



10. This time the result will show a failure. As we did not change the expected output to match the new value with the no-claim bonus.



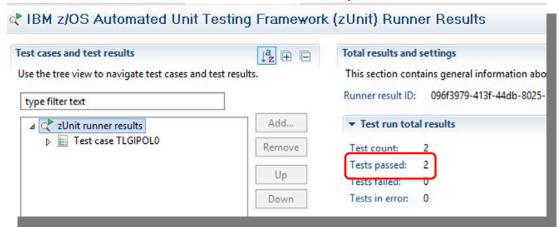


11. Expand on zUnit runner results > Test case TLGIPOL0 > TEST2 to view the exact failure reason.

12. To correct this, switch to the Test entry editor. Change the Expected value column in **PROCEDURE DIVISION > Record:Record1 > Parameter[index=2] > Layout > DFHCOMMAREA > CA-MOTOR > CA-M-PREMIUM** to **400** as this includes the no-claim bonus deduction.



- 13. Repeat the steps #5 and #6 above to re-run the test case.
- 14. This time, the results show that the test cases have passed.



You have now learnt how a failed test case is viewed in ZUNIT.

Running zUnit from the command line

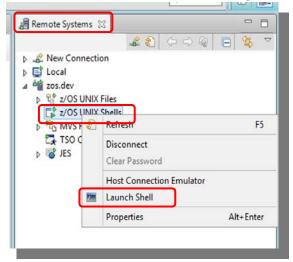
Goals

1. Invoke zUnit from the command line with the new run configuration

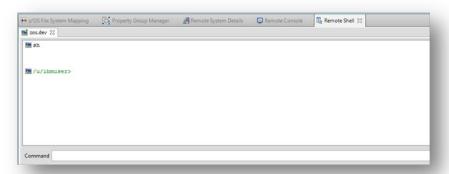
One of the mandates of a delivery pipeline is to be able to run automated unit tests from a pipeline. This section shows how to invoke zUnit from a USS(z/OS Unix) command line. This is useful when unit tests have to run as part of a pipeline run by tools like Jenkins.

Steps

1. From the Remote Systems View, Right click on z/OS Unix Shells > Select Launch Shell



2. This displays the Remote shell at the bottom of IDz.



3. Type the following in the **Command** text box. Hit **Enter**.



4. The test case is executed, and the results are displayed in the Remote shell

```
EXEC CICS RETURN X'0000' L=00364
AZUCEEUT::getMessage(): CEEMGET.fc.tok_msgno=454.

///ibmuser>

TEARDOWN (TEST2)
o Test count: 2
o Tests passed: 2
o Tests failed: 0
o Tests in error: 0
zUnit Test Runner 2.0.0.1 ended at 2019-08-01T22:13:41.225.
///ibmuser>

Command

Command
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You have now executed a zUnit test case from a command line.

Conclusion

As part of this lab, you have created a Unit Test case for a CICS COBOL program that is a part of a transaction. You have also run the test case and tested this program by stubbing out CICS — without the need to deploy into a CICS environment enabling early testing without affecting other developers in a shared environment.



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