

# IBM Z Customer Council

*IBM Innovation Center*



**May 13, 2025**  
**9:00 AM – 2:15 PM**

# Agenda and Feedback

**9:00 AM Arrival & Registration**

**9:00 AM Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**9:35 AM IBM Z Hardware Update**

*Mitchell Bride, IBM*

**10:35 AM Break**

**10:45 AM IntelliMagic Vision for z/OS**

*Todd Havekost, IBM*

**11:45 AM Lunch**

**12:30 PM IBM Concert for Z**

*Kekahu Aluli, IBM*

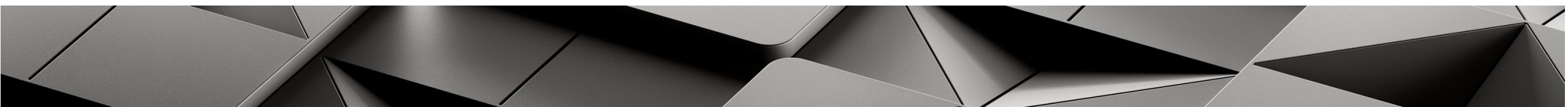
**1:30 PM IBM watsonx Assistant for Z**

*Rafael Nunes Martins, IBM*

**2:15 PM Close and Departure**



<https://ibm.biz/zCouncilDFWSurvey>



# New to Z Meetup - Dallas

**When: May 22, 2025 from 05:30 PM to 07:30 PM (CT)**

Associated with [New to IBM Z](#)

Join us to network and celebrate our New to Z Community with fellow mainframers! All experience levels are welcome. We'll be sharing tips and tricks in ISPF and hosting a fun "Stump the Experts" panel. The session kicks off at **6:00 PM**—come early to connect and grab a bite! [REGISTER HERE](#)  
You can also join the [New to Z Dallas Chapter Meetup Group](#) to learn more about future events!

## Location

IBM Innovation Studio Dallas  
1177 S Belt Line Rd  
Coppell, TX 75019



# Upcoming Webinars

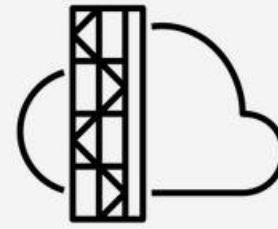




# IBM Z TechBytes

Monday - Thursday the weeks of May 5th and May 12

Virtual technical conference presented by IBM Washington Systems Center



## Overview

For the next two weeks (May 5th & May 12th), the IBM Washington Systems Center is hosting the spring 2025 edition of the IBM Z Tech Bytes virtual conference. There will be two sessions a day Monday-Thursday of each week. The experts of the systems center will present on the latest IBM z17 announcements, along with in depth technical information on subjects such as: z/OS Performance, z/OS Communications Server, IBM Db2 for z/OS, IBM Z Cyber Vault, and others. The conference is open to IBMers, IBM Business Partners, and customers.

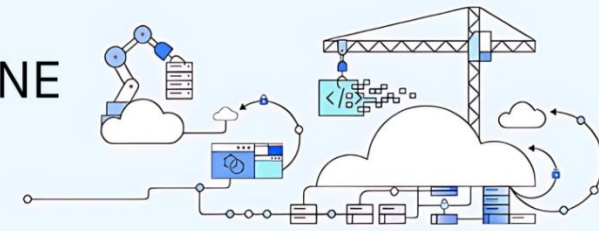
View the agenda and register for this no-cost conference at the following link:

<https://ibm.biz/techbytes-may2025>



# Addressing the Mainframe Skills Gap with IBM watsonx Assistant for Z

IBM Z and IBM LinuxONE  
Webinar Series



**Thu, May 15**

**1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EDT**

In the face of the rapidly changing landscape surrounding mainframe environments, a significant skills gap is emerging. IBM watsonx™ Assistant for Z addresses this issue by providing users of all experience levels with decades of mainframe expertise and best practices, revolutionizing their interaction and management of the mainframe. By integrating conversational AI and IT automation, this solution aims to bridge the skills and staffing gaps within the mainframe community.

Join us for an insightful session to explore the future of mainframe skills and discover how Addressing the Mainframe Skills Gap with IBM watsonx™ Assistant for Z can significantly boost productivity. Witness a live demonstration of its capabilities.

**Register:** [ibm.biz/BdnYVX](https://ibm.biz/BdnYVX)



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# CIICS Insight Series – RLS / TVS for CIICS HA

**May 21, 2025 | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Eastern Time | Virtual**

## **Overview**

This session discusses the capabilities of how VSAM RLS/TVS provides full data sharing and transactional capabilities to your existing VSAM files in a parallel SYSPLEX.

By exploiting SYSLPEX, and in particular Coupling Facility (CF) shared structures, RLS can provide the necessary serialization and buffer invalidation necessary for full read/write integrity across multiple LPARs, resulting in improved scalability and availability.

To register, visit <https://ibm-zcouncil.com/events/insight-may-21/>



# Deeper IBM Z Operational insights for better decision making with watsonx Assistant for Z

May 27<sup>th</sup> | 11:00 AM EDT

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Managed Service Providers (MSPs) bring strong efficiency and optimization to IBM Z operations. IBM watsonx Assistant for Z adds an additional layer of value by providing the visibility and insights organizations need to collaborate more effectively, ensure compliance, and make faster, more informed decisions. It also helps address the growing need to simplify the development and retention of mainframe skills, supporting both MSPs and clients in staying competitive.

Join us for an exclusive virtual session to discover how IBM watsonx Assistant for Z can provide the right insights you need for more informed collaboration and decision-making.

Learn how your team can quickly onboard and grow their skills, with 24/7 AI assistance and one- place to get help on IBM Z questions and your environment, anytime, anywhere.





***A taste of this year's VM Workshop!***  
***Don't miss Early Bird registration and save 20%, ends on 4/30!***

Here are some z/VM sessions you won't want to miss!

- An Introduction to z/VM
- Hands on z/VM install labs
- New Technology - "Practical z/VM Automation using Ansible and Terraform"
- Implementing Fibre Channel Protocol-attached Devices
- And presentations from our sponsor experts

**Reminders:**

Early Bird registration	\$120 (thru 4/30)
Regular registration	\$150 (as of 5/1)
Student registration	\$10
Presentation Submissions	due by 5/25



**VM Workshop 2025**  
**June 12-14**  
**The Ohio State University**  
**Columbus, Ohio**  
[www.vmworkshop.org](http://www.vmworkshop.org)

[REGISTER HERE](http://www.vmworkshop.org)

**Replays/ On  
Demand**



# Unlock the Potential of Linux and AI with IBM LinuxONE 5

**May 13<sup>th</sup> | 10:00 AM EDT**

IBM LinuxONE 5 is an enterprise-grade server skillfully designed to help businesses unlock the power of open-source technology and AI. It's built to help organizations achieve industry-leading security to protect against cyberthreats, provide efficiency and cost savings without compromising performance and improve business outcomes with built-in AI. All with the flexibility of a broad application portfolio made possible with Linux. There's only one IBM LinuxONE.

**Register Here: <https://ibm.biz/BdnsWi>**



# Db2 for z/OS Utilities and Tools Virtual Summit

The mainframe is a modern and vibrant platform central to a hybrid cloud strategy that continues to evolve along with the IT teams that work on it. The utilities and tools used to administer and optimize the Db2 for z/OS environment are core to keeping pace with industry trends and facilitating modernization for today's challenging environment.

Please join us for the Db2 for z/OS Tools and Utilities Virtual Summit to hear the latest about the IBM portfolio and how it can help you maintain the performance of your most important systems.

[Watch on Demand](#)





# **\*FREE\* IDz/ADFz and IDz on VS Code Distance Learning Program**

This Spring / Summer 2025 we are presenting the complete (no-charge) IDz Entry Level Training courses, along with Experienced User topics such as **Code Review, Code Coverage, Integration with Open Source DevOps tooling, etc.**

The **Entry Level Training** consists of multiple hour-long hands-on-workshop modules that are delivered through **interactive, instructor-led web-conferences** ... an extremely effective training venue utilizing open Q&A, flexible class delivery, remote-mentoring, greater absorption of the material, etc.

These sessions cover all of the skills & knowledge needed to master IDz, enabling you for high-productivity z/OS COBOL application work with the tools.

- *There is **no** enrollment needed.*
- *There is a short workshop setup process needed for the hands-on labs. Please try to finish this before attending Module 1.*

[More Information Here](#)

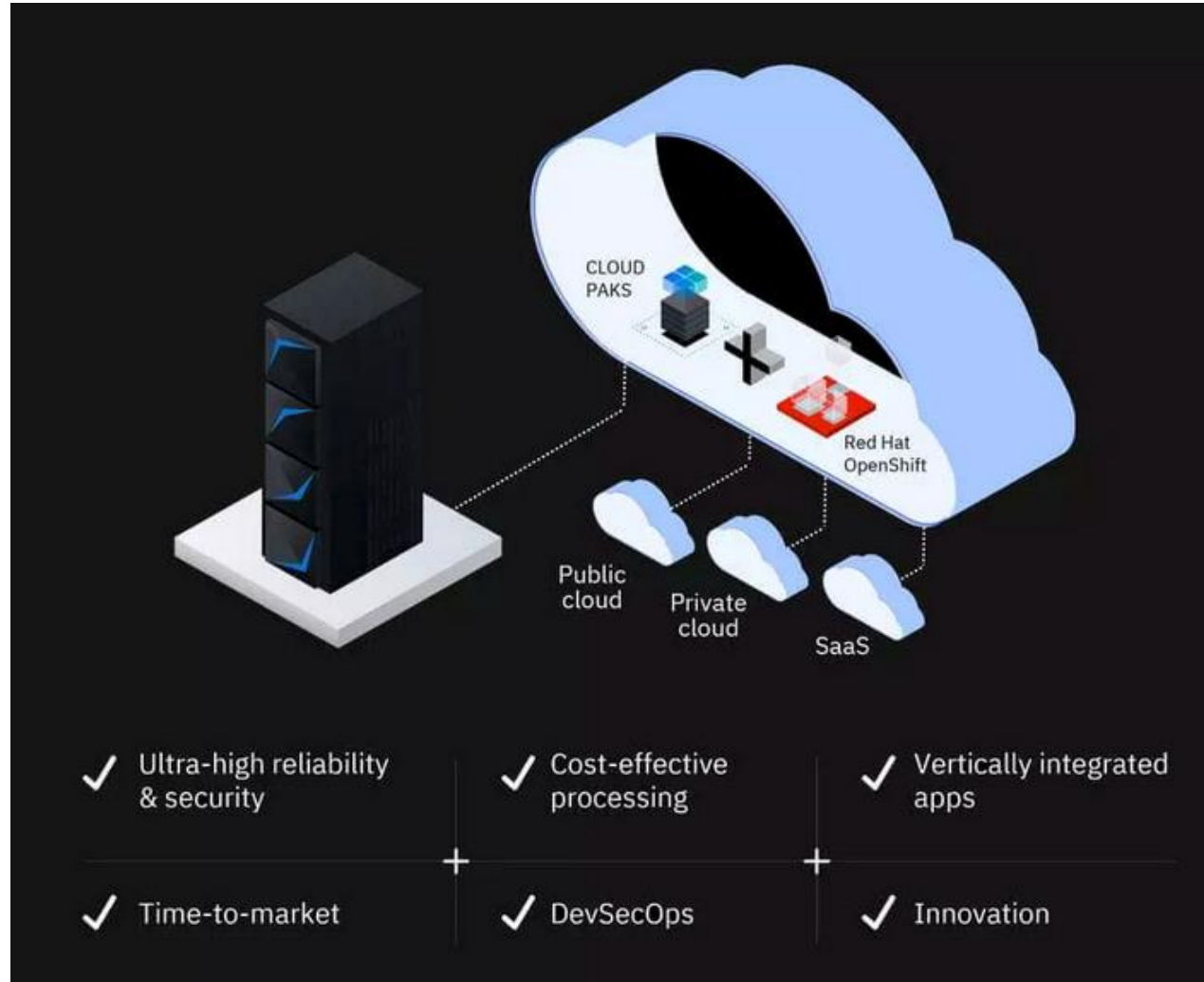
# Tools & Reference



# IBM Z and Cloud Modernization Center

Accelerate transformation in your IBM Z environment with expert resources, guidance, and capabilities

<https://www.ibm.com/community/z-and-cloud/>



# IBM Z and LinuxONE Community



## Get involved

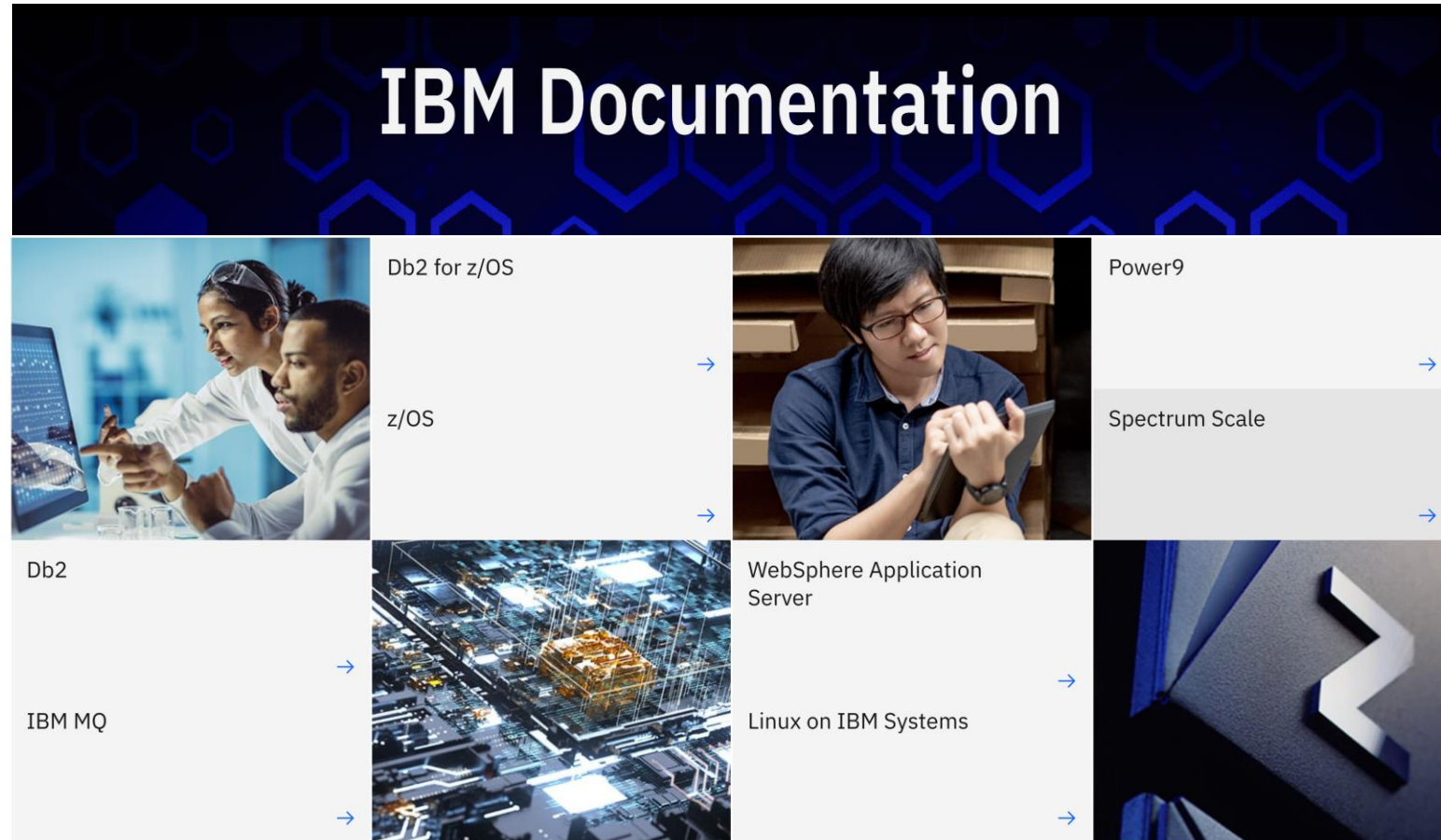
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<https://www.ibm.com/community/z/>



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# DevOps Solutions Community

## DevOps Solutions

Accelerate your journey to the cloud with seamless software delivery

Our Z team has worked hard to make IBM Communities a place where we can all collaborate together, learn from one another, share knowledge, and ask questions. We updated our Z DevOps communities to make your digital experience simpler, more intuitive, and more navigable by consolidating our Z DevOps communities into five, solution-oriented groups.

1. [Application Insights](#)
2. [Automated Testing](#)
3. [Cloud Native](#) here.
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# Start your DevOps Digital Transformation Journey

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### Z DevOps CI/CD Enablement

Learning Collection

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<https://ibm.github.io/mainframe-downloads/Training/Training.html>







# Z DevOps Talks

By Z DevOps Talks

Listen in as Chris Sayles discusses with Z DevOps experts how IBM is embracing open source technologies, making the mainframe more accessible, and designing new and better ways of developing and operating for the cloud-native and veteran community.



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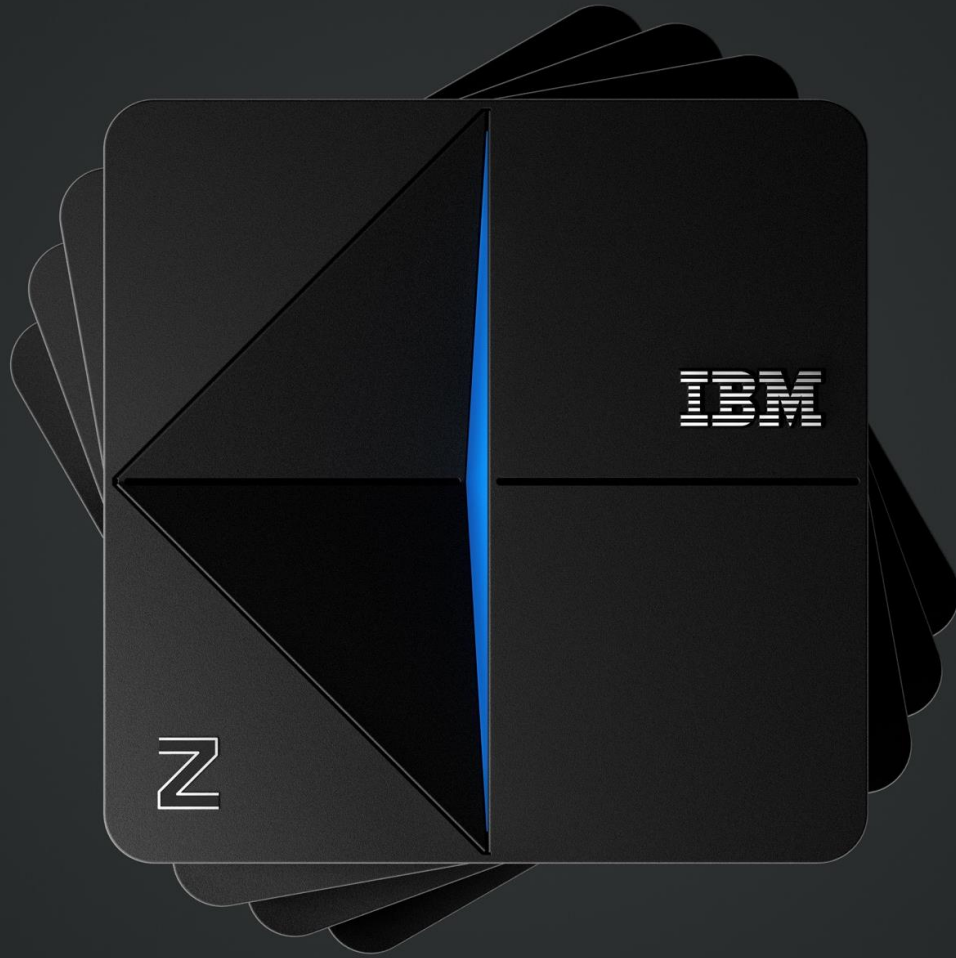
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