



The zGui (r)evolution

First hands on experience and best practices



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Agenda

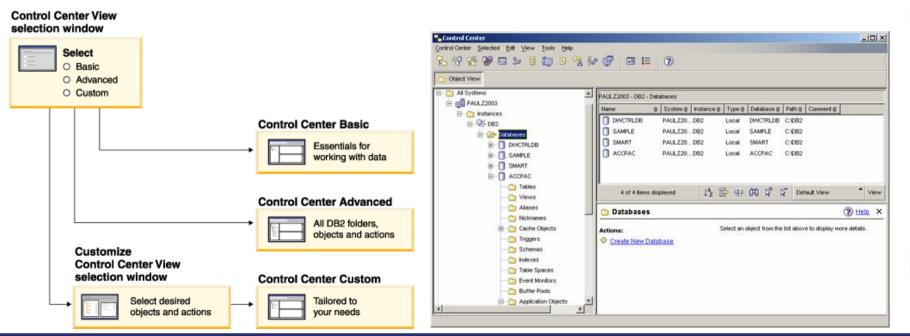
- GUIs in the past
- Zowe ecosystem overview
- Zowe differentiation to prior GUIs
- Zowe components
- Zowe examples
- Hands on usage based on a cloning example
- Summary of experience



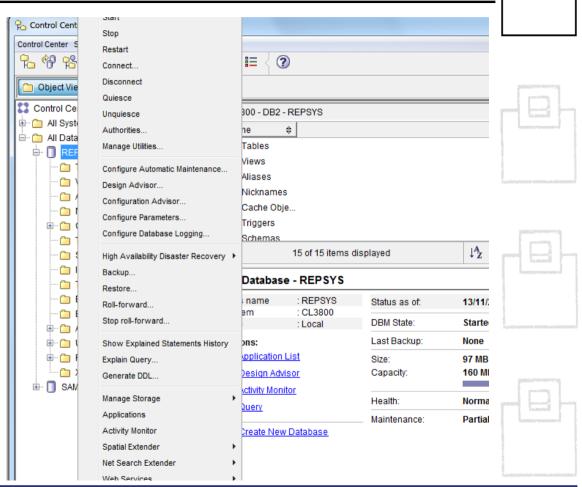




- Db2 Control Center (Db2cc)
 - Introduced with Db2 LUW 5, but also able to connect to Db2 z/OS
 - A Windows/Linux fat client using Db2 connect and stored procedures
 - Manages and administers Db2 systems and objects



- Db2 Control Center (Db2cc)
 - Can also open other centers to
 - optimize queries, jobs, and scripts
 - perform data warehousing tasks
 - create stored procedures
 - work with DB2 and IMS commands



- Db2 Control Center (Db2cc)
 - More and more features and functions added over time:
 - Activity Monitor
 - Command Editor
 - Configuration Assistant
 - Control Center and associated wizards and advisors
 - Control Center plug-in extensions
 - Event Analyzer
 - Health Center
 - Indoubt Transaction Monitor
 - Journal
 - License Center
 - Memory Visualizer
 - Query Patroller Center
 - Satellite Administration Center
 - Task Center
 - User interface to access Spatial Extender functionality
 - User interface to Visual Explain







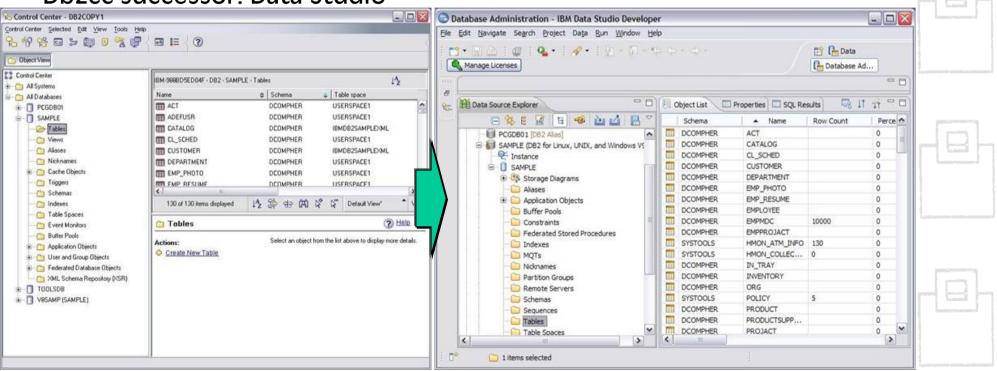
- Db2 Control Center (Db2cc)
 - ...along with wizards and advisors:
 - Control Center and associated wizards and advisors
 - Alter Database Partition Group wizard
 - Backup wizard
 - Configuration advisor
 - Configure Database Logging wizard
 - Configure Multisite Update wizard
 - Create Cache Table wizard
 - Create Database wizard
 - Create Federated Objects wizard (Also known as Create Nicknames wizard)
 - Create Table Space wizard
 - Create Table wizard
 - Design advisor
 - Drop Partition launchpad
 - Health Alert Notification
 - Health Indicator Configuration launchpad
 - Load wizard
 - Recommendation advisor
 - Redistribute Data wizard
 - Restore wizard
 - Set Up Activity Monitor wizard
 - Set Up High Availability Disaster Recovery (HADR) Databases wizard
 - Storage Management Setup launchpad
 - Troubleshooting wizard



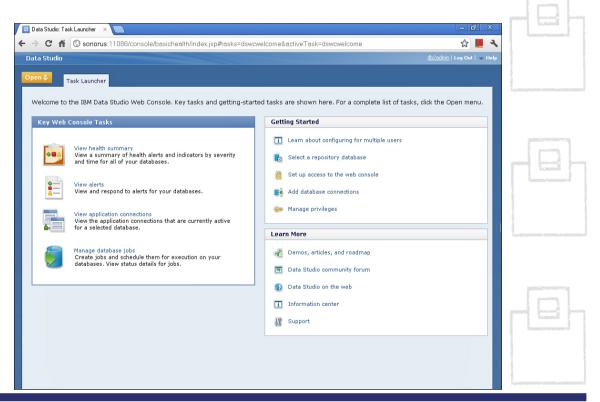




- Db2 Control Center (Db2cc)
 - Deprecated with Db2 LUW 9.7 and Db2 z/OS 10.1
 - Db2cc successor: Data Studio



- Db2 Data Studio (Db2DS)
 - A Windows/Linux EclipsePlugin using Java Db2 connection
- Db2 Data Studio
 Web Console (Db2DSWC)
 - A Client/Server architecture, that enables web browser access



- Db2cc successor: Data Studio
 - True for most of the Db2cc tools, except:
 - Activity Monitor, Event Analyzer, Health Center, Web Console, Memory Visualizer, Query Patroller Center
 - → InfoSphere Optim Performance Manager
 - Configuration Assistant
 - → InfoSphere Optim Configuration Manager
 - With more complex licensing assoiciated:
 - InfoSphere Optim Performance Manager Extended Insight is a separately priced feature for InfoSphere Optim Performance Manager (part of InfoSphere Optim Performance Manager EE)
 - Data Studio consist of three components
 - The Index Advisor and Query Advisor require an InfoSphere Optim Query Workload Tuner license
 - Db2 Data Studio (Db2DS) renamed and bundled into Optim in 2009







- Then Db2 Data Server Manager was introduced* and customers were confused whether this is a DS successor/replacement
 - Some IBMers said yes, some insisted they address different people:
 - DS is intended for developers
 - DSM is intended for DBAs
 - Unfortunately some DS features are not maintained with Db2 12 CD
 - Digging deeper indicates lots of the prior GUI Eclipse stuff and components "borrowed" from Db2DSWC
 - However, the labs are saying it is "very much a rewrite of the front end, but the smarts have been passed onto this next generation"









- Bottom line/downside for ISVPs and customers:
 - Familiar UIs continue to be changed
 - Used features deprecated, or slightly shifted into other UIs
 - No single/common point of control
 - → ISPF still the one and only true (Db2) z/OS UI that stays reliably solid over the years
 - → ISPF still the one and only true (Db2) z/OS UI that is supported by IBM AND ISVs







Zowe ecosystem overview

- At the SHARE 2018 conference, IBM, Rocket Software and CA Technologies (now BROADCOM) announced Zowe – THE z ecosystem
 - Open source project licensed under EPL 2.0
 - Extensible framework
 - Fuses and unites "old", solid mainframe UI (tn3270, VT) with latest UI (HTML5, JS, TS, CLI)
 - Based on and exploiting proven, rock solid technology (RLF, SAF, USS)
 - Introduces REST APIs, ESM microservices, discovery services, ...
 - Addresses
 - Application Developers
 - System Programmers
 - DBAs
 - DevOps Architects







Zowe ecosystem overview

- Zowe is four major components:
 - Application Framework
 The web UI that works with the underlying REST APIs presenting and bundling information in a modern, powerfull full screen mode
 - z/OS Services
 Providing z/OS RESTful web service and deployment architecture for z/OS microservices
 - Zowe CLI
 Allowing to interact with the mainframe to efficiently build z/OS
 applications
 - 4. API Mediation Layer Central point for all mainframe service REST APIs of the ecosystem

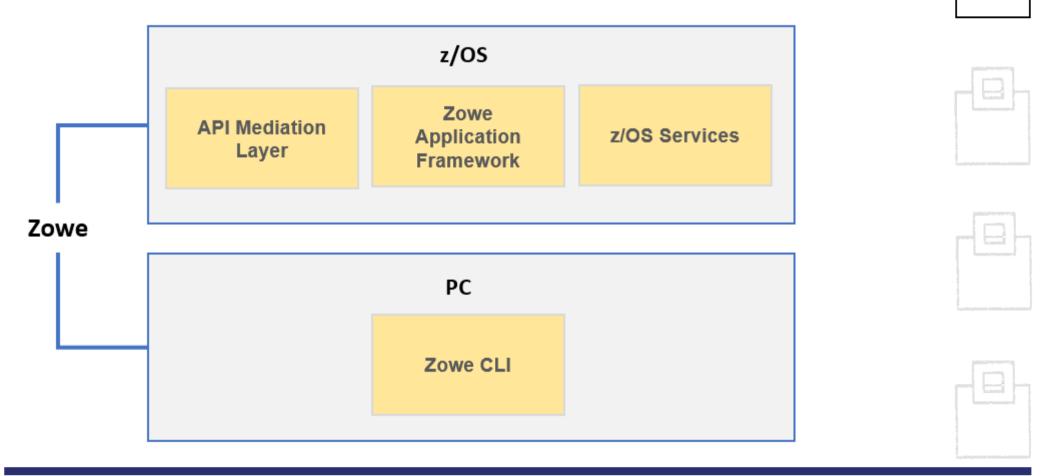






Zowe ecosystem overview





Zowe differentiation to prior GUIs

Zowe is

- the very first open source project on z/OS
- an extensible, common framework for existing and new applications
- designed to make the mainframe an agile, integrated platform
- a THE common UI for senior mainframe staff and new workforce
- a unified framework that merges proven and latest technology

...to

- demystify the mainframe and attract new people
- reduce the learning curve and improve productivity
- enhance integration and consumability
- simplify the architecture and reduce operational costs
- improve co-existance with a modern, platform-neutral interface







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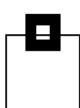
Zowe is vendor independent:

- Open source project under the Open Mainframe Project
- Free to be used under the Eclipse Public License 2.0
- Open, extensible interfaces of the code
- IBM, Rocket and BROADCOM (fka. CA) are founding members
- → Use, change and contribute





Zowe differentiation to prior GUIs



Zowe integrates nicely into an existing environment:

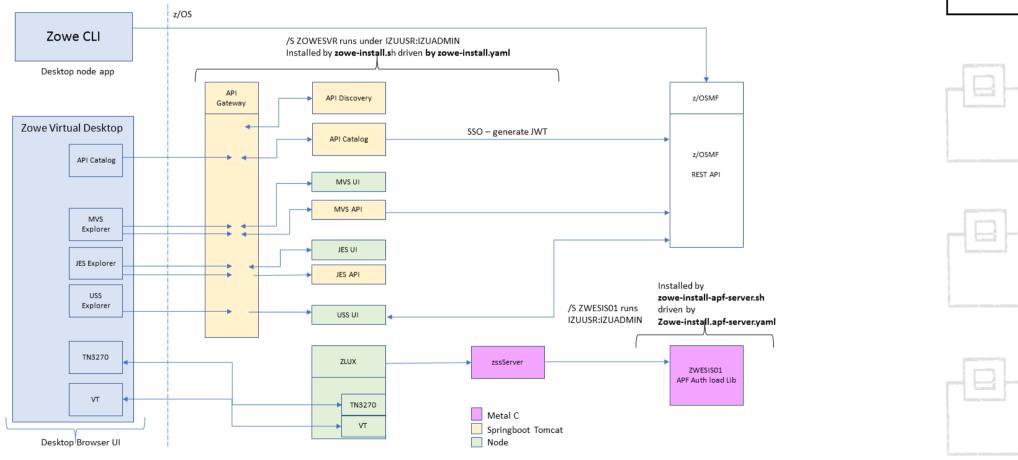
- Security management: SAF System Authorization Facility
 - Controlling access by RACF, or other security products, like ACF2
- Resource management: RLF Resource Limit Facility
 - Control processor usage of Db2 queries
- z/OS and USS support:
 - Explore JES, MVS, USS
 - Access and interact with subsystems like Db2, CICS
 - Browse and edit data sets
 - Execute JCL, Shell and z/OS commands, bash and z/OS scripts
- Platform independent browser technology:
 - HTML5, CSS, JS, TS, ...
- Platform independent CLI
 - Node.js, npm, IDEs, Jenkins, TravisCl, ...











- Zowe Application framework is four major components:
 - Desktop
 Browser based web desktop
 - Application Server
 Web services framework plus proxy applications that communicates
 with z/OS services and components
 - 3. ZSS Server REST services to support the Application Server
 - 4. Application plug-ins Included and addable applications to access the mainframe and to perform various tasks, e.g.
 - Dataset editor and browser (z/OS and USS)
 - Workflows
 - z/OS subsystem browser (JES, CICS, Db2, IMS, ...)









- Zowe z/OS services contain the following core components:
 - 1. z/OS dataset services list, browse, edit, create, delete, ... datasets and members
 - z/OS job services list, browse, submit jobs



- A full list of capabilities of the RESTful API can be listed via the API catalog
 - The Open API Specification describes the APIs and allows to use any standard-based REST API developer tool, or API management process
 - APIs can be used by any application
 - z/OS services are running as microservices with a Spring Boot embedded Tomcat stack





- Zowe CLI comes with the following capabilities:
 - Interact with files:
 - Create, edit, download, and upload data sets
 - Submit jobs:
 - Submit JCL from data sets or local storage, monitor the status, and view/download the output
 - Execute commands:
 - Issue TSO, or z/OS console commands
 - Integrated scripts:
 - Define scripts that do both mainframe and local tasks
 - Return JSON documents:
 - Return the data in JSON format to be used in other programming languages







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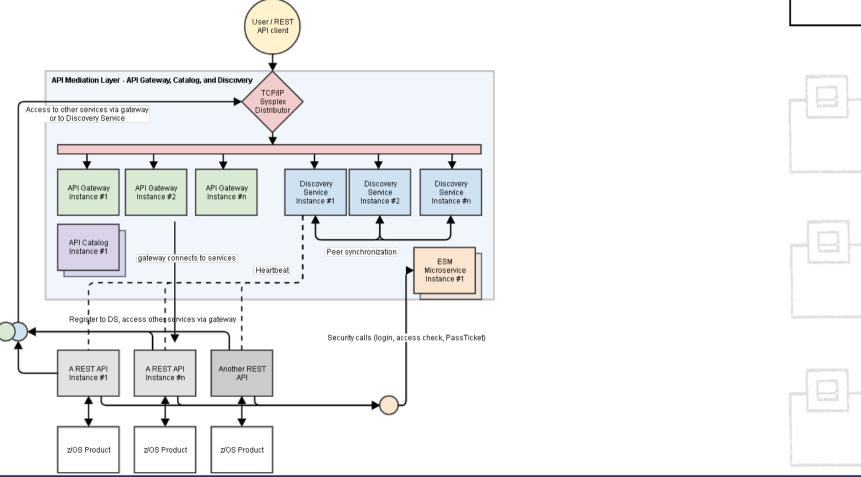
- Zowe API mediation layer consists of the following components:
 - API gateway:
 - Clients interact with microservices behind a reverse proxy forwarding requests to the appropriate service
 - The gateway is built on Netflix Zuul and Spring Boot technology
 - Discovery services:
 - Accepts the REST service announcements and serves active ones
 - The service is built on Netflix Eureka and Spring Boot technology
 - API catalog:
 - UI catalog of published APIs along with their documentation (Swagger) and status
 - Services can be implemented by multiple instances for highavailability or scalability
 - ESM microservices:
 - Authenticates and authorizes users with mainframe credentials



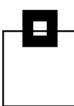








Zowe components @ github.com



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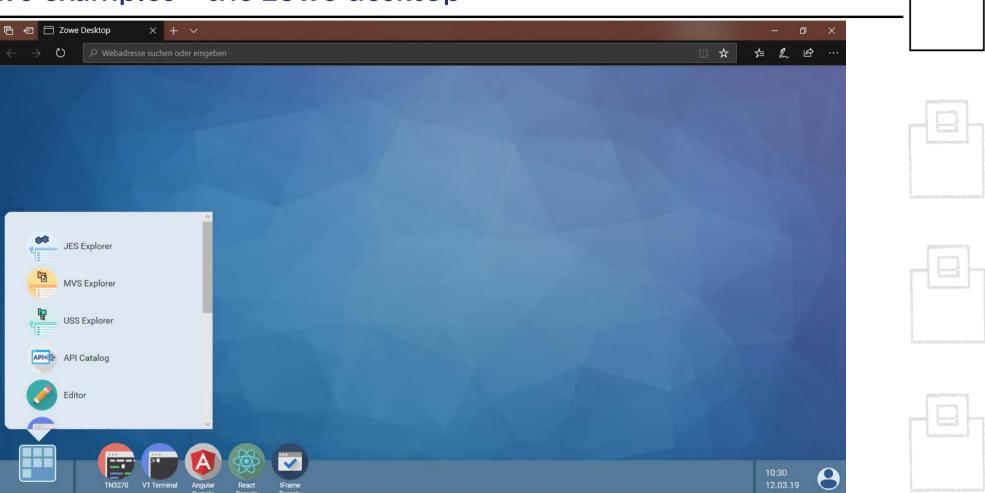
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explorer-model - The Explorer server model project

webui-scenarios - Several sample projects that create WebUI's that integrate into Zowe

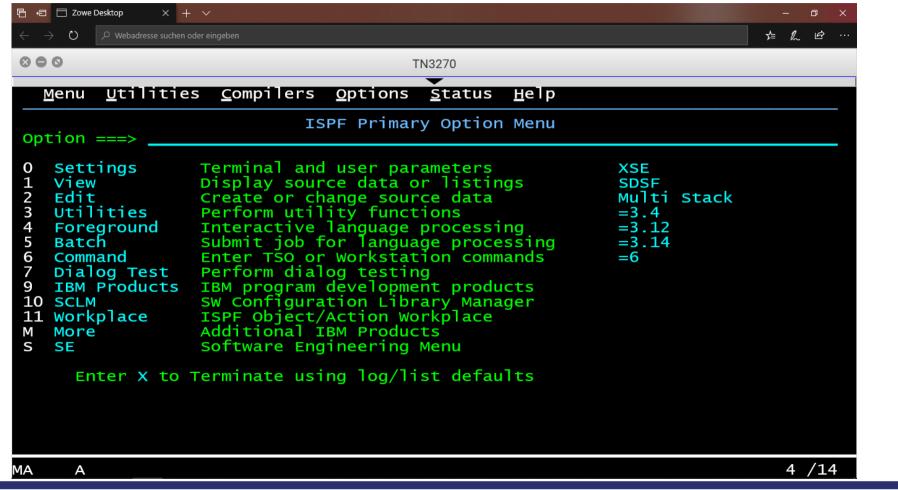
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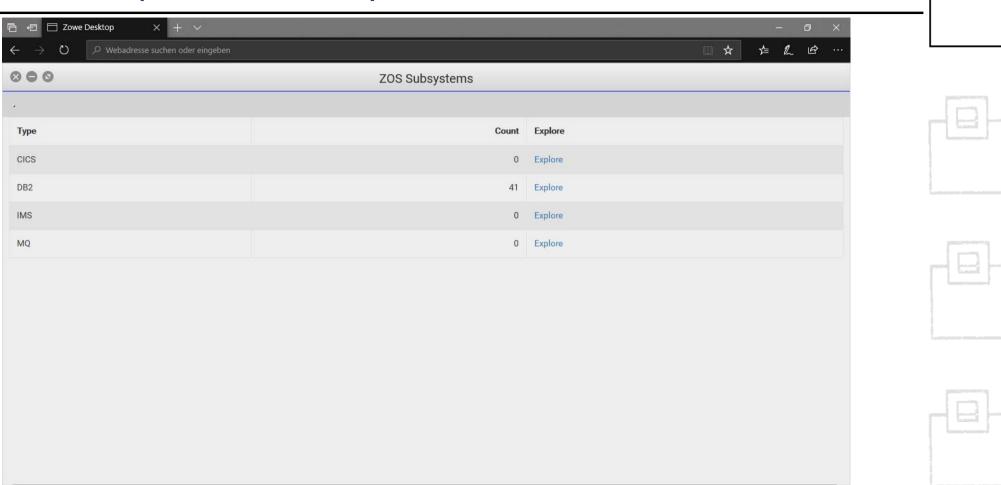


Zowe examples – the tn3270 app ©

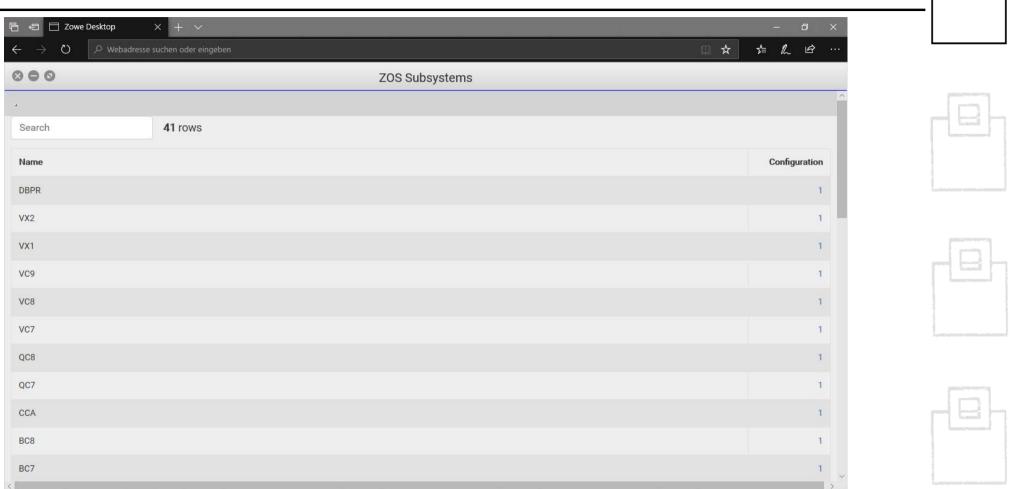




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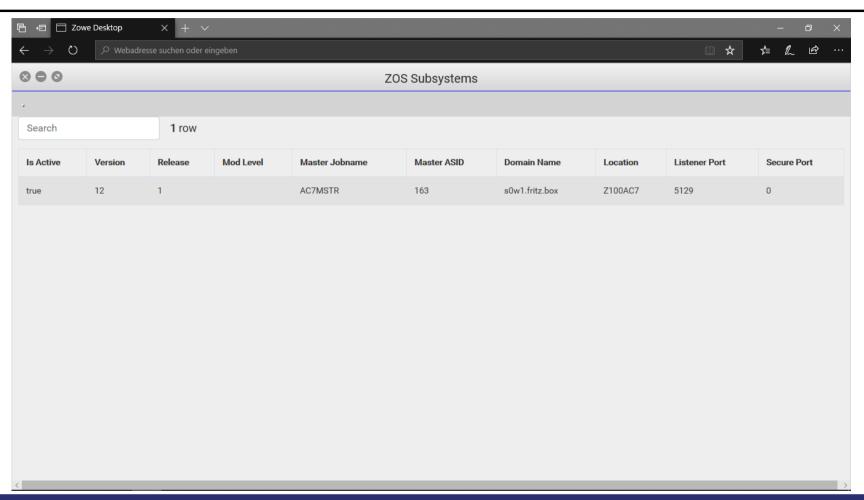


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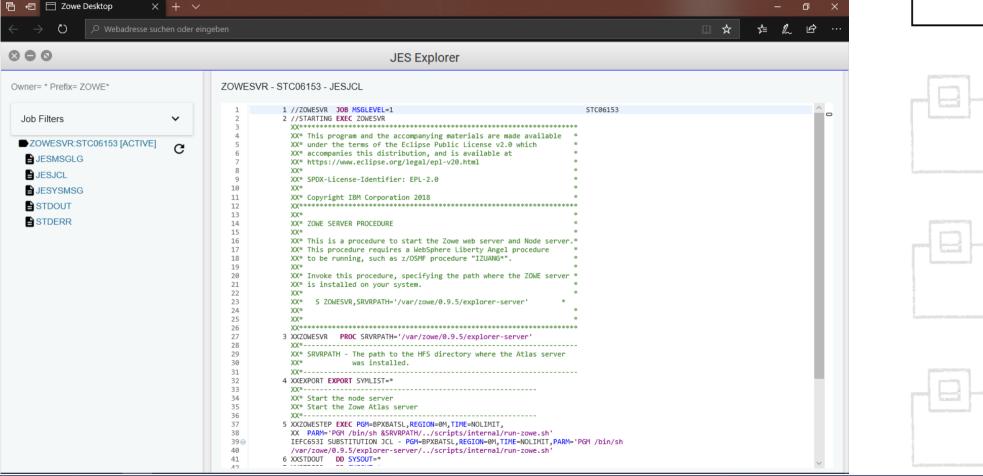
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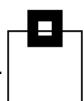


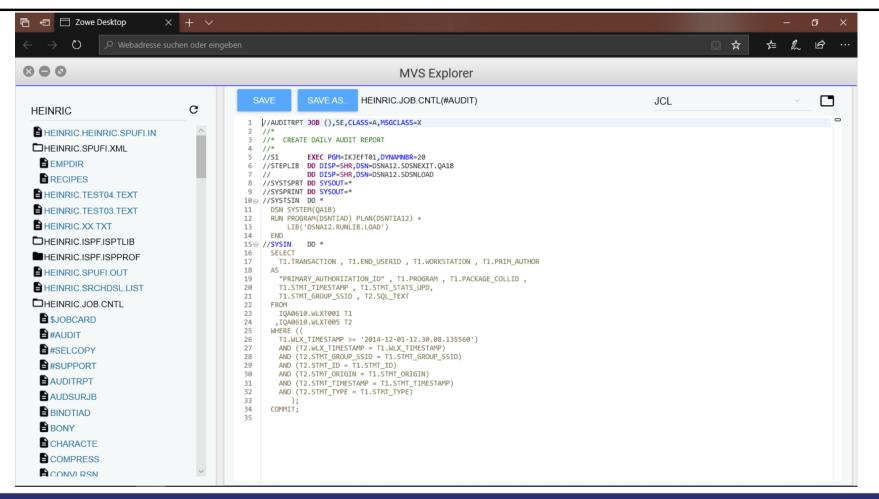
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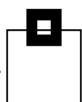


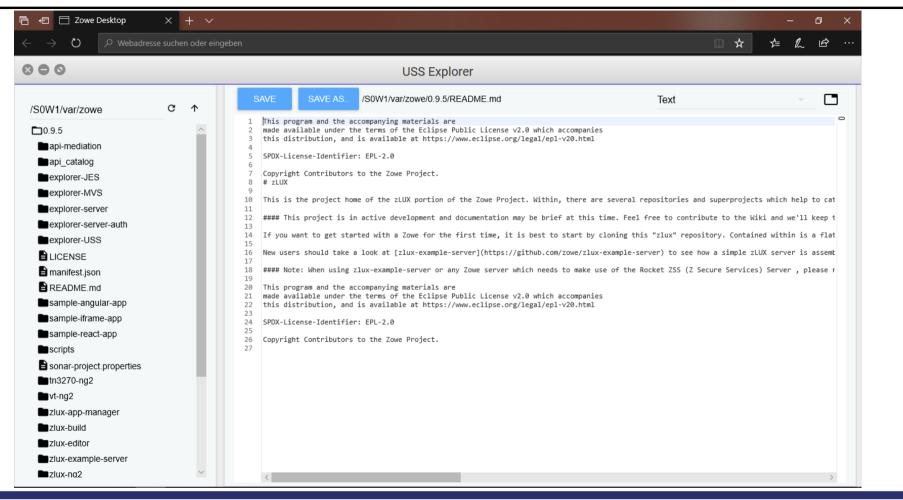
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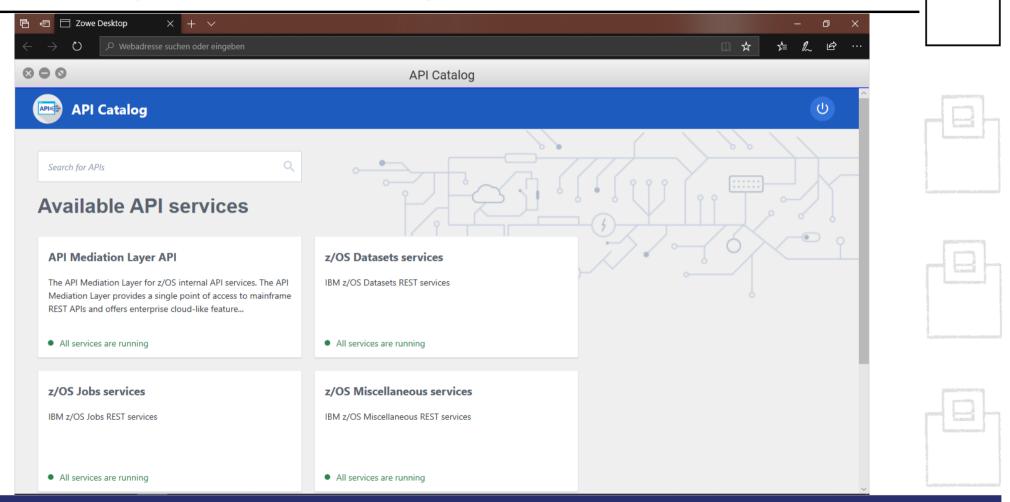


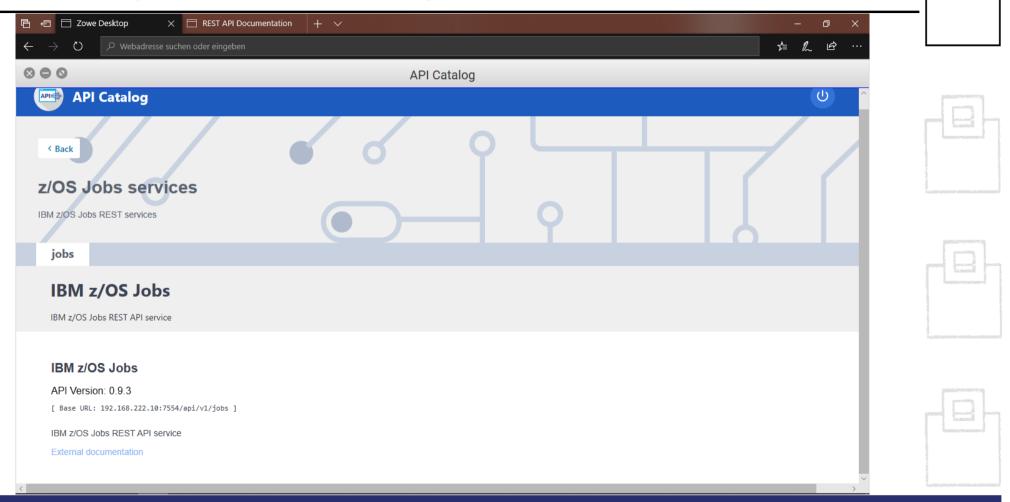


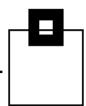
Zowe examples – the USS Explorer













Liberty REST APIs Discover REST APIs available within Liberty



Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations

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List Operations

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Expand Operations

Expand Operations

	API Discovery : APIs available from the API Discovery feature
	Zowe : Dataset APIs
	Zowe : JES Johs APIs

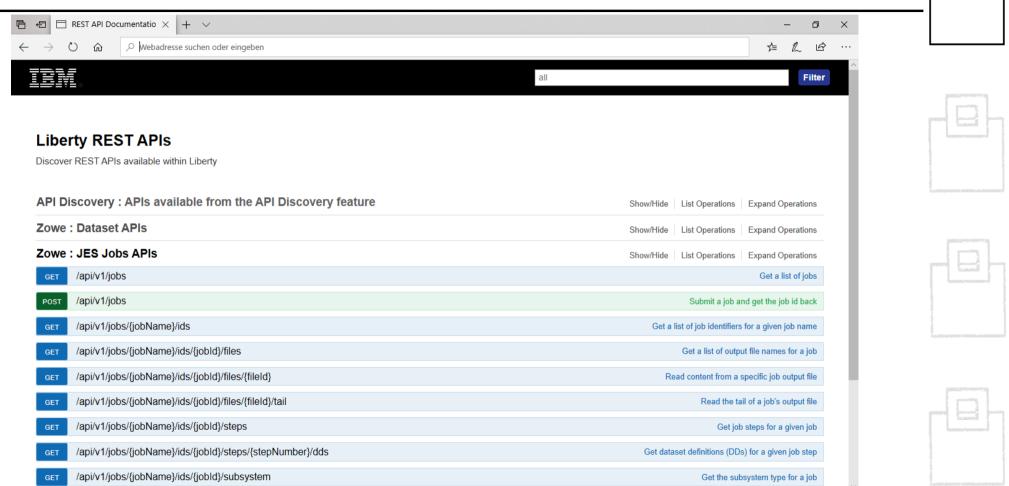


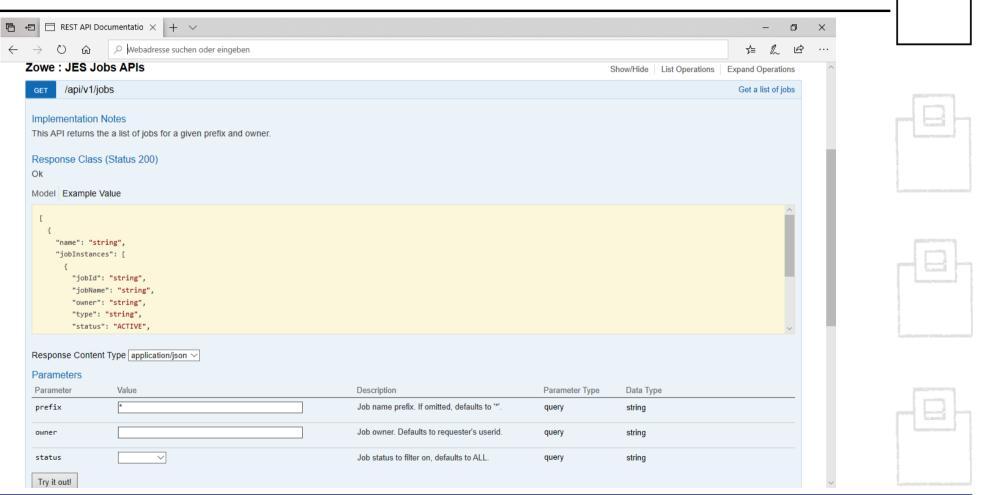
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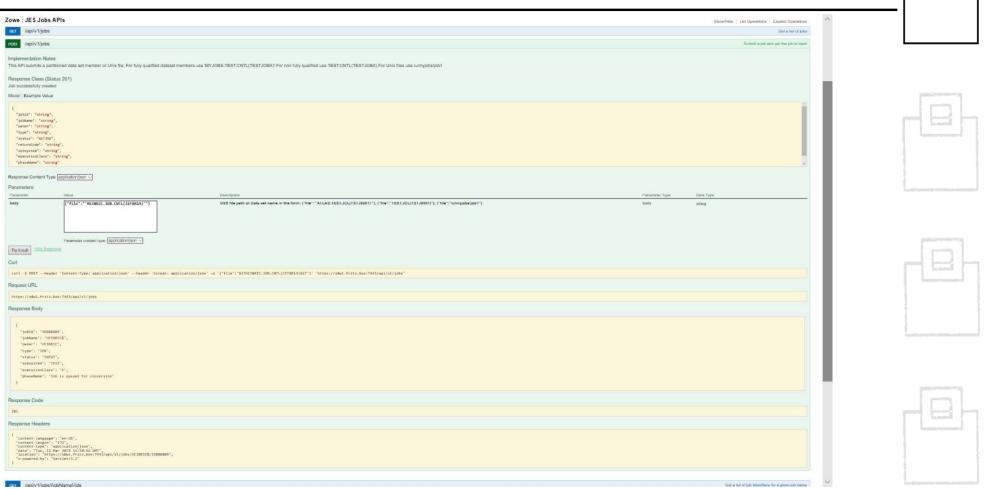
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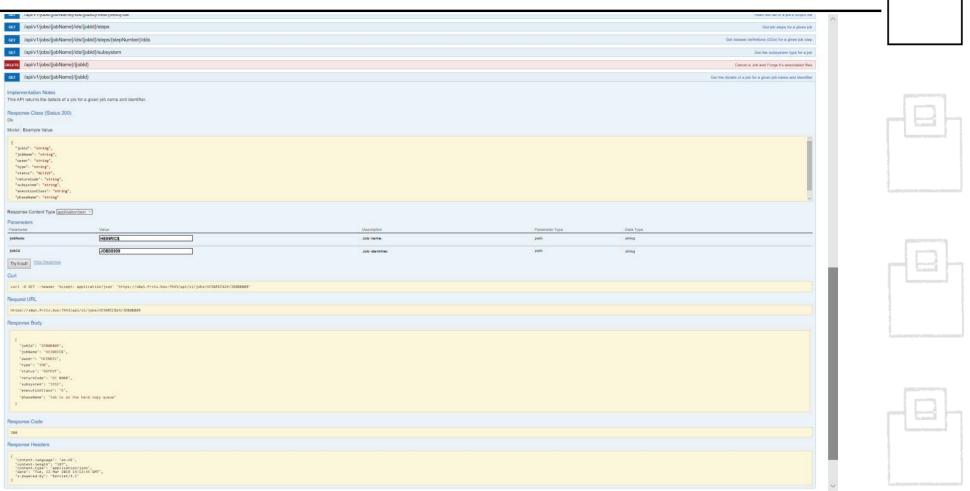
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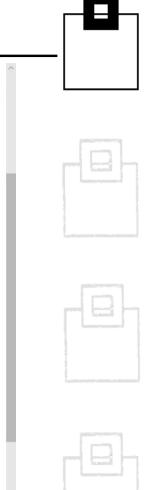


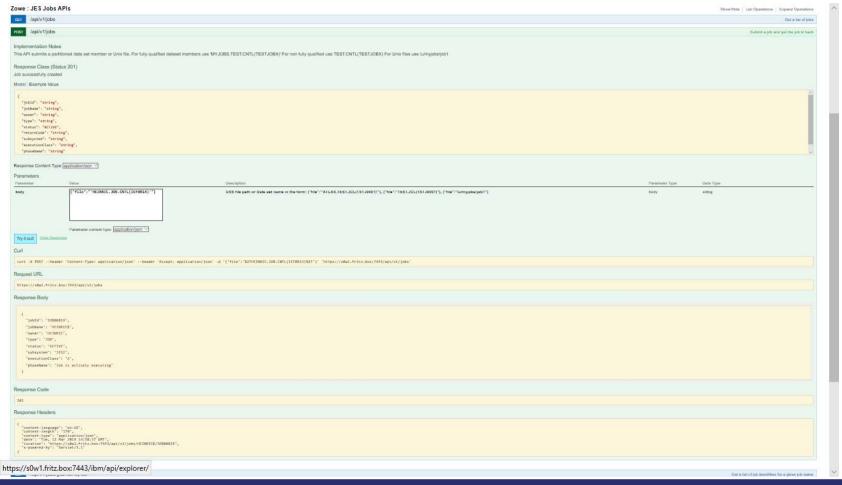


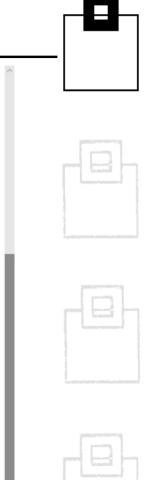
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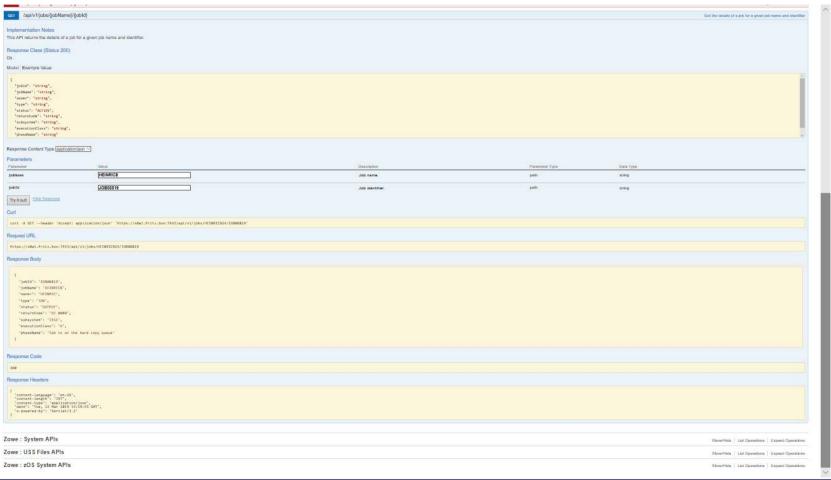


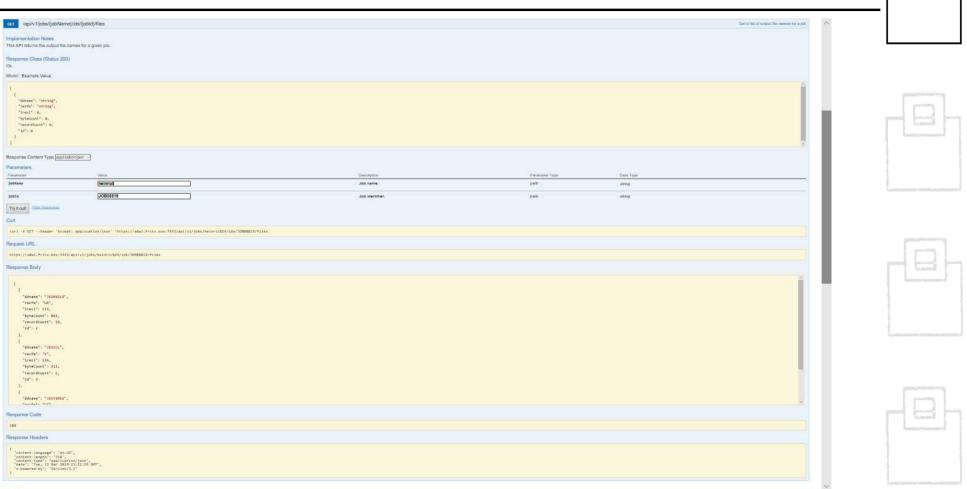
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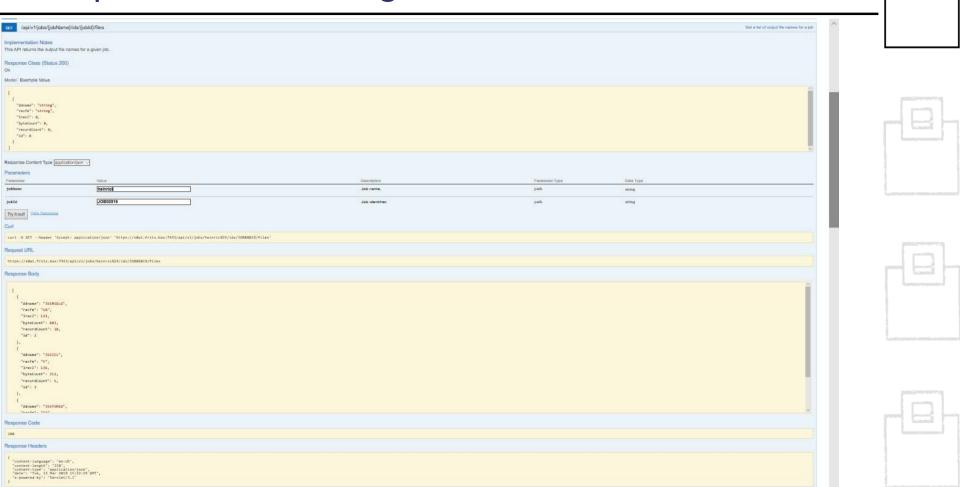


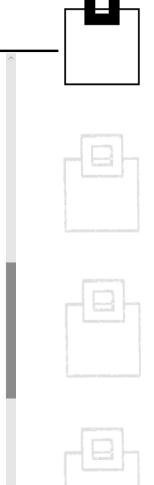


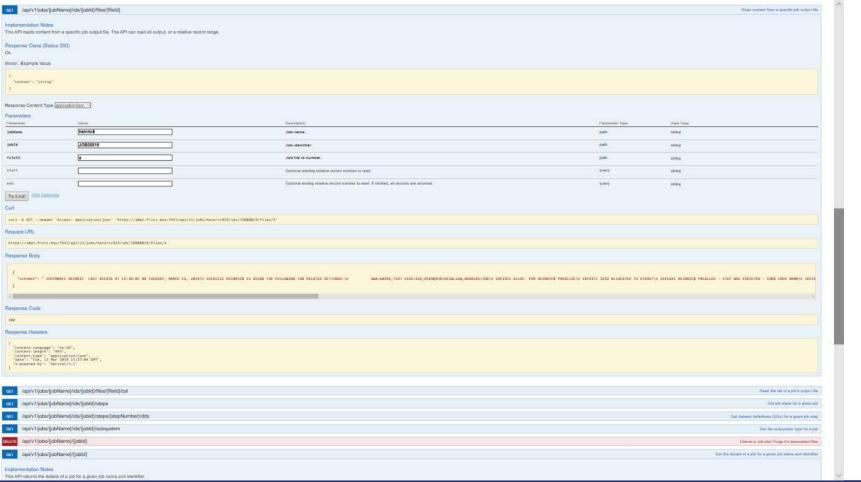




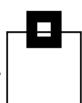


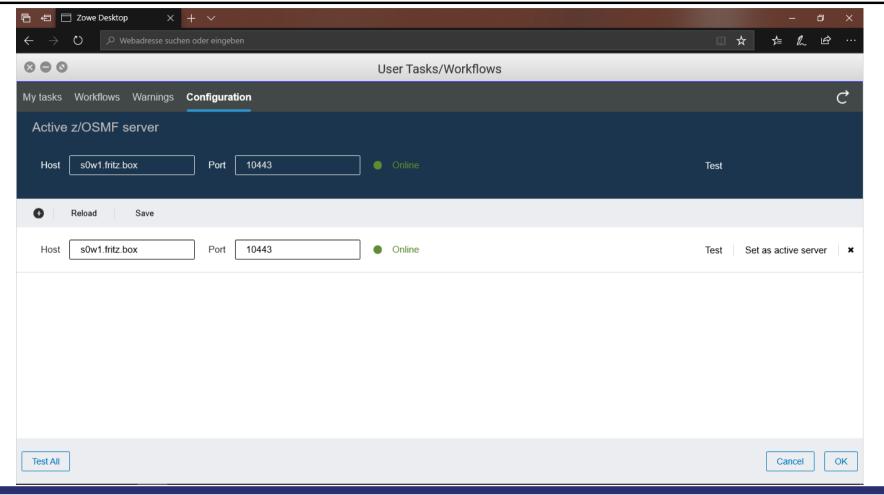






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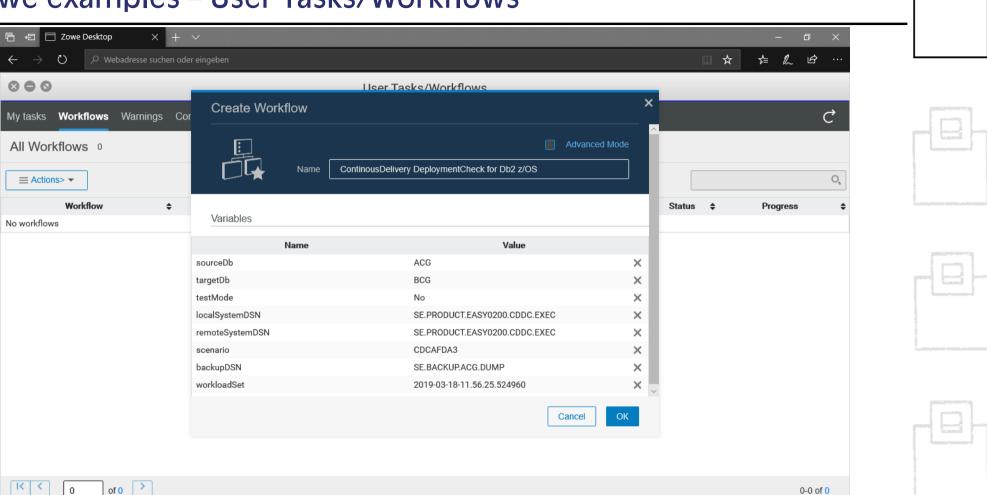






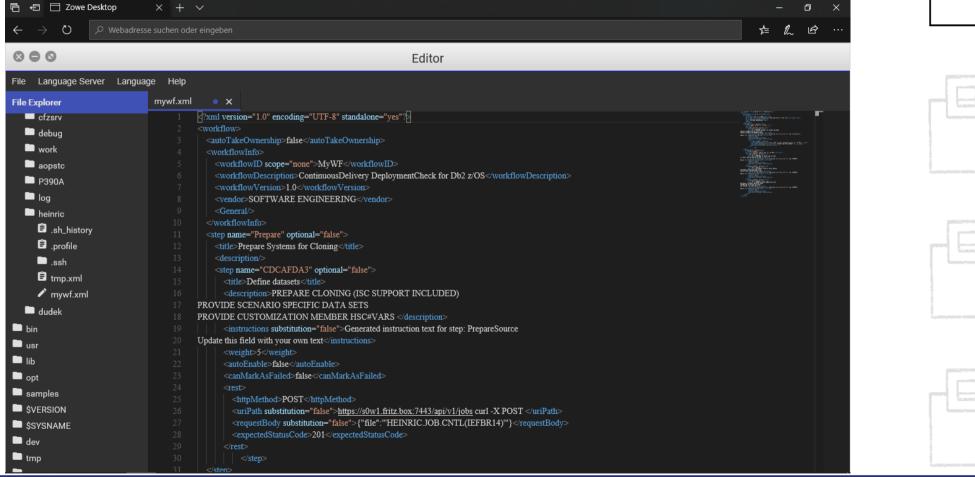


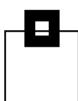
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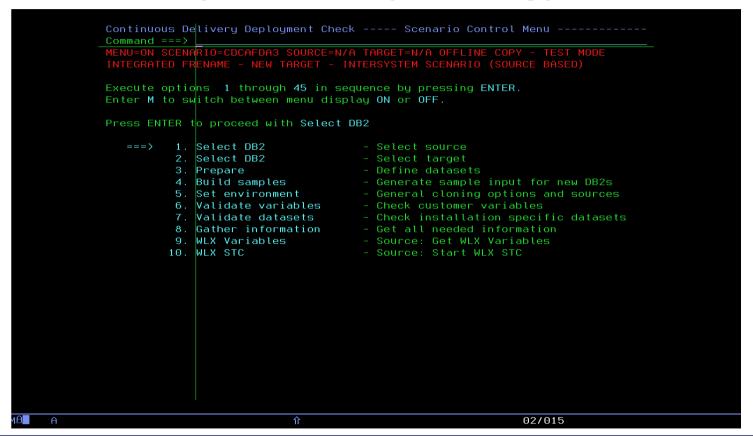
Zowe examples – the Editor



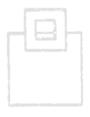




Goal: Run a batch job based Db2 system clonig process out of Zowe



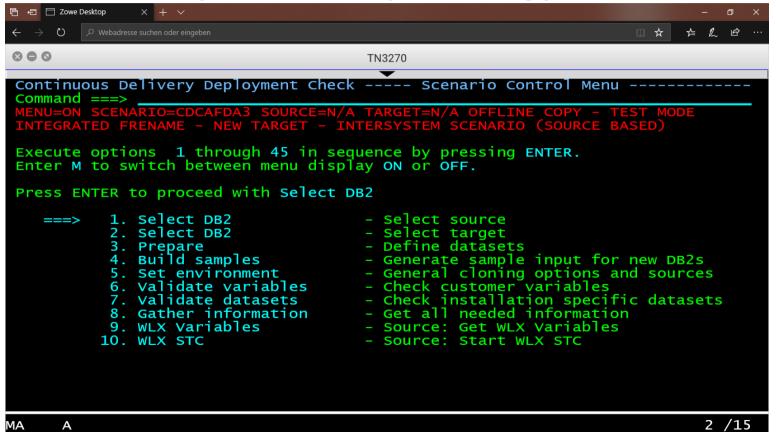






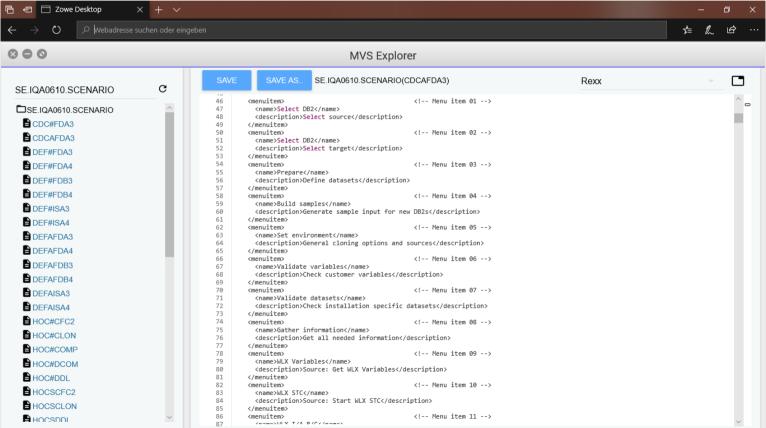


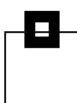
Goal: Run a batch job based Db2 system clonig process out of Zowe



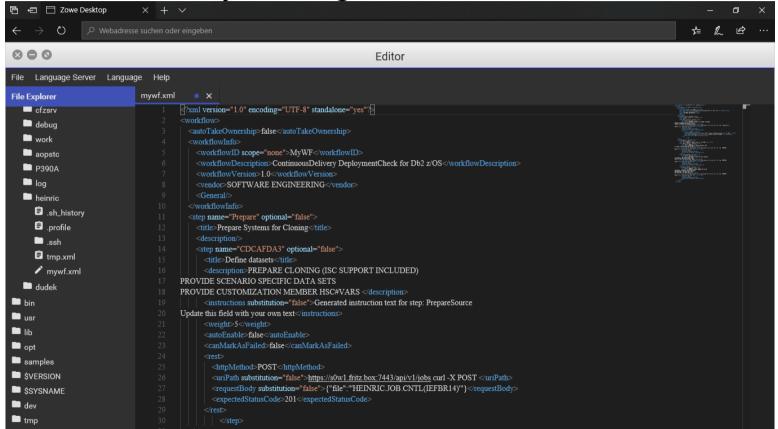


• The flow of batch jobs is driven by a XML scenario:





The flow of batch jobs is migrated to a Workflow:



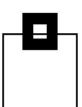




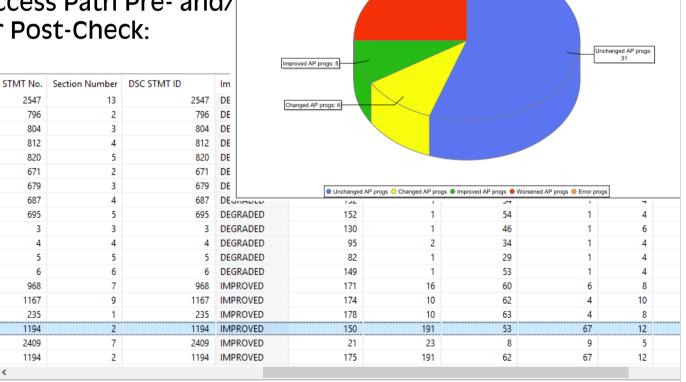


Error progs: 0

Worsened AP progs: 14

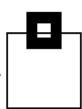


Access Path Check – Static & Dynamic SQL Access Path Pre- and/ or Post-Check:

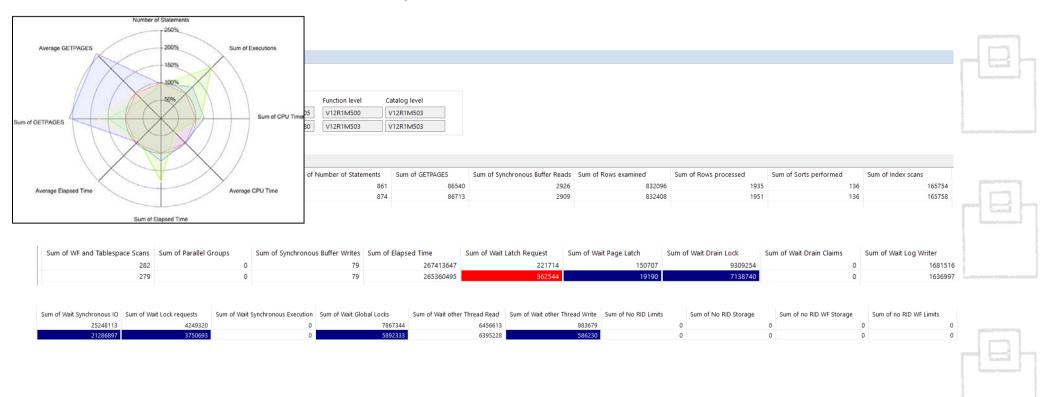


Summary REBIND Analysis

WLX	BIX					
				All	Invalid	Inoperative
	Packag	ges	Analyzed	197	0	0
			Not analyzed	683	22	0
			Improved	16	0	0
			Worsened	19	0	0
			Changed	22	0	0
			Unchanged	140	0	0
Stat	ements sta	atic	Analyzed	1730	0	0
			Not analyzed	2810	0	0
			Improved	214	0	0
			Worsened	54	0	0
			Changed	72	0	0
			Unchanged	1390	0	0
Statem	ents dynar	mic	Analyzed	296	0	0
			Not analyzed	52	0	0
			Improved	3	0	0
			Worsened	34	0	0
			Changed	15	0	0
			Unchanged	244	0	0



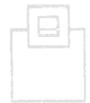
Drill down to look into details, when anomalies are detected

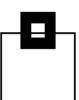


- Due to the nature of Zowe anything can be combined with everything, e.g.
 - Console, Shell, Db2 COMMANDs
 - JOBs
 - REXXs
 - Instructions
 - ...
- and any information can be accessed:
 - Any type of MVS/USS dat sets
 - Job output
 - •
 - → This makes the Zowe desktop your single point of control

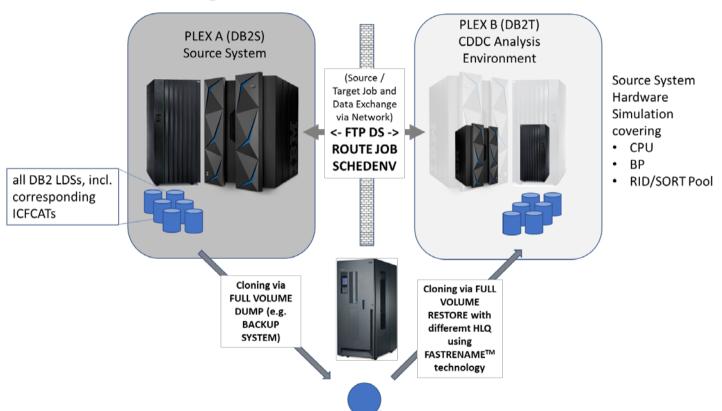








Instant Cloning - Clone based code level checks:









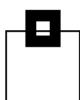
- Zowe is perfect for ContinuousDelivery DeploymentCheck for Db2 z/OS:
 - We automatically clone a source Db2 into a target Db2
 - We can apply changes into the target Db2
 - We can replay workload, captured from source
 - We can do before and after comparisons within our clone
 - We can spot differences due to
 - BIF/ICI
 - Application changes
 - Access path changes
 - And we can display the results nicely in a HTML5 GUI
 - → The entire process can be fully automated, but customized as needed







Summary of experience



- Starting with Zowe can be challenging, depending on your accessible resources/knowledge:
 - MVS
 - Unix
 - Security
 - Authorization
 - Certificates
 - Tomcat
 - zOSMF
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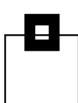
, but ...







Summary of experience



It's worth it!!!

- We started with quite early (< 1.0) versions, but 1.0.1 was released on the 7th of March
 - → It starts to become solid and certainly ready to look at it
- Use any of your z/OS capabilties as a cloud service
- Make your z/OS system accessible for non ISPFers
- Modernize z/OS applications
- Attract the youngsters to exploit the strength of the z platform
- SEGUS is committed to exploit Zowe with their existing and upcoming tools and to contribute to the new ecosystem.





