Enabling APIs in a Modern Hybrid Cloud Environment

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Cloud computing is a model for enabling convenient, on-demand network access to a shared pool of configurable computing resources (e.g., networks, servers, storage, applications, and services) that can be rapidly provisioned and released with minimal management effort or service provider interaction. This cloud model promotes availability and is composed of five essential characteristics (On-demand self-service, Broad network access, Resource pooling, Rapid elasticity, Measured Service); three service models (Cloud Software as a Service (SaaS), Cloud Platform as a Service (PaaS), Cloud Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)); and, four deployment models (Private cloud, Community cloud, Public cloud, Hybrid cloud). Key enabling technologies include: (1) fast wide-area networks, (2) powerful, inexpensive server computers, and (3) high-performance virtualization for commodity hardware.





- Old, Slow and Obsolete
- I wouldn't even know where to start
- I don't know any of the mainframe people
- Not relevant to my work
- COBOL and Punch cards

The Belief

The Expectation

- I can connect to whatever I want
- I can try things out without penalty
- I won't be tied to any one single solution
- Everything will be familiar and standard
- I can do this all at my own schedule

The Expectation



- Mainframe applications are integral to business
- They can be published as services
- Modern z/OS is built around cloud development
- You can drive a CICS tran from a mobile app
- ... without even knowing it

The Reality

Why ReST-ful APIs?

... and how they fit into the larger Hybrid Cloud picture

https://myhost.com/customer/235

[GET] = Record for customer #235 [PUT] + Info = New record for customer #235 [GET] + Info = Updated record for customer #235 [DELETE] = Customer #235 Deleted

Innovate Like a Startup

Treat change as an opportunity, not an excuse

Leverage existing assets as force multipliers

Don't be afraid to think short-term



Percentage of Revenue from Public APIs







¹⁶ https://hbr.org/2015/01/the-strategic-value-of-apis

z/OS Connect





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If [this], then [that]

The technology exists

It is proven It is in use

The challenge is cultural

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All teams will henceforth expose their data and functionality through service interfaces.

Teams must communicate with each other through these interfaces.

There will be no other form of inter-process communication allowed: no direct linking, no direct reads of another team's data store, no shared-memory model, no back-doors whatsoever. The only communication allowed is via service interface calls over the network.

It doesn't matter what technology they use.

All service interfaces, without exception, must be designed from the ground up to be externalizable. That is to say, the team must plan and design to be able to expose the interface to developers in the outside world. No exceptions.

Anyone who doesn't do this will be fired.

Thank you; have a nice day!

Jeff Bezos 2002

On-demand self-service

Broad network access

Resource pooling

Rapid elasticity

Measured service

Welcome to Bluemix OpenWhisk

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Git2Slack

- 1. github package installs github.com webhooks
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- 3. Watson language translation
- 4. post slack package

cobol.run

Run serverless COBOL programs on OpenWhisk. Built with Trails.js and Node.

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z/OS Provisioning Toolkit

What's new

On April 11th 2017 V1.0.1 was released. It includes the following enhancements:

- Provision stand-alone z/OS Connect EE servers using a supplied workflow
- Provision Liberty servers (workflow provided by Liberty)
- An enhanced inspect command to get information on provisioned containers
- Truststore support for connecting to z/OSMF from the command line utility

On January 10th 2017 V1.0 was released. It includes the following capability:

- Provision a CICS region using a supplied workflow
- Provision an MQ queue manager (using workflows supplied with the product)
- Examples for different CICS applications including provisioning embedded z/OS
 Connect EE, Liberty, and web services

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