



z/OS System Programming & Hardware Kick Off

z/OS Service and APARs

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CRITICAL Z/OS APARS

DFSMSdss APAR OA68918 – HIPER / PE / PERVASIVE

Users Affected:

- Users of DFSMSdss RESTORE from the Cloud running z/OS 3.1 or z/OS 3.2 with PTF UJ98501 (HDZ3310) or PTF UJ98496 (HDZ3320) for APAR OA67510 installed

Problem:

- APAR OA67510 added Object Versioning support for Direct to Cloud, but introduced a problem where a RESTORE attempt loops for backups to Cloud that were DUMPed/MIGRATED prior to install of PE PTFs (UJ98501, UJ98496)

Impact:

- High CPU consumption in DSS RESTORE job or HSM address space
- Hung DSS RESTORE job or hung HSM recall(s) from the Cloud

Recovery:

- See RECOVERY ACTIONS in APAR to cancel the DSS RESTORE job, cancel the HSM RECALL TCB, or cancel HSM

++APARs available: APAR closed on Feb 12 → *PTFs available shortly*

z/OSMF APAR PH68662 – HIPER / PE / PERVASIVE

Users Affected:

- Users of z/OSMF on z/OS 2.5 and z/OS 3.1 with IBM zERT Network Analyzer (zNA) optional service enabled and PTF UO04767 (HSMA250) or UO04780 (HSMA310) installed

Problem:

- z/OSMF server startup processing incorrectly handles zNA feature change

Impact:

- z/OSMF server fails to restart with message:
 - CWWKF0033E The singleton features jaxrs-2.0 and jaxrs-1.1 cannot be loaded at the same time. The configured features jaxrs-2.0 and jaxrs-1.1 include one or more features that cause the conflict. Your configuration is not supported; update server.xml to remove incompatible features.

Recovery:

- See LOCAL FIX for steps to bypass issue

PTFs: R250(UO05751), R310(UO05749) → RSU2512

DADSM/CVAF APAR OA68761 – HIPER / PE / PERVASIVE

Users Affected:

- Users running z/OS 2.5, z/OS 3.1, and z/OS 3.2 with PTF UJ98193 (HDZ2250), UJ98192 (HDZ3310) or UJ98189 (HDZ3320) installed

Problem:

- Error in space map in VTOC index during Scratch/partial release processing

Impact:

- VTOC index becomes disabled for volume:
 - IEC608I DADSM FUNCTION DISABLED THE VTOC INDEX
- Slow dataset access due to sequential scanning of VTOC on affected volume

++APARs available: APAR closed on Feb 13 → *PTFs available shortly*

XCF APAR OA68372 – HIPER/XSYSTEM

Users Affected:

- All users running z/OS 2.5, z/OS 3.1, and z/OS 3.2 in a Parallel Sysplex environment with an IRLM lock structure in async duplexing mode

Problem:

- CFRM task needs to better handle repeated timeouts returned from CF on deallocate structure requests due to unexpected condition in CF hardware, which delays other CFRM requests across the sysplex
 - CF hardware issue addressed for z16 in bundle S50 (Driver 51) and for z17 in bundle S17 (Driver 61)

Impact:

- Hung CF structure rebuild processing, hung SETXCF commands, and hung DISPLAY XCF commands

PTFs: R7D0(UJ98159), R7E0(UJ98160), R7F0(UJ98161) → *RSU2511*

- PTF must be installed on all systems to be fully effective (rolling IPL)



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 - zOS Preventive Maintenance Strategy to Maintain System Availability
 - <https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/node/7145227>
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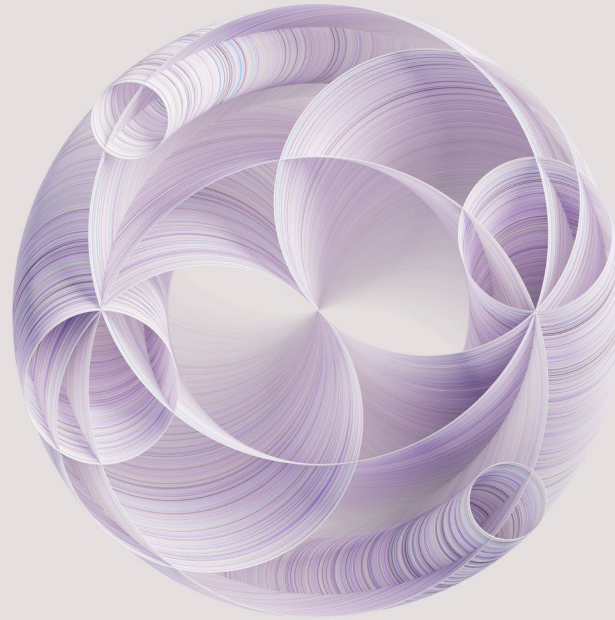
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See it in action.

The example below shows the response of the assistant when a user asks it to “Provide JCL to create a dataset in zOS”

watsonx 9:18 AM

i This is an AI generated response...

Here is a basic JCL snippet to create a new data set named 'dsname' using the IBM program IEFBR14:

```
//JOBNAME JOB (Account Number, Programme
//STEPNAME EXEC PGM=IEFBR14
//DDNAME DD DSN=dsname,
DISP=(NEW,CATLG),
UNIT=SYSALLDA,SPACE=(TRK,1)
```

In this JCL:

- JOBNAME** should be replaced with the actual job name according to your company's standards.
- STEPNAME** needs to be a unique identifier for this particular job step.

Please note that this is a simplified example. Depending upon your environment setup, additional parameters may be necessary. Always consult with your system administrator if unsure.

References 4

- [Reusable JCL: Creating a data set](#)
- [JCL](#)
- [Sample JCL \(ACBJBAI1\) for generating a data set list](#)
- [JCL statements for AFP resource population](#)

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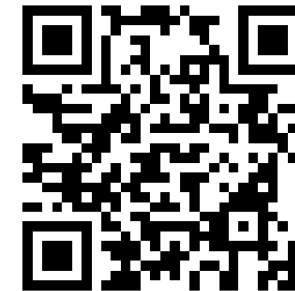
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