

Statement of direction: IBM intends to deliver Ansible Collections at the core of the IBM z/OS Cloud Broker offering

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Overview

IBM^(R) intends to provide clients with capabilities that will help accelerate their transformation to greater portability and agility in a hybrid cloud environment by delivering a powerful framework based on Ansible^(R) Automation Platform. These capabilities will drive resource and service automation for existing and new IBM z/OS^(R) applications and workloads from the Red Hat^(R) OpenShift^(R) Container Platform. This direction supports a common approach to hybrid applications and infrastructure management that provides direct interaction with z/OS resources or with existing platform tools. By incorporating Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform with IBM z/OS Cloud Broker users can:

- Integrate z/OS and OpenShift into a consistent enterprise automation strategy
- Simplify complexities and codify z/OS specific knowledge
- Enhance productivity for developers and system programmers
- Leverage IBM-provided Ansible Automation solutions across IBM z/OS middleware

These proposed capabilities for z/OS will reinforce and further strengthen the IBM focus on hybrid cloud to unlock business value and drive growth for clients.

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Reference information

For additional information about IBM z/OS Cloud Broker, see Software Announcement [AP20-0379](#), dated October 13, 2020.

Program number

Program number	Program name
5900-A8M	IBM z/OS Cloud Broker

AP distribution

Country/Region	Announced
ASEAN *	Yes
India/South Asia **	Yes
Australia	Yes
Hong Kong	Yes
Macao SAR of the PRC	Yes
Mongolia	Yes
New Zealand	Yes
People's Republic of China	Yes
South Korea	Yes
Taiwan	Yes

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