

IBM Wazi Developer for Red Hat CodeReady Workspaces

Develop. Innovate. Transform.

Enterprises are looking to modernize applications and transform to a cloud model to drive agility and innovation. This requires the ability to quickly evolve their processing and tooling to address changing customer needs. Development environments that include [IBM Z®](#) as part of their hybrid solution face a unique challenge with cross platform consistency in tooling for their application programmers.

[IBM Wazi Developer for Red Hat® CodeReady Workspaces \(IBM Wazi Developer\)](#) provides a cloud native development experience for [z/OS®](#) to build hybrid applications that span IBM Z and multi-cloud platforms. Integration with open, standard [DevOps](#) toolsets enable clients to move closer to having a unified development experience across the enterprise.

Developers can use an industry-standard Integrated Development Environment (IDE) of their choice, discover the relationships between their application components, and use a personalized, sandbox environment on Red Hat OpenShift® Container Platform to build and test z/OS application components of hybrid applications.



The challenge

Driving a hybrid cloud strategy that includes z/OS applications brings up some unique factors that need to be addressed.

Cloud transformation and application modernization

- Cloud transformation to drive agility will need to leverage existing investments in mission critical applications

Development skills gap due to legacy mainframe developers retiring

- Legacy mainframe skills require time to master, and new developers are used to a modern development experience

Enterprise-wide, automated DevOps pipeline for better software, faster

- True parallel development for z/OS and the ability to use platform agonistic familiar toolsets are needed to quickly respond to changing customer requirements

1. [IDC The Quantified Business Benefits of Modernizing IBM Z and IBM i to Spur Innovation](#)

2. [2020 Mainframe Market Pulse Survey by Forrester Consulting on behalf of Deloitte](#)

3. [2020 BMC Mainframe Survey](#)

From market studies, customer response indicate:

- 66% are invested in hybrid cloud as critical enabler for all other initiatives ¹
- 54% are integrating data on the mainframe with new cloud native services as part of application modernization ²
- 79% cited their top mainframe-related challenge is acquiring the right resources and skills to get work done ²
- 78% want to be able to update mainframe applications more frequently than currently possible ³



The solution



IBM Wazi Developer

Developers can analyze, develop, and test IBM z/OS application components in a containerized, virtual IBM Z environment on Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform. The components of the solution include:



Wazi Code

Essential developer capabilities that include edit, build, and debug through a choice in Integrated Development Environment (IDE)



Wazi Analyze

A containerized analysis tool with a graphical, web-based user interface to discover and analyze relationships between z/OS application components



Wazi Sandbox

A containerized, personal sandbox environment running on Red Hat OpenShift that runs on x86 hardware

Build hybrid cloud applications with a cloud native development experience for z/OS

- Reduce the need for specialized skills and improve productivity with a modern, development experience
- Increase speed and agility with a self-service, containerized, sandbox environment
- Reduce risk with visual insights on application inter-dependencies to assess the impact of code changes
- Improve efficiency and reduce costs with an enterprise-wide, standard toolchain
- Flexibly rebalance entitlement based on business needs



Value of the solution

IBM Wazi Developer

IBM Wazi Developer enables true parallel development for z/OS so customers can quickly build or enhance hybrid applications with z/OS components.

Rapid analysis of application components and dependencies

Graphical visualization of COBOL application artifact dependencies in a web user interface helps analyze impact of potential changes.

Bring your own Integrated Development Environment to build z/OS applications

A choice between a desktop IDE VS Code™ extensions, in-browser OpenShift-native IDE, or an Eclipse-based allows developers to use tools they are familiar with. They can also access z/OS resources via [Zowe™](#) and the Remote System Explorer (RSE) API.

Support for COBOL, Assembler, REXX™ and PL/I

Modern features like code completion, real-time syntax checking, and copybook navigation helps to improve code quality.

Containerized, personal z/OS sandbox running on Red Hat OpenShift on x86

Develop and test z/OS application components without requiring IBM Z hardware, then deploy the code to either the sandbox testing stage or IBM Z for production.

Integration with standard and open DevOps tooling

Integration with modern Source Code Managers (SCM) like Git®, an enterprise-wide pipeline with GitLab, Jenkins™, and UrbanCode™ Deploy helps accelerate hybrid application development.



IBM Wazi Developer

A cloud native
development experience
for z/OS

Eclipse®

Microsoft®

Visual Studio Code™

Red Hat® CodeReady
Workspaces

Red Hat OpenShift®

Git™

Jenkins™



Learn more

Try the 3 day no-charge trial for BYO-IDE (Bring Your Own Integrated Development Environment): [here](#)

Develop hybrid applications for IBM Z and multicloud platforms using a standard DevOps toolchain: [Watch the demo](#)

For more information on IBM Wazi Developer:
www.ibm.com/products/wazi-developer

Browse the portfolio: [IBM Z Enterprise DevOps](#)

Technical resources for the developer experience for hybrid cloud: [here](#)

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[IBM Knowledge Center](#)

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