

IBM IMS Tools Base for z/OS 1.7 is enhanced with a web browser interface to many IMS and IMS Tools functions

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At a glance

IBM^(R) IMS Tools Base for z/OS^(R) is a no-charge product that provides common infrastructure and components for many IBM IMS Tools, including autonomies for recurring database monitoring, alerting, and maintenance tasks.

Version 1.7 of IMS Tools Base for z/OS has been enhanced to include a new component, IMS Administration Foundation for z/OS, which offers a ZoweTM-based web browser interface to many IMS and IMS Tools functions.

Overview

IMS Tools Base for z/OS 1.7 (5655-V93) is a no-charge product that provides common infrastructure and components for many IBM IMS Tools offerings. IMS Tools Base for z/OS consists of various components that support key strategic architectures, technologies, and services utilized by IMS Tools.

Version 1.7 of IMS Tools Base has been enhanced to include a new component, IMS Administration Foundation for z/OS, which provides a graphical user interface to many IMS and IBM IMS Tools functions without the need to install software on users' laptops or desktops. Running in a web browser as a Zowe Virtual Desktop application and integrated with the IBM Unified Experience for z/OS used by IBM Db2^(R) Administration Foundation for z/OS and IBM Db2 DevOps Experience for z/OS, the web user interface offers a single interface for database administrators (DBA) and system programmers that support both IMS and IBM Db2.

The following IMS functions are included in IMS Administration Foundation:

- Discovering and registering IMS systems to the web UI
- Finding and viewing status and details about IMS systems and components, including IMS Connect instances, IMSplexes, data sharing groups, DBDs, and PSBs
- Issuing SQL
- Issuing IMS type-1 and type-2 commands

Installations with IBM IMS Library Integrity Utilities for z/OS or an IBM IMS Solution Pack containing it can also view DBD and PSB maps and source files. The PTF for APAR PH47086 is required.

Installations with one or more of the following IMS Solution Packs can see databases with exceptions, including flexible and detailed reporting on database sensors and autonomies:

- IMS Database Solution Pack for z/OS
- IMS Database Utility Solution for z/OS
- IMS Fast Path Solution Pack for z/OS

Installations with IMS Recovery Solution Pack for z/OS can see databases with exceptions related to backup status and recovery readiness of the RECON-registered databases.

IMS Administration Foundation for z/OS offers both new and experienced IMS DBAs and system programmers a more intuitive interface for viewing and understanding their IMS environment. By automatically discovering details about the IMS environment, offering direct links to relevant IBM documentation, and providing a graphical view of current and historical database status and exceptions, this web UI can quickly become the dashboard for IMS administrators. Its integration with IBM Db2 Administration Foundation enables DBAs that support both IMS and Db2 to use a single web browser interface to both subsystems.

Integrating with your z/OS security solution, IMS Administration Foundation uses the TSO credentials of each logged-in user to perform tasks, ensuring access to IMS functions, such as SQL and IMS commands, is authorized.

As a component of IMS Tools Base for z/OS 1.7, IMS Administration Foundation is available at no charge to all IMS clients. Enhanced functionality, such as DBD and PSB mapping and visualization of databases with exceptions and the associated reports, is available to clients who have investment in IMS Tools.

Note: The IMS Batch Terminal Simulator (BTS) Resource Adapter has been removed from IMS Tools Base for z/OS 1.7. Support for the BTS Resource Adapter will continue in version 1.6 of IMS Tools Base for z/OS as long as version 1.6 is supported.

Key requirements

IMS Tools Base for z/OS operates on any IBM Z^(R) hardware configuration that supports the required software. See the [Hardware requirements](#) and [Software requirements](#) sections for details.

Planned availability date

July 29, 2022

Availability within a country is subject to local legal requirements.

Program number

Program number	VRM	Program name
5655-V93	1.7.0	IBM IMS Tools Base for z/OS
5655-V94	1.1.0	IBM IMS Tools Base for z/OS Subscription & Support
Program PID number	Subscription and Support PID number	
5655-V93	5655-V94	

Offering Information

Product information is available on the [IBM Offering Information](#) website.

Publications

The following publications are shipped with IBM IMS Tools Base for z/OS 1.7 (5655-V93):

Title	Order number
IBM IMS Tools Base for z/OS- Program Directory	GI10-8819
IBM IMS Tools Base for z/OS- License Information CD ROM	LC27-9010

The following publications for the products in this announcement cannot be ordered in hard copy. These publications are available on July 29, 2022, on the [IMS Tools Product Documentation](#) website.

Title	Order number
IBM IMS Tools Base for z/OS- License Information	GC19-2899
IBM IMS Tools Base for z/OS- Configuration Guide	SC27-9852
IBM IMS Tools Base for z/OS- IMS Tools Common Services User's Guide and Reference	SC27-9857
IBM IMS Tools Base for z/OS- IMS Tools Knowledge Base User's Guide and Reference	SC27-9855
IBM IMS Tools Base for z/OS- IMS Hardware Data Compression Extended User's Guide and Reference	SC27-9858
IBM IMS Tools Base for z/OS- Policy Services User's Guide and Reference	SC27-9854
IBM IMS Tools Base for z/OS- Distributed Access Infrastructure User's Guide and Reference	SC27-9856
IBM IMS Tools Base for z/OS- Autonomics Director User's Guide and Reference	SC27-9853
IBM Unified Management Server User Guide for IMS Administration Foundation	SC27-9151

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For more information, contact Security Expert Labs at sel@us.ibm.com.

For additional information, see the [IBM Security Expert Labs](#) website.

Technical information

Specified operating environment

Hardware requirements

IMS Tools Base for z/OS 1.7.0 operates on any hardware configuration that supports the required software.

Software requirements

The following are required for IMS Tools Base for z/OS 1.7 as long as these versions remain available and supported by IBM:

- IBM z/OS V2.3 (5650-ZOS), or later.
- One of the following:
 - IBM IMS 15.1, or later (5635-A06)
 - IBM IMS Database Value Unit Edition 15.1, or later (5655-DS5)
 - IBM IMS Transaction Manager Value Unit Edition 15.1 (5655-TM4)

The following additional software is required for the IMS Administration Foundation component of IMS Tools Base 1.7:

- z/OSMF
- The following components of IMS:
 - IMS Common Services Layer (CSL) on each IMS subsystem
 - At least one IMS Operations Manager (OM) in the CSL IMSplex
 - Dynamic Resource Definition (DRD) for IMS resource management, using the resource definition data set (RDDS), the IMSRSC repository, or both
 - At least one IMS Connect server instance that is configured with a port for IMS commands
 - For the SQL processor feature:
 - An IMS catalog for each data sharing group in the IMSplex.
 - At least one IMS Connect server instance that is connected to the IMSplex.
 - At least one Open Database Manager (ODBM) server instance for each data sharing group in the IMSplex. The ODBM must be reachable from an IMS Connect in the IMSplex.
- IBM Developer Kit for Java™ for z/OS (64-bit) 8, or later (5655-DGH)
- IBM Unified Management Server for z/OS 1.1 (5698-UM1) with the fix for APAR PH47708
- One of the following:
 - IBM Z Distribution for Zowe 1.0 (5698-ZWE) with the fixes for APARs IO28420 and IO28421
 - Zowe 1.26 from the Open Mainframe Project™. For more information, go to [The Linux^{\(R\)} Foundation Projects](#) website.
 - IBM SDK for Node.js -z/OS, 12.0.x (5655-NJS) or 14.0.x (5655-NOD). Note, this is not required for clients choosing to install the IBM Z Distribution of Zowe.

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Additional IBM support

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Planning information

Packaging

The programs in this announcement are distributed with the following content:

- Basic machine-readable material
- Program Directory
- IBM International Program License Agreement (IPLA)
- IBM Agreement for Acquisition of Software Maintenance (IAASM)

Direct client support

For technical support or assistance, contact your IBM representative or go to the [IBM Support](#) website.

Security, auditability, and control

The announced program uses the security and auditability features of the host operating system software.

The client is responsible for evaluation, selection, and implementation of security features, administrative procedures, and appropriate controls in application systems and communication facilities.

Ordering information

Charge metric

Program name	PID number	Charge metric
IBM IMS Tools Base for z/OS	5655-V93	No charge, Unlimited Install(s)

Basic license

To order, specify the program product number and the appropriate license or charge option. Also, specify the desired distribution medium. To suppress shipment of media, select the license-only option in CFSW.

Program name: IBM IMS Tools Base for z/OS, 1.7.0

Program number: 5655-V93

Entitlement identifier	Description	License option/Pricing metric
S015TXP	IMS Tools Base for z/OS	MultiVersion Measurement No charge, unlimited installs

Orderable supply ID	Description	Language
S015TXN	IBM Tools Base for z/OS	English US
S016WZD	Tools Base for z/OS	English US

Subscription and Support PID: 5655-V94

Entitlement identifier	Description	License option/Pricing metric
S015TXR	IBM Tools Base for z/OS Subscription and Support	MultiVersion Measurement S&S No charge, unlimited installs

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Orderable supply ID	Description	Language
S015TXT	IBM Tools Base for z/OS Subscription and Support	English US

The product in this announcement is eligible for On/Off Capacity on Demand (CoD) with a temporary use charge calculated based on MSUs per-day usage.

Customized Offerings

Product deliverables are shipped only through CBPDO and ServerPac. These customized offerings are offered for internet delivery. For more details on Internet delivery, go to the Help section on the [Shopz](#) website.

IBM recommends internet delivery. However, if you still require physical media, you can choose DVD.

Many products can be ordered in ServerPac the month following their availability in CBPDO. z/OS can be ordered through CBPDO and ServerPac on the planned availability date. Many products will also be orderable in a ServerPac without also having to order the z/OS operating system or subsystem.

Shopz and CFSW will determine the eligibility based on product requisite checking. For more details on the ServerPac, go to the Help section on the [Shopz](#) website.

Production of software product orders will begin on the planned availability date.

- CBPDO shipments will begin within 3 business days after the planned availability date.
- ServerPac availability and shipments will begin within 3 - 4 weeks after the planned product availability date due to additional customization and data input verification.

Terms and conditions

The information provided in this announcement letter is for reference and convenience purposes only. The terms and conditions that govern any transaction with IBM are contained in the applicable contract documents such as the IBM International Program License Agreement, IBM International Passport Advantage^(R) Agreement, and the IBM Agreement for Acquisition of Software Maintenance.

Licensing

IBM International Program License Agreement including the License Information document and Proof of Entitlement (PoE) govern your use of the program. PoEs are required for all authorized use.

Software Maintenance

The following agreement applies for Software Subscription and Support (Software Maintenance) and does not require client signatures:

- IBM Agreement for Acquisition of Software Maintenance (Z125-6011)

This program is licensed under the IBM International Program License Agreement (IPLA) and the associated Agreement for Acquisition of Software Maintenance, which provide for support with ongoing access to releases and versions of the program. These programs have a one-time license charge for use of the program and an annual renewable charge for the enhanced support that includes telephone assistance (voice support for defects during normal business hours), as well as access to updates, releases, and versions of the program as long as support is in effect.

IBM Technology Support Services - Support Line for IBM Z is an option if you desire added services.

License Information number

The following License Information document applies to the offering in this announcement:

Program identifier	License Information document title	License Information document number
5655-V93	IBM IMS Tools Base for z/OS	L-AADS-CFDPFE

Follow-on releases, if any, may have updated terms. See the [License Information documents](#) website for more information.

Limited warranty applies

Yes

Limited warranty

IBM warrants that when the program is used in the specified operating environment, it will conform to its specifications. The warranty applies only to the unmodified portion of the program. IBM does not warrant uninterrupted or error-free operation of the program or that IBM will correct all program defects. You are responsible for the results obtained from the use of the program.

IBM provides you with access to IBM databases containing information about known program defects, defect corrections, restrictions, and bypasses at no additional charge. For further information, see the [IBM Support Guide](#).

IBM will maintain this information for at least one year after the original licensee acquires the program (warranty period).

Program technical support

Standard support

Technical support of a program product version or release will be available for a minimum of three years from the planned availability date, as long as your Software Subscription and Support is in effect.

This technical support allows you to obtain assistance (by telephone or electronic means) from IBM for product-specific, task-oriented questions regarding the installation and operation of the program product. Software Subscription and Support also provides you with access to updates (modifications or fixes), releases,

and versions of the program. You will be notified, through an announcement letter, of discontinuance of support with 12 months' notice.

If you require additional technical support from IBM, including an extension of support beyond the discontinuance date, contact your IBM representative. This extension may be available for a fee.

For additional information about the IBM Software Support Lifecycle Policies, see the [Standard and enhanced IBM support lifecycle policies](#) website.

Money-back guarantee

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with the program and you are the original licensee, you may obtain a refund of the amount you paid for it, if within 30 days of your invoice date you return the program and its PoE to the party from whom you obtained it. If you downloaded the program, you may contact the party from whom you acquired it for instructions on how to obtain the refund.

For clarification, note that for programs acquired under any of IBM's On/Off Capacity on Demand (On/Off CoD) software offerings, this term does not apply since these offerings apply to programs already acquired and in use by you.

Volume orders (IVO)

No

Passport Advantage applies

No

Software Subscription and Support applies

Yes. During the Software Subscription and Support period, for the unmodified portion of a program, and to the extent problems can be recreated in the specified operating environment, IBM will provide the following:

- Defect correction information, a restriction, or a bypass.
- Program updates: Periodic releases of collections of code corrections, fixes, functional enhancements and new versions and releases to the program and documentation.
- Technical assistance: A reasonable amount of remote assistance by telephone or electronically to address suspected program defects. Technical assistance is available from the IBM support center in the organization's geography.

Additional details regarding Technical Assistance, which includes IBM contact information, are provided in the [IBM Support Guide](#).

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- The design and development of applications.
- Your use of programs in other than their specified operating environment.
- Failures caused by products for which IBM is not responsible under the IBM Agreement for Acquisition of Software Maintenance.

Software Subscription and Support is provided only if the program is within its support timeframe as specified in the Software Support Lifecycle policy for the program.

For operating system software, the revised IBM Technology Support Services - Support Line for IBM Z offering provides usage and how-to support for those operating systems and associated products that are not available with the Software Subscription and Support (Software Maintenance) offering.

This can ensure total support coverage for your enterprise needs, including IBM and selected non-IBM products. For complete lists of products supported under both the current and revised offering, see the [Supported Product List](#) website.

IBM Technology Support Services - Support Line for IBM Z

Yes

Variable charges apply

No

Educational allowance available

Yes. A 15% education allowance applies to qualified education institution clients.

Multi-Version Measurement

Multi-Version Measurement (MVM) replaces the previously announced Migration Grace Period time limit of six months and allows unlimited time for clients to run more than one eligible version of a software program. Clients may run multiple versions of a program simultaneously for an unlimited duration during a program version upgrade. Clients may also choose to run multiple versions of a program simultaneously for an unlimited duration in a production environment. MVM does not extend support dates for programs withdrawn from service.

For a list of eligible programs, see the [IPLA Execution-Based](#) web page.

On/Off CoD

To be eligible for On/Off CoD pricing, you must be enabled for temporary capacity on the corresponding hardware, and the required contract, Attachment for IBM System z^(R) On/Off Capacity on Demand (Z125-7883) must be signed prior to use.

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Prices

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Regional availability

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