

Q&A Session for

TechU Talk: The new IBM z15: Part 2 - physical planning, installation, coupling/STP, and HMC

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Q: Do you have any stats on customer uptake of the z15 - so what's really happening in the marketplace?

A: As Matt mentioned and showed on his slide, we have shipped the highest MIPS in history in 4Q19, the first full quarter of z15. We're seeing great client adoption, and more importantly, great client feedback on the program overall.

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Q: Can the power go out of the bottom and I/O out of the top? Does that require the Bottom exit cable feature?

A: Yes, you can split power and I/O but you will need the Bottom Exit Cable feature to accomplish this.

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Q: On Cabling...What happens when you have Power exiting on TOP and Fibre at Bottom...which FC code would suffice?

A: Yes, you can split power and I/O but you will need the Bottom Exit Cable feature to accomplish this. You can always exit power and/or I/O out the top of system regardless of what feature codes are ordered.

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Q: Does the HMC have its own KVM or is it shared with the SE?

A: The HMA shares, but the standalone or rack mounted HMC have their own.

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Q: Will standalone HMCs ordered with z15, be compatible with future z models?

A: There is no statement of direction on this, but we have decided that HMC's moving forward will support N-2 families of IBM Z Systems. You are generally able to update older HMCs to newly released firmware levels so a currently released HMC could be updated to be able to see newer models.

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Q: IBM z15 is planned to be the last server to offer the ability to order stand-alone Hardware Management?

A. Our current Statement of direction states that the IBM z15 T02 is the planned to be last server with standalone HMCs.

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Q: Will the FTP option for firmware support FTPS/SFTP?

A. Yes it will support both FTPS and SFTP.

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