Modern z/OS application development with RDz

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  Enterprise Generation Language/
  Rational Developer for System z

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Developing applications for the mainframe environment has been done for years, based on the **ISPF dialog manager** facilities and tools.

This well known **application development life cycle** is still used, but ... modern application development tools make it possible to optimise, enhance, facilitate all these aspects.

Moreover **integration** of these aspects will shorten the development process.

RDz (Rational Developer for System z), based on the Eclipse foundation, will help to make application development life easier and perhaps better.

This presentation will give you an overview of the architecture and possibilities of the development tool.

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- **Traditional application development**
- **Architecture of the Rational Developer for System z**
- **Project setup**
- **Developing COBOL applications with RDz (analysis, coding, validation, preparation, testing)**
- **Support of development process (synchronisation, remote debugging, build, change management)**
- **Integration aspects**
- **Q & A**

Traditional application development for z/OS

Application development life cycle

1. analysis and design

Repeat until OK

2. coding of COBOL sources -> **ISPF/PDF** editor
3. compilation/link-edit -> **JCL** procedures
4. check compile using **SDSF**
5. data preparation -> data manipulation tools
6. test/debug
   - **runtime** environments (batch, CICS, IMS)
   - data stores (VSAM, DB2, DL1, ...)

Approval

7. stage into acceptation/production

Example

Edit COBOL source -> save -> Edit compile JCL -> submit

```
 File  Edit  Edit_Settings  Menu  Utilities  Compilers  Test  Help
-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
EDIT       TBISTSO.COBFUT.SOURCE(HELLOW) - 01.04            Columns 00001 00072
Command ===>                                                  Scroll ===> CSR
000021         01  WELCOME-MSG     PIC X(50) VALUE '-----------'.
000022        *
000023         PROCEDURE DIVISION.
000024        ********************
000025         MAIN-PROGRAM.
000026        *--------------
000027             PERFORM INITIALISATION
000028             PERFORM DISPLAY-WELCOME-MSG
. . . . . .
 File  Edit  Edit_Settings  Menu  Utilities  Compilers  Test  Help
-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
EDIT       TBISTSO.COBFUT.SOURCE(COMPBAT) - 01.04          Member COMPBAT saved
Command ===> sub_                                             Scroll ===> CSR
000007 //*****************************************************************
000008 //         SET  PGNAM=HELLOW
000009 //*
000010 //*             COMPILE THE COBOL PROGRAM
000011 //*
000012 //COB      EXEC PGM=IGYCRCTL,PARM='APOST,TERM,FLAG(W,W),TEST(STMT,SYM)'
000013 //STEPLIB   DD  DSN=SYS1.COBOL.SIGYCOMP,DISP=SHR
```

Example (cont.)

Swap -> Check SDSF - find Job

```
 Display  Filter  View  Print  Options  Help
-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
SDSF JOB DATA SET DISPLAY - JOB TB00127P (JOB27433)    LINE 1-6 (6)
COMMAND INPUT ===>                                      SCROLL ===> CSR
PREFIX=TB*  DEST=(ALL)  OWNER=*  SYSNAME=
NP   DDNAME   StepName ProcStep DSID Owner    C Dest              Rec-Cnt Page
     JESMSGLG JES2                2 TB00127  X LOCAL                21
     JESJCL   JES2                3 TB00127  X LOCAL                42
     JESYSMSG JES2                4 TB00127  X LOCAL                86
     SYSPRINT COB               101 TB00127  X LOCAL               113
     SYSTERM  COB               102 TB00127  X LOCAL                 2
     SYSPRINT LKED              103 TB00127  X LOCAL               182
```

find code line in error (remember) -> swap to source

...

repeat until OK -> prepare TEST

- data
- runtime environment

Traditional development

PRO

- well known development environment
- central management

  mainframe RAS - security, concurrency control, backup/recovery
- shareable (source, procedures, data, ...)

CON

- long cycle
- switching between environments
- rigid procedures, not flexible

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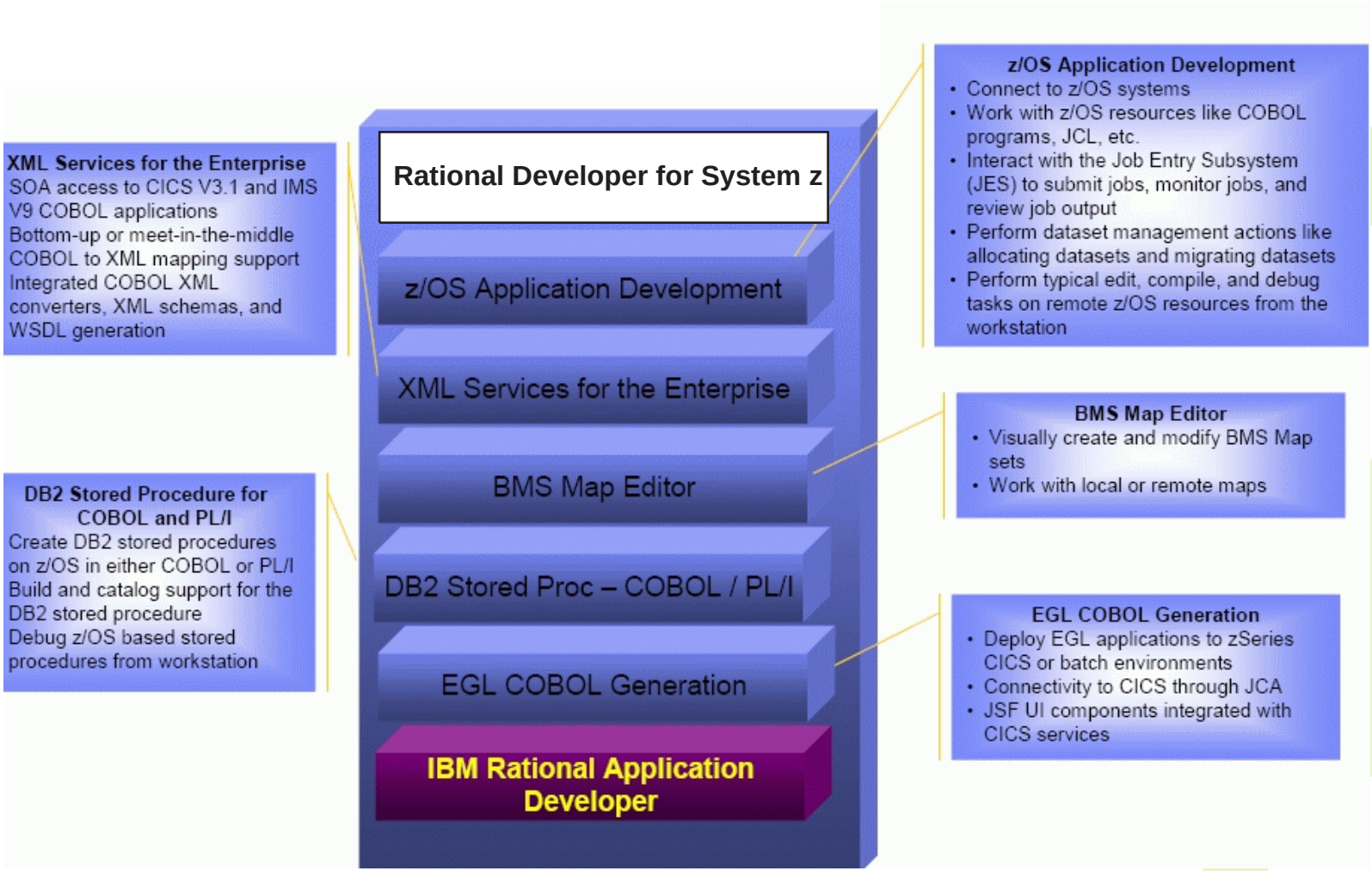
Architecture of Rational Developer for System z

Based on the Eclipse workbench (www.eclipse.org)

- **open, portable and universal tooling platform**
- **manage complexity of different**
  - **runtime environments**
  - **operating systems**
  - **workgroup servers**
- **provides frameworks and services and tools for building plug-in tools**
- **all functionality is provided by plug-ins**
- **role-based development (single repository)**

  web designer, COBOL programmer, administrator, architect
- **file-based IDE**
- **team development**

Architecture of RDz (cont.)



Features of RDz

intended for (legacy) enterprise developers

- **development of large enterprise applications by connecting web applications to enterprise business logic**
- **supports multiple technologies:**
  - Java SE and Java EE (JSPs, servlets, Struts, JSF, EJBs)
  - web applications (HTML, CSS, JavaScript,AJAX)
  - XML and web services
  - COBOL, PL/I, Assembler
  - Enterprise Generation Language (EGL) for Java and COBOL
- **integration with z/OS and subsystems (JES, CICS, DB2, ...)**
  - BMS map editor
  - DB2 stored procedures
  - JES spool access ...

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Project setup in RDz

- perspectives
  - Remote System Explorer -> connection to host
  - z/OS -> development of legacy applications
- views
  - z/OS (MVS) projects
  - source outline
  - z/OS file system mapping
  - remote system info (details, error list, shell)
  - Job monitor
  - TSO commands
- editors
  - LPEX (z/OS, basic or remote systems)

Workstation based development

Remote development

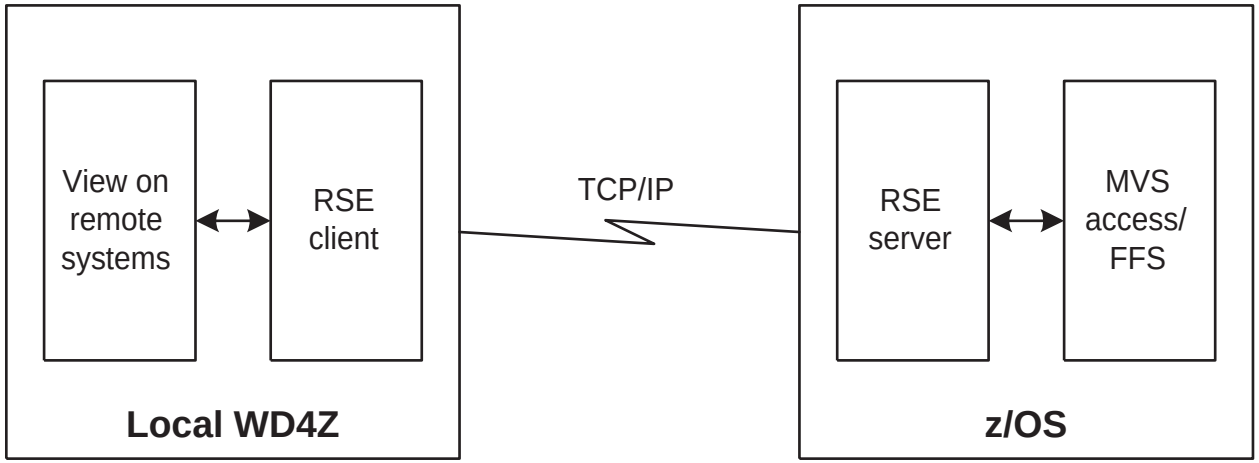
- working on local copy of host files (PDS, SDS)
- local syntax checking
- build implies remote compile and link on host
  generate and customise JCL
- remote debug (run on host)
- local error reporting

Local development

- working on local workstation files
- local syntax checking
- local compile and build
- local debug

Connection between RDz and host

Connection to z/OS host



offers local view on host files -> Remote System Explorer (RSE)

- **z/OS file mapping for COBOL, JCL, PL1, ...**
- **code page customisation**

access to JES spool -> Job monitor

also used for remote debugging -> Debug tool

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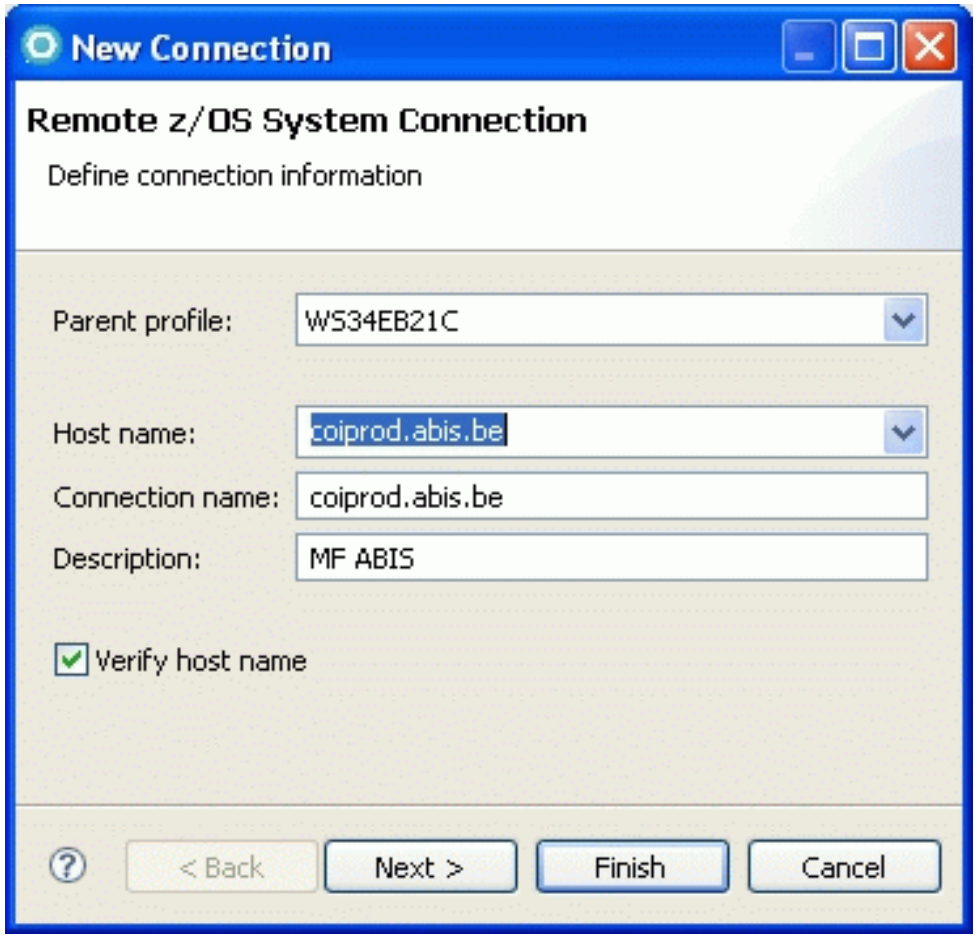
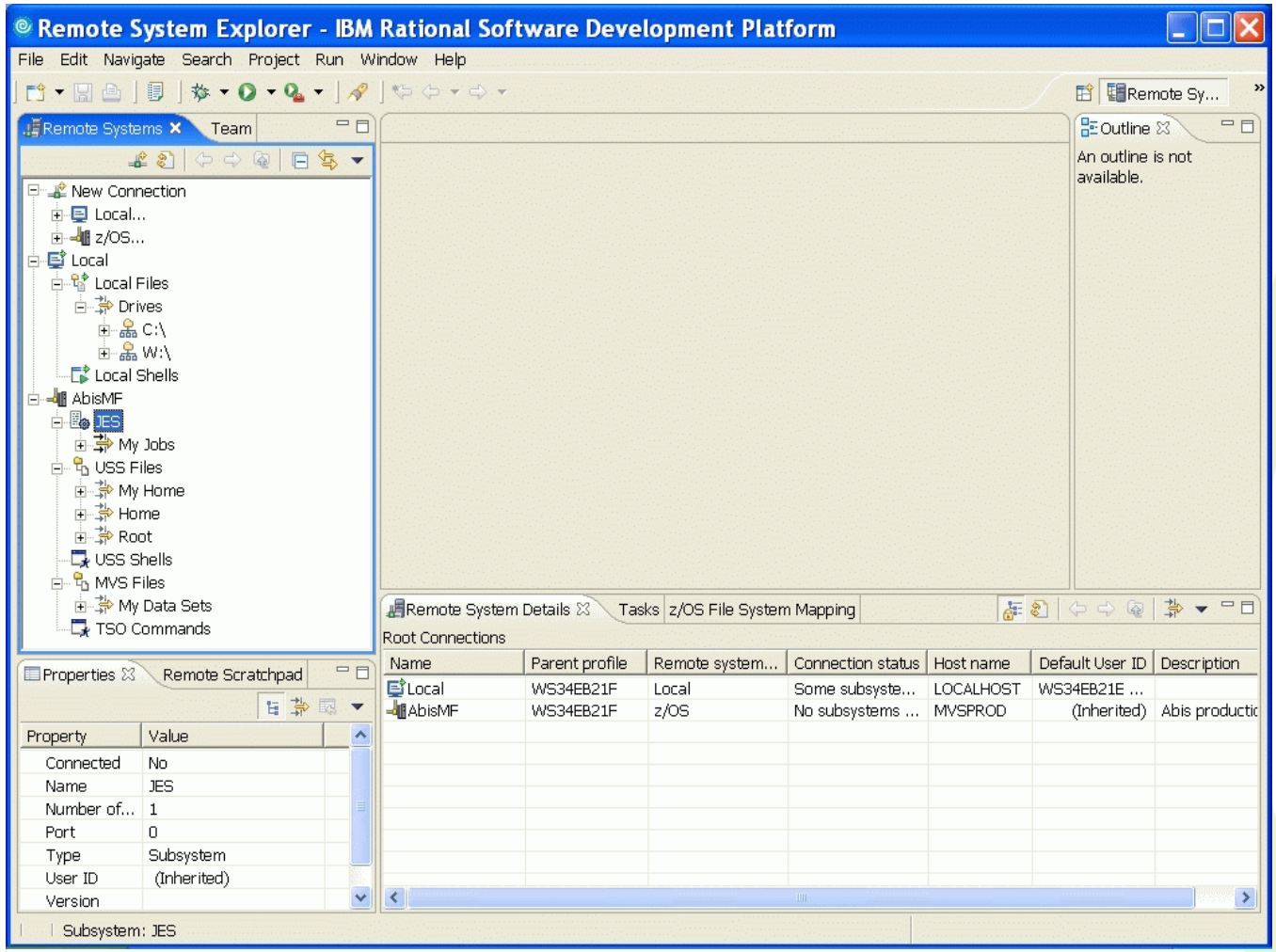
Set up connection to host



Developing COBOL applications with RDz (cont.)

Look-up z/OS resources



Developing COBOL applications with RDz

Define assocations of remote files

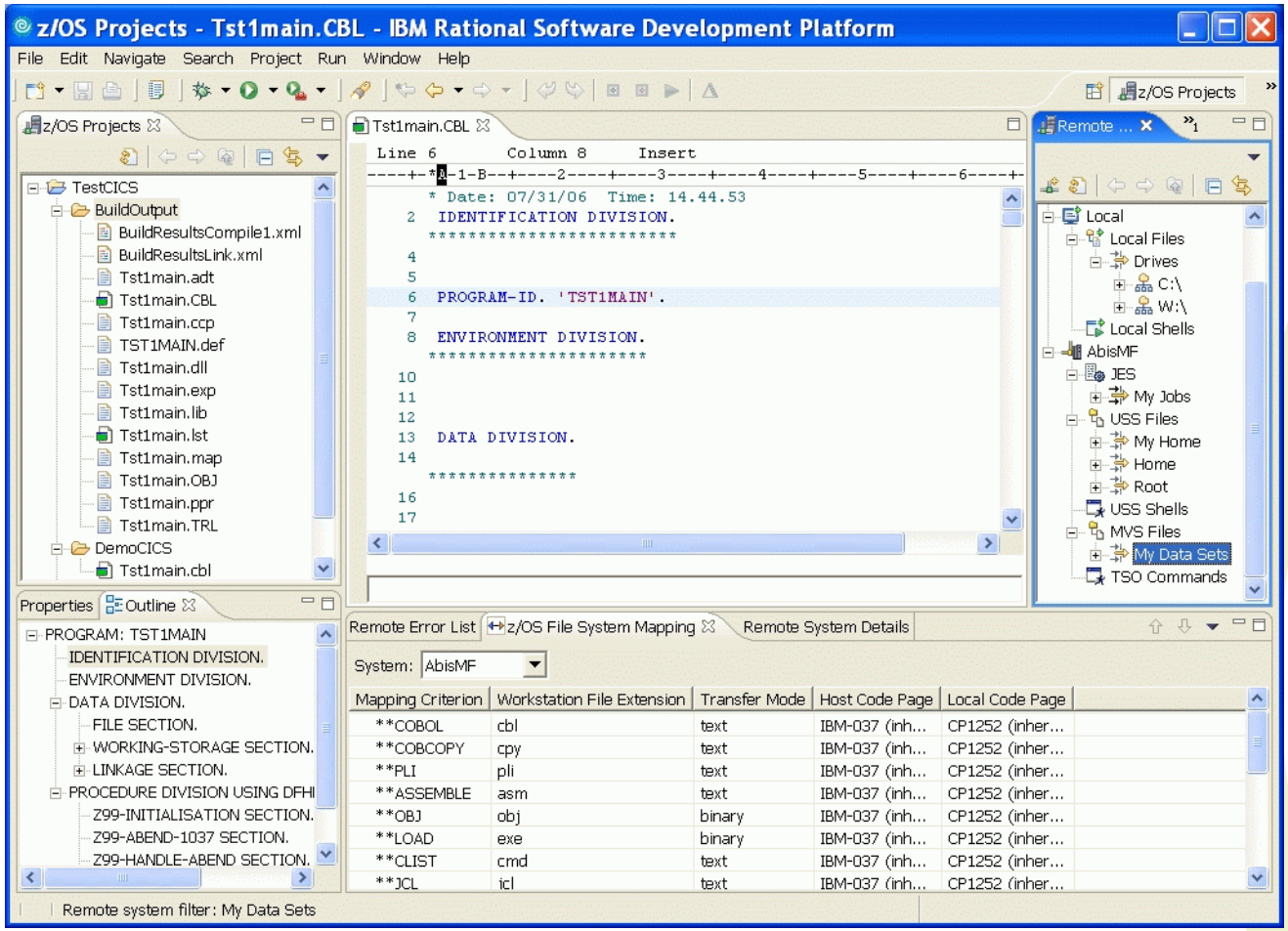
- JCL
- COBOL
- PL/1
- BMS
- REXX

Open file with LPEX editor

- ISPF like editor
- language sensitive highlighting
- syntax checking
- code assist
- outline view

z/OS project definitions

Combine z/OS resources into z/OS projects



z/OS project

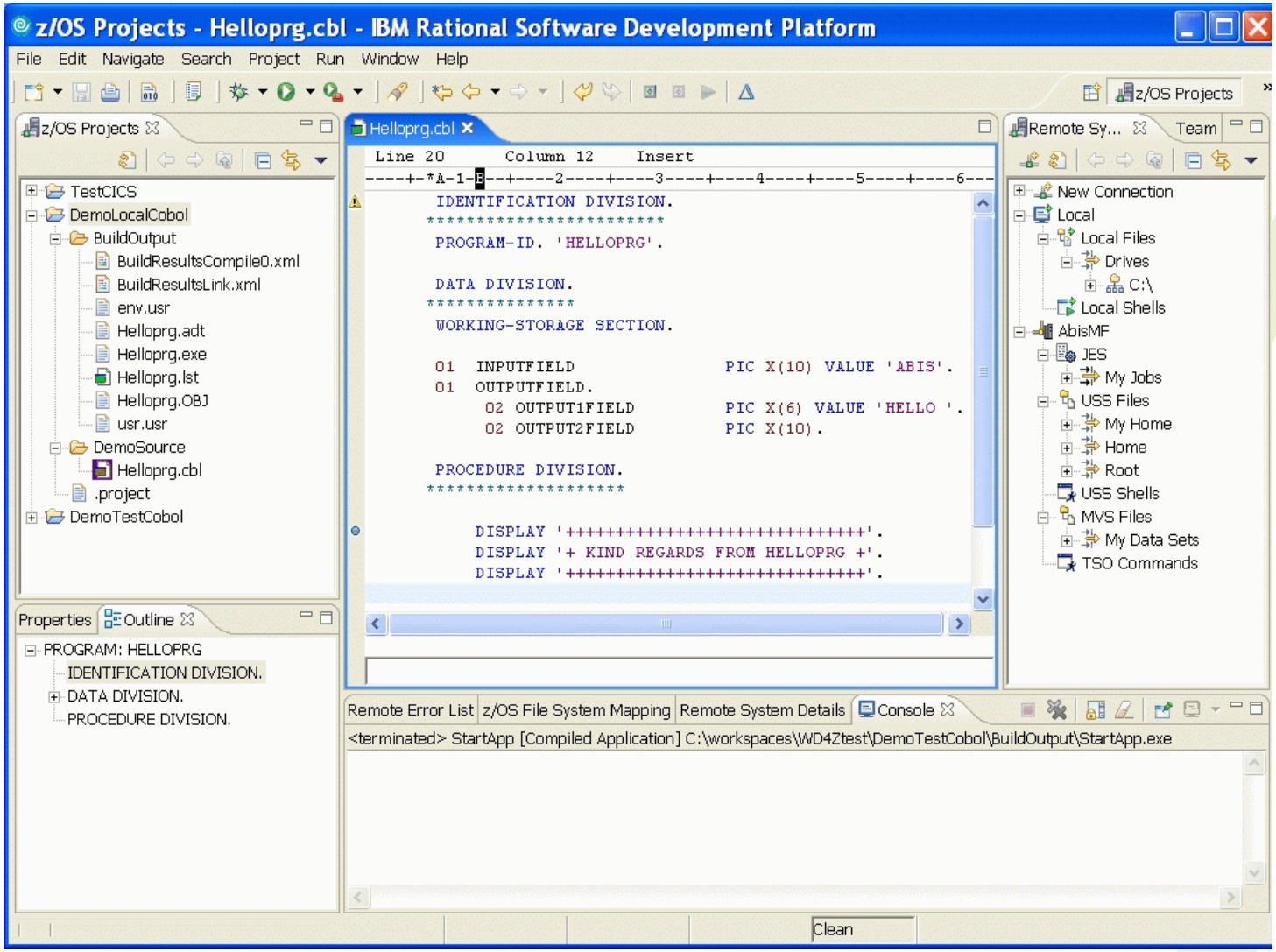
Workstation based development of host resources (COBOL, JCL, ...)

1. **create MVS project**
   via z/OS projects view
2. **search PDS on z/OS host**
   -> MVS files -> My Data Sets
3. **optional: allocate new PDS**
   based on High Level Qualifier and data set name
   -> define data set characteristics
4. **add PDS to MVS project**
5. **Edit COBOL source**
6. **Build the project, based on (main) program entry point**
7. **Run (or debug) generated load module**

Local project

1. Create local project (Workstation COBOL or PLI)
2. Edit COBOL source
3. Build the project, based on (main) program entry point
4. Run (or debug) generated load module (.exe)

Example of local project



Customise build process

Modify properties of file

- use CICS

  invokes CICS translator

- user DB2

  invokes SQL pre-compiler

- COBOL compiler options
  - remote COBOL
  - local COBOL
- use IMS

  specify IMS libraries

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Supporting the development process

- **CARMA - Common Access (Host) Repository Manager**

  access to Software Configuration Manager (SCM) - e.g. SCLM
  - CARMA repository view
  - check-in/check-out
  - project synchronisation
  - team working
- **Remote debugging**

  integration with IBM Debug tool
- **Build**

  Rational Team Concert for System z

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Integration aspects

Development of CICS applications

- BMS map editor
- Service Flow Modeler (for CICS) - tech preview

Development of DB2 stored procedures

XML services - enable COBOL programs as web services

- WSDL generation
- type conversion
  - web service
  - CICS SOAP
  - IMS SOAP

Q&A

Thank you

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