

# Modern z/OS application development with RDz

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## Welcome

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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**
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## Traditional application development for z/OS

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### 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 acceptance/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.)

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### Swap -> Check SDSF - find Job

```
Display Filter View Print Options Help
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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
   JESMSG LG 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
   SYSTEM  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

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### 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

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Based on the **Eclipse** workbench ([www.eclipse.org](http://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.)



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## Features of RDz

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**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

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- **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

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### 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

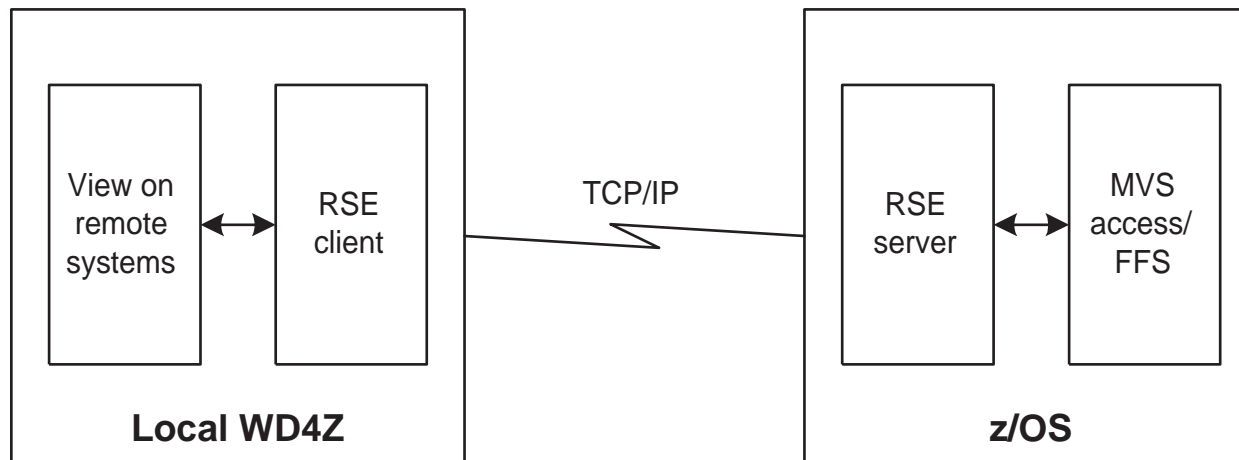
### Local development

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

## Connection between RDz and host

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### 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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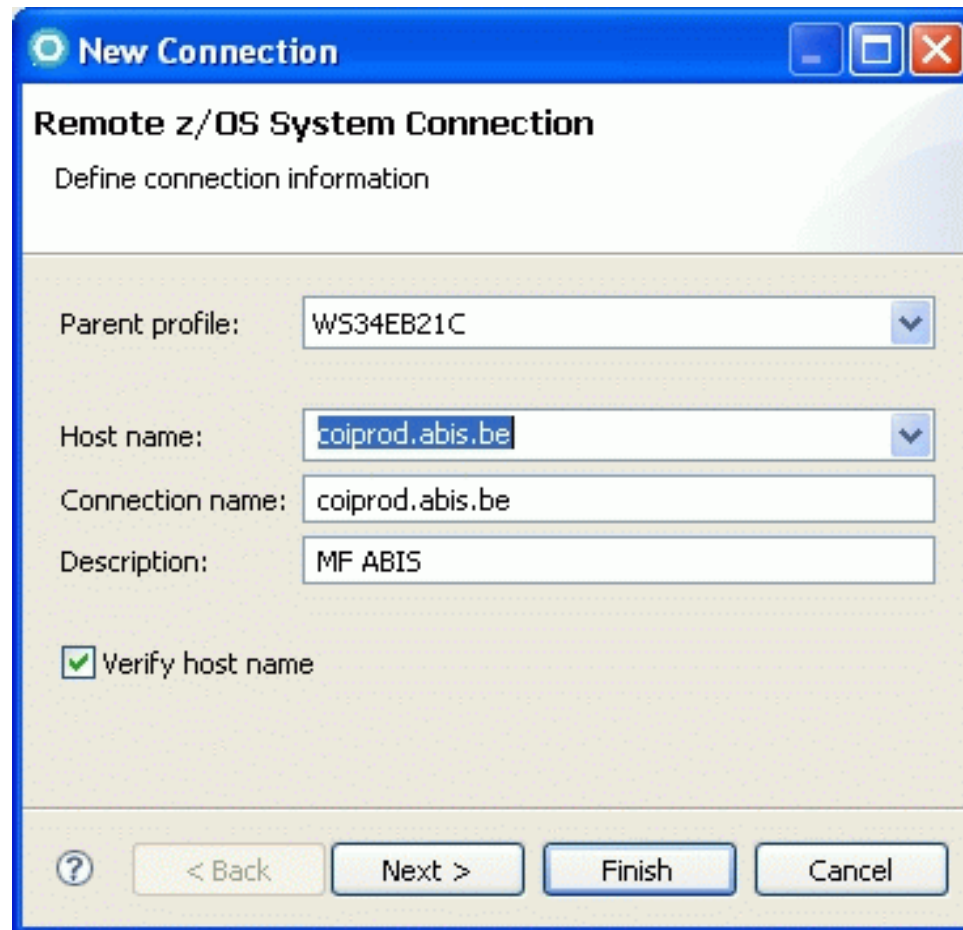
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## Developing COBOL applications with RDz

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### Set up connection to host



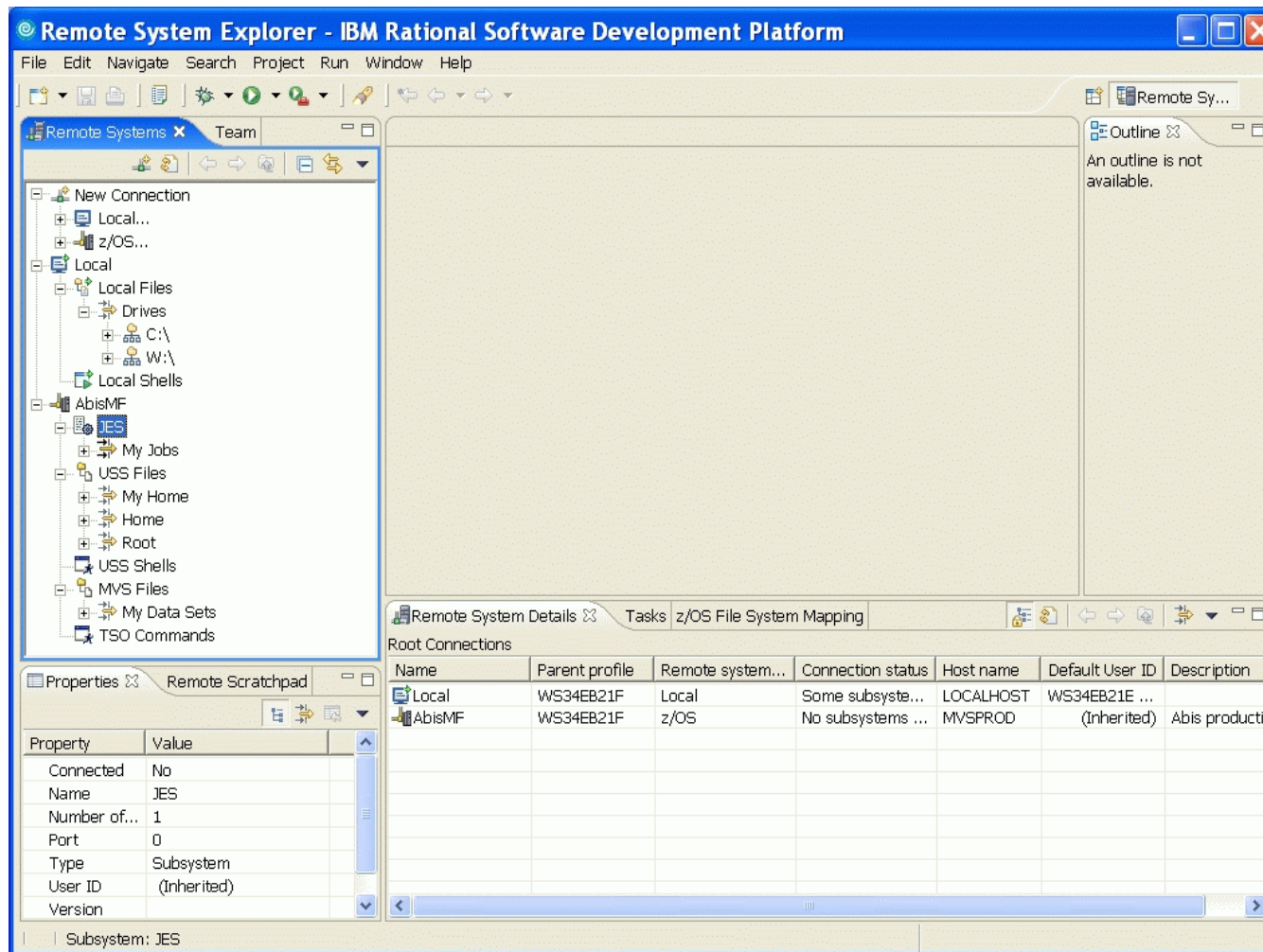
The screenshot shows a Windows-style dialog box titled "New Connection" with a subtitle "Remote z/OS System Connection". Below the subtitle is the instruction "Define connection information". The dialog contains the following fields and options:

- Parent profile:** A dropdown menu with "WS34EB21C" selected.
- Host name:** A dropdown menu with "coiprod.abis.be" selected.
- Connection name:** A text input field containing "coiprod.abis.be".
- Description:** A text input field containing "MF ABIS".
- Verify host name:** A checked checkbox.

At the bottom of the dialog, there is a help icon (question mark) and four buttons: "< Back", "Next >", "Finish", and "Cancel".

# Developing COBOL applications with RDz (cont.)

## Look-up z/OS resources



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## Developing COBOL applications with RDz

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### Define associations of remote files

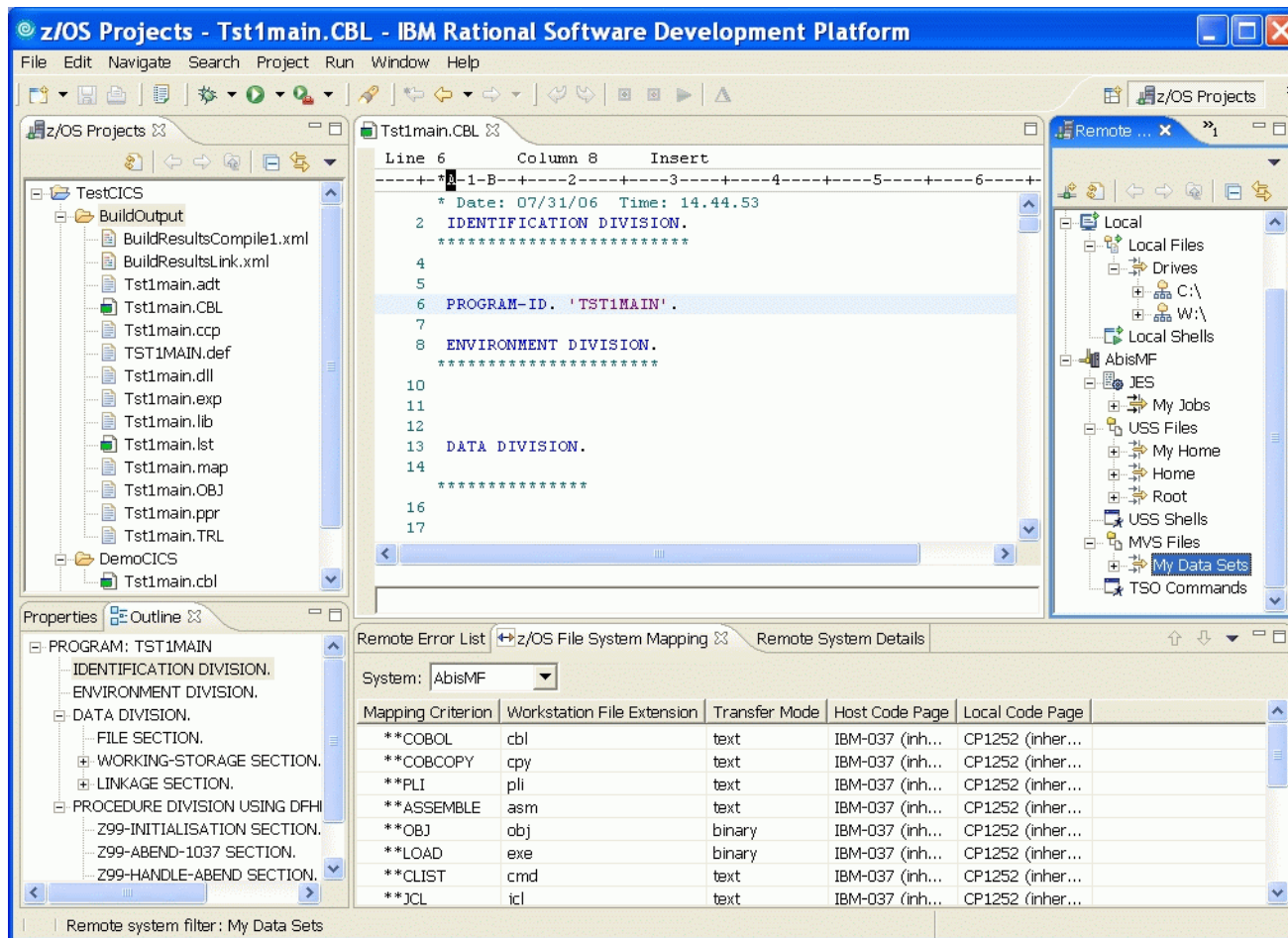
- JCL
- COBOL
- PL/1
- BMS
- REXX

### 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



The screenshot displays the IBM Rational Software Development Platform interface for a z/OS project named 'Tst1main.CBL'. The main window shows the source code of the program, which is a COBOL program with the following sections:

```
Line 6      Column 8      Insert
-----+---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
1  * Date: 07/31/06  Time: 14.44.53
2  IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.
3  *****
4
5
6  PROGRAM-ID. 'TST1MAIN' .
7
8  ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.
9  *****
10
11
12
13 DATA DIVISION.
14 *****
15
16
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```

The Properties window at the bottom shows the 'z/OS File System Mapping' tab for the system 'AbisMF'. The table below lists the mapping criteria, workstation file extensions, transfer modes, host code pages, and local code pages.

Mapping Criterion	Workstation File Extension	Transfer Mode	Host Code Page	Local Code Page
**COBOL	cbl	text	IBM-037 (inh...	CP1252 (inher...
**COBCOPY	cpy	text	IBM-037 (inh...	CP1252 (inher...
**PLI	pli	text	IBM-037 (inh...	CP1252 (inher...
**ASSEMBLE	asm	text	IBM-037 (inh...	CP1252 (inher...
**OBJ	obj	binary	IBM-037 (inh...	CP1252 (inher...
**LOAD	exe	binary	IBM-037 (inh...	CP1252 (inher...
**CLIST	cmd	text	IBM-037 (inh...	CP1252 (inher...
**JCL	icl	text	IBM-037 (inh...	CP1252 (inher...

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## z/OS project

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### 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

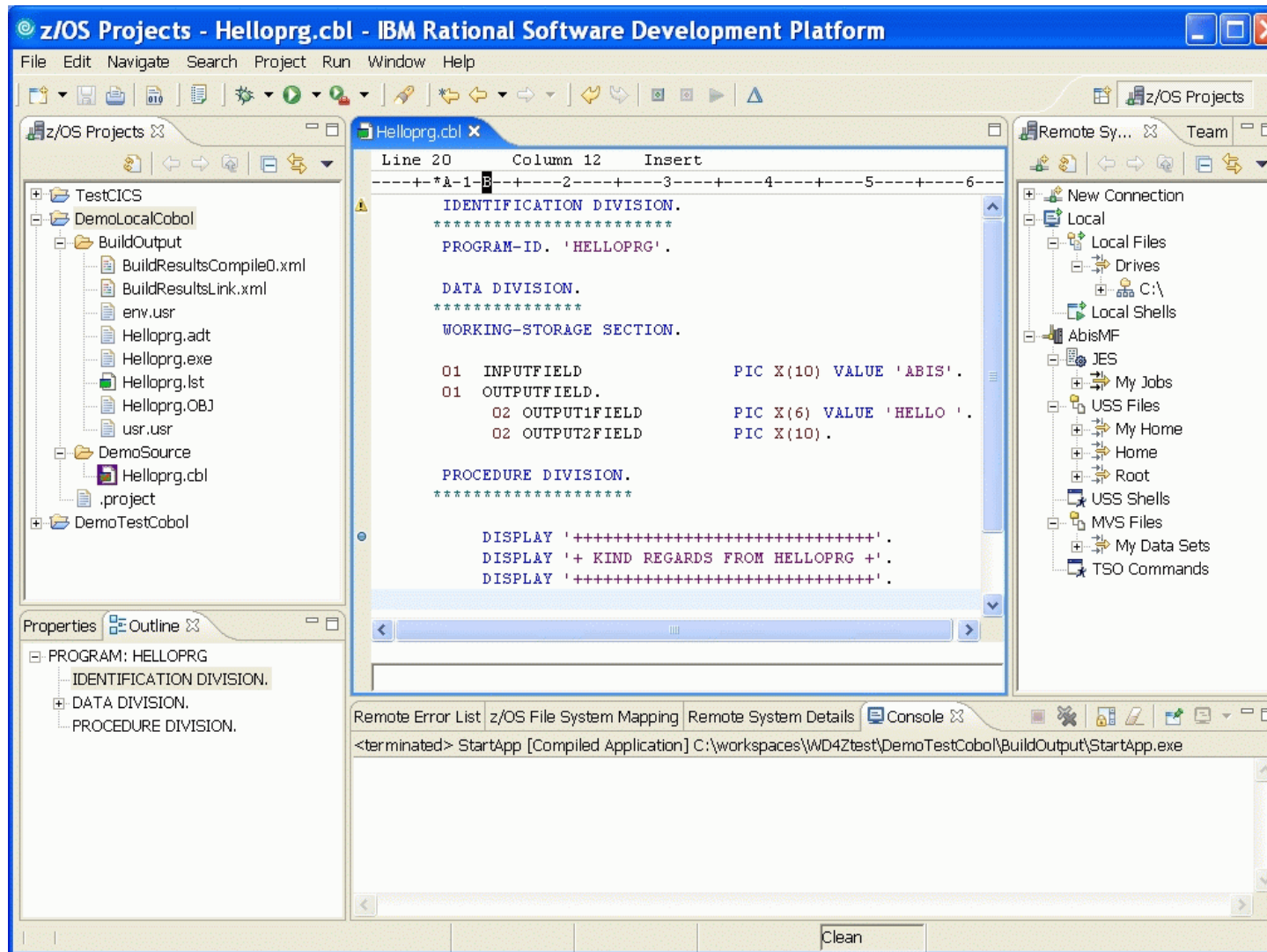
## Local project

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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



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## Customise build process

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### 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

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- **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

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### 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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