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Description

Rational® Developer for System z® consists of a common workbench and an integrated set of tools that support end-to-end, model-based development, runtime testing, and rapid deployment of simple and complex applications. It offers an integrated development environment (IDE) with advanced, easy-to-use tools and features to help WebSphere®, CICS®, and IMS™ developers rapidly design, code, and deploy complex applications.

For more information on the Rational Developer for System z family of products, see the Rational Developer for System z website (<http://www.ibm.com/software/rational/products/developer/systemz/>).

Announcement

The Rational Developer for System z announcement is available on the IBM Rational Developer for System z website (<http://www.ibm.com/software/rational/products/developer/systemz/>). To view the Rational Developer for System z announcement, go to the website, select the appropriate edition of the product from the list under **Product Editions** and then select **Announcement Letter** under **Learn more**.

The Announcement Letter contains the following information:

- Product description, including a description of new functions
- Product positioning statement
- Packaging and ordering details
- International compatibility information

System requirements

For detailed information about hardware and software requirements, see the Rational Developer for System z Prerequisites Guide (SC23-7659) (<http://www.ibm.com/e-business/linkweb/publications/servlet/pbi.wss?CTY=US&FNC=SRX>)

&PBL=SC23-7659-07) found on the library page of the Rational Developer for System z website (<http://www.ibm.com/software/rational/products/developer/systemz/>).

For the most up to date versions of the complete documentation, including installation instructions, white papers, podcasts and tutorials, see the library page on the Rational Developer for System z website (<http://www.ibm.com/software/rational/products/developer/systemz/library/>).

Installing Rational Developer for System z

For information on installing and configuring Developer for System z, see the following documents:

- **z/OS® host installation:** Program Directory for Rational Developer for System z
- **Basic z/OS host configuration:** IBM Rational Developer for System z Host Configuration Quick Start Guide
- **Detailed z/OS host configuration:** IBM Rational Developer for System z Host Configuration Guide
- **Background and supporting z/OS host configuration information:** IBM Rational Developer for System z Host Configuration Reference
- **Basic and common z/OS optional host customization:** IBM Rational Developer for System z Host Configuration Utility Guide
- **Client installation:** IBM Rational Developer for System z Installation Guide

Note: The installation and configuration guides are available in the Rational Developer for System z information center (<http://pic.dhe.ibm.com/infocenter/ratdevz/v8r5/index.jsp?topic=/com.ibm.etoools.rdz.installing.doc/topics/czdinstallintro.html>) and on the *Rational Developer for System z Quick Start Guide and Documentation Disc*. The Host installation and configuration guides are also available on the *Rational Developer for System z Server for z/OS Installation Disc*.

Note: For the most up-to-date versions of the complete documentation, including installation instructions, white papers, podcasts, and tutorials, see the library page of the Rational Developer for System z website (<http://www.ibm.com/software/rational/products/developer/systemz/library/>).

Known problems

Known problems are recorded as individual documents in the support knowledge base. As problems are discovered and resolved, the knowledge base is updated and maintained with new information. By searching the knowledge base, you can quickly find workarounds or solutions to problems.

To learn about the known limitations in this update, and any workarounds that are available, see the search results for Rational Developer for System z technotes.

Note: The following RSS feed allows you to stay up-to-date with the latest content created for Rational Developer for System z and Rational Developer for zEnterprise. Feeds are updated throughout the day.

Latest updates for Rational Developer for System z

Latest updates for Rational Developer for zEnterprise

IBM Rational Software Support

For contact information and guidelines or reference materials, read the *IBM Software Support Handbook* (<http://www.ibm.com/support/customercare/sas/f/handbook/home.html>).

For FAQs, lists of known problems and fixes, and other support information, visit the product support page for Rational Developer for System z.

For product news, events, and other information, visit the product home page for Rational Developer for System z family of products (<http://www.ibm.com/software/rational/products/developer/systemz/>).

Before you contact Rational Software Support, gather the background information that you need to describe your problem. When describing a problem to an IBM software support specialist, be as specific as possible and include all relevant information so that the specialist can help you solve the problem. To save time, know the answers to these questions:

- What software versions were you running when the problem occurred?
- Do you have logs, traces, or messages that are related to the problem?
- Can you reproduce the problem? If so, what steps do you take to reproduce it?
- Is there a workaround for the problem? If so, be prepared to describe the workaround.

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