

This presentation covers migrating to WebSphere Application Server for z/OS Version 7.



First, an overview of the migration process for WebSphere Application Server for z/OS is provided. Levels of software needed for migration and coexistence is also covered, followed by a basic overview of the migration process. Finally, tools available to help you migrate your WebSphere Application Server for z/OS environment are discussed.



This section covers migration and coexistence.



There are some coexistence and prerequisite conditions that must be met before attempting a migration. The lowest release level of WebSphere Application Server that you can migrate to V7 is V5.1. If you are at a level lower than V5.1, you must first perform an intermediate migration to a level that is supported, such as Version 5.1.



Coexistence support refers to the ability to run multiple nodes of WebSphere Application Server on the same z/OS image or sysplex at the same time. This slide specifically shows the ability of V7 to coexist with multiple versions of WebSphere in the same cell. WebSphere Application Server Version 7 supports nodes configured at the V5.1, V6.0 and V6.1 levels in the same cell. However, the deployment manager must always be at V7. With mixed versions in a cell, you can minimize application downtime during migration because you can migrate one node at a time. If you have applications that run in a clustered environment, those applications can continue to run while the migration of one node takes place.



This section provides an overview of the migration process.



In order to migrate your WebSphere environment, you must first install the Version 7 product code. This is done using SMP/E. Once the Version 7 code is installed, you can then proceed to migrate your cells, node-by-node. A stand-alone application server consists of one node while a network deployment configuration consists of at least two nodes, a deployment manager node and an application server node. In the network deployment configuration, you must always start with the deployment manager node. The migration process consists of running some customized jobs that are created for you with the help of two possible tools. The first tool is the z/OS migration management tool and it is part of the WebSphere Customization Tools. The WebSphere Customization Tools is a workstation tool that is available for the Windows or Linux Intel operating systems. It is available for download at the URL shown on the slide. The second option allows you to create the migration jobs completely on z/OS using a shell script, zmmt.sh, found in the product bin directory. Notice that the ISPF customization dialogs are no longer available starting with Version 7 of the product.



To install the product code, you will use SMP/E. The program directory for the product is found at the URL listed on the slide. Because WebSphere Application Server uses the SDK as part of the SMP/E processing, you must have SDK 1.4 or higher on the system where you plan to do the installation. UNIX must also be configured in full function mode in order to complete the product code installation. To run some of the SMP/E jobs, the user ID used must have the authority to mount file systems and modify UNIX System Services files and have access to the facility class resources listed.



Migration to Version 7 is done on a node by node basis, from a Version 5.1, Version 6 or Version 6.1 system. You cannot migrate from a Version 5 or lower system directly to Version 7. You must first migrate to a supported release. It is important to note that the previous release's HFS remains intact to allow for fall-back if necessary. On a network deployment cell, the deployment manager must be migrated first as denoted by the numbered stars. Next, you need to update any supporting software such as web servers, webserver plugins and databases. Finally, you migrate the application server nodes. Note that while the slide shows NodeA as the second node to be migrated, the order can actually be reversed and NodeB could be the second node migrated.



Migration is performed one node at a time and there are three types of nodes to consider. The stand-alone application server node consists of only one node so the migration is relatively quick and simple. The applications on that node are unavailable until the migration completes successfully and the server is restarted. A deployment manager configuration allows you to minimize application downtime during migration while you work on one node at a time. The deployment manager must be migrated first and then you can migrate each managed node one at a time. As long as your application servers are clustered, applications can remain running as you migrate one node at a time within the cluster.



Once you have determined what type of node you are migrating, you will define variables that reflect your naming conventions and other choices you have made. Using either the z/OS migration management tool or the zmmt.sh script, you will generate customization jobs and scripts based on those variables. The jobs and scripts will end up in the CNTL and DATA PDSes on the mainframe where they can be run. In the CNTL PDS, you will find a BBOxxINS member, where the xx will depend on what type of environment you are migrating. The instructions to run the jobs are found there and they will tell you what jobs need to be run and in what order, along with the user ID that is needed to run the job. Once you have successfully run all the jobs, you will have a migrated V7 node with servers that are ready to start.

A migration techdoc is also available at the URL shown on the slide. It is a very detailed look at the entire migration process and is highly recommended to help you plan your migration.



This slide shows the undercover processing that occurs on z/OS. The migration tools provide customized batch jobs that are run instead and the main migration job, BBOWMG3x, takes care of the steps shown here. The BBOWMG3x job will create the V7 default profile for you and populate the z/HFS as required. It also runs the WASPreUpgrade command to backup some files in the HFS to be used by the WASPostUpgrade step. The WASPostUpgrade step takes the backup configuration and converts it to the new V7 default profile, changing it as required for the new release. At the end of the job, you are left with a fully migrated V7 node.

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Disable Peer Restart and Recovery (PRR) mode (for XA connectors only)	BBOWMG2x
Perform migration	BBOWMG3x

This slide shows the jobs that must be run with an explanation of what they do. The basic sequence of jobs are the same for each of the different types of nodes. The names, as denoted by the lowercase 'x', change slightly in each environment. The BBOWMG3x job is long running and can cause certain error conditions such as an ABEND 522. TIME=NOLIMIT on the JCL job card solves the problem. Also note that the BBOWMG1x and BBOWMG2x jobs are only needed if you have any XA connectors defined in your configuration. They do not apply to the deployment manager node migration.



To see a little more detail about the main migration job, BBOWMG3x, all the steps are listed here. A working directory in /tmp is used to do much of the processing. The *nnnnn* is a unique number that was generated during the creation of your migration jobs. For normal migration, the space used in /tmp is very small but if you turn on tracing, the space used can be quite large. Make sure you have the free space on /tmp. The rest of the jobs are explained on the slide. The UPGRADE step is where the actual migration occurs and will take the longest to complete. The VERIFY step before that attempts to check the information provided so that the migration does not fail because of bad input parameters.



The BBOWMG3x job may actually be run as three different jobs. They are supplied in the CNTL dataset for you. We will look at the names on the next slide but note that the first steps are repeated in each of the jobs.



Here you see the name of the three jobs corresponding to the numbers on the previous slide. The BBOWxPRO will create your configuration structure. The second job, BBOWxPRE, will do some processing to prepare for the actual upgrade process which occurs when the third job, BBOWxPOS, is run. Again, these jobs are included in the CNTL dataset for your use.



In order to simplify things, when planning for your migration, you should use the same procedure names. Before updating the procedures for Version 7 though, you should save your current procedures in case you need to fallback to the previous level. If you choose to use different procedure names, you will need to update the RACF STARTED class profiles. Sample RACF commands to accomplish this are found in the migration instructions provided. Keep in mind that automation changes may also be required when changing procedure names. You should also use a separate HFS for each Version 7 node. This might require new procedure names if you used a shared HFS in previous versions..



If the BBOWMG3x job fails, check the output for errors. If you need more information, you can turn traces on by editing the BBOWMDRF member in the DATA PDS. The trace states are disabled, by default, although you can also change them in the z/OS migration management tool when going through the configuration. If the job fails in the VERIFY step, it is most likely that you made an error when specifying information used to create the jobs. Correct the information and rerun the job. If the job fails after the VERIFY step, you need to delete the WAS\_HOME directory that was created in the CRHOME step before re-running the job. Check the original configuration for the serverindex.xml file being renamed to serverindex.xml\_disabled also. This is done to signal that the configuration has already been migrated so as to stop you from inadvertently migrating the node again. This is done by default but it is possible to change this behavior during the configuration phase. It is a check box in the z/OS migration management tool or you can set the keepDMGREnabled parameter to true in the response file.



This section briefly covers the z/OS migration management tool.

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Now that you have seen an overview of the migration process, you will look at the tools available to do the migration. The first one is the z/OS migration management tool. As mentioned before, the z/OS migration management tool is part of the WebSphere customization tools that are available for the Windows or Linux Intel operating systems. The Welcome screen is shown on this slide and you must select the z/OS migration management tool and then launch it.

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Once the tool has been launched, the first thing you must do is add a migration location. This is the location where the tool will keep the customization definitions you will define. This is shown in the smaller box on the slide.

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Once you have a migration location defined, you can customize an environment of your choosing. Seen in the smaller box on the left are the various types of nodes you can migrate as noted earlier. You will need information from your down-level configuration to complete the panels before having the customized jobs created. Plan ahead!

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Once all the fields have been filled in and the migration definition created, you have the option of uploading the migration data which will create the CNTL and DATA PDS files up on the host. This is the process option highlighted on the slide.

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Instructions on finishing the migration are found in both the z/OS migration management tool and on the host in the BBOxxINS member for the environment you are migrating. It will give you some possible manual instructions to complete and a list of jobs that need to be run. These manual instructions might include some additional security configurations that were introduced in V6.1 and some STARTED profiles that need to be defined if you changed your procedure names during the migration.



This section covers the zmmt.sh command alternative.



An alternative to running the z/OS migration management tool on the workstation is the zmmt.sh command. The zmmt.sh command runs on z/OS. There is no GUI interface to allow you to fill in your configuration variables. A response file that has been fully-populated is required. You can use the response file that is created when you use the z/OS migration management tool or you can find samples of the response files needed in the information center. When the shell script is run, it will create the CNTL and DATA files needed to run the required jobs.



The zmmt.sh command is found in the bin directory of the SMP/E install root. The – responseFile parameter is necessary to customize the resulting jobs and scripts to your installation's specifications. It can be coded in either ASCII or EBCDIC. Note that the sample shipped with the product is in ASCII. The resulting jobs and scripts are generated to the UNIX System Services file system. The –transfer command is necessary to actually move the generated jobs to CNTL and DATA PDS files. The –profilePath command can be used in conjunction with the –transfer command if you need to create the PDS files later. The –workspace parameter needs to specify a directory that you have read-write access to and is used as a work directory for Eclipse. Finally, the –allocate parameter determines whether it will attempt to allocate the CNTL and DATA PDS files first.



An example of the zmmt.sh command is shown here. Once the CNTL and DATA datasets are created, you can follow the directions found in the BBOxxINS member of the CNTL dataset to finish your configuration.



This slide shows the response file as generated by the z/OS migration management tool workstation tool. This can be uploaded and used to run the zmmt.sh command on z/OS. Note that you need to update the profilePath parameter here to point to a valid directory on your system.



When you run the zmmt command, you are thrown into the osgi command shell, where you will see the osgi command prompt for what seems like quite some time and you might think nothing is happening. Be patient and it will eventually come back with messages indicating either an error occurred or the definition was successfully created.



If you need to rerun the zmmt command, be sure to delete the directory you specified on the profilePath parameter. If you do not, you will see a validation error claiming the profilePath is not valid.



This presentation covered the process of migrating an existing V5.1, V6.0 or V6.1 configuration to Version 7. An overview of the migration process and the tools provided to help in the process was also discussed. The migration must be done on a node-by-node basis, allowing for continuous availability of applications in a clustered environment.



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