

## IBM Debug Tool for z/OS, V10.1

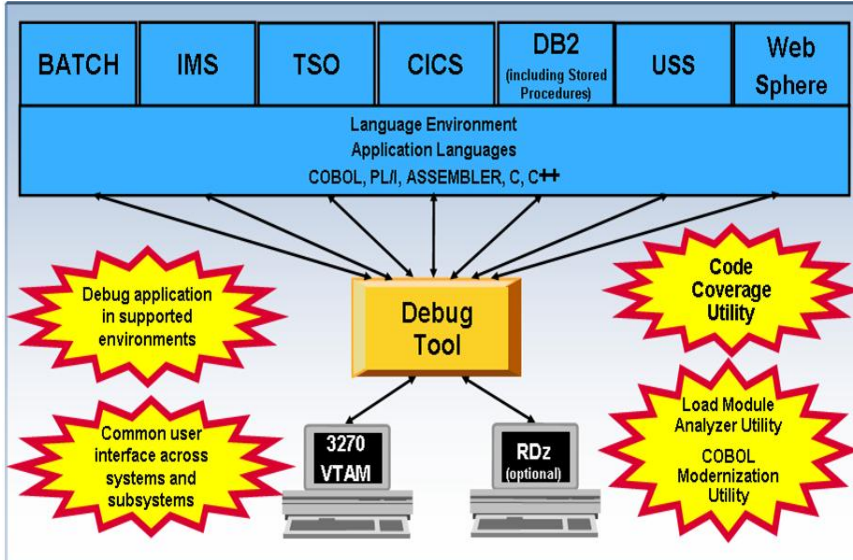


Figure 1: Debug Tool environment

### Highlights

- **Provides a single debugging tool for batch, TSO, CICS, DB2, DB2 stored procedures and IMS applications written in COBOL, PL/I, C/C++ and assembler**
- **Offers more productivity enhancements when used with Rational Developer for System z (available separately)**
- **Includes tools to quickly identify and convert OS/VS COBOL code to ANSI 85 standard**
- **Supplies tools to help you determine how thoroughly your code has been tested**
- **GUI plug-in available for download**

In an increasingly complex and competitive environment with challenging business demands, application developers are faced with constant pressure to deliver function-rich applications quickly.

Regardless of whether it was designed to perform routine or critical tasks, the underlying code that drives your applications is highly complex. Application developers have to work quickly to meet demand, with minimal errors — even adapting code on the fly as your business needs evolve.

To effectively build and service applications, you need robust, easy-to-use tools to compile, test and debug your applications.

IBM® Debug Tool for z/OS®, V10.1 is an interactive source-level debugging tool for compiled applications. It is a program testing and analysis aid that helps you examine, monitor, and control the execution of applications written in C, C++, COBOL, PL/I or assembler on a z/OS system.

It provides debugging capability for applications running in a variety of environments, such as batch, TSO, IBM CICS®, IBM IMS™, IBM DB2®, IBM DB2 stored procedures and IBM z/OS UNIX® System Services.

Debug Tool also includes features to help you identify old OS/VS and VS COBOL II applications and to upgrade the source code automatically to IBM Enterprise COBOL. It also supplies tools to help you determine how thoroughly your code has been tested.

Debug Tool for z/OS, V10.1 replaces all prior versions of both IBM Debug Tool for z/OS and IBM Debug Tool Utilities and Advanced Functions for z/OS. This single Debug Tool for z/OS, V10.1 product includes all of the function in the previous separate products as well as the new V10.1 function. Delivering this single comprehensive product provides significantly more function to existing Debug Tool for z/OS customers, and will help simplify ordering and installation.

Debug Tool is tightly integrated with IBM Rational® Developer for System z® and other tools in the IBM portfolio of problem determination tools, so that you can develop, test and debug traditional and SOA applications from the same user interface.

## Data at your fingertips

Debug Tool provides an interactive, full-screen, IBM 3270 system-based terminal interface with four windows that enable single-step debugging, dynamic patching and breakpoints:

- *The Monitor window displays the status of items you select, variables and registers. You can view, monitor and alter application variables or storage in real-time.*
- *The Source window displays the program code, highlighting the statement being run. In the prefix area of this window, you can enter commands to set, display and remove breakpoints.*

- *The Log window records and displays your interactions with Debug Tool and can show program output. The information you see in this window is included in the log file.*
- *The Memory window (swappable with the Log window) helps you display and scroll through sections of memory. You can update memory by typing over existing data with new data. The Memory window also keeps track of addresses for easier navigation.*

Debug Tool gives you great flexibility to choose how to display monitored variables and lets you update large or small variables directly in the monitor window.

For COBOL character variables displayed using the automonitor command, Debug Tool displays values in character format regardless of whether the string contains unprintable characters. You can change these values by typing over them in the Monitor

window.

In the automonitor section of the Monitor window, you can display the value of a variable in the variable's declared data type and displaying the user register names in assembler AUTOMONITOR output, when possible.

## Control debugging environment

With Debug Tool, you can choose how you view and manage the process of debugging your applications. Using the full-screen interface, you can interactively debug almost any application as it runs — including batch applications.

You can start Debug Tool when an application starts or during an abend. Alternatively, you can write applications so that they start the tool automatically — at specified times — interrupting the running of the application.

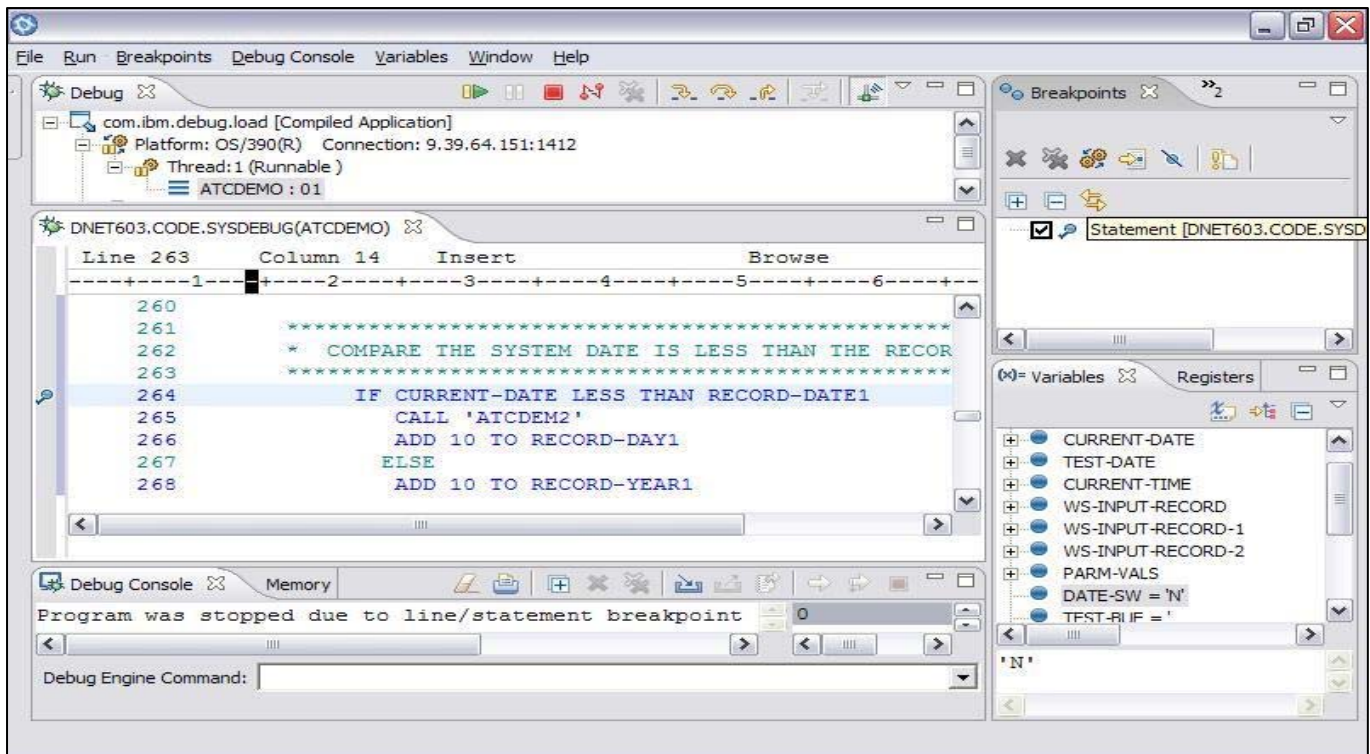


Figure 2: Rational Developer for System z works with Debug Tool to help mainframe developers be more productive.

Using the setup utility, you can create a setup file that contains the program information you need — including file allocations, runtime options, program parameters and application name — to run your application and start Debug Tool.

Setup files can save you time when you are debugging a program that you have to restart multiple times. You can create several setup files for each program. Each setup file can store information about starting and running your program under different circumstances.

IBM Language Environment® user exits can be linked with the application or with a private copy of a Common Execution Environment (CEE) runtime load module.

## **Review source while you debug**

Debug Tool enables you to focus on a particular problem area by checking your application for errors one line at a time. By using single-step debugging — and setting dynamic breakpoints — you can monitor, interrupt and continue the flow of the application to identify errors easily.

A basic breakpoint indicates a stopping point in your program. For example, you can use a breakpoint to stop on a particular line of code. Breakpoints can also contain instructions, calculations and application changes. For example, you can set a breakpoint to have Debug Tool display the contents of a variable when the debugging process reaches a particular line of code.

You can also use a breakpoint to patch the flow of the program dynamically. You can set breakpoints in an application to monitor variables for changes, and watch for specified exceptions and conditions while an application runs. You can set, change and remove breakpoints as you debug the application. This means that you don't have to know where you want to set a breakpoint before you start debugging.

In CICS, Debug Tool supports “pattern matching breakpoints” that use the program or compile unit names specified in CADP or DTCN profiles to start Debug Tool and provides commands to enable and disable the breakpoints.

You can also debug applications written in a mix of COBOL, C, C++ or PL/I languages without leaving the tool. You can also include assembler programs in this mix and, using the disassembly view, you can debug programs compiled with the NOTEST compiler option or applications that include other languages.

For each programming language you can use a set of interpreted commands to specify actions to be taken. These commands are subsets of the languages — so they're easy to learn, and you can modify the flow of your application while you are debugging it. You can use the commands to dynamically patch (or alter) the value of variables and structures and to control the flow of an application.

## **SOA development and debugging**

Debug Tool supports debugging of monolithic, composite, and SOA applications. Customers creating new Web services — whether newly written or refactored using existing application assets that use Rational Developer for System z — can immediately debug them using the Debug Tool plug-in provided.

DESCRIBE CHANNEL and LIST CONTAINER commands can display CICS channels and containers, including containers that hold state information for Web services. Users can display the information, even if it is not being referenced by the application program being debugged.

Debug Tool now provides support for invoking the z/OS XML parser to parse complete XML 1.0 or 1.1 documents in memory. If the document is syntactically valid, the XML is formatted and shown in the Debug Tool log. Otherwise, diagnostic information is provided to help identify the syntax error.

## **Enhanced debugging capabilities**

Debug Tool provides a rich set of commands, tools and utilities to help you to debug your programs. When used with the setup utility in Debug Tool, these can help to: Prepare your high-level language and programs for debugging by converting, compiling (or assembling) and linking your COBOL, PL/I, C/C++ and assembler source code.  
-Conduct analysis on your test cases to determine how thoroughly they validate your programs.

In complex applications, it's easy to forget how you reached a particular point in your program. Debug Tool commands enable you to replay statements that have already run. If you compile your program with the IBM COBOL for OS/390® and VM compiler, or the Enterprise COBOL for z/OS compiler, you can review the values of variables and replay the statements while debugging.

For programs compiled with the COBOL for OS/390 and VM compiler, the Enterprise COBOL for z/OS compiler, or the Enterprise PL/I for z/OS compiler, you can automatically monitor the values of variables referenced at the current statement. When the automonitor function is active, any variables that are referenced by the current statement are automatically selected for monitoring. You can view these variables in the monitor window.

## Move to Enterprise COBOL to reuse and extend existing code

Previously, to create faster, more efficient applications, you had to sacrifice debugging support. With Debug Tool you can debug Enterprise COBOL for z/OS applications that have been compiled with standard or full-optimization compiler options.

You can also analyze your load modules to help you identify candidate OS/VS COBOL programs for conversion and then to convert these OS/VS COBOL applications to Enterprise COBOL for z/OS. You can then compile and debug these applications to extend the life of your existing code.

Debug Tool software also provides coverage tools that enable you to conduct analysis on your test cases and determine how thoroughly they exercise your programs.

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COBOL LOCATION: IBXML10 :> 51.1
Command ==>
LOG 0 1 2 3 4 5 LINE: 17 OF 43
0017 STEP ;
0018 STEP ;
0019 STEP ;
0020 STEP ;
0021 STEP ;
0022 LIST STORAGE ( XML-DOCUMENT ) XML ;
0023 XML(EBCDIC) assumed.
0024
0025 <?version="1.0" encoding="ibm-1140" standalone="yes"?>
0026 <!--This document is just an example--><sandwich>
0027 <bread type="baker's best">
0028 </bread>
0029 <bread2 type="baker}s best">
0030 </bread2>
0031 <?spread please use real mayonnaise ?>
0032 <meat>
0033 Ham & turkey
0034 </meat>
0035 <filling>
0036 Cheese, lettuce, tomato, etc.
0037 </filling>
0038 <filling2>
0039 Cheese, } tomato, etc.
0040 </filling2>
0041 <!--YCDATA!We should add a <relish> element in future!
0042 "">
0043 </sandwich>
PF 1:?, PF 7:UP 2:STEP 3:QUIT 4:LIST 5:FIND 6:AT/CLEAR
8:DOWN 9:GO 10:ZOOM 11:ZOOM LOG 12:RETRIEVE
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Figure 3: Formatted XML structure using List Storage command

## Combine with other development tools to optimize applications

Debug Tool shares a number of side files with IBM Fault Analyzer, making it easier for you to test and manage abends in new and existing applications. For example, the IDILANGX file produced by Fault Analyzer can be used by Debug Tool to debug assembler programs, and you can create a readable listing from a Fault Analyzer side file or a SYSDEBUG file generated by the COBOL compiler.

You can also use the Interactive System Productivity Facility (ISPF) panels in Debug Tool to invoke File Manager Base, DB2 or IMS functions and a user exit enables you to specify a TEST run-time option string in the DB2, IMS or batch environments.

## Debug in many environments

IBM Debug Tool can help you debug an application while it runs in a host environment, such as a

batch application, TSO, ISPF, CICS, IMS or DB2 (including IBM DB2 stored procedures) environments. Debug Tool can help you debug almost any application and almost any host language, including COBOL, PL/I, C/C++ and Assembler applications running on z/OS systems.

With Debug Tool, you can compile and link your COBOL, PL/I, C and C++ programs, and assemble and link Assembler programs — as well as pre-process and compile your CICS and DB2 programs.

IBM Rational Developer for System z works with Debug Tool, to give your developers a fully integrated development, test and debugging environment for all applications running on z/OS, whether traditional, SOA or Web-based.

A CICS utility transaction (CADP or DTCN) enables you to control debugging in the CICS environment. For example, you can debug based on a specific program or transaction name, while other CICS-specific capabilities enable you to specify the span of a debug session or view — or edit CICS storage and diagnose storage violations.

Display and alteration of 64-bit general purpose registers in assembler expressions is provided on hardware that supports 64-bit addressing. Debug Tool correctly displays data items according to type, including three floating-point data types: binary (IEEE), decimal and hexadecimal.

## New in V10.1

Debug Tool for z/OS, V10.1 includes several new additions and enhancements, including:

- A new plug-in, for use with Eclipse-based platforms like CICS Explorer, provides a GUI interface to the host Debug Tool product. It is available as a web download for licensed customers of Debug Tool.
- The Debug Tool CICS Control (DTCN) Primary Menu screen is enhanced to support both a Load Module Name resource and a Compile Unit Name resource. The combination of a Load Module Name resource and a Compile Unit Name resource provides additional granularity..
- A RESTful HTTP access
- The LIST TITLED WSS command can now be used in the MONITOR command to place the variables defined in the Working Storage section of a COBOL program into the monitor window.
- Support is added for On Demand Load and Capture Source for C and C++ debug side files created with the DBGLD and CDADBGLD utilities shipped with the z/OS V1.11 XLC C/C++ compiler.
- Support is added to run in Browse Mode. In this mode, modifications to storage or registers and modifications to control flow are not allowed. Browse Mode allows debugging of a program but does not allow the user to change the behavior of the program. This may be desirable in a production environment to prevent unauthorized changes to the program behavior.
- Other customer-requested capabilities and usability improvements to enhance the debugging session.

interface to read, create, update, and delete profiles in the DTCN profile repository is supported. A GUI interface allows you to manipulate the profiles from the workstation.

- Currency support for IMS V11 and CICS TS V4.1 is provided.
- The command SET MONITOR LIMIT is added so that the monitor window can display more than 1000 lines.
- A new command POPUP is provided to open a Command window to improve the ability to enter a long Debug Tool command.
- A new command, FINDBP, is provided which will help you easily find line, statement, and offset breakpoints in the Source object while in full-screen mode.
- Automatic saving and restoring of settings and breakpoints is now supported under IMS/TM.
- The ability to display a complex data item such as a group or a structure as a single character string is added in remote debug mode.

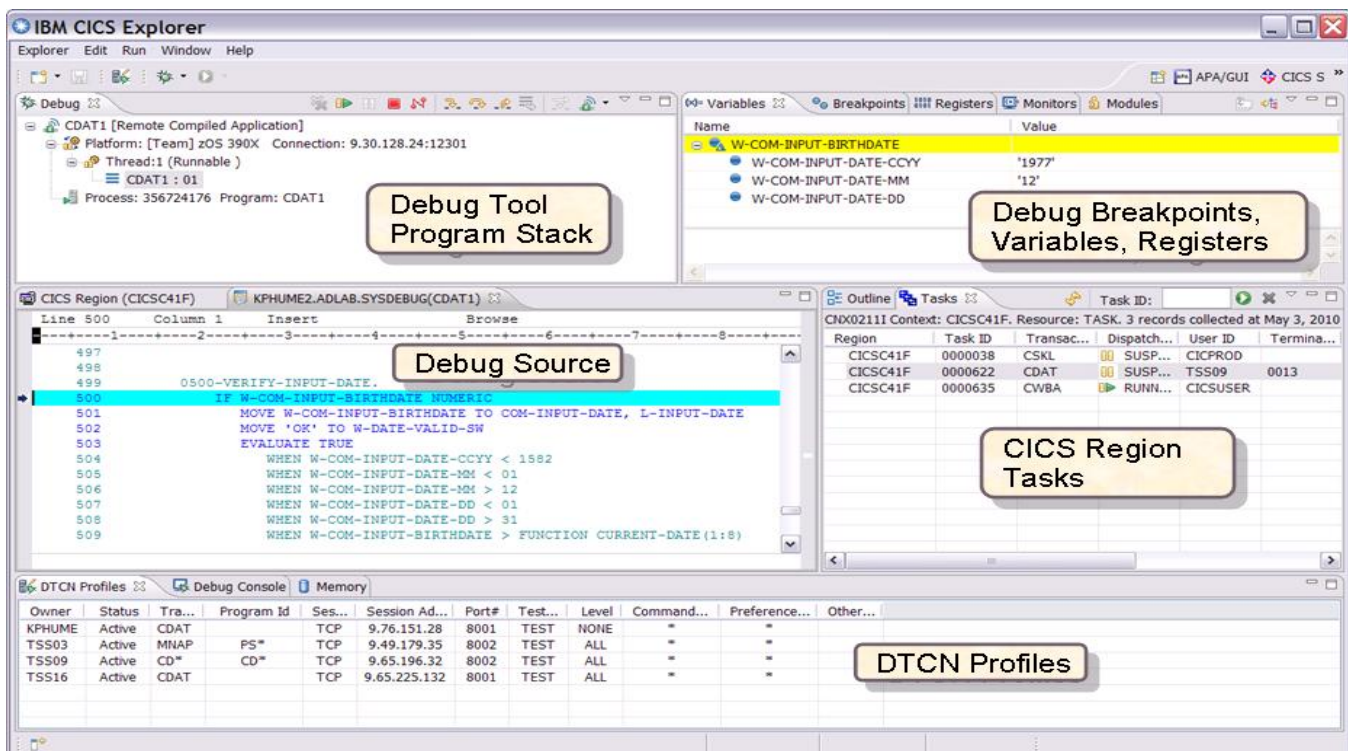


Figure 4: Debug Tool GUI Plug-in with CICS Explorer

## IBM Debug Tool for z/OS, V10.1, at a glance

### Hardware requirements

- Any hardware configuration capable of running IBM z/OS

### Software requirements

- IBM z/OS, V1.9 (5694-A01) or later
- Depending on the functions used in the product, other related products may be required. See the product Web site, listed below, for more detailed software requirements

## Part of a leading-edge family of z/OS tools

Debug Tool for z/OS is part of the IBM Problem Determination family of products. These include IBM Application Performance Analyzer for z/OS, IBM Debug Tool for z/OS, IBM Fault Analyzer for z/OS, IBM File Manager for z/OS, IBM Optim Move for DB2, and IBM Workload Simulator for OS/390 and z/OS.

Designed to help you maximize your investment in IBM System z products, these products are a robust suite of integrated development tools that enable you to improve IT operational efficiency and transform applications to achieve greater business flexibility.

The IBM Problem Determination tools help application developers to improve application delivery throughout the application life cycle. You can use these tools to help increase productivity and IT effectiveness across source code debugging, application ABEND analysis, data management and application performance analysis.

The IBM Problem Determination tools do much more than support traditional applications. They include capabilities that enable you to build SOA applications. They are tightly integrated with other tools in the IBM problem determination tools portfolio, as well as other tool sets. The tools also continue to support and make the most of the latest subsystem levels. These capabilities help make IBM problem determination

tools an excellent choice for your business.

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