



# SZ-1704 - Smarter Development and Testing for IBM® System z®

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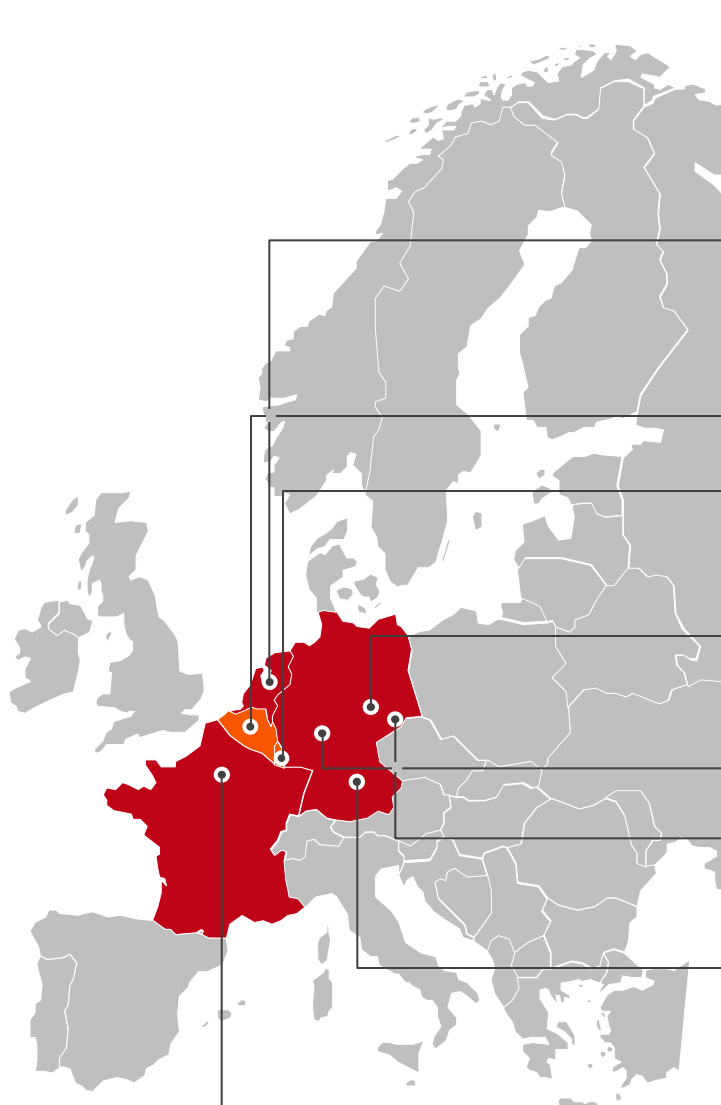
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## Who we are

- ❑ Founded in Belgium in 1995
- ❑ Since January 2012 member of the international Softline Group



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## Who we are



- ❑ Founded in Belgium in 1995
- ❑ Since January 2012 member of the international Softline Group
- ❑ IBM Premier Business partner
- ❑ Reputable recognition by IBM labs
- ❑ 95 % Certified Consultants
- ❑ SUSE Business partner

## ASIST makes the difference

### ❑ Knowledge

- In depth knowledge of RBD/EGL, full systems & customer's legacy

### ❑ Attitude

- Adaptation to customer's thinking & practices and organisation culture

### ❑ Experience

- Hands-on experience in Rational environment: migrations, integrations, development environments, training & coaching

### ❑ Specialization

- 100% focus on Rational

### ❑ Location & geographical coverage

- Located in heart of Europe & project coverage around the globe.

### ❑ Languages

- Consultants with minimum of 3 languages (Dutch, French, English)

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## Modern Development for zEnterprise

Rational Developer for zEnterprise

and

Rational Development and Test Environment for System z



# Four key barriers preventing optimal return on IT investments

## Decades of application investments



*"We don't understand the effort, risk and impact of modernizing our legacy applications."*



## Islands of skills, languages and platforms



*"Our skills gap keeps growing. How do we stay current with all the language and technology changes?"*



## Poorly integrated teams



*"We need to enable our teams to collaborate across platforms, languages, and environments."*



## Infrastructure inefficiency



*"We need a cost effective way to improve our infrastructure efficiency and free up capacity to handle more workload."*



## Enterprise Modernization offers a low risk, high return approach



## Business constraints with mainframe development today

*Which limits the amount of System z production workload coming online*



*“Operations tell me it will take two months to get my test system allocated.”*



*“My development capacity charge-back is consuming my entire budget. I can't spend on tools.”*



*“I can only test my batch applications in offline hours. Online apps consume the 9-5 cycles.”*



*“We don't have the capital budget to obtain more mainframe test resources for my developers.”*



*“It is difficult for my developers to learn the mainframe. Operations controls can prevent experimentation by developers..”*



*“I can't even work on Mondays! Production workload kicks me off.”*



*“I want to try out creating Event Processing and ATOM apps, but my system isn't scheduled for a CICS update till 2012.”*



*“The Mainframe isn't cool anymore.”*

## Existing development environment

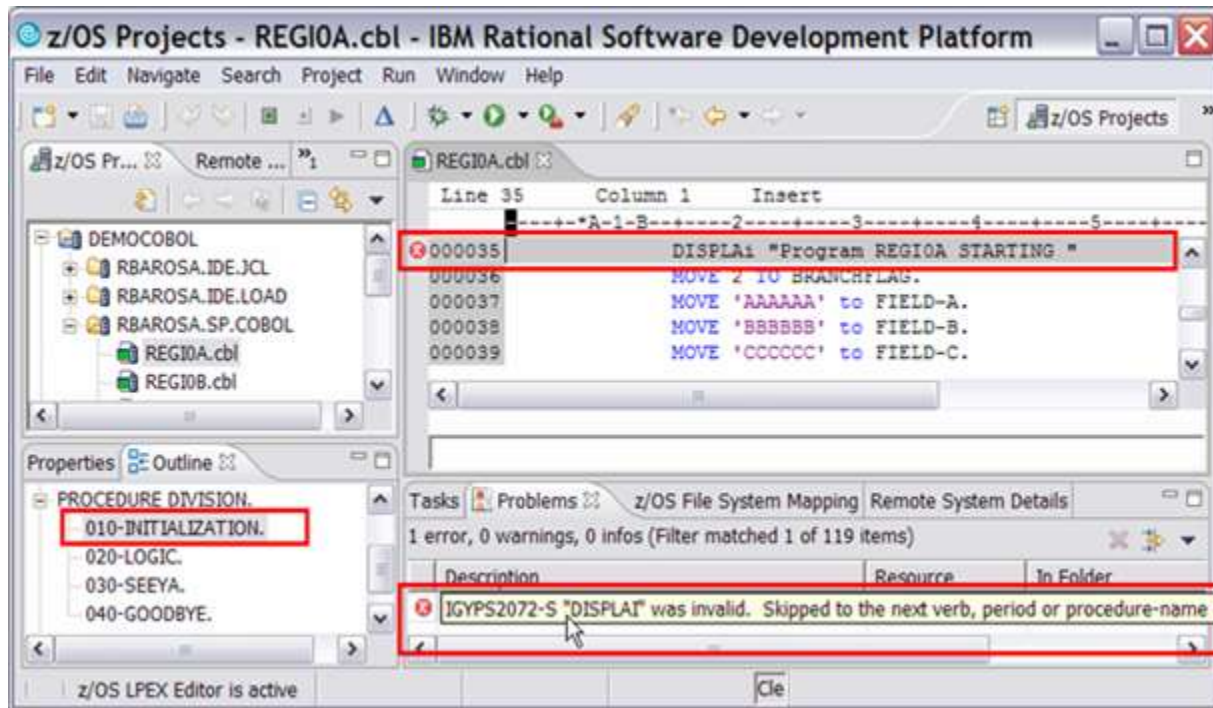
- Multiple screens
- Multiple disparate tools
- 20 x 80 characters of content

### Steps to validate a change

- Edit source
- Find code line
- Change code
- Exit source
- Find JCL
- Edit JCL
- Submit compile job
- Swap to SDSF
- Select job
- Find error message
- Swap to JCL
- Exit JCL
- Find source file
- <repeat>

## Tomorrow's development environment

- Information at your fingertips
- Easy navigation
- Automatic feedback



### Steps to validate a change

- Edit source
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- Change code w/feedback

## IDE Efficiency Benchmarks

- 100 common (daily) ISPF tasks used during maintenance and support assignments
  - ISPF workflow translated (click-for-click) to RDz development
  - Project participants believed they were trying to find gaps between RDz and ISPF functionality
- Apples-to-Apples and test scripts
- Mix of experienced (veteran) ISPF programmers and new-hire developers
- Assumption was that only new-hire developers would be more productive
  - This turned out to be false

Based on IBM internal productivity study.

All performance data contained in this presentation was obtained in the specific operating environment and under the lab conditions and is presented as an illustration only.

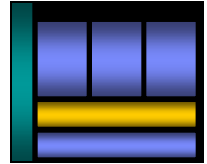
Performance obtained in other operating environments may vary and customers should conduct their own testing.

Analytics	All Participants			
Use Case	% Less time to complete tasks with RDz			
Source Navigation:	45.00			
Program Analysis:	100.90			
Primitive Edit Operations:	19.69			
COBOL Statement Coding:	35.79			
Syntax Check:	57.11			
Program Compile/Link Edit:	43.52			
DB2 data edit/SQL statement work:	101.30			
<b>Total - all use cases:</b>	<b>57.19</b>			

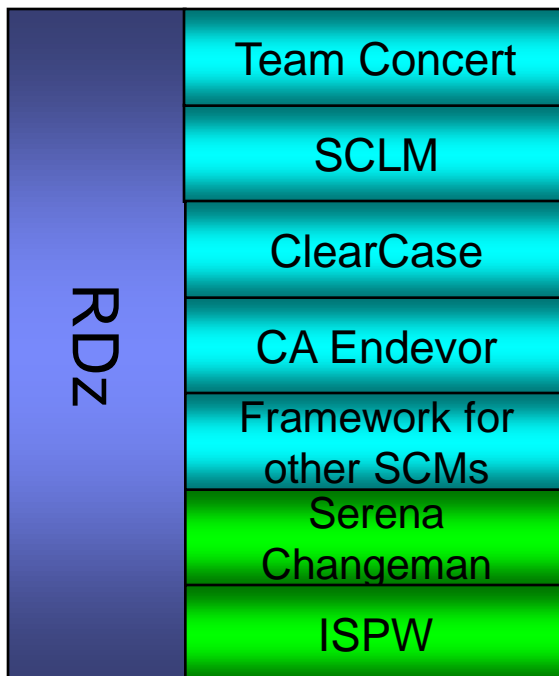
Analytics	ISPF Top Guns			
Use Case	% Less time to complete tasks with RDz			
Source Navigation:	47.21			
Program Analysis:	72.60			
Primitive Edit Operations:	19.84			
COBOL Statement Coding:	36.89			
Syntax Check:	68.86			
Program Compile/Link Edit:	14.14			
DB2 data edit/SQL statement work:	64.68			
<b>Total - all use cases:</b>	<b>28.36</b>			



## Access source code...



- Integrates with existing SCM systems
- Use existing promotion schemes
- Customize to your process

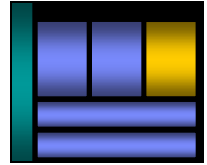


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## Create enterprise services...

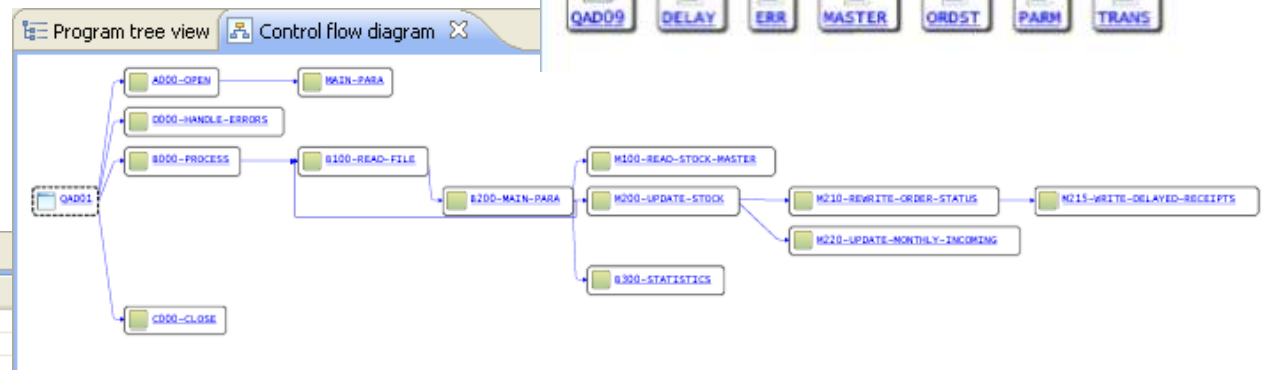
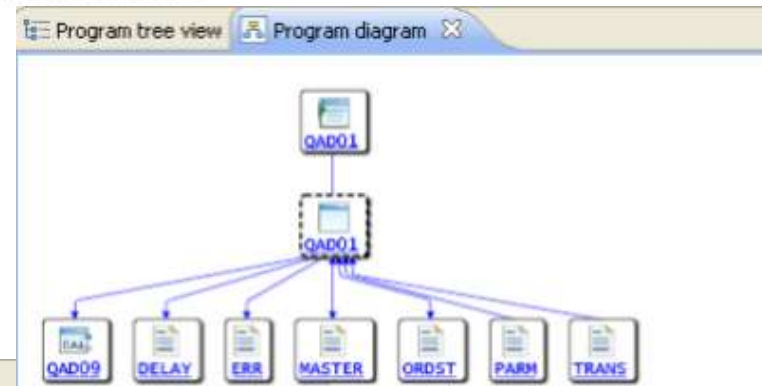
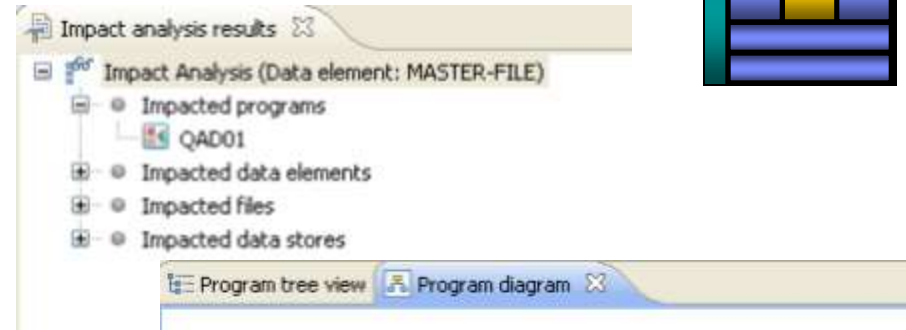
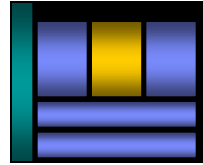


- Provide standardized access to application assets
- Work across platforms
- Create abstract interfaces for loose coupling
- Vary implementation without affecting consumers
- Ease application reuse



# Analyze applications automatically

- Integrate application analysis into development
  - Link code to data and runtime resources
  - Visualize code structure and flow
- Understand the effect of changes
  - Run impact analysis on code changes to determine effected production modules
  - Size testing efforts and create workspaces for changes
  - Locate dead code



Program tree view

Name	Level	Type
DELAY-FILE	0	FD
DELAY-STA		UNKN
ERROR-DAT		NUMB
ERROR-DES		CHAR
ERROR-FIL		FD
ERROR-REC		GRP
ERROR-STA		UNKN
FILLER		CHAR
INP-DELAY-RCPT-REC	1	GRP
INP-DRCP-EXPECTED-DT	5	CHAR
INP-DRCP-REPT-NO	5	CHAR

## Mainframe development environment with RDz and ISPF

*RDz provides relief...but customers want more*



### Modern development environments add value:

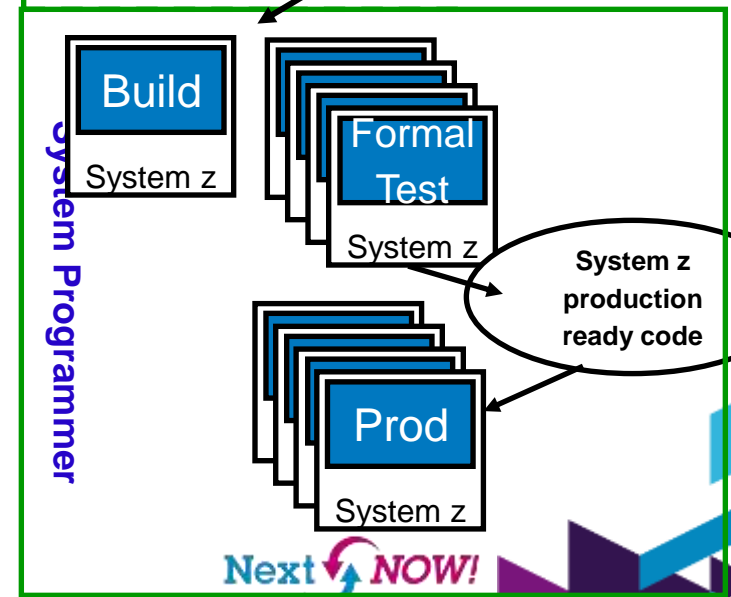
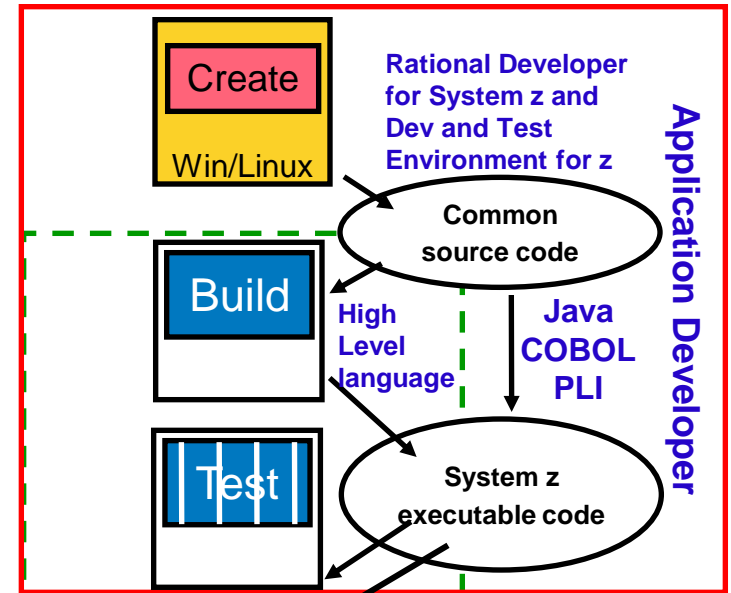
- Productivity enhancing tooling; more attractive tooling for new developers
- Ability to offload some development MIPS usage
- Integration with complete application lifecycle tools

### But challenges remain:

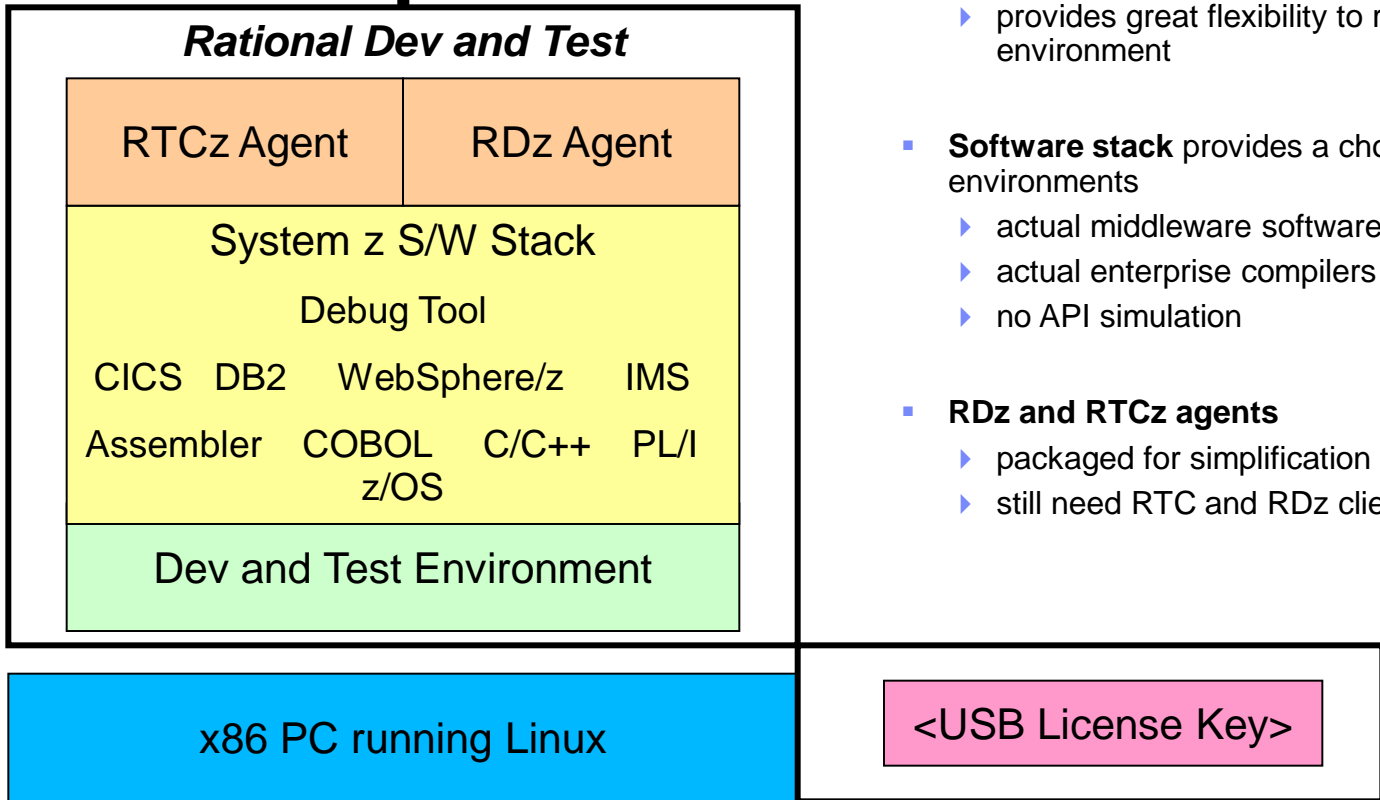
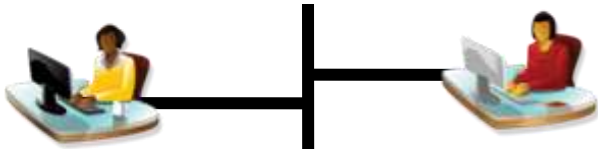
- Business pressures to manage mainframe MIPS usage for development
- Unit test delays caused by dependencies on operations team

## Introducing the RD&T Environment

- Provides a local test environment for unit testing System z applications
  - unit test processing on Linux versus mainframe
- Can enable companies obtain lower cost for development and unit testing
  - Gives flexibility to Developers/Teams to accomplish unit tests on the mainframe or off
  - Provides a local System z development/unit test environment to simplify development investments
  - Frees up more mainframe capacity to production workload usage
- Strengthens development processes through using actual compilers and runtimes in RD&T
  - Use compilers for “true” syntax check/compile using Enterprise COBOL/PLI
  - Use co-processors for CICS/DB2/Custom to cut down on re-implementation efforts on local platform
- Provides flexibility for system programming staff and development
  - System programmers can define common test images for development teams for some centralization of control, but still provide developers with ability to make changes



# RD&T Offering Description



## The Dev and Test Environment consists of:

- **Dev and Test Environment (based on zPDT)**
  - ▶ Dev and Test Environment can provide a System z development platform on a PC
  - ▶ capable of running z/OS
  - ▶ provides great flexibility to run a customized environment
  
- **Software stack** provides a choice of IBM middleware test environments
  - ▶ actual middleware software (including z/OS)
  - ▶ actual enterprise compilers
  - ▶ no API simulation
  
- **RDz and RTCz agents**
  - ▶ packaged for simplification
  - ▶ still need RTC and RDz client license(s) to activate

## RD&T limitations

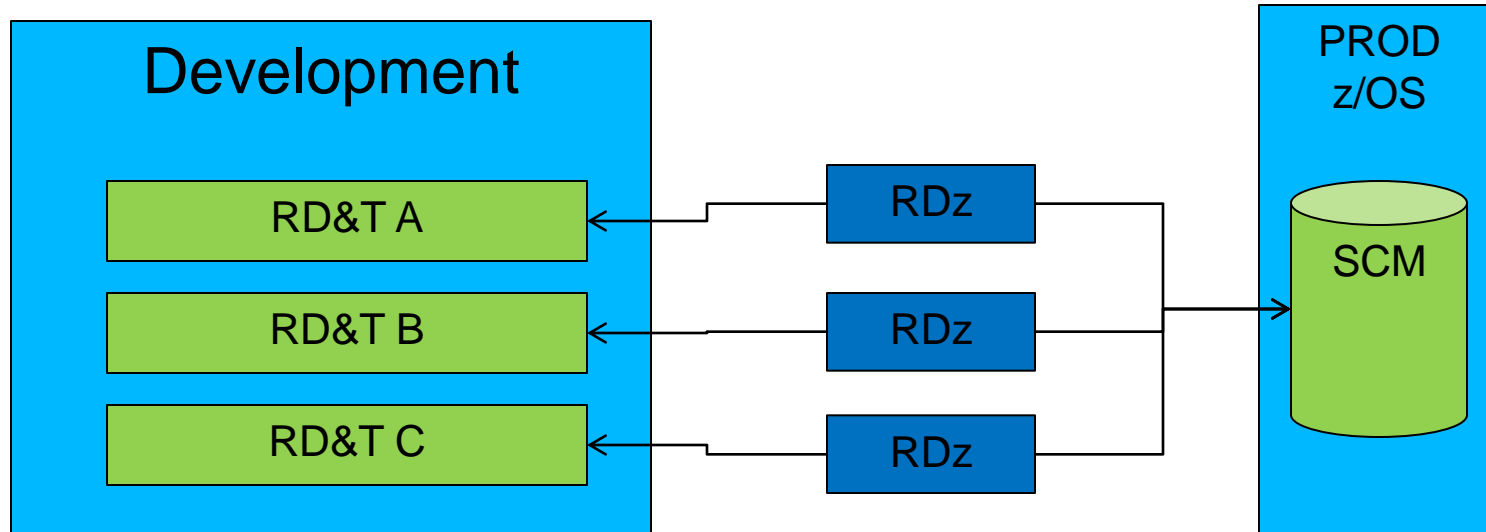
- **The RD&T environment does NOT support all System z function, such as:**
  - Physical Parallel, ESCON®, FCP, FICON® and High Performance FICON channels
  - Coupling links and coupling facilities
  - List-directed IPL
  - External Time Reference (ETR)
  - Server Time Protocol (STP)
  - MIDAWs
  - Logical channel subsystems
  - HiperSockets™
  - Multiple I/O paths per device
  - Not all CHSC functions are supported
  - Some IBM System z Crypto Express2
  - Some IBM 3088 CTC device
  
- **RD&T does not produce an environment equal to a larger System z.**
  - Some aspects of a larger system are unlikely to be met in any very small environment.
    - Inability to verify and enhance the scalability of a program
    - Inability to run application programs that require hundreds of MIPS.
  - A UT system is not recommended for very fine-level performance tuning that is sensitive to memory location, cache functions, and pipeline optimization.
  - In addition, the UT platform does not nearly have the same quality of service as does a mainframe in terms of availability and connectivity.
  
- **Anyone needing any of the function outlined above should consider a traditional System z server.**

## How will RD&T help me?

- Are you interested in testing your application changes on your PC/off-mainframe?
  - RD&T provides a x86-based environment where you can test z/OS applications on a desktop or server machine
- Are your development systems overloaded?
  - E.g., My development system is so slow! It takes 1 hour to compile!!
  - E.g., There are not enough resources available for development
  - RD&T provides a low cost mechanism to create additional development capacity without mainframe HW upgrades.
- Do you have difficulty testing application changes? Is too difficult or takes too much time to make changes to your test environment? Are there too many requests for unique test environments than your ops team can fulfill (catastrophic event testing, system failure, impact analysis, etc)?
  - RD&T provides a separate test environment under the development team's control allowing quick environment changes to be performed by development. The UT environment can be assigned to a small teams for unique test environments allowing more robust testing
- Are you being asked to use fewer MIPS for development
  - RD&T provides a 0-MIPS development environment, allowing additional development resources to be easily allocated

## Customer example

### Large US Financial Customer - Implementation



- Requirement
  - Provide more responsive System z access for application developers
  - Reduce application software delivery through faster test cycle
  - Provide each application group their own unit test facility
- RD&T Solution
  - Application developers have use of a uniquely defined RD&T feature for System z access
  - RD&T provides a unique test environment for different application development groups
  - Supports multiple RD&T development environments on Intel blade to reduce server hardware
  - Has reduced application development test time



## Top 5 Questions

### 1) What is the maximum number of developers a RD&T server can support?

This can vary depending on the underlying hardware and workload being tested. Desktop/Laptops can typically support 3-5 users. Low end server class machines can support 15-30 users. At this time, IBM has not provided a detailed analysis of RD&T server sizing.

### 2) How can I get test data for use in RD&T?

Customers can use existing tools like IDCAMS, DB2 utilities, etc. to extract test data and then download it to the RD&T machine. RD&T provides a volume duplication utility that can download an entire 3390 data volume as needed into the UT environment. Facilities such as CICS remote function shipping or DB2 Remote Data Access can also be utilized.

### 3) Can I run other levels/backlevels of the middleware provided?

Yes, based on existing mainframe entitlement the request can be evaluated and some requests may not be approved. Requires special licensing dispensation from IBM, not automatically entitled with purchase of RD&T.

### 4) Can I use other IBM tools in the RD&T environment?

Yes, based on existing mainframe entitlement the request can be evaluated and some requests may not be approved. Requires special licensing dispensation from IBM, not automatically entitled with purchase of RD&T.

### 5) Can I run third party software?

Yes, if the third party license allows this. Customers must work with their software vendor to determine licensing considerations.

## Additional Questions

### 6) Does this require system programming skills?

- Vanilla configuration ready-to-go out of the box
- z/OS does require system programming skills to set up the development and/or testing environments if users want the UT environment to mirror an existing host configuration.
- You can usually set up one box/image and transfer the configurations to another box easily (VMWare style).

### 7) What about security?

- RACF is installed, but with minimal configuration.
- The sample configuration guide has suggestions for basic security.
- Security is a site choice. The ability to customize z/OS on a platform designed for individuals or small teams may:
  - Provide better testing opportunities
  - Provide customization for individual productivity gains
  - Provide opportunities to learn about z/OS fundamentals

## RD&T host machine specifications

- Underlying Linux host
  - Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.X (RHEL 6.X)
  - OpenSUSE, SLES 11.2
    - Note: IBM does not support installation on other distributions.
  
- Base machine must have:
  - at least 3 GB of real memory:
    - 1 GB is required for the 64-bit Red Hat or openSUSE Linux
    - 1-2 GB is required for the System z operating system, depending on the size of the development system
  - at least 80 GB free disk space available after Linux
  - Note: RD&T has been tested on:
    - Lenovo ThinkPad W Series
    - IBM System x 3500 M1, 3500 M2, 3650 M1, and 3650 M2



## Summary - Benefits of the RD&T Feature

- Increased application quality using the included IBM runtimes for testing. Provides a high fidelity testing environment.
  - Functionality and services more accurately reflect the mainframe
  - Using actual z/OS middleware means less retesting and rework is required when moving from the unit test environment to the quality assurance or pre-production environment.
  - Developers have an isolated test environment to test application changes that can then be easily merged into the next level of testing
- Deployment of the Unit Test feature on a PC lowers development and unit tests costs and allows MIPS to be reallocated for production use.
  - Executes on an x86 Server (see backup charts for details)
  - Utilizing zero development MIPS on the production mainframe for initial application change testing
  - Frees up additional capacity for new workload while reducing line of business development costs and chargeback.
- Provides developers in a single or shared user configuration with increased flexibility and control of the test environment, allowing them to be more productive and improving application delivery times.
  - Can be assigned to a single developer in a laptop configuration, or can support small-scale team environments
  - Environments can be tailored to a single developer or team's runtime needs without altering mainframe testing environments.
  - Can provide a greater level of control for developers to implement quick environment changes without having to involve production operations staff.
  - Developers can perform their first series of tests and regression testing without worrying about causing unexpected errors.



## Smarter Testing and Delivery for System z

Improve Application Quality  
Decrease Delivery Time  
Refine Risk Assessment

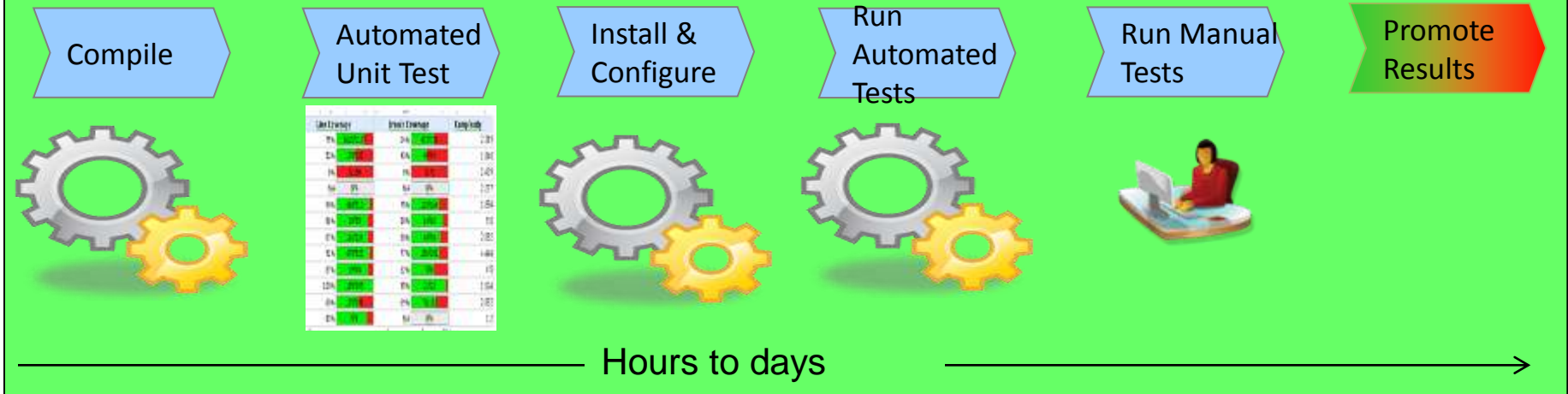


## Customer Comments

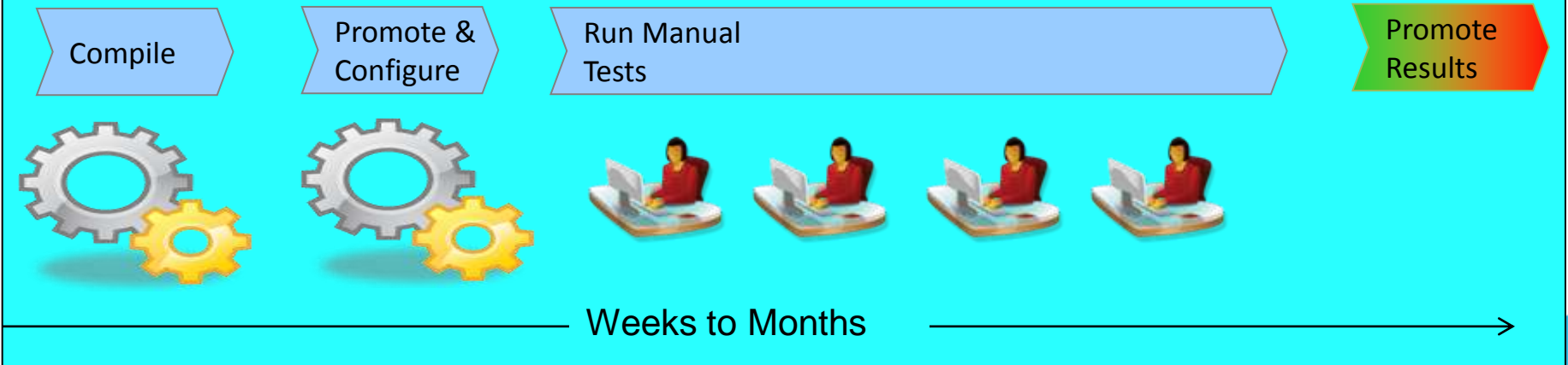
- Customer 1 - It takes us 5 to 6 weeks to complete z/OS application testing
  - Over 1000 test cases to run
  - Manual test effort because there are no z/OS automated test tools
  - No end-to-end testing (one tool that does it all)
- Customer 2 – We can not respond to regulatory changes
  - Test cycle takes a minimum of 12 weeks
  - Competition between development teams for testing resources
  - Build and maintain their own test tools. Manual operation.
  - Long batch test runs
- Customer 3
  - Have major z/OS application resource constraints that results in long test cycle
  - Off-Shore development and testing requirements
  - Major application failed due to no functional and performance testing
- **Many Accounts** – “Sorry, we have to cancel our meeting, today, because an application has stopped working”

# Testing and Delivery – where are customers today?

## Java / .Net teams



## Mainframe teams current state \*\*



\*\* Feedback from mainframe customers

# Cost is a significant driver

80% of development costs are spent identifying and correcting defects!\*



During the **CODING** phase

**\$80/defect**



During the **BUILD** phase

**\$240/defect**



During the **QA/TESTING** phase

**\$960/defect**



Once **released** as a product

**\$7,600/defect**

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**Law suits, loss of customer trust, damage to brand**

If admitted or not most development LPARs are managed as if starting here

\*National Institute of Standards & Technology

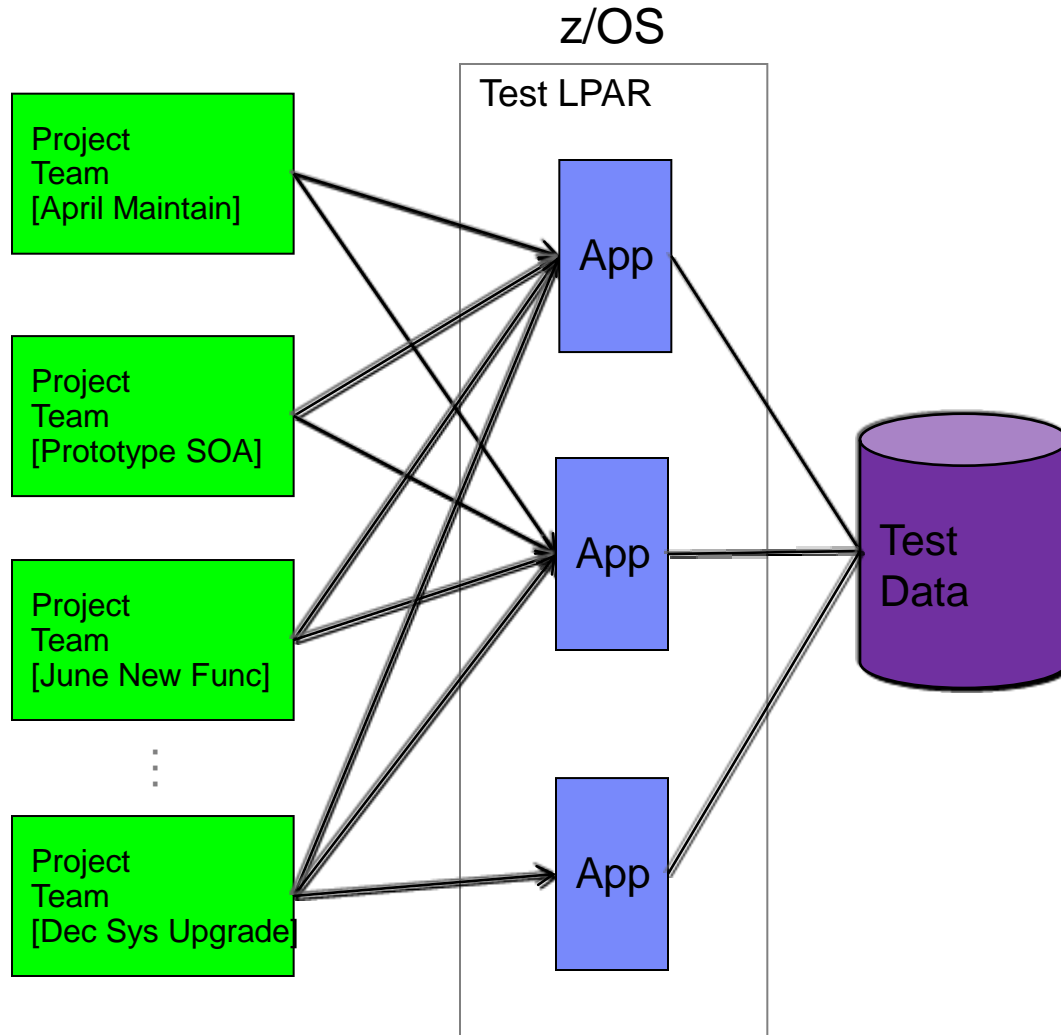
Source: GBS Industry standard study

Cost derived in assuming it takes 8 hrs to find, fix and repair a defect when found in code and unit test. Defect FFR cost for other phases calculated by using the multiplier on a blended rate of \$80/hr



## Typical z/OS Testing Architecture

Organized by project team, vertically scaled, sharing resources, limited automation



### Problems Encountered

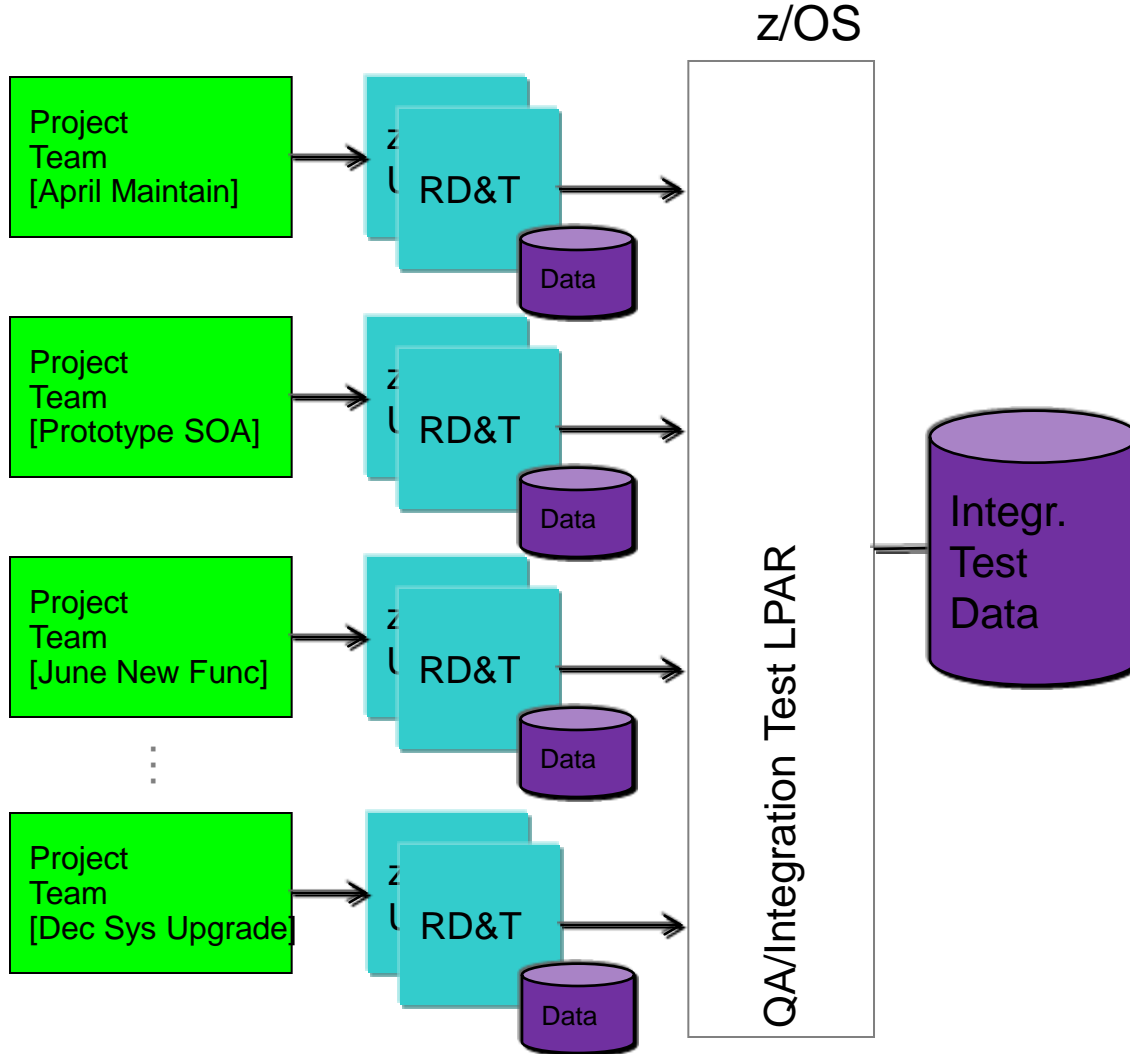
1. Shared resources combined with overlapping schedules can elicit conflicts, impede innovation and slow code delivery
2. Coordination of environmental changes and releases cause bottlenecks, delays and additional overhead
3. Shared test data is difficult to manage and can lead to over testing or incorrect test results

## Smarter Testing Strategy

- Increase availability of z/OS testing environment and resources
- Improve quality and lower risk via automation, measurement, and collaboration\*
- Focus on what is required for the change at hand, then scale

# Testing Organized for Flexibility and Quick Delivery

Organized by application team, horizontally sliced, dedicated resources, highly automated

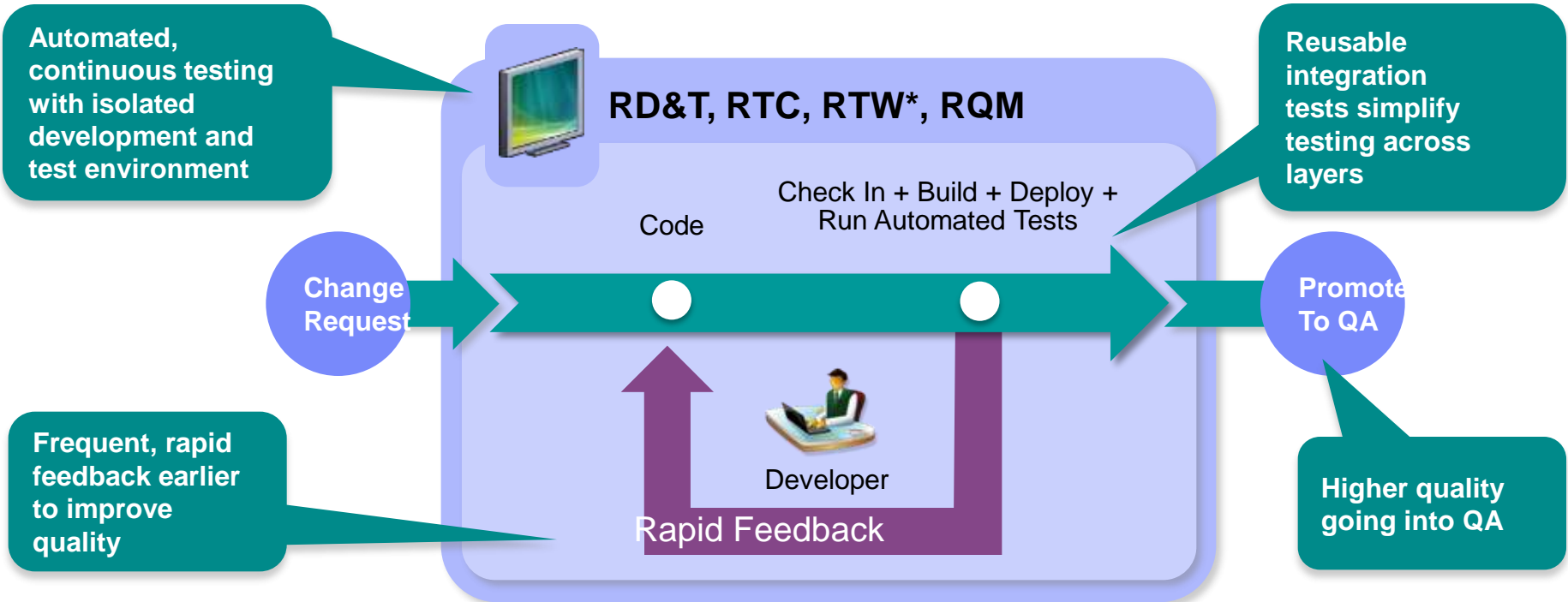


## Problems Encountered

1. ~~Scenarios combined with overlapping schedules can elicit conflicts, impede innovation, and slow delivery~~
2. Coordination of environmental changes and releases cause bottlenecks, delays and additional overhead
3. ~~Scenarios that are difficult to manage and can lead to conflicting test results~~
4. Provisioning, managing, and synchronizing project test environments including data

# IBM Continuous Integration Solution for System z

*Reduced delivery time, end-to-end visibility of test activities, safer and faster V2V migrations*



- Rational Team Concert 4.0
- Rational Quality Manager 4.0

- Rational Development and Test Environment for System z 8.5
- Rational Testing Workbench powered by Green Hat Technology

**NEW!**

## Continuous Integration and Typical Mainframe Environments

- Expedite feedback to developers on application quality

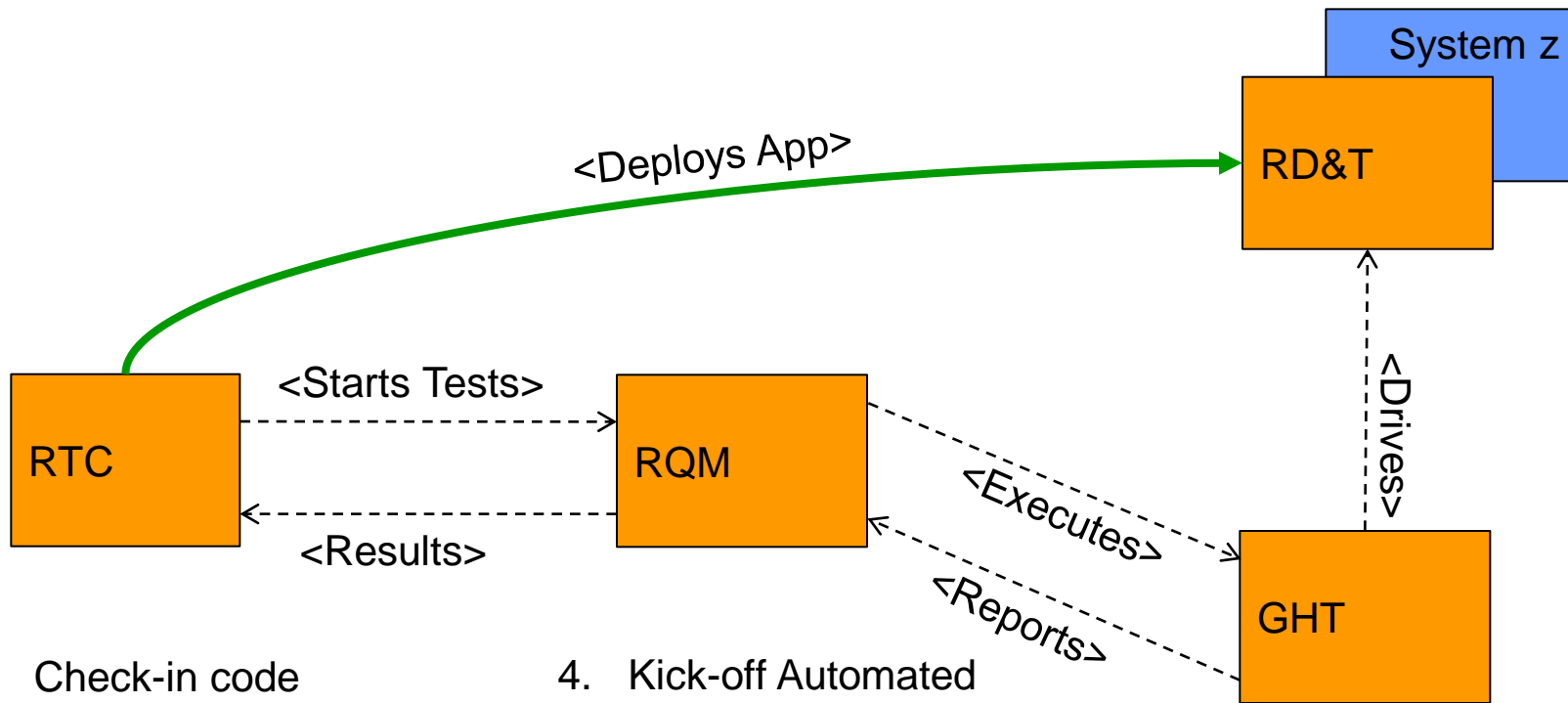
### Principles of Continuous Integration

- ✓ Maintain a code repository
- ✓ Automate the build
- ✗ Make the build self-testing
- ? Commit to the baseline every day
- ? Every commit should be built
- ? Keep the build fast
- ✓ Test in a clone of production
- ? Make it easy to get latest deliverables
- ? Everyone can see the latest build results
- ✓ Automate deployment

## Solution Components

- Rational Team Concert V4
  - Used for build and deployment
- Rational Quality Manager V4
  - Used for test case management and automated testing
- Rational Development and Test Environments for System z V8.5
  - Used to deploy application onto and run test cases
- Greenhat Tester (Rational Testing Workbench)
  - Used to test the web service interface of the z/OS application

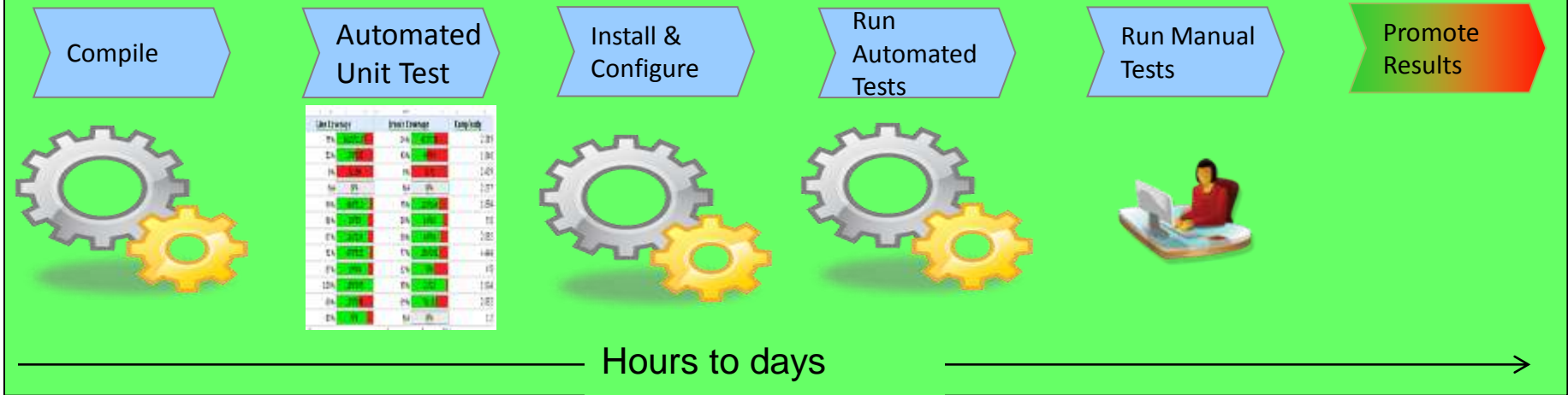
## Detailed Continuous Integration for System z Scenario



1. Check-in code
2. Build code
3. Deploy build results to RD&T
4. Kick-off Automated Test Plan
5. Run automated interface tests against RD&T or System z
6. Mark RQM execution records Pass/Fail
7. Report test results in dashboard/build results/defect records in RTC.

# Testing and Delivery – moving one step forward

## Java / .Net teams



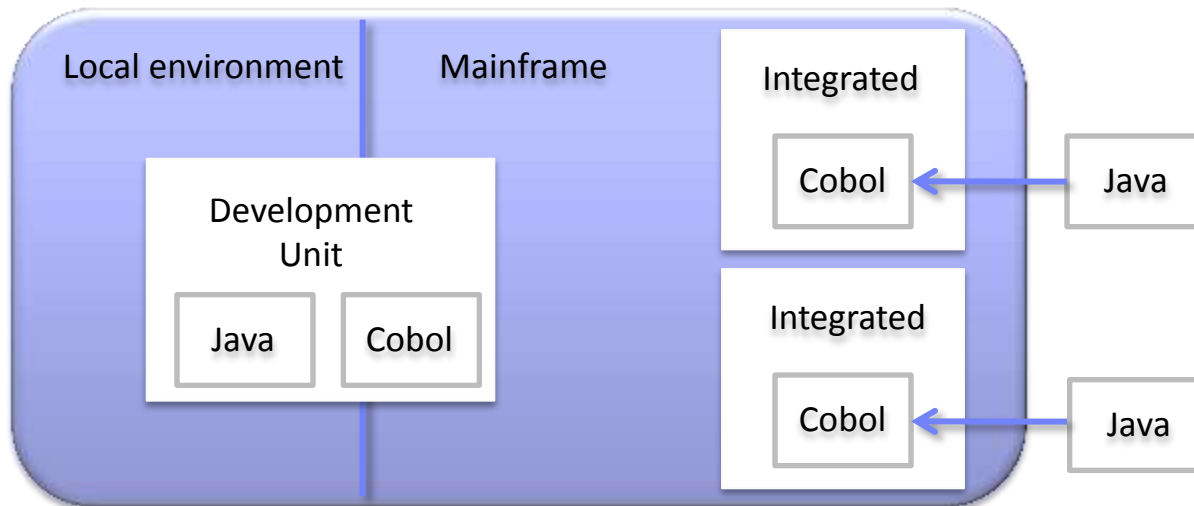
## Mainframe teams after CIz \*\*



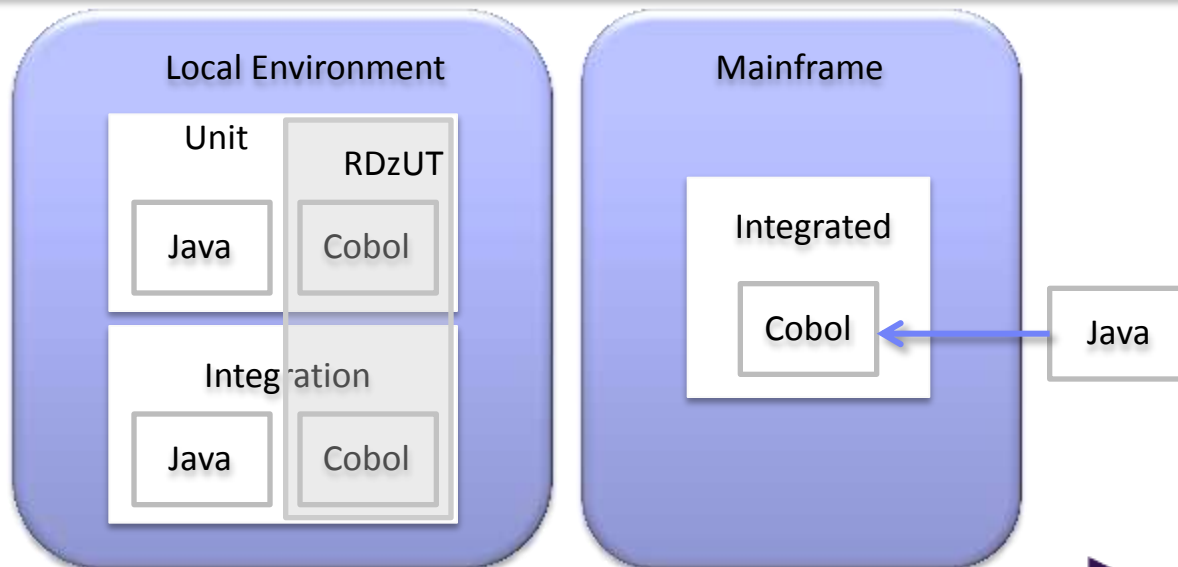


# Development Environments

## Current Model



## Proposed Model



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## Conclusion

### SEEING IS BELIEVING

#### ❑ RDz and RD&T Proof of Technologies (POT)

- Fill out your form
- Public or Private POT
- POT's are free of charge

#### ❑ Offering

- Customer side Proof of Concept (POC)
- Prepare a business case based on your current TCO
- Implementation of the software and technology
- Tailor-made integration in your current environment
- Creation of a “Cookbook” = standards- and usage manual
- Aid for creating your RD&T “appliances”
- Prepare a plan for continues Testing and Deployment implementation
- Long term relationship



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Traditional Chinese

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Спасибо

Russian

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