



Reduce Software Costs and Get Other Savings with zOSEM 6.2

Trident Services, Inc, a long-time IBM Business Partner, z/OS service provider and software developer, today announced the immediate availability of version 6.2 of zOSEM, Trident's flagship z/OS management product. zOSEM stands for zOperating System Environment Manager.

zOSEM provides 3 major money-saving capabilities, each of which is greatly enhanced in the 6.2 release. They are: ISV and MLC cost reduction through software isolation; labor cost and risk reduction through the automation of z/OS installation exits; and, hardware and software cost reduction through reporting on and optimizing DFSMSHsm activity.

zOSEM has long enabled ISV cost reduction by providing the capability to route batch jobs that execute expensive software products to lower capacity machines or LPARs. By running in an environment with lower capacity, the fees for many software products are reduced. With zOSEM 6.2, installations will be able to isolate batch work at a finer granularity – at the step level. Installations can direct zOSEM 6.2 to run only the job steps that actually execute the target software products on the lower capacity system. Other steps of a job can run anywhere in the JES2 complex. This can further reduce software fees because the partition for which the targeted products need to be licensed can be sized with even lower capacity.

“Software costs from Independent Software Vendors (ISVs) and Monthly License Charges (MLC) have escalated to such an extent that the costs for implementing new applications on z/OS which require these products is often prohibitive”, said Tim Humphreys, President and CEO of Trident Services.

In the areas of operation and resource management, zOSEM already delivers dozens of functions which provide enhanced control and enable the elimination of customer-written exit code. Maintaining installation exits is labor intensive if done properly, and risky if shortcuts are taken. It's not unusual for zOSEM to eliminate over 93% of an installation's z/OS exit code. zOSEM 6.2 adds over a dozen more capabilities to further enhance control and eliminate even more installation exit code. These include a generalization of concurrent job limits; setting job attributes based on the number of tapes required; and, providing drill-down displays to determine what resources jobs are waiting for.

zOSEM provides over 30 summary and detailed reports on HSM activities like migration, recall and errors. zOSEM 6.2 adds another dozen reports to address backup, recovery, recycle and delete and reports can be filtered by MGMTCLAS, STORGRP or dataset name mask(s). For further optimization it provides automatic implementation of system determined blocksize and automatic conversion from cylinders to tracks to release additional space.

These are just some of the highlights of zOSEM and the enhancements now available in zOSEM 6.2. Please visit our website www.triserv.com for more detail.

About Trident Services, Inc. Since 1978, Trident has established a solid reputation for the excellence of its software and services, the expertise of its consulting staff while continuing to keep pace with industry changes, emerging technologies and client needs.



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