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## IBM Z Content Solutions

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With hundreds of z/OS and related books in the IBM Knowledge Center along with countless other resources scattered throughout the web, finding information about z/OS offerings can be overwhelming. When you do find information, it can be difficult to know where to start, and what steps to take. The resolution to these challenges? IBM Z content solutions.

### What Is a Content Solution?

A content solution is a comprehensive set of information and user assistance that provides you with everything you need to understand, implement and use an offering from IBM. It's typically comprised of one or more components of varied types, each of which addresses a different aspect of the user experience. All of the components are accessible from a single engaging and interactive starting point. A content solution is developed with multi-disciplinary teams and repeated validation from sponsor users.

The hub for a content solution is a web solution—an interactive one-stop shop for all of the components that make up the content solution. It introduces the offering and provides first steps to help you get started along with links to more details.

Components of a content solution include, but are not limited to:

- **A comprehensive content collection (c3).** A c3 is a collection of technical topics in the z/OS library. It begins with a value statement and covers all aspects of the user experience, including getting started, use, management, upgrading and support. With a c3, you don't have to look across a virtual stack of books in the z/OS library—it brings all of the information together in one place.
- **Workflows.** A z/OSMF workflow provides guided steps for completing a task. The workflow tracks your progress and lets you assign work to the right person in your organization while maintaining a single overall view of the task.
- **Digital and social media.** Related information from whitepapers, Redbooks and blogs in places like developerWorks along with articles in technical journals can also be included in a content solution.
- **Multimedia.** Videos and podcasts provide another engaging way to learn more about a function.

## A Content Solution Example: Container Pricing for IBM Z

The content solution for Container Pricing for IBM Z includes a c3, z/OSMF workflows, videos and other components. The top of this content solution (as shown in Figure 1) begins with the basics, and defines what Container Pricing for IBM Z is.



### What is Container Pricing for IBM Z?

Container Pricing for IBM Z<sup>®</sup> makes pricing simpler and more economical for qualified solutions running on the z13 and z14 IBM processors. Pricing for a solution is predictable and relevant – disconnected from the cost of unrelated software, or whether the solution runs during a peak time. Specific workloads can be metered, reported on, and optionally capped, whether on a dedicated LPAR or colocated with existing workloads on an existing LPAR, with no direct impact on your rolling 4-hour average (R4HA).

You can get started with Container Pricing with minimal up-front setup.

**Figure 1**

Next, a “Big Picture” section (as shown in Figure 2) provides a quick, visual introduction to implementing a Container Pricing solution.



**Figure 2**

This is followed by a “Getting Started” section (as shown in Figure 3) that provides brief descriptions of the different solutions offered by IBM—including the Application Development and Test solution, the New Application solution and the Payments Pricing solution—along with links to more details on what you need to know and what steps you should take.

**Getting Started with Container Pricing for IBM Z**

Application Development and Test Solution	New Application Solution	Payments Pricing Solution
<p><b>Overview</b></p> <p>The Application Development and Test solution, by removing the need for aggressive cost controls around development and test, promotes a healthy development and test environment on z/OS.</p> <p>→ Requirements</p> <p>→ See more in the announcement</p>	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>Work with an IBM Sales representative to define a solution with an agreed upon price.</p> <p>This agreement will include the decision to use either an LPAR that is dedicated to the workload or an LPAR on which the workload is colocated with other workloads. The Application Development and Test environment is typically on dedicated LPARs.</p> <p>→ Define a solution</p>	<p><b>Setup</b></p> <p>For a dedicated-LPAR solution, the only setup is to update your SCRT JCL to reflect the solution ID, which is generated as part of the agreement with IBM.</p> <p>→ Update SCRT for container pricing</p> <p>For a colocated-LPAR solution, you must first create definitions in WLM.</p> <p>→ Container pricing definitions in WLM</p>

**Figure 3**

Finally, a “Resources” section (as shown in Figure 4) links to the other components of the content solution, such as the c3 and z/OSMF workflows.

## Resources for Container Pricing for IBM Z

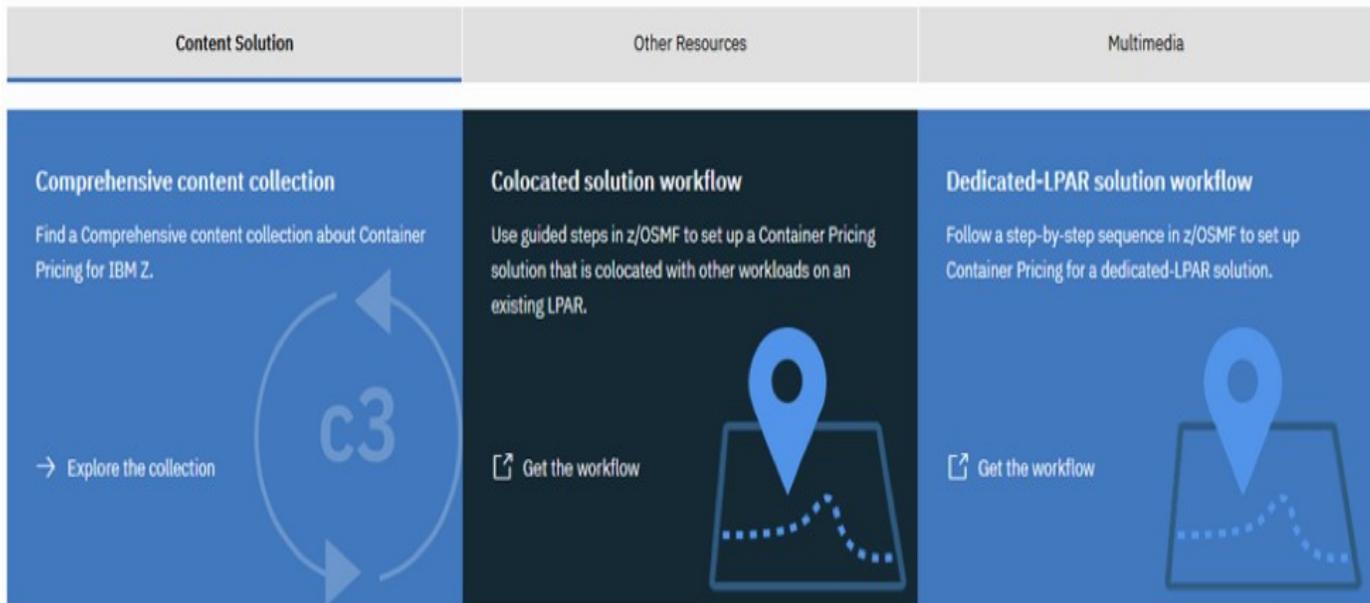


Figure 4

Check out the full content solution [here](https://izswebpage.mybluemix.net/cp/containerpricing.html) (<https://izswebpage.mybluemix.net/cp/containerpricing.html>).

## How Content Solutions Can Help You

In summary, a content solution:

- Provides a comprehensive view of an offering (no more searching across multiple books or websites)
- Helps you quickly understand what an offering is
- Leads you to the details
- Helps you find a variety of resources, including Redbooks, whitepapers, z/OSMF workflows, blogs, videos and podcasts

Throughout our development process—from initial brainstorming sessions to the implementation and delivery of content solutions—we emphasized customer validation. In working with sponsor users, we listened to clients and iterated our design in a continuous loop.

With this in mind, we want your feedback! A “Rate this Content” (<https://www.surveymoz.com/s3/4346262/zKnowledge-Center-Content-Solutions?Page=containerpricing>) feature of the web solutions for Container Pricing for IBM Z and pervasive encryption for IBM Z provides you with the opportunity to give us input about content solutions. If there’s something you’d like to see, let us know. If you want to be a sponsor user for content solutions, tell us. And, if you have suggestions for new content solutions, we welcome them.

The more feedback we receive, the better content we can produce. We look forward to hearing from you.