

The New z/VSE Database Connector (DBCLI)

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Options for using Databases with z/VSE applications

§ DB2/VSE or DB2/VM Server

- Local database residing in z/VSE or z/VM
- Lacks support of modern SQL functionality
- Only quite old SQL level supported

§ DB2/VSE Client Edition

- Remote database (on Linux, Windows, Unix)
- Communication via DRDA protocol
- Same old SQL level supported as DB2/VSE Server
- Can not use modern SQL functionality provided by DB2 LUW
- Can only access remote DB2 databases
 - Other databases (e.g. MS SQL Server, Oracle, etc) can only be accessed through IBM InfoSphere Federation Server

§ VSAM Redirector

- Primarily used to keep Databases in sync with VSAM data
- Also allows migration from VSAM to database

§ New: z/VSE Database Call Level Interface

- Allows z/VSE applications to access a relational database on any suitable database server
- NEW

- IBM DB2, IBM Informix, Oracle, MS SQL Server, MySQL, etc.
- Utilize advanced database functions and use SQL statements provided by modern database products







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§ Allows z/VSE applications to access a relational database on any suitable database server



- IBM DB2, IBM Informix, Oracle, MS SQL Server, MySQL, etc.

à The database product must provide a JDBC driver that supports JDBC V3.0 or later

à Utilize advanced database functions and use SQL statements provided by modern database products

Requires z/VSE 5.1 plus PTFs (UK78892 and UK78893)



New: z/VSE Database Call Level Interface (DBCLI)

§ The z/VSE Database Call Level Interface (DBCLI) provides a programming interface (API)

- -Call interface for use with COBOL, PL/1, Assembler, C and REXX
- -Can be used in Batch applications as well as in CICS TS applications
- -Supports LE enabled as well as non-LE environments (Assembler, REXX)

§ It provides callable functions for

- -Initializing and Terminating the API Environment
- -Connecting and Disconnecting to/from the DBCLI Server and the Database
- Executing SQL Statements
- -Retrieving query results through cursors
- -Handling of Logical Units of Work (Transactions)
- -Retrieving Database Meta Data



§ DBCLI can only support what the underlying Database supports





New: z/VSE Database Call Level Interface (DBCLI)

§ The DBCLI API is not compatible with DB2/VSE's EXEC DB2 preprocessor interface

- It provides similar functions and concepts
- The API is similar to the ODBC programming interface known from distributed platforms (ODBC = Open Data Base Connectivity)
- § No preprocessor is needed, instead you code the CALL statements directly in your program
- § A COBOL example is provided to show how DBCLI can be used in your applications
- § Documentation is provided in the updated manual "z/VSE V5R1 e-business Connectors User's Guide" - SC34-2629-01
 - -Chapter 9 and 22
 - -Available on z/VSE web page: http://ibm.com/zvse/documentation/#conn





Using the DBCLI API in your applications

§ Using DBCLI in COBOL:

The COBOL copybook IESDBCOB contains common declarations

CALL 'IESDBCLI' USING FUNCTION ENV-HANDLE parm1 parm2 ... parmN RETCODE.

§ Using DBCLI in PL/1

- The PL/I copybook IESDBPL1 contains common declarations
CALL IESDBCLI(FUNCTION, ENV_HANDLE, parm1, parm2, ..., parmN, RETCODE);

§ Using DBCLI in C

- The C header file IESDBC.h contains common declarations
IESDBCLI(function, &env_handle, &parm1, &parm2, ..., &parmN, &retcode);



§ Using DBCLI in Assembler

- The Assembler macro IESDBASM contains common declarations

CALL IESDBCLI, (FUNCTION, ENV_HANDLE, parm1, parm2, ..., parmN, RETCODE), VL

- The following register conventions apply:
 - Register 0, 1, 14, and 15 are used by the interface and must be, if necessary, saved prior to invocation
 - Register 13 must point to a 72-byte save area provided by the caller

§ Using DBCLI in REXX

ADDRESS LINKPGM "IESDBCLA FUNCTION ENV_HANDLE parm1 parm2 ... parmN RETCODE"

- All parameters must be initialized with a value of the appropriate length before calling the DBCLI API. This is especially true for output parameters.
- Fullword binary variables must be initialized to contain 4 bytes (for example, VARIABLE = D2C(0,4))
- Since the variable is expected to contain a value in binary representation, you must convert the value from the REXX string representation into the binary representation and vice versa using the REXX functions C2S and D2C



DBCLI Concepts: Initializing and terminating the environment

When using the API provided by the DBCLI client, you must:

- § Initialize the API environment by calling the INITENV function before calling any other function
 - The INITENV function allocates an environment handle that you must pass to all subsequent functions
 - You can have only one active environment at a time in your program
- § Terminate the API environment (at the end of your program) by calling the TERMENV function
 - The TERMENV function frees all resources allocated by the DBCLI code
 - The TERMENV function will also close any "left over" connections or statements
 - After the TERMENV function, the environment handle is no longer valid

§ You can set and get various attributes on the environment level

- You do so by calling the SETENVATTR or GETENVATTR function







DBCLI Concepts: Connecting to the DBCLI Server and Database

To access a Database, you must connect to the DBCLI server and the Vendor database

- § You connect to the DBCLI server (DBCliServer) and the database by calling the CONNECT function
- § You must supply the:
 - IP address or hostname of DBCliServer
 - Alias name of the database or the JDBC URL to which you wish to connect
 - User-ID and Password to authenticate with the database
- **§** The CONNECT function allocates a connection handle that you must pass to all subsequent functions that require a connection
 - You can have multiple connections to the same or different DBCLI servers and databases at a time
 - Each connection is represented by its own connection handle
- § When you are finished working with a database, you must disconnect from the database and the DBCLI server (DBCliServer) by calling the DISCONNECT function
 - The DISCONNECT function frees the connection handle and all left over statements (if any) that you have allocated using this connection



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Per default, a connection operates in transaction mode:

- **§** Any database updates that you perform are contained in a logical unit of work
- § You can end a logical unit of work by calling the COMMIT or ROLLBACK functions:
 - The COMMIT function commits all changes done since the beginning of the logical unit of work and starts a new logical unit of work
 - The ROLLBACK function rolls back (reverts) all changes since the beginning of the logical unit of work or up to a savepoint
- § Usually, you should explicitly call the COMMIT function at the end of the program.
- **§** If you do not call the COMMIT function, DBCliServer will automatically commit all changes
 - if you gracefully close the connection by calling the DISCONNECT function
- **§** If the connection is dropped (for example, because the program abends), the DBCLI server rolls back all changes done since the beginning of the last logical unit of work
- § You can set a connection into auto-commit mode
 - In auto-commit mode, every SQL statement is treated as its own logical unit of work and is committed automatically when the statement execution is complete.
 - Therefore, you do not have to call the COMMIT or ROLLBACK functions.
 - You set a connection into auto-commit mode by calling the SETCONNATTR function to set the CONNATTR-AUTO-COMMIT attribute to TRUE







DBCLI Concepts: Preparing SQL Statements

In order to execute an SQL statement, you must first prepare the SQL statement

- **§** During preparation, the database will pre-compile the SQL statement and create an access plan for the statement
 - The access plan is kept as long as the statement exists
 - You can then execute the statement as many times as you want
- § The PREPARESTATEMENT function prepares an SQL statement for execution
 - It allocates a statement handle that represents the statement
 - An application can have multiple prepared statements at a time
- **§** The PREPARECALL function prepares a stored procedure call statement for execution
- § SQL statements may contain parameters that are evaluated at execution time
 - Parameters are marked by a question mark (?) within the SQL statement
 - The parameters are numbered in order of appearance, starting with 1
- **§** After preparing, the application can bind host variables to the parameters using the BINDPARAMETER function
 - When the statement is later executed, the content of the host variables is used and sent to the database.



DBCLI Concepts: Statement Parameters and Parameter Markers

SQL statements may contain parameters that are evaluated at execution time

§ Parameters are marked by a question mark (?) within the SQL statement

§ The parameters are numbered in order of appearance, starting with 1

§ Parameters can be used for INPUT, OUTPUT or both

SELECT * FROM EMPLOYEE WHERE EMPNO>? AND SALARY>?

Parameter 1 Parameter 2



à Above statement has 2 parameters

§ When using DB2/VSE preprocessor, above statement would look like:

- SELECT * FROM EMPLOYEE WHERE EMPNO>:empno AND SALARY>:salary

§ The application binds host variables to the parameters using the BINDPARAMETER function

- When the statement is later executed, the content of the host variables is used and sent to the database
- You also specify the data type and length of the variable with the BINDPARAMETER call
- You do not need to re-bind the parameters when executing the statement a second time

§ You can use the GETNUMPARAMETERS and GETPARAMETERINFO functions to obtain detailed information about the statement parameters 2012 IBM Corporation



DBCLI Concepts: Executing statements



To execute a statement, you must call the **EXECUTE** function

- § If the statement was an SQL update statement, you can retrieve the number of rows updated using the GETUPDATECOUNT function or the UPDATE-COUNT parameter at the EXECUTE function
- § If the statement was a SQL query statement, you can use a cursor to retrieve (fetch) the result rows and columns
 - A statement can provide multiple results (mostly stored procedures)
 - To retrieve the additional results you must call the GETMORERESULTS function
 - The GETMORERESULTS function will move to the next available cursor or update count
- **§** If the statement was a stored procedure call, output parameters are updated with the data passed back by the stored procedure
- **§** When you no longer need a statement, you must close it by calling the CLOSESTATEMENT function:
 - The CLOSESTATEMENT function frees the statement handle and closes all cursors (if any) that may still be open from the last statement execution
- § The statement handle is no longer valid after the CLOSESTATEMENT function





DBCLI Concepts: Result sets and Cursors

The execution on an SQL query returns a result in form of a cursor

§ A cursor allows you to retrieve (fetch) the result rows and columns

- You can use the GETNUMCOLUMNS and GETCOLUMNINFO functions to obtain detailed information about the cursor's columns
- The columns are numbered in order of appearance, starting at 1



- § To fetch the result rows using the cursor, you must first bind host variables to the columns of interest
 - You bind host variables to the columns of interest by calling the BINDCOLUMN function
 - If the FETCH function is called later on, the host variables will be updated with the contents of the column in the row that has been fetched
- § Per default, the FETCH function processes the cursor from the beginning to the end
 - You may reposition with a cursor
 - Providing the database supports this and you have created the statement using the appropriate type (CURSOR-TYPE-SCROLL-INSENSITIVE or CURSOR-TYPE-SCROLL-SENSITIVE)
- **§** Repositioning can be performed using either the:
 - FETCH function with operations FETCH-PREVIOUS, FETCH-FIRST, FETCH-LAST, FETCH-ABSOLUTE or FETCH-RELATIVE.

-- SETPOS function



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DBCLI Concepts: Database Meta Data

The DBCLI interface allows you to retrieve meta data from the database

§ This includes functions to get a list of tables, indexes, keys, columns of a table, and so on

- **§** This information is typically stored in system catalog tables in the database.
 - You can also execute regular SELECT statements against the system catalog tables, but this requires that you know which database system and vendor you are using
 - System catalog tables are vendor- and database-specific
- **§** The DBCLI interface provides a set of database independent functions to retrieve meta data information.
 - These functions are prefixed with 'DB'
 - The function DBTABLES for example retries a list of tables available in the database



§ Please note that some databases may not support all of the meta data functions

DBBESTROWIDENT	DBPROCEDURES
DBCATALOGS	DBSCHEMAS
DBCOLUMNPRIV	DBSUPERTABLES
DBCOLUMNS	DBSUPERTYPES
DBCROSSREFERENCE	DBTABLEPRIV
DBEXPORTEDKEYS	DBTABLES
DBIMPORTEDKEYS	DBTABLETYPES
DBINDEXINFO	DBTYPEINFO
DBPRIMARYKEYS	DBUDTS
DBPROCEDURECOLS	DBVERSIONCOLS





COBOL Example

















COBOL Example PROCEDURE DIVISION. MAIN-PROGRAM. DISPLAY 'COBSAMPL STARTED'. Connect to the DBCLI server and the database MOVE '9,152.2.70' TO SERVER. MOVE 10 TO SERVER-LEN. MOVE 16178 TO PORT. MOVE 'SAMPLE' TO DBNAME. MOVE 6 TO DENAME-LEN. * Pret Bind host variable * Bind the EMPNO host variable (Text) to parameter 1. * Here we specify the optional codepage parameter to "EMPNO" * send the text data in the desired codepage. to parameter MOVE 1 TO PARM-IDX. MOVE LENGTH OF EMPNO TO EMPNO-LEN. MOVE 'CP1047' TO CODEPAGE. number 1 MOVE LENGTH OF CODEPAGE TO CODEPAGE-LEN. CALL 'IESDBCLI' USING FUNC-BINDPARAMETER ENV-HANDLE as STRING STMT-HANDLE PARM-IDX NATIVE-TYPE-STRING EMPNO EMPNO-LEN EMPNO-IND CODEPAGE CODEPAGE-LEN RETCODE. DISPLAY 'RETCODE OF BINDPARAMETER IS ' RETCODE. IF RETCODE > EOK THEN PERFORM CHECK-ERROR END-IF.





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COBOL Example





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Hints & Tips

- § The DBCLI code is CICS-aware
 - If running under CICS, any memory allocations are performed using EXEC CICS GETMAIN instead of using the GETVIS macro



- § When using the DBCLI API in CICS transactions while CICS operates with storage protection, all programs using the DBCLI API need to be defined with EXECKEY(CICS)
 - This is also true for those programs that link to these programs
 - TASKDATAKEY(CICS) for the transaction definition is NOT required.
- § When using the DBCLI API in CICS transactions, the EZA "task-related-user-exit" (TRUE) has to be activated before these transactions can be run
 - For details on how to activate this TRUE, refer to "CICS Considerations for the EZA Interfaces" in the z/VSE TCP/IP Support, SC34-2640
- § Most JDBC drivers will only accept pure SQL statements
 - They will not accept SQL preprocessor statements that are used for DB2 Server for VSE applications
- § The call to the IESDBCLI function must be a static CALL in COBOL
 - Do not use the DYNAM compiler option



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