

# **Language Environment for Dummies**

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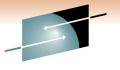
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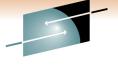
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## Agenda

What is a Run-time Library?
Why LE?
LE Terminology
LE CEL Functions
The Life of a Module
Setting Run-time Options
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## What is a Run-Time Library?



A Run-time Library works together with the code produced by a compiler to provide functionality for an application

- Obtain and manage storage
- Read and write data
- Perform math calculations

There are advantages to providing function in a Run-time Library

- Greatly reduces need for the compilers to generate the code
- Shields the languages from needing detailed knowledge of the underlying operating system and hardware
- Greatly reduces the need to recompile and re-link when fixes are required to run-time functions



## So, Why Language Environment?



 Since their creation, customers were having trouble getting COBOL and PL/I to play nicely together

- COBOL and PL/I each designed to be stand-alone, unaware of each other
  - When leaving a COBOL program to return to a PL/I program, the COBOL library might free storage that PL/I still wanted
  - Language-specific Math Libraries produced different results
- Customers at GUIDE and SHARE worked with IBM to design a solution
  - The result: Language Environment



## Time to make the doughnut...



FORTRAN C/C++ PL/I COBOL

- Pre-LE environment

   4 independent products
   upward incompatibilities
   loose adherence to standards
   purely a customer application enabler
- LE environment
  - I product for z/OS, z/VM and VSE

100% upward/downward compatibility
strict adherence to standards
part of the z/OS base
exploiters include USS, TCP/IP, BCPii, LOTUS Domino, WebSphere, etc...

## **Other Advantages**

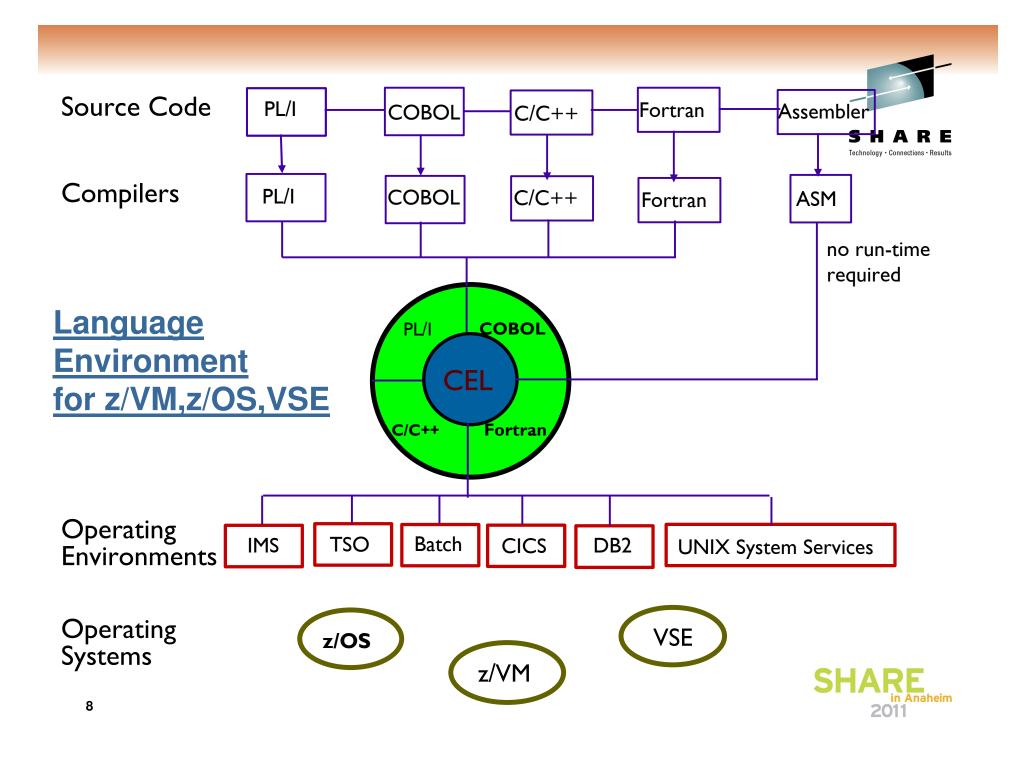


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 Language Environment not only helped the languages to cooperate with each other, but also allowed member languages to share each other's features. For example:

COBOL can use the C and PL/I condition handling infrastructure
Storage managed in a 'common' fashion
All languages now access the excellent Fortran library math routines
"hybrid" languages – Enterprise PL/I, etc







## LE Terminology - Program Management

main program – the routine that causes the LE environment to be initialized

**routine** either a procedure, function, or subroutine

Equivalent HLL terms:

- COBOL program
- C/C++ function
- PL/I procedure, BEGIN block

ILC – inter-language communication – application contains a mixture of languages, which introduces special issues

- how the languages' data maps across load module boundaries
- how conditions are handled
- how data can be passed and received by each language



## LE Terminology - Program Management



- member language a high-level language that is compiled with an LE-supported compiler
- member event handler member-supplied routine that is called at various times as a program runs when a significant event has occurred, or when the environment needs some information that is held by the member
- LE-Enabled Routine that can run with LE run-time, and may also run with previous run-times. Cannot make use of Language Environment callable services.
- **LE-Conforming** Routine that can run only with the LE runtime library. Can make use of LE callable services.





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## **LE Terminology – Callable Services**

#### LE Callable Services – programmatic way of utilizing LE

services

- AWI Application Writer Interface
- CWI Compiler Writer Interface
- CEE prefixed general to all platforms
- CEE3 prefixed specific to only z/OS
- SHARE Session: Introducing LE Callable Services, plus a User's View of Why and How You Should Exploit Them in Your Applications – Fri 9:30AM

•USS Assembler Callable Services – supported by the C/C++ specific portion of the Run-time

BPX prefixed





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## LE Terminology – Program Model

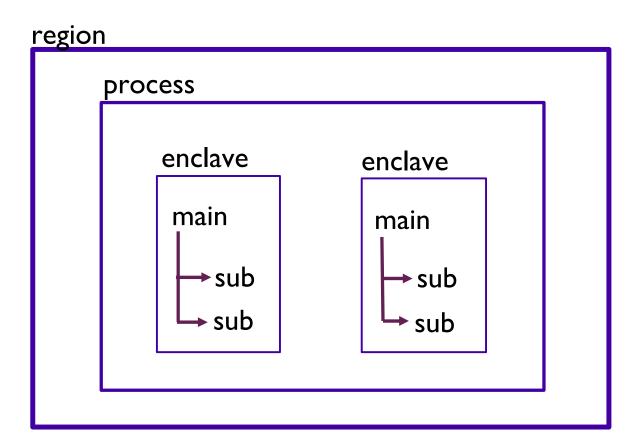
- region the range of storage the application set runs in
  process set of applications that accomplish a task
  enclave an application set of modules that accomplish some subtask
  thread - dispatchable unit of work that shares storage
- with others in the enclave



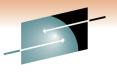


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# **LE Terminology - Program Model**



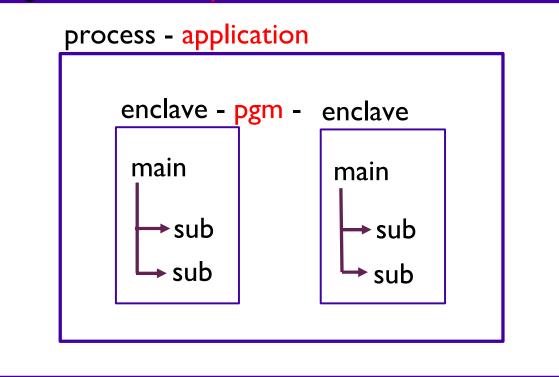






## LE Terminology - MVS 'Model'

region - address space

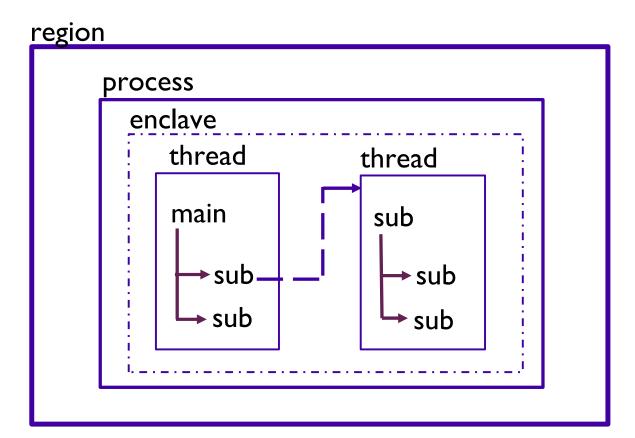






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## LE Terminology – Multi-threading 'Model'







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## **CICS Terminology**

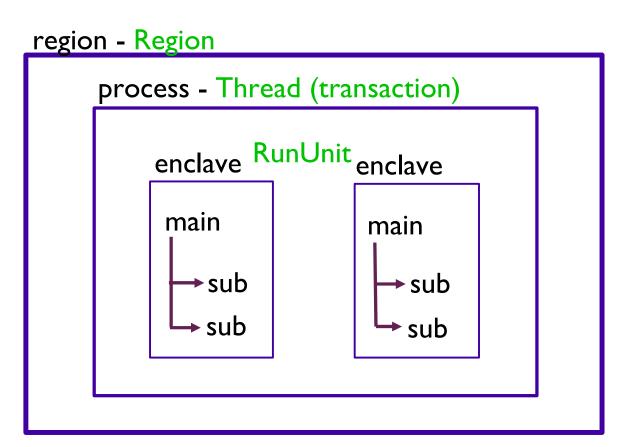
region - the range of storage the application set runs in
transaction - set of applications that accomplish a task
run-unit - an application - set of modules that accomplish some subtask





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## LE Terminology - CICS 'Model'







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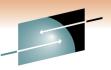
## **LE CEL Functions**

#### CEL is a set of common functions and routines used by all member languages of LE

- Initialization/Termination
- Storage Management
- Condition Handling
- Message Services
- Date/Time Services
- Math Functions

Behavior customizable by the use of Run-time Options



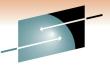


# Common LE Functions – Initialization/Termination

#### LE code linked with the module begins a bootstrap process to initialize LE

- initial storage is obtained
- this LE instance 'registered' with USS
- condition handlers initialized
- active member language specific run-time is initialized
- Control is given to the application code
- Once the application ends and 'returns' to LE
  - The LE environment is terminated
  - System resources obtained during initialization and throughout the execution of the application are cleaned up





## **Common LE Functions - Storage Management**

- LE manages two types of storage for use by the application (and itself):
  - HEAP used for COBOL WORKING-STORAGE, C malloc, and PL/I ALLOCATE requests
  - STACK module linkage (save areas), C and PL/I automatic variables, COBOL LOCAL-STORAGE
- Initial storage is obtained with one GETMAIN and managed internal to LE





# Common LE Functions - Condition Handling

#### Condition - Any change to the normal flow of a program

- a.k.a. exception, interruption
- Could be detected by hardware or software (ours or yours)
- Condition Handler A routine called by LE to respond to a condition
  - Registered by application using CEEHDLR, or part of a member language semantics, such as PL/I ON statements

#### Condition Handler Response

- Resume after corrective action taken, control returns to a 'resume cursor'
  - Either back to point of failure, or to a new resume point set by the condition handler
- Percolate decline to handle the condition, LE calls next condition handler
- Promote change condition meaning and percolate



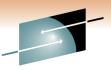


# Common LE Functions - Condition Handling

Diagnostic Documentation

- messages (same as module prefixes)
  - CEE CEL
  - IGZ COBOL
  - IBM PL/I
  - AFH FORTRAN
  - EDC C/C++
- CEEDUMP and/or system dump
- Run-time Options Report
- Run-time Storage Report





## **Common LE Functions - Condition Handling**

#### LE Abend Codes

- designated as USER abends
- U4000-4095 reserved for applications running under LE
- many abends codes have associated reason codes to further isolate the problem
- some abends are the result of LE problems while others are application problems
- 'special' processing needed to generate U1000 style abend codes





## **Common LE Functions - Message Services**

- allows HLLs to 'issue' common messages
- messages written to a common place LE's MSGFILE
- abstracts' system failures from the application
- can be formatted in:
  - Mixed-case American English (ENU)
  - Uppercase American English (UEN)
  - Japanese (JPN)





## Common LE Functions – Date/Time Services

- provides a consistent 'answer' when requesting date and time from the running system
- format date and time by country code
- parse date and time values
- convert between different formats (Gregorian, Julian, Asian, etc)
- calculate days between dates, elapsed time
- get local time
- handle 2 year dates as part of Y2K solution



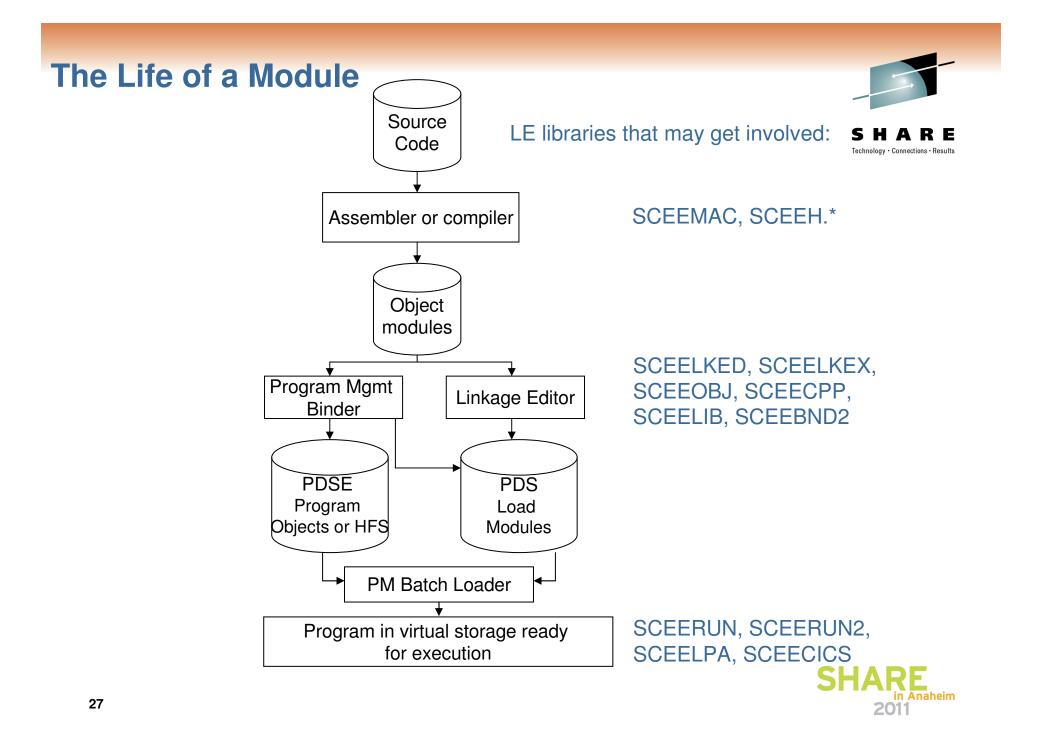


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## **Common LE Functions – Math Services**

- derived from FORTRAN math functions
  binary, single floating point, double floating point, IEEE support
- See the LE Programming Reference for a complete list







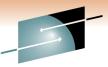
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## **Run-Time Options**

- Allows users to specify how Language Environment behaves when an application runs
  - Performance tuning
  - Error handling characteristics
  - Storage management
  - Production of debugging information
- May be set in many different locations with varying scopes



## **Setting Run-Time Options**

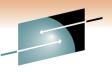


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To set default RTOs for applications across all systems

- Installation defaults (CEEDOPT/CEECOPT/CELQDOPT)
  - SMP/E USERMOD used to update Language Environment modules
  - Note: USERMODs will be eliminated in a future release!
- To set default RTOs for applications on one or more systems
   System defaults
  - Options specified in a PARMLIB member (CEEPRMxx)
  - Options specified with an operator command (SETCEE)
- To affect applications running within a region
   Region Level Overrides (CEEROPT/CELQROPT)
   CICS TS, LRR users (e.g. IMS), also Batch
   Separate module loaded at run-time during region initialization

CLER transaction for CICS environment (RTO subset)



## **Setting Run-Time Options**

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- To provide RTO settings for a specific application:
  - Application Level Overrides (CEEUOPT/CELQUOPT)
    - CSECT linked with the application

## Programmer Overrides

- #pragma runopts for C/C++
- PLIXOPT for PL/I

## To provide RTO settings for a given run of an application:

## Program Invocation Overrides

- USS shell: export \_CEE\_RUNOPTS='run-time options'
- In batch, on EXEC card: PARM=

## DD:CEEOPTS Overrides

Optional data set in which run-time options may be specified





## **Setting Run-Time Options**

- Options Merge (priority)
  - Program Invocation Overrides
  - DD:CEEOPTS Overrides
  - Programmer Overrides
  - Application Level Overrides
  - Region Level Overrides (where applicable)
  - System Defaults (CEEPRMxx and SETCEE)
  - Installation Defaults
- For more information on setting run-time options, see Appendix



## **Key Run-Time Options**



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#### Subtopics

•Tuning

Additional Information:

SHARE session: Look What I Found Under the Bar! (Fri 8:00AM)

#### Diagnostics

•Additional Information: SHARE session: LE Crime Scene Investigation (Thu 1:30PM)





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## **Key Run-Time Options - Tuning**

• ALL31(option)

- ON For AMODE 31 programs
- OFF For AMODE 24 programs (can be determined dynamically)



## **Key Run-Time Options - Tuning**

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- ANYHEAP(initial, increment, location, disp)
- BELOWHEAP(initial, increment, disp)
- HEAP(initial, increment, location, disp, init24, incr24)
  - initial Minimum size of initial heap segment
  - increment Minimum size of additional segments
  - Iocation BELOW (<16MB), ANYWHERE
  - disp KEEP, FREE (action when empty)
  - Notes:
    - ANYHEAP/BELOWHEAP used internally by Language Environment
    - HEAP used for application-related storage
       COBOL WORKING-STORAGE (for RENT programs)
       Dynamic storage (C malloc, C++ new, PL/I ALLOCATE)



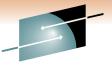
## **Key Run-Time Options - Tuning**



#### • HEAPPOOLS(ON|OFF, size1, prcnt1, ..., size12, prcnt12)

- size *N* Up to 12 cell pool sizes to be utilized
- prcnt*N* Percentage of HEAP(initial) to be used for cell pool
- Notes:
  - C/C++ and Enterprise PL/I only
  - Use RPTSTG(ON) to tune settings for each application





## **Key Run-Time Options - Tuning**

- STACK(init, incr, location, disp, dsinit, dsincr)
  - init Actual size of initial stack segment
  - incr
     Minimum size of additional segments
  - Iocation
     BELOW, ANYWHERE
  - disp KEEP, FREE (action when empty)
  - dsinit XPLINK initial stack
  - dsincr XPLINK increment stack
  - Notes:
    - Used for Dynamic Save Areas / Stack Frames
      - •C/C++ and PL/I local variables, COBOL LOCAL-STORAGE
    - Must use STACK(,,BELOW) when running ALL31(OFF)





# **Key Run-Time Options - Tuning**

• RPTSTG(option)

- OFF Storage report not requested
- ON Generates a report of stack/heap usage
   including recommended settings
- •Caution:

•Use only for application tuning. Do not make RPTSTG(ON) system wide default due to significant performance impact.

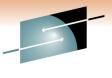
Consider CICS TS dynamic storage tuning as an alternative.



#### • ABTERMENC(option)

- ABEND Step will be ABENDed (job terminates)
- RETCODE Step ends with return code (job continues)





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- DYNDUMP(hlq,U4039 Behavior,U40xx Behavior)
  - hlq may be user-specified, or:
    - \*USERID | \*USERID.hlq
    - \*TSOPREFIX | \*TSOPREFIX.hlq
  - U4039 Behavior with TERMTHDACT(UADUMP/UAONLY/UATRACE)
    - NODYNAMIC Do not create IPCS-readable dump (default)
    - DYNAMIC Create IPCS-readable dump if no other dump DD name
    - FORCE Create IPCS-readable dump instead of other dumps
    - BOTH Create IPCS-readable dump in addition to other dumps
  - U40xx Behavior non-U4039 dumps
    - TDUMP Create IPCS-readable dump (default)
    - NOTDUMP Do not create IPCS-readable dump



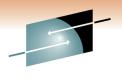


- HEAPCHK(ON|OFF, frequency, delay, level, call-depth, num-entries, pool-num)
  - OFF Normal processing
  - ON Checks HEAP structures on get/free
  - frequency
     How often the HEAP is checked
  - delay
     Number of get/free before starting
    - Number of calls to be displayed in
    - Heap Storage Diagnostic Report
  - call-depth Number of calls to be displayed for HEAPPOOLS Serviceability
    - Number of entries to be recorded in the heap pool trace table for the main user heap
  - pool-num
     ID of the heap pool to be traced



level

num-entries



- HEAPCHK(ON|OFF, frequency, delay, level, call-depth, num-entries, pool-num) (continued)
  - Caution:
    - Use only for application tuning/diagnostics. Do not make HEAPCHK(ON) system wide default due to serious performance impact.
  - Notes:
    - To generate only Heap Storage Diagnostic Report use, e.g.
      HEAPCHK(ON,0,0,10,0)
    - To activate only HEAPPOOLS Serviceability use, e.g.
      HEAPCHK(ON,0,0,0,5)







#### • STORAGE(getheap, freeheap, stack, reserve)

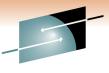
- getheap
   One byte value used to initialize every
   heap allocation
- freeheap
   One byte value used to initialize every
   heap free
- stack
   One byte value used to initialize every
   stack allocation
- reserve Amount of space to reserve for out of storage condition processing





- STORAGE(getheap, freeheap, stack, reserve) (continued) Notes:
  - STORAGE(AA,EE,,) useful for debugging
    - When HEAPCHK(ON), free elements are checked to ensure they contain the freeheap value
  - STORAGE(00,,,) is equivalent to COBOL WSCLEAR
  - STORAGE(,,00,) vs. STORAGE(,,CLEAR,)
    - •00 is <u>very</u> expensive (especially for C/C++)
    - CLEAR sets to binary zeros the unused portion of the initial stack segment just prior to the "main" getting control





#### • TERMTHDACT(option)

- QUIET Messages off, no dump
- MSG Messages only, no dump
- TRACE CEEDUMP with traceback only
- DUMP CEEDUMP
- UADUMP CEEDUMP, optional system dump
- UAONLY System dump only, no CEEDUMP
- UATRACE System dump and traceback

#### • Notes:

•SYSMDUMP DD card required for system dump (unless DYNDUMP is being used)





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#### TRAP(option)

- ON,SPIE Condition handling enabled
- ON,NOSPIE Allows user applications to have their own SPIE routine, Language Environment condition handling will take place via the ESTAE
   OFF Condition handling disabled, some functionality not available (AVOID)

#### •Notes:

• TRAP(ON,SPIE) highly recommended for normal processing





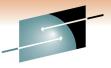
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#### • RPTOPTS(option)

- OFF Options report not requested
- ON Generate a report of all current
  - options (upon successful termination)

- •Notes:
  - Automatically included in CEEDUMP





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#### **Other Good sessions**

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An Introduction to using REXX with Language Environment	Tues	3:00PM
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User Experience: Writing a Web-enabled CICS/COBOL Program	Wed	3:00PM
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How You Should Exploit Them in Your Applications	Fri	9:30AM
Slowed down by LE? Perhaps the CEEPIPI service can help!	Fri	11:00AM





## **Appendix**

- Supported Releases
- Compilers Compatible With LE
- Compilers That Require LE
- Setting Run-time Options



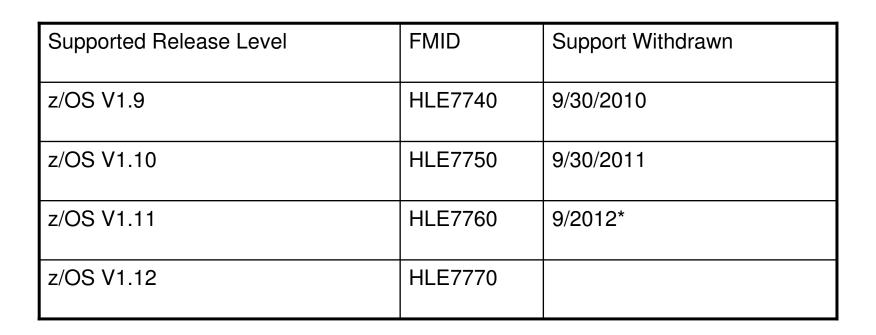
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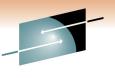
#### **Supported Releases**



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## **Compilers Compatible with LE**

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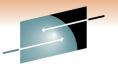
Object modules compiled with the following compilers will run with LE without having to be re-linked or if linked with LE do not need to be recompiled:

C/370 Versions 1 and 2 OS/VS COBOL Release 2 VS COBOL II Release 3 or later OS PL/I Version 1 Release 3 (object modules), Version 1 Release 5.1 and Version 2, all releases (load modules) VS FORTRAN Versions 1 and 2 (MVS only) FORTRAN IV H Extended (MVS only) FORTRAN IV G1 (MVS only) for OS/390 VS FORTRAN

and FORTRAN IV (in compatibility mode)



### **Compilers that Require LE**



z/OS XL C/C++ Technology · Connections · Resul OS/390 C/C++ C/C++ Compiler for MVS/ESA(TM) AD/Cycle® C/370(TM) Compiler VisualAge for Java, Enterprise Edition for OS/390 Enterprise COBOL for z/OS Enterprise COBOL for z/OS and OS/390 COBOL for OS/390 & VM COBOL for MVS & VM (formerly COBOL/370) Enterprise PL/I for z/OS Enterprise PL/I for z/OS and OS/390 VisualAge PL/I for OS/390 PL/I for MVS & VM AD/Cycle PL/I for MVS & VM VS FORTRAN and FORTRAN IV (in compatibility mode)





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Installation defaults (CEEDOPT/CEECOPT/CELQDOPT)

- Also referred to as system-wide defaults
- SMP/E USERMOD to Language Environment modules
- All options must be specified

CEEDOPT	CSECT	00110000
CEEDOPT	AMODE ANY	00120000
CEEDOPT	RMODE ANY	00130000
C	CEEXOPT ABPERC=((NONE), OVR),	X00140000
	ABTERMENC=((ABEND), OVR),	X00150000
	AIXBLD=((OFF), OVR),	X00160000
	ALL31=((ON), OVR),	X00170000
	ANYHEAP=((16K,8K,ANYWHERE,FREE),OVR),	X00180000
	BELOWHEAP=((8K,4K,FREE),OVR),	X00190000





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## **Setting Run-Time Options**

- System defaults
  - Options may be specified in a PARMLIB member
    - CEEPRMxx
  - Options may be specified with an operator command
     SETCEE
  - Reduces the need to maintain USERMODs for CEEDOPT/CEECOPT/CELQDOPT





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## **Setting Run-Time Options**

System defaults (continued)

Specifying options in PARMLIB member

Member name CEEPRMxx

Member(s) specified at IPL time using CEE=xx via IEASYSxx or at the system parameters prompt

Can by dynamically changed via SET CEE=yy command

Options specified in groups

```
CEEDOPT (ABPERC (NONE) ALL31 (ON)
rptopts (on) ) /* Options report */
```

CEECOPT(anyheap(4k, 4080, anywhere, free))

CEEDOPT(ALL31(OFF)) /\* Turn off this option \*/





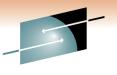
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## **Setting Run-Time Options**

System defaults (continued)
Using the SETCEE system command
Overrides the current system defaults
Usage
Specify one group per command
Up to 126 characters
Example:

SETCEE ceedopt, rptstg(on), rptopts(on)





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### **Setting Run-Time Options**

- System defaults (continued)
  - Displaying the system defaults
    - D CEE displays the active members

d cee CEE3744I 17.57.31 DISPLAY CEE=(JM)

DCEE, groupname displays the options for a particular group



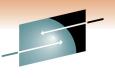


Region Level Overrides (CEEROPT)

- CICS TS and LRR users (e.g. IMS) only (pre-z/OS V1.10)
- Batch users (via CEEROPT/CELQROPT CEEPRMxx keyword) (V1.10)
- Separate load module dynamically loaded at run-time during region initialization
  - SCEESAMP(CEEWROPT)
  - Must be found in search order, such as STEPLIB for IMS and batch, or DFHRPL for CICS TS
- Specify only those options you wish to change

CEEROPT	CSECT	00110000
CEEROPT	AMODE ANY	00120000
CEEROPT	RMODE ANY	00130000
	CEEXOPT ALL31=((ON),OVR),	x00170000
	STORAGE = ((00, NONE, NONE, 0K), OVR)	00210000
	END	



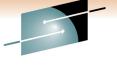


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Region Level Overrides (CEEROPT) (continued)

- Certain options can be overridden dynamically in CICS TS region via the CLER transaction
  - **ALL31**
  - CBLPSHPOP
  - CHECK
  - INFOMSGFILTER
  - RPTOPTS
  - RPTSTG
  - TERMTHDACT
  - TRAP





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Application Level Overrides (CEEUOPT/CELQUOPT)
 CSECT linked with the application
 SCEESAMP(CEEWUOPT/CEEWQUOP)
 Specify only those options you wish to change

CEEUOPT	CSECT	00110000
CEEUOPT	AMODE ANY	00120000
CEEUOPT	RMODE ANY	00130000
	CEEXOPT HEAP=(10M,10M,ANYWHERE,FREE),	X00180000
	STACK=(1M, 1M, ANYWHERE, KEEP)	00250000

END





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# **Setting Run-Time Options**

Programmer Overrides

Compiled into program

#pragma runopts for C/C++ #pragma runopts(ALL31(ON),ERRCOUNT(0),\ STACK(2M,1M,ANYWHERE,KEEP),\ HEAP(1M,500K,ANYWHERE,KEEP))

```
PLIXOPT for PL/I
```

DCL PLIXOPT CHAR(140) VAR INIT('ALL31(ON) ERRCOUNT(0) STACK(2M,1M,ANYWHERE,KEEP) HEAP(1M,500K,ANYWHERE,KEEP)') STATIC EXTERNAL; not available for COBOL

Internally generates CEEUOPT/CELQUOPT





Program Invocation Overrides

- In UNIX System Services shell (case sensitive)
  - export \_CEE\_RUNOPTS='run-time options'
- In batch, on EXEC card
  - COBOL (with CBLOPTS(ON))
    - PARM='program arguments/run-time options'
  - C/C++, PL/I, FORTRAN, Language Environment-conforming Assembler
    - PARM='run-time options/program arguments'
  - First program must be Language Environment-conforming
  - The slash is required to delineate the run-time options, even when no program arguments.

Note that PARM= is limited to 100 characters





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# **Setting Run-Time Options**

- DD:CEEOPTS Overrides
  - Optional data set in which run-time options may be specified
  - Allows up to 3K characters
  - Allows run-time options to be passed to non-Language Environment conforming main routines

```
//MYAPPL01 EXEC
PROG=MYPRG, PARM= `RPTOPTS (ON) /'
//CEEOPTS DD *
* THESE ARE MY OPTIONS:
ALL31 (ON) , HEAP (64K) ,
ENVAR (``JOHN=MONTI") ,
TERMTHDACT (UADUMP)
/*
```

