



TDMF for z/OS

TDMF for z/OS is available for installation in two formats:

1. Tape cartridge
2. Web download

Both product installation formats provide all current PTFs at the time of product shipment or download. However, it is possible that additional maintenance could be released following the shipment or download. Therefore, to ensure the product is brought up to date, following the installation, customers must review and apply all additional maintenance (PTFs and/or PE zaps) which can be found on the right side bar. Click on following link and select PTFs for your software version.

<http://www.softek.comen/support/tdmf/zos/>

An up to date installation would therefore consist of:

1. Tape or Web download at the most current PTF level and
2. Web download to the very latest PE zap level.

DETERMINING THE PRODUCT PTF LEVEL

If the product was previously installed, you can determine the PTF level of the installed TDMF software in one of the following ways:

Option U.7 – TDMF Support Utilities, System Change Summary or,

Option 10 – Display/Modify Installation Security Environment or,

Message TDM1721I contained within the sysout or the Communications Data Set (COMMDS) from a previous execution of TDMF.

If you are installing the base product from tape or web download, refer to one of the following to identify the PTF level:

Tape cartridge – refer to the **Release Notes (RN)** that are included with the product tape cartridge. The **Release Notes** specifically identifies what the PTF level is for the product tape.

Web download – within the zipped file, refer to a file named **Maintenance.txt**. This file identifies the PTF level of the software.



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DEFINITION OF TERMS

PR – Problem Report. A PR is a correction to a problem that may be distributed as part of a PTF or as a PE zap. Not all PRs become PE zaps.

PTF – a collection of PRs. May be considered a “level set”.

PE zap – PTF in Error (in AMASPZAP format) that will be included in a future PTF.

MAINTENANCE PACKAGING

PTFs are released periodically and are cumulative – that is, all previous maintenance is included in the new PTF. This simplifies the maintenance in that any PTFs that are skipped are automatically included at a higher-level PTF.

PTFs are supplied in load module format for SMP/E installation. PTFs are available by web download or tape cartridge. Each PTF contains a README file, which contains a list of all PRs for the current PTF with a brief description for each. Following the installation of a PTF, please refer to the entry “Applying maintenance between PTFs”.

FREQUENCY OF MAINTENANCE

IBM strongly recommends that each PTF and/or PE zap be downloaded as it becomes available. The actual application of the maintenance can be scheduled for a later time that is convenient to the user.

APPLYING MAINTENANCE BETWEEN PTFs

Any maintenance to the current PTF is supplied as a PE zap and is packaged for use with AMASPZAP. The PE zap is identified by a PR number and is available in SMP/E format. PE zaps are typically marked as Highly Pervasive (HIPER) and may include a reference to a Technical Information Bulletin (TIB) at the same time. PE zaps are available on the Technical Support web page only. PE zaps are also available as part of the PTF download package.

Please note that subsequent PE zaps may be created and posted to the Technical Support web page, requiring a new download of the entire PTF/PE zap package or individual download of each PE zap as it is released.



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NOTIFICATION OF UPDATES

IBM uses e-mail notifications to inform registered users of TDMF that an update has been made to the Technical Support web page.

IMPORTANT: IBM strongly recommends that all users register for automatic notification. A Group ID may also be used. This ensures that whenever a new PTF, PE zap or other update occurs, our customers can take appropriate action. If filtering is used within the e-mail system, messages from the softek.com domain need to be allowed.

IMPORTANT URLS

Automatic Notification –

<http://www.softek.com/en/support/tdmf/zos/register.html>

TDMF for z/OS support homepage –

<http://www.softek.com/en/support/tdmf/zos/>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The TDMF for z/OS Installation and Reference Guide contains this information.