

Mike Shorkend

IBM Z System Specialist

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Skills

z/OS, JES2, TSO/ISPF,
IMS/TM, CICS, zVM, Sysplex,
ISPF, JCL, Omegamon,
RACF, SMPE, HCD, IOA

Programming: Assembler, C,
REXX

Business Continuity Planning
and Disaster Recovery

Training

Performance Tuning

Capacity planning

Software cost control

Mainframe Architecture

Project Management

Mentoring

Languages

English, Hebrew: Native
language

French

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Accomplished professional with nearly 40 years of experience in the IBM mainframe domain, specializing in z/OS system programming, capacity planning and control, software pricing training, system architecture, assembler programming, and business continuity planning. Dedicated SHARE volunteer and regular presenter at SHARE and GS UK events, demonstrating a strong commitment to knowledge sharing and community engagement. Actively seeking freelance opportunities upon relocating to the UK in January 2026, eager to leverage extensive expertise to drive impactful solutions for clients. Proven ability to navigate complex technical environments while fostering collaboration and innovation, enhancing the potential for delivering exceptional results.

Work History

2005-01 -

Current

Z Platform Specialist

Self employed

- Provides services to several companies - financial institutes, software companies, government agencies, vocational schools
- These services include z/OS system programming, software development in assembler, C and REXX, capacity planning and control, performance tuning, system architecture, business continuity planning, training, software cost control
- From 2007 to 2014 I managed the Central Infrastructure unit at Isracard (Israel's largest credit card company)

I was responsible for two teams- the mainframe system team (z/OS, z/VM, mainframe storage, mainframe communications) and the Linux and storage team (RHEL on z and Intel, distributed storage, SAN/NAS)

I also served as deputy Infrastructure department manager

2003-07 -

2005-12

Software Engineer

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- Development in assembler of J2EE connectors for CICS and IMS
- Installation and Customization of z/OS

1990-04 -

2003-07

Senior Consultant

SCP

- I had a large number of activities at SCP
- These included: OS/390 system programming, software development in assembler for OS/390, performance tuning, capacity planning, training, pre and post sale support for mainframe products.

1988-01 -
1990-01

System Programmer

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- I was a Junior MVS system programmer
- My responsibilities included the migration of JES2 from MVS/SP to MVS/XA, performance tuning and software installation.

Education

1989-01 -
1990-01

Master's degree: Management Science

Boston University/Ben Gurion University

1983-04 -
1987-01

Bachelor of Science: Computer Science

Hebrew University of Jerusalem - Jerusalem, Israel

Affiliations

SHARE

Additional Information

I am located in the greater London, UK area.
Open to consulting positions both onsite and remote.