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**Part 2 – TSO, ISPF und Unix Shell**

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**Introduction to the new mainframe**

**Chapter 4: Interactive facilities of z/OS:  
TSO/E, ISPF, and UNIX**




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**Chapter 4 objectives**

**Be able to:**

- Log on to z/OS
- Run programs from the TSO READY prompt
- Navigate through the menu options of ISPF
- Use the ISPF editor to make changes to a file
- Use the UNIX interfaces on z/OS, including the z/OS UNIX command shell.




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**Key terms in this chapter**

- 3270 and 3270 emulator
- CLIST
- ISHELL
- ISPF
- logon
- native mode
- OMVS command
- path
- READY prompt
- Restructured Extended Executor (REXX)
- shell
- Time Sharing Option / Extensions (TSO/E)

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**How do we interact with z/OS?**

**TSO/E**

- Allows users to logon to z/OS and use a limited set of basic commands. This is sometimes called using TSO in its native mode.


**ISPF**

- Provides a menu system for accessing many of the most commonly used z/OS functions.

**z/OS UNIX shell and utilities**

- Allows users to write and invoke shell scripts and utilities, and use the shell programming language.

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**TSO overview**

**TSO/E**

- Acronym for Time Sharing Option/Extensions (TSO/E)
- Allows users to create an interactive session with z/OS
- Provides a single-user logon capability and a basic command prompt interface to z/OS
- Most users work with TSO through its menu-driven interface, Interactive System Productivity Facility (ISPF)

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### TSO overview (continued)

- In a z/OS system, each user gets a user ID and a password authorized for TSO logon.
- During TSO logon, the system displays the TSO logon screen on the user's 3270 display device or TN3270 emulator.
- z/OS system programmers modify the layout and text of the TSO logon panel to better suit the needs of the system's users.

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### TSO/E logon screen

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----- TSO/E LOGON -----
Enter LOGON parameters below:          RACF LOGON parameters:
Userid  ==> ZPROF                      New Password ==>
Password ==>                             Group Ident ==>
Procedure ==> IKJACONT
Acct Nbr ==> ACCNT#
Size    ==> 860000
Perform ==>
Command ==>

Enter an 'S' before each option desired below:
      -Nomail      -Nomotice      -Reconnect      -OIDcard
PF1/PF13 ==> Help  PF3/PF15 ==> Logoff  PA1 ==> Attention  PA2 ==> Reshow
You may request specific help information by entering a '?' in any entry field
  
```

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### Using TSO commands in native mode

- Usually, ISPF provides the interface for TSO.
- However, TSO includes a limited set of basic commands independent of ISPF and other programs.
- Using TSO in this way is called using TSO in its native mode.
- When you logon to TSO, the z/OS system responds by displaying the READY prompt, and waits for input (similar to a DOS prompt).

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### TSO Ready Prompt

The diagram shows a terminal window with the following text:
 

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READY
-----
READY
TIME 11:42:11 AM. CPU=00:00:00 SERVICE=788 SESSION=00:25:25 JULY 21,2003
READY
  
```

 Arrows point to the 'READY' prompt, the command output line, and the next 'READY' prompt. A legend below explains the numbered circles:
 

- 1 - You enter a command (like a DOS prompt)
- 2 - TSO displays the command output and
- 3 - TSO is ready to accept new commands

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### Using CLISTs under native TSO

- Place a command list or CLIST ("see list") in a file and execute the list as if it were a single command.
- A CLIST issues the commands in sequence.
- CLISTs are used for performing routine tasks and working more efficiently with TSO.
- TSO users create CLISTs with the CLIST command language.

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### CLISTs versus REXX

- REXX is Restructured Extended Executor language, a command language used with TSO
- Both CLISTs and REXX offer shell script-type processing.
- Both are interpretive languages, not compiled languages (although REXX can be compiled as well).
- Some z/OS users write functions directly as CLISTs or REXX programs
- CLIST programming is unique to z/OS, while the REXX language is used on many platforms.

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### ISPF overview

- Acronym for Interactive System Productivity Facility
- ISPF is a menu-driven interface for user interaction with z/OS system. The ISPF environment is executed from native TSO.
- ISPF provides utilities, an editor and ISPF applications to the user. To the extent permitted by various security controls an ISPF user has full access to most z/OS system functions.

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### Using ISPF allocate screen

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Menu RefList Utilities Help
Allocate New Data Set
Command ==>

Data Set Name . . . : ZSCHOLTEST.CNTL

Management class . . . (Blank for default management class)
Storage class . . . . (Blank for default storage class)
Volume serial . . . . EB8881 (Blank for system default volume) **
Device type . . . . . (Generic unit or device address) **
Data class . . . . . (Blank for default data class)
* Space units . . . . TRACK (BLKS, TRKS, CYLS, KB, MB, BYTES or RECORDS)
Average record unit (M, K, or U)
Primary quantity . . 2 (In above units)
Secondary quantity . 1 (In above units)
Directory blocks . . 0 (Zero for sequential data set) *
Record format . . . . FB
Record length . . . . 80
Block size . . . . . 27920
Data set name type : (LIBRARY, HFS, SDS, or blank) *
(YT/MM/DD, YYYY/MM/DD)

F1=Help F2=Split F3=Exit F7=Backward F8=Forward F9=Swap
F10=Actions F11=Cancel
  
```

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### Navigating through ISPF menus

- To access ISPF under TSO, the user enters a command from the READY prompt to display the *ISPF Primary Option Menu*.
- You can access online help from any of the ISPF panels (press the PF1 key)
- ISPF includes a text editor and browser, and functions for locating files and performing other utility functions.

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### ISPF Menu Structure

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### General structure of ISPF panels

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### Common functions provided in ISPF menus...

**Action Bar**  
Menu Utilities Compilers Options Status Help

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**Point-and-Shoot**

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0 Settings Terminal and user parameters
1 View Display source data or listings
2 Edit Create or change source data
3 Utilities Perform utility functions
  
```

**Option Number**

```

0 Settings Terminal and user parameters
1 View Display source data or listings
2 Edit Create or change source data
3 Utilities Perform utility functions
  
```

Options ==> 3

**Function Keys**

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F1=Help F3=Exit F7=Backward F8=Forward
F10=Actions F11=Retrieve F12=Cancel F9=Print
  
```

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### Keyboard mapping:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Key</u>
Enter	Ctrl (right side)
Exit, end, or return	PF3
Help	PF1
PA1 or Attention	Alt-Ins or Esc
PA2	Alt-Home
Cursor movement	Tab or Enter
Clear	Pause
Page up	PF7
Page down	PF8
Scroll left	PF10
Scroll right	PF11
Reset locked keyboard	Ctrl (left side)

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### ISPF Edit Panel - some line commands

Command	Description
I	Insert lines
D	Delete lines
R	Repeat lines
C	Copy lines
M	Move lines
A	After line
B	Before line
(	Shift right columns
<	Shift right data
)	Shift left columns
>	Shift left data
X	Exclude lines

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### ISPF Edit Panel - Inserting lines

Screen 1

```

Edit Edit Edit_Settings Menu Utilities Compilers Test Help
ISREDD2 MIRIAM.PRIVATE.JCLLIB(ABC1) - 01.03 Columns 00001 00072
Command ==> Scroll ==> PAGE
***** Top of Data *****
ISQ100 PROC 0 DB
000200 IF 8DB = .DB THEN *
***** Bottom of Data *****

```

Screen 2

```

Edit Edit Edit_Settings Menu Utilities Compilers Test Help
ISREDD2 MIRIAM.PRIVATE.JCLLIB(ABC1) - 01.03 Columns 00001 00072
Command ==> Scroll ==> PAGE
***** Top of Data *****
000100 PROC 0 DB
.....
***** Bottom of Data *****
000200 IF 8DB = .DB THEN *
***** Bottom of Data *****

```

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### z/OS UNIX interactive interfaces

Like TSO and ISPF, the z/OS UNIX shell and utilities provide an interactive interface to z/OS.

Use the UNIX shell to:

- Invoke shell scripts and utilities
- Write shell scripts (a list of shell commands created with the shell programming language)
- Run shell scripts and C language programs interactively.

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### Invoking the UNIX shell

You can invoke the UNIX shell in any of these ways:

- From a 3270 display or a workstation running a 3270 emulator
- From a TCP/IP-attached terminal, using the rlogin and telnet commands
- From TSO by entering the OMVS command or the ISHELL command.

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### TSO commands used with z/OS UNIX

**ISHELL** → This command invokes the *ISPF shell*.

- Intended for users more familiar with TSO/ISPF than UNIX
- Provides panels for working with UNIX files, mounting and unmounting file systems, and z/OS UNIX administration.
- z/OS programmers can do much of their work under ISHELL.

**OMVS** → This command invokes the *z/OS UNIX shell*.

- Intended for users more familiar with UNIX than TSO/ISPF
- Allows the user to alternate between the shell and TSO
- UNIX programmers should find the z/OS UNIX shell programming environment familiar.

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**ISHELL command (ish)**

A good starting point for TSO/ISPF users who want to use z/OS UNIX.

Under ISHELL, you can use action codes to:

- b Browse a file or directory
- e Edit a file or directory
- d Delete a file or directory
- r Rename a file or directory
- a Show the attributes of a file or directory
- c Copy a file or directory

**OMVS command shell session**

You use the OMVS command to invoke the z/OS UNIX shell.

Under the UNIX shell, users can:

- Invoke shell commands or utilities that request services from the system.
- Write shell scripts using the shell programming language.
- Run shell scripts and C-language programs interactively (in the foreground), in the background, or in batch.

**Direct login to the shell****rlogin**

- When the inetd daemon is active, you can rlogin to the shell from a workstation. To log in, use the rlogin (remote log in) command syntax supported at your site.

**telnet**

- Also uses the inetd daemon
- inetd must be active and set up to recognize and receive the incoming telnet requests.

**Summary**

- TSO allows users to logon to z/OS and use a limited set of basic commands in native mode.
- ISPF is a menu-driven interface for user interaction with z/OS.
- ISPF provides utilities, an editor and ISPF applications to the user. To the extent permitted by various security controls an ISPF user has full access to most z/OS system functions.
- TSO ISPF should be viewed as a system management interface and a development interface for traditional z/OS programming.
- The z/OS UNIX shell and utilities provide a command interface to the z/OS UNIX environment. You can access the shell either by logging on to TSO/E or by using the remote login facilities of TCP/IP (rlogin).
- If you use TSO/E, a command called OMVS creates a shell for you. You can work in the shell environment until exiting or temporarily switching back to the TSO/E environment.