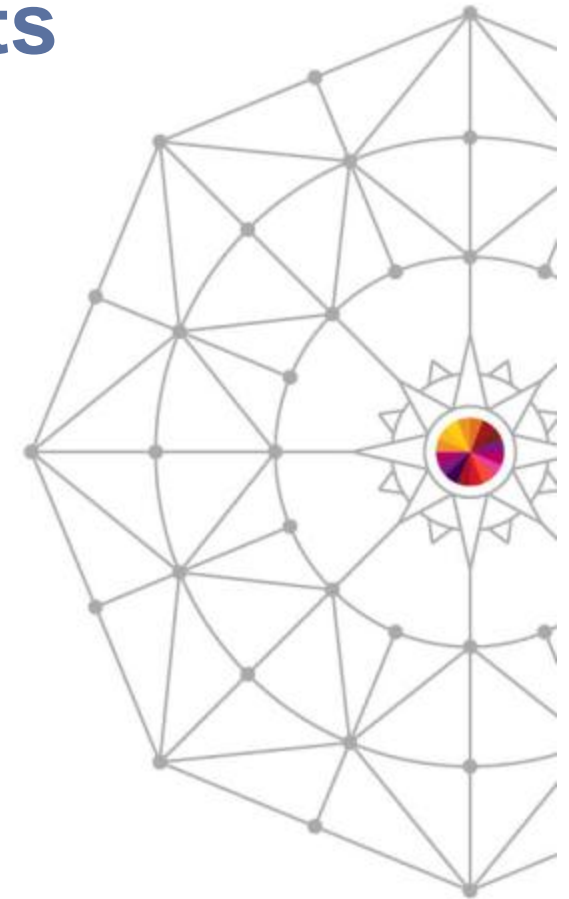




# SHARE MVSE Requirements

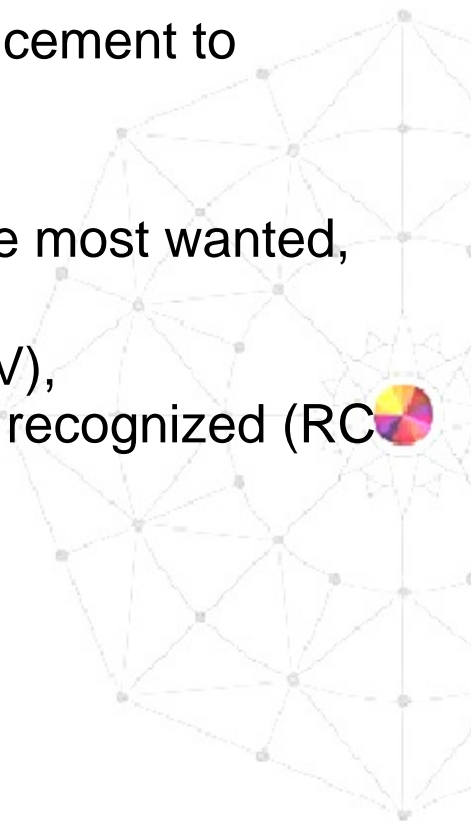
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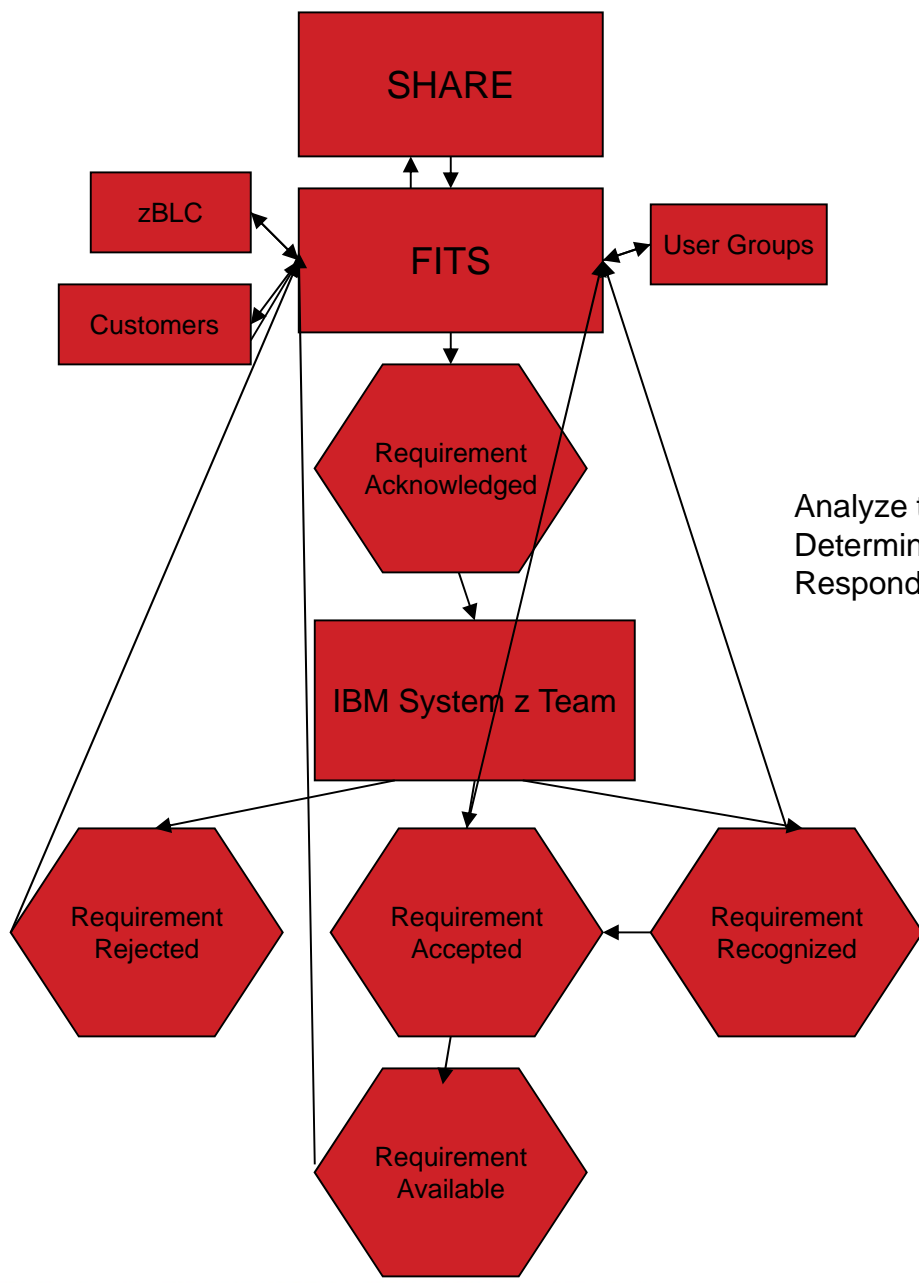
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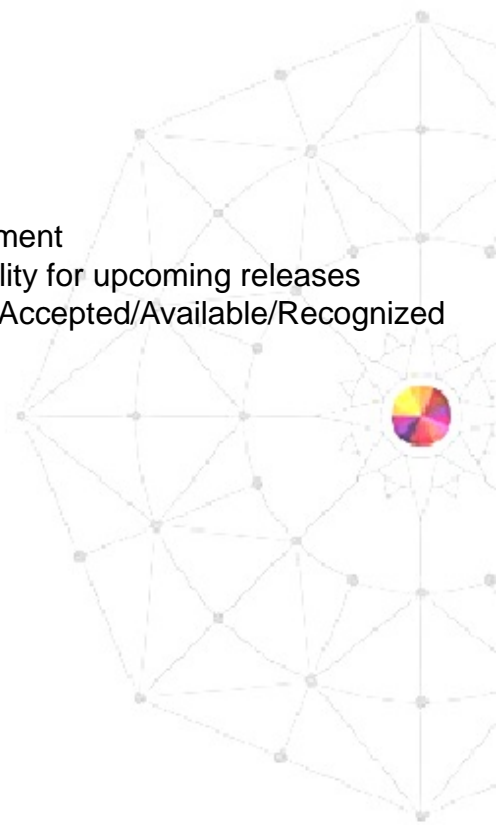
# What is a Requirement?

- SHARE member creates a online request for an enhancement to z/OS or its subsystems
- Other SHARE members comment on it
- All project members vote on it (-5 to +5, where +5 is the most wanted, and -5 indicates you don't want IBM to do it)
- IBM reviews it and responds with: already available (AV), acknowledged (AK), accepted (AC – within 2-3 years), recognized (RC – within 5 years), or rejected (RJ)
- Benefits
  - More likely to produce results than APAR with SUG
  - You can simplify life for yourself and others
  - You get to influence IBM's development
  - You can be a hero at work!





Analyze the requirement  
 Determine applicability for upcoming releases  
 Respond: Rejected/Accepted/Available/Recognized



# Requirements Categories

- ADI – Application Development & Integration
- ASM – Assembler
- CICS
- IMSD – IMS
- LANG – LE, COBOL, PL/I & C++
- REXX
- SEC – Enterprise Data Center/Security/Audit
- DB2
- STOR – Distributed Storage (Tivoli)
- ITSM – IBM Tivoli Storage Manager
- LVM – Linux/VM Program
- EWCP – Enterprise-wide Capacity & Performance
- ISPF
- I2T – Cloud, Analytics, Tivoli Change & Config
- JES2
- JES3
- EPS – Infoprint, AFP, PSF
- MVSE – MVS SCP
- MVSS – Storage Management
- NETW – Networking

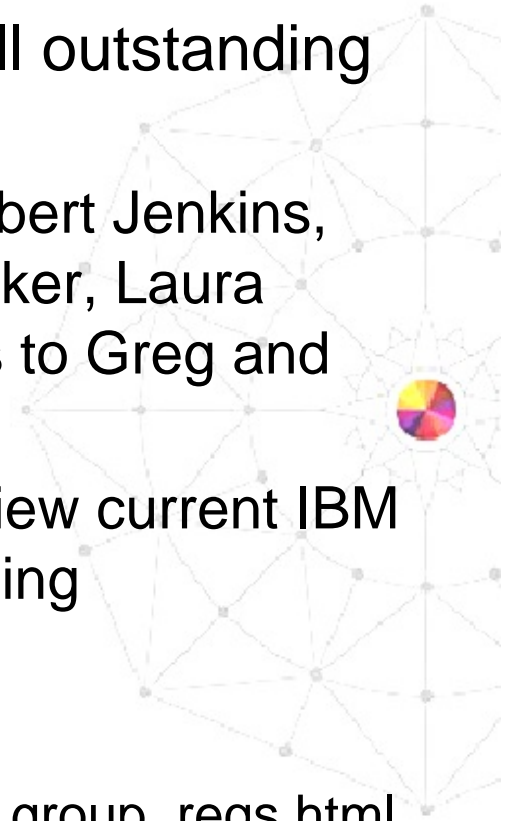


## How Do You Join?

- Go to [www.share.org](http://www.share.org), select *Our Community or Member Only*, select *Advocacy & Requirements*, select *1. Enter the SHARE Requirements System*
- If you're not already registered, you'll get a sign up request, fill it out and wait a few days or a week
- Once registered, you can *Enter Requirements System*
- At the bottom, click on list of *areas of Interest (projects)* to request membership in one or more areas, wait a few days
- For a fuller description of this, please see my presentation and PDF at <http://www.watsonwalker.com/PR130926.pdf>.

# MVSE Requirements Project

- November 2009, organized team to review all outstanding MVSE requirements
  - Current committee: Tom Conley, Ed Jaffe, Robert Jenkins, Sam Knutson, Mary Anne Matyaz, Cheryl Walker, Laura Carbone, Bill Smith, Greg Shriver (with thanks to Greg and CA for conference calls), Linda Moonie
  - Arrange conference calls once a month to review current IBM responses and discuss any problem or confusing requirements
- IBM publishes requirements met:  
[http://www.ibm.com/systems/z/os/zos/bkserv/user\\_group\\_reqs.html](http://www.ibm.com/systems/z/os/zos/bkserv/user_group_reqs.html)



# MVSE Requirements Status

Location	Dec. 2009	Aug. 2013	Mar. 2014	Change
Deleted	7	23	23	0
Open for Discussion	0	0	2	2
Open for Voting	3	1	0	-1
Waiting for Response	7	22	17	-5
Retired	2	89	90	1
Provider Responded	781	840	853	15
AK - Acknowledged	4	12	12	0
RA – Resolver Assn	0	2	3	1
RC - Recognized	66	169	170	1
AC - Accepted	37	28	30	2
AV - Available	150	321	331	10
RJ - Rejected	178	286	286	0



# MVSE Requirements Status

Location	Dec. 2009	Aug. 2013	Mar. 2014	Change
Provider Responded				
AN - Announced	4	1	1	0
CL – Closed	1	1	1	0
SG - Suggestion	35	2	1	-1
UC – User Clarif.	2	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Total Active</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>22</b>



## Top 39 Status

- In July 2011, we started to prioritize all active requirements
  - Sent out one list of 110 and asked members to allocate 100 points among the requirements
  - A week later, sent out another list of about 110 and asked for same type of allocation
  - That gave us a list of 80 requirements with votes
  - Sent out list of 80 and asked members to rank the requirements from 1 to 10, with 1 being the most important.
  - Provided list to IBM at Share on August 9<sup>th</sup>
  - For the next two years, IBM and the requirements team (plus others) worked on the “Top 39”

## Top 39 Status

- z/OS 2.1 satisfied many of the Top 39
  - SSMVSE07004 – Multiple SMP/E logical screens in ISPF
  - SSSHARE015317 – TSO/E LOGON failure messages
  - SSMVSE10004 – Dynamic updates to system symbols
  - SSMVSE11007 – z/OS console support for HMC 3270
  - SSHARE018333 – Modify VLF command
  - SSMVSE03026 – Add/remove MCS consoles dynamically
  - SSMVSE01502 – Display PPT command
  - SOMVSE87101 – IEBCOPY support for pattern matching
  - SSHARE018757 – TSO/E REXX enhancements to EXECIO, LISTDSI, and STORAGE
  - SSMVSE13028 – Add comments to PARMLIB members

## New Top 50

- In June 2013, IBM asked for new list
- During July, the MVSE requirements member reviewed three spreadsheets containing about 80 requirements each and picked top 20 from each list
- That was refined to 80 requirements and everyone picked their top 10 and ranked them from 1 to 10
- Presented the list of Top 50 to IBM at last SHARE (also included next 25 in case code was being opened and developers wanted to resolve more requirements)
- 14 of the Top 50 were also on the Top 39 list

## How Can You Influence IBM?

- Sign up to the Requirements system
- Sign up for the projects that interest you
- Comment on requirements that come open for discussion
- Vote on requirements that come open for voting
- Create new requirements when you see a way to make life easier



