

While the official agenda for the 2026 TPF User Group is still being crafted, we are excited to share some of the topics that the IBM TPF Lab plans to present at this year's conference in Nashville on March 23-25. These topics* include:

- Streamlining z/TPF application development by leveraging industry standard tooling (VS Code and extensions, Git, GDB) and IBM watsonx Gen AI assistants as the core of the modern z/TPF development environment.
 - ▶ Wednesday's education session will demonstrate using the new z/TPF development environment to code, build, deploy, test, and debug z/TPF applications. **Your z/TPF applications developers will want to see this!**
- How agentic AI will dramatically improve your ability to predict the impact to production before you deploy application changes, and help you quickly and easily understand changes in your z/TPF production environments
- Keeping your business secure with post-quantum cryptography
- Additional real-time insights into your z/TPF system time through new RTMC metrics, anomaly detection, and integration with OpenTelemetry (OTEL)
- Deeper understanding of how your z/TPF databases are being used in different applications or use cases
- Improvements to z/TPF system resiliency, performance, and overall capabilities

In addition to IBM presentations on these and other topics, we expect our z/TPF vendors and users to present their own engaging topics and real-world experiences during the conference.

We hope everyone will find several items of interest that can provide justification for attending this year's conference. This is the ideal venue for you to dive into the details of these topics with z/TPF experts, understand how new capabilities and enhancements can benefit your business, and collectively forge the next era of z/TPF as the high-volume transaction processing system of choice. *See you in Nashville!*

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