Quick Start Guide
This guide describes a quick and easy way to install the product.

Product overview
IBM® Explorer for z/OS® (z/OS Explorer) is an Eclipse-based integration platform for z/OS users. It enables the integration of a variety of offerings from IBM and other vendors, and in-house development plug-ins. z/OS Explorer is extendable via the IBM repository of compatible products to fulfill each user’s roles and responsibilities. z/OS Explorer is also the strategic Eclipse platform for connectivity to key z/OS functions that are required by all z/OS application developers and system programmers.

1 Step 1: Access your software
Download z/OS Explorer client component and server component from Mainframe Downloads.

2 Step 2: Access your documentation
Access z/OS Explorer documentation from IBM Knowledge Center and z/OS Explorer publications.

3 Step 3: Evaluate the system requirements
For a complete list of hardware and software requirements, prerequisites, and supported operating systems, generate reports from Software Product Compatibility Reports.

4 Step 4: Install z/OS Explorer
To install z/OS Explorer, follow the installation instructions provided on the Mainframe Downloads. For more information about client component installation, see the IBM Explorer for z/OS Client Installation Guide (SC27-8434). For more information about host component installation, see the Program Directory for IBM Explorer for z/OS (GI13-4314).

5 Step 5: Configure z/OS Explorer
To configure z/OS Explorer client, follow the configuration instructions provided in the IBM Explorer for z/OS Client Configuration Guide (SC27-8435).

To configure z/OS Explorer host component, follow the configuration instructions provided in the following guides:
- IBM Explorer for z/OS Host Configuration Quick Start Guide (GI13-4313)
- IBM Explorer for z/OS Host Configuration Utility Guide (SC27-8436)
- IBM Explorer for z/OS Host Configuration Guide (SC27-8437)
- IBM Explorer for z/OS Host Configuration Reference Guide (SC27-8438)
Step 6: Start z/OS Explorer

For Windows users, start z/OS Explorer client in one of the following ways:

- If you installed z/OS Explorer by using IBM Installation Manager, go to the Windows Start menu and select Start > All Programs > IBM Software Delivery Platform > IBM Explorer for z/OS, or run eclipse.exe from the product installation directory.
- If you installed z/OS Explorer on an existing Eclipse instance by using Eclipse p2 update, run eclipse.exe from the product installation directory.
- If you downloaded the full z/OS Explorer package for Eclipse, run zosexplorer.exe from the product installation directory.

For Linux users, start z/OS Explorer client in one of the following ways:

- If you installed z/OS Explorer by using IBM Installation Manager, go to the Applications menu and select Applications > IBM Software Delivery Platform > IBM Explorer for z/OS, or run eclipse from the product installation directory.
- If you installed z/OS Explorer on an existing Eclipse instance by using Eclipse p2 update, run eclipse from the product installation directory.
- If you downloaded the full z/OS Explorer package for Eclipse, run zosexplorer from the product installation directory.

For Mac users, start z/OS Explorer client in one of the following ways:

- If you installed z/OS Explorer by using IBM Installation Manager or the full z/OS Explorer package, go to the Applications menu and select Applications > IBM > zOS_Explorer > IBM Explorer for z/OS, or run IBM Explorer for zOS from the product installation directory.
- If you installed z/OS Explorer on an existing Eclipse instance by using Eclipse p2 update, run IBM Explorer for zOS from the product installation directory.

More information

For FAQs, lists of known problems and fixes, visit the Fix list for IBM Explorer for z/OS.