



Introducing Brightside

An Introduction to our Command Line Interface into the z Platform

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Team Brightside - Prague!



The need to modernize the mainframe development experience

A Developer's World

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What is available for today's developers to use?

- Lightweight text-editors for quick editing with community plugins
- Powerful IDEs for specialized languages
- CLIs to interact with services
- Choice of powerful scripting languages for build and automation
- Continuous Integration and Delivery orchestration tools



A Mainframe Developer's World

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What is available for today's developers to use if they are working on the Mainframe part of their application?



Eclipse-based IDEs that are customized for mainframe development



TSO/ISPF interfaces



JCL/Rexx for build and automated system testing

Let's Listen

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What are developers asking for with the mainframe?

Associate Software Engineer @ CA:

"I wish I could just use modern testing frameworks for writing mainframe automated tests."

r/Mainframe user:

"I've recently been thinking about working on something to give me better integration for my z/OS coding and a local editor (likely Atom... *maybe* VScode)."

Stackoverflow user:

"Which plugin should I use to get started with Jenkins to manage mainframe components in PDS format?"

Our Goal

Project Brightside

Enable developers and DevOps engineers to control, script and develop on the mainframe like any other cloud platform and allow them to make use of familiar, industry-standard, open-source tooling. By accomplishing this, Brightside:

- Addresses the skills gap by making mainframe development more attractive and accessible to next-generation developers
- Improves the application delivery lifecycle by allowing mainframe applications to be integrated into enterprise DevOps pipelines

Introducing Brightside CLI

Brightside Introduction

- CA Brightside is a Command Line Interface that provides a simple and streamlined way to interact with the IBM z Systems platform

ZOS-CONSOLE

ZOS-FILES

ZOS-JOBS

PROVISIONING

ZOS-TSO

FILEMASTER

ENDEVOR

CICS

DB2

Brightside Introduction

- Script-friendly
- DevOps Enablement
- Modern Developer Experience

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$ bright

DESCRIPTION
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Welcome to the Brightside CLI! A "brighter" way to "mainframe"!

Brightside CLI is a command line interface (built on Node.js) that
simplifies and streamlines your interaction with the IBM z Systems
platform.

If this is your first time using Brightside CLI or you would like more
general information, issue the command "bright help explain brightside".
This command will explain the syntax of Brightside CLI commands and how
Brightside works.


If you are not sure where to start, or how to perform a specific task,
use the "bright help search all <term>" command (for example, you can
issue "bright help search all "dataset"") to search the help for
commands, descriptions, options, and more.

To send feedback to the maintainers of Brightside CLI, issue the
following command to open the feedback page in your default browser:
bright contribute send feedback

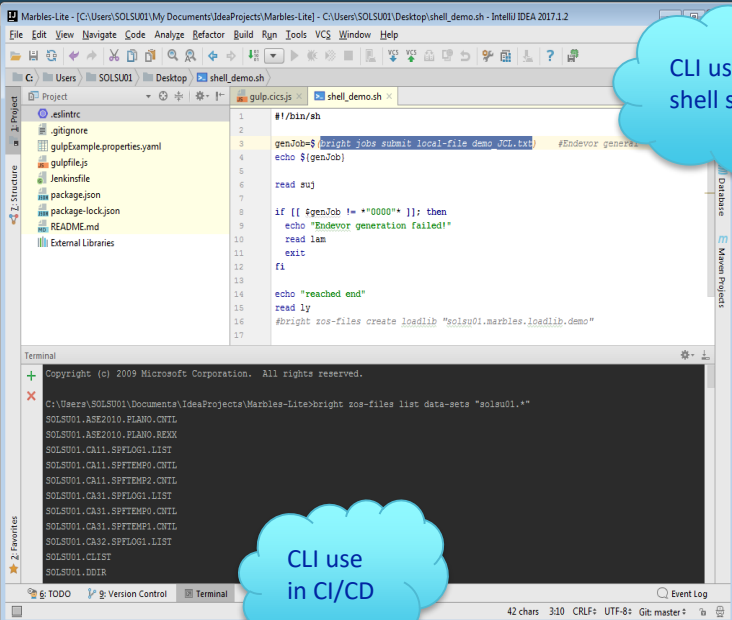
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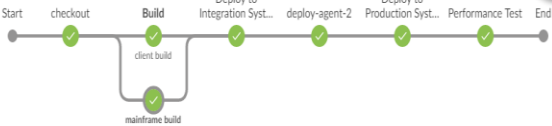
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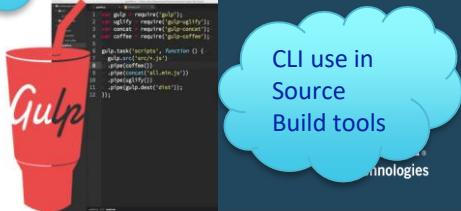
CLI use in any terminal




CLI use in shell scripts



CLI use in CI/CD



CLI use in Source Build tools



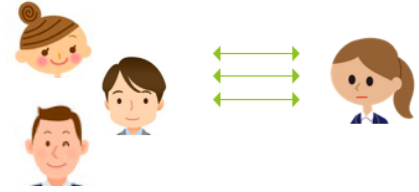
Developers use their **tools of choice**



She can use her **favorite code editor**

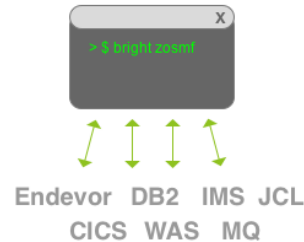


She works on a team, so **source control tools like Git** are essential



Using BrightSide, Michelle can code for the mainframe **as she would for any platform**

Using BrightSide commands, she can interact with the **mainframe's data and tools**



Michelle issues a few simple commands to **download the code to her PC**

Developers use their **tools of choice**



Michelle edits the source and **issues a BrightSide command to generate a build**

! Test Failed



Michelle can **debug and rebuild** her code without leaving her code editor



Michelle gets a message that her code was **successfully tested and deployed**



She can use **modern build tools like Gulp** and run a local unit test



Michelle commits her code, which triggers **Jenkins and her code pipeline** (QA, DEV, PROD)

Final Thoughts

- Brightside is a new software solution that bridges the MF / Distributed divide to make the mainframe easily accessible and programmable by the next-generation developers and DevOps Engineers.
- CA Service plugins are being developed with 100% automated DevOps enablement as the goal.

Final Thoughts

In an article, titled “The Return of the CLI: CLIs Being Used by API-Related Companies,” Bill Doerrfeld writes:

“A CLI is a powerful ally for improving developer experience, as it could be used in an **interactive mode** to debug, troubleshoot, or explore in real time, or used in a high-level, **abstracted way** with shell scripts to unite local and CLI actions.”

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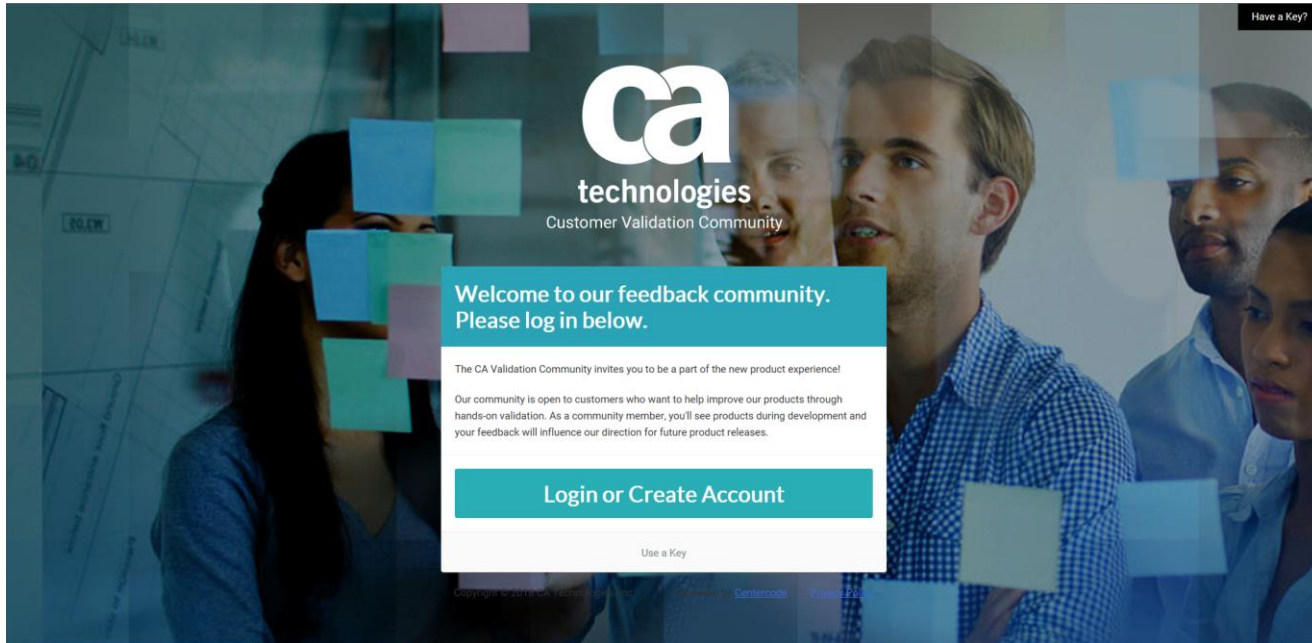


Project BrightSide - Mainframe Interaction Framework : Sneak Peek

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Help us build out Brightside

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Benefits of Being a Validation Partner

- By joining Project Brightside on validate.ca.com, you will
 - Gain access to beta source code to try out Brightside CLI features first!
 - Provide direction on features so that Brightside will best fit your needs
 - Be invited to our Sprint Reviews to speak with our teams and see the latest developments and direction
- There is no commitment to purchase anything. We value your input and would like you to try out our product. We enjoy the benefits of the Brightside CLI at CA and hope you will too!

More Brightside at Prague Technology Days

Meet the team at our Booth
Wednesday afternoon



FileMaster Plus REST API and
its integration with other
Devops tools

17h30
Wednesday



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