

The recent trend in OS/390 installations to eliminate or minimize in-house developed JES2 mods and exits is clear. And the reasons are clear...

JES2 EXITS

We have
to get off
the
treadmill

JES2 is volatile. Since 1996, there have been 10 releases of OS/390 – several with substantial impact to JES2 internals. The increase of supported jobs to 65,553 and the major revamping of JES2 with OS/390 V2R4 are obvious examples. *And with z/OS Release 2 supporting one million jobs, there are major changes coming to JES2 internals once more.* Your in-house exits are being impacted again and again.

System maintenance is impeded. With a new OS/390 release every six months, installations can't afford to have system maintenance get behind. JES2 exits with their continual need for re-testing, if not major re-vamping, is one more obstacle in the path of each OS/390 upgrade.

The installation is vulnerable. Exits are typically developed by the most senior system programmer who is often the only person able to do the ongoing support that is required.

The skills are becoming scarce. System programmers with the highly specialized skills necessary to develop and maintain JES2 exits are becoming an endangered species. Again, datacenter management is at risk of being dependent on individuals who may be very difficult and expensive to replace.

User impact constrains the datacenter. Many JES2 exits provide extended functionality to users and job submitters. The datacenter is trapped into maintaining such functionality in perpetuity. Or they must make the hard choice to withdraw custom functionality that users have come to depend on.

Whatever OS/390 upgrade is on your current project list, you must face your JES2 exits once again. But does that make business sense? The support of your in-house JES2 code has become a never-ending treadmill.

To many installations, ThruPut Manager® has been the long-awaited way out of JES2 user mods and exits, including the once-popular Mellon Mod. ThruPut Manager is an automated batch management solution which enhances JES2 and Workload Manager. It provides all the functionality for which traditional JES2 exits have been implemented – including standards management, improved handling of set-up work, automated job routing and fencing, and much more. ThruPut Manager provides more capability and brings greater improvement to your batch service, resource utilization and user productivity than in-house solutions can ever deliver.

And ThruPut Manager® gets you off the treadmill.

If you'd like to discuss which of your JES2 mods and exits might be replaced by ThruPut Manager, please contact us at:



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