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# EPV Technologies Newsletter

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*Every month we will invite Newsletter readers to send us a photograph on a specific theme.*

*The editorial staff will choose the "Photo of the Month" to be published in the next newsletter and on the web site.*

*The winner will receive an Amazon voucher for 25,00 Euro.*

*In September we will choose the "Photo of the Year". The winner will be included in the EPV Photo Hall of Fame.*

*He will also decide the NGO EPV Technologies will donate 1.000,00 Euro to, choosing from: MSF ([www.medicisenzafrontiere.it](http://www.medicisenzafrontiere.it)), TDH ([www.terredeshommes.it](http://www.terredeshommes.it)) and WWF ([www.wwf.it](http://www.wwf.it)).*

## Picture of the month

The winner of February 2015 is  
"Cherchez la femme"  
Carlotta Ottaviani- EPV Technologies  
The theme was: "VALENTINE'S DAY"



## Next month theme

The March 2015 theme is "SPRING IS COMING"  
Pictures should be in JPG or JPEG format at least 600 pixel in width.  
Please send your picture (only one picture per subscriber per month will be accepted) to [epv.info@epvtech.com](mailto:epv.info@epvtech.com), granting EPV Technologies the authorization to publish it.

## Tech-papers

### **z13 Capacity Planning - Part 2**

On January 14th IBM announced its new generation of the mainframe. The new system is simply called IBM z13 while the family model is z964.

Experienced capacity planners know that every new generation of machines provides a major challenge to their skills.

They also know that their best friends are the IBM LSPR benchmark, the IBM zPCR tool, the Measurement Facility counters provided in SMF 113 and an up to date performance database.

In the second part of this paper, after a quick look at the new zPCR version supporting z13 machines, we will discuss some of the issues introduced by Simultaneous Multi-Threading.

If you want to receive the paper you can reply to this e-mail writing "z13 Capacity Planning - Part 2" in the subject

## Tech-news

### **Upcoming conferences in March (UK, Italy, Germany)**

GSE UK & UKCMG

zCMPA Meeting, Knutsford, 11 March 2015

EPV Technologies will present:

- z13 Capacity Planning
- 7 opportunities to reduce WLC costs

More details at:

[http://zcmpa.gse.org.uk/content/content\\_news.php](http://zcmpa.gse.org.uk/content/content_news.php)

CMG-Italia

Spring seminar "Mobile Workload Charging", Rome and Milan, 24 and 25 March 2015

EPV Technologies will present:

- IBM Mobile Workload Pricing: Opportunity or Problem?

More details at:

<http://www.cmgitalia.org>

CECMG

Annual conference, Frankfurt, 25-26 March 2015

More details at:

<http://www.cecmg.de/>

## Tech-notes

### **z13 options to reduce IBM software charging**

Complementing the announcement of the IBM z13™ (z13™) server in Hardware Announcement 115-001, dated January 14, 2015, IBM is providing:

- A new Technology Transition Offering (TTO) called Technology Update Pricing for the z13
- One new and one revised Transition Charges for Sysplexes TTos for actively coupled Parallel Sysplexes (z/OS(R)) and Loosely Coupled Complexes (z/TPF)

Complete announcement at:

[http://www-01.ibm.com/common/ssi/ShowDoc.wss?docURL=/common/ssi/rep\\_ca/1/897/ENUS215-001/index.html&lang=en&request\\_locale=en](http://www-01.ibm.com/common/ssi/ShowDoc.wss?docURL=/common/ssi/rep_ca/1/897/ENUS215-001/index.html&lang=en&request_locale=en)

## Tech-support

### **zPCR new version**

A new version (V8.7a) of the IBM zPCR free tool, supporting the z13 machines, is already available on the web.

You can download it at:

<https://www-03.ibm.com/support/techdocs/atmastr.nsf/WebIndex/PRS1381>

## Quote of the month



“Imperfection is beauty, madness is genius and it’s better to be absolutely ridiculous than absolutely boring“

*Marilyn Monroe*



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