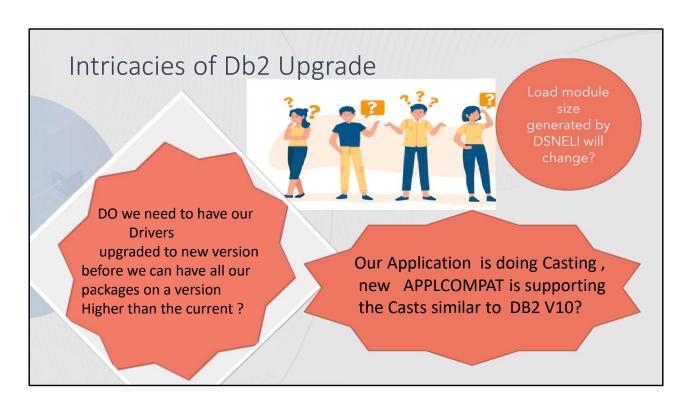


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We try to explore the intricacies of Db2 Upgrades and shed light on the oftenencountered phrases such as "Code level," "Catalog level," "Function-level," "Application compatibility level," and "Connect level." These terms can often raise concerns among DBAs and developers regarding their impact on the Db2 subsystem and applications.

Dispelling the myths and misconceptions surrounding these levels is our goal. Through this event, we aim to equip you with a deeper understanding of each level and how they synergistically function together.

As humans, we tend to find comfort in what has worked reliably for us over the years. However, it is essential to expand our knowledge of Db2 Levels to fully capitalize on the benefits of a Db2 upgrade and ensure a seamless transition.

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Db2 12 introduces the concept of *Continuous Delivery*. This means that new functionality is not delivered in releases but rather in a continuous manner in the Db2 service stream. As before, Db2 APARs, PTFs, and PUT levels continue to be the primary mechanism. They contain both fixes and new features.

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New capabilities are introduced to Db2 13 through continuous delivery of APARs in a single service stream. Many APARs in Db2 13 deliver deactivated functional code to support future function levels. However, some APARs introduce their enhancements in Db2 13 regardless of the activated function level.

New-function APARs for Db2 13 - IBM Documentation

Continuous Delivery Concept [2|2]

- How to control the deployment of new functionalities
 - Code Level
 - Upgrade Db2 Libraries
 - Contains the Db2 code changes and introduces fixes
 - Catalog Level
 - · Catalog changes that are required for specific function levels
 - Function Level
 - Introduces new Db2 features and functionality

To properly control when new functionality is deployed, Db2 introduces the following new levels:

- •Db2 maintenance level (ML) contains the Db2 code changes and introduces fixes. It is also known as code level.
- •Db2 catalog level (CL) contains Db2 Catalog changes that are required for specific function levels.
- •Db2 function level (FL) introduces new Db2 features and functionality

The significant levels are the Db2 maintenance levels, which contain the code changes, and the Db2 function levels, which activate new functionality

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Code Level

- Code Level for a corresponding function level :
 - As before Db2 APARs, PTFs,...
 - They contain both fixes and new features
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APAR \rightarrow is an IBM internal formal report to development to report **program** malfunctions.

FIXes \rightarrow A few errors like Buffer Pool leak , or to Fix an error that was Reported as APAR

PTFs → Contain fixes for several different problems, so several APAR fixes Code Level → FIXes +New Functions

Catalog Level

- Change in DB2 Catalog and Directory
- The catalog level is updated when you submit a CATMAINT utility job by tailoring and running the DSNTIJTC sample job

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ACTIVATE command: Activation of a Function Level

- ENABLES set of new Db2 capabilities and enhancements
- Virtual storage enhancements
- Subsystem parameters
- Optimization enhancements
- SQL capabilities

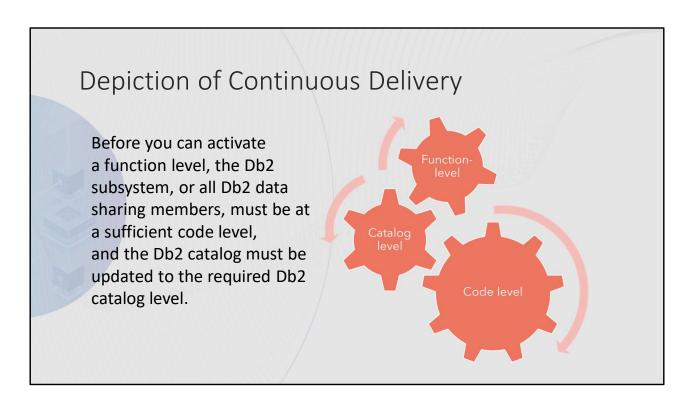
A function level enables a particular set of new Db2 capabilities and enhancements that were previously

delivered in the single continuous stream of Db2 code. It includes code that supports new capabilities,

defect fixes, and preventive service items. Before you can use the new capabilities of a function level, you

must activate the function level, or a higher function level. Activation of a function level implies activation

of the capabilities that are introduced by all lower function levels



Before you can activate a function level, the Db2 subsystem, or all Db2 data sharing members must be at a sufficient code level, and the Db2 catalog must be updated to the required Db2 catalog level.

Bring service unites, doing maintenance and applying to target libraries .If want to go a NEW FUNCTION LEVEL , and it needed catalog changes Run CATMAIN , then ACTIVATE FUNCTION LEVEL for use. Can have libraries , catalog , and ACTIVATED function LEVEL at different levels , but application can only USE up to level that have ACTIVATED BIND/REBIND to be able to use those NEW FUNCTIONS

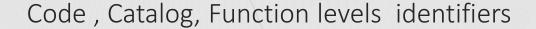
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Specified by nine-character strings that correspond to the Db2

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• For example, V13R1M503 identifies *function level* 503.

In most cases, code levels, catalog levels, function levels, and application compatibility levels are

specified in commands and message output by nine-character strings that correspond to the Db2 version,

release, and modification value. However, descriptions of function levels in documentation often refer only to the modification part of the values.

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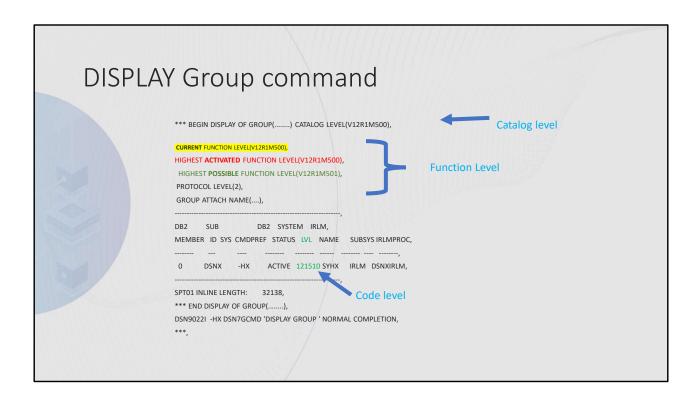
vv is the version,

r is the release,

mmm is the modification level.

For example, V12R1M510 identifies function level 510.

Often function level identifiers are abbreviated. For example, "function level 510" refers to V12R1M510.



This DISPLAY GROUP command, you see different details here

We can Check that Db2 is at a sufficient code level by issuing a DISPLAY GROUP command, as described in <u>Determining the Db2 code level</u>, <u>catalog level</u>, and function level.

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Db2 12 function levels Vs catalog levels

Catalog Level Function Level V12R1M500 • FL 501 V12R1M502 • FL 502 V12R1M503 • FL 505 V12R1M505 • FL 506 V12R1M507 • FL 507 • V12R1M509 • FL 508 • FL 509 • FL 510

Continuous delivery and function levels DB2 12 [1|2]

FL501

LISTAGG Built in Function

FL502

Casting Explicit numeric values to Graphic

FL505

Rebind Phase in overcoming deterrent to rebinding

FL506

Application portability improvements

FL507

Create or replace stored procedures

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FL505

Rebind Phase in overcoming deterrent to rebinding

The REBIND PACKAGE command might create a new current copy of the package, while retaining the existing current copy as a phase-out copy. This is called rebind phase-in. There may be multiple copies of an existing package, but there will only ever be one current copy. There may be one original copy, one previous copy, and multiple phased-out copies.

Continuous delivery and function levels DB2 12 [2|2]

• FL-508

- Multi Table tablespace conversion to UTS Partition by Growth
- Fast Traversal BLOCK expansion to support non-unique indexes to extend performance and Reduce cost

• FL509

- Audit policies
- High availability for accelerator-only tables
- Specification of a compression algorithm at the object level
- Temporal RI enhancement to allow UPDATE or DELETE on a parent table
- <u>FL510</u> is required before you can migrate a Db2 12 environment to Db2 13. It does not introduce any new features or capabilities, or catalog changes, in Db2 12

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Db2 13 function levels Vs the catalog levels

Catalog Level

- V13R1M100
- V13R1M501

Function Level

- FL 100
- FL 500
- FL 501
- FL 502
- FL 503

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Db2 13 function levels use the catalog levels

Catalog Level	Catalog Object	Function Level
V13R1M100		FL100
V13R1M100		FL500
V13R1M501	SYSCOPY, SYSINDEXSPACESTA ,	FL501
V13R1M501	SYSPACKAGE, SYSCOPY	FL502
V13R1M501	SYSCOLUMNS	FL503

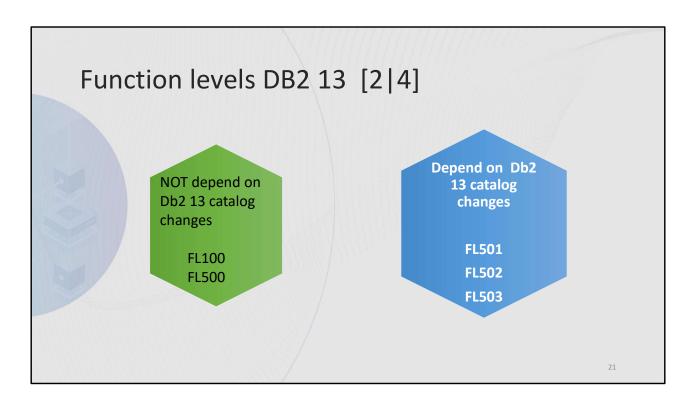
The catalog level is updated when you submit a CATMAINT utility job by tailoring and running the DSNTIJTC sample job

Catalog changes in catalog level V13R1M501 for function level 501 activation. In IBM website as <u>Catalog changes in Db2 13 - IBM Documentation</u>
Also could be adjustments in some Directory tablespaces such as Directory changes in function level 500 as SPT01 and SYSLGRNX table spaces are converted to DSSIZE 256 GB

New capabilities in Db2 13 [1|4]

- NOT depend on Db2 13 catalog changes
- Depend on Db2 13 catalog changes

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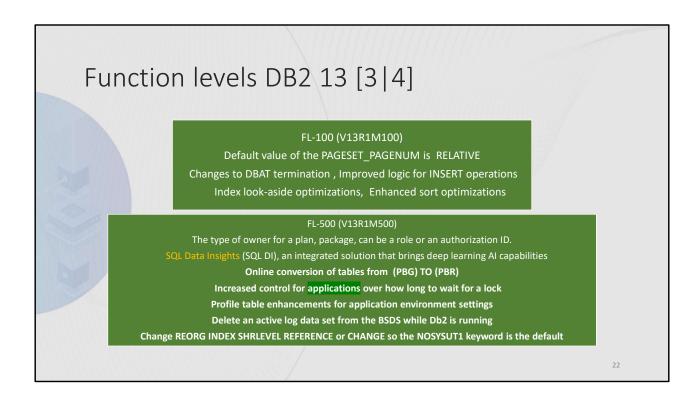
FL-100 ,Many new capabilities in Db2 13 remain unavailable.

FL-500 , first opportunity to use many of the new capabilities in Db2 13. But, whatever is depend on Db2 13 catalog changes remain unavailable

FL 501 is the first opportunity to use new features and capabilities that depend on catalog changes in Db2 13.

FL- 502 introduces Db2 controlled sysplex workload balancing (WLB) and infrastructure for statement-level invalidation.

FL 503 introduces improved default behavior for added ROW CHANGE TIMESTAMP columns in existing rows, accelerator-only support for queries with IN list predicates with more than 32K elements with IBM Db2 Analytics Accelerator V7 for z/OS, and optimize-clause support for SELECT INTO statements.



FL-100 (V13R1M100)

PAGESET_PAGENUM ZPARM default changes to RELATIVE its is for creation of universal PBR table space , and says what mechanism used for page numbering . Is it relative or absolute . Default in Db2 13 is relative.it gives us very bigger ts , and any changes materialized immediately ,no need for online reorg.

For existing tablespaces we need REORG to go RELATIVE from absolute!

<u>For CREATE TABLE statement</u>, The PAGESET_PAGENUM subsystem parameter specifies the default for the PAGENUM option, and its default value is changed from ABSOLUTE to RELATIVE.

FL-500 (V13R1M500)

Three new function introduced for AI as:
AI ANALOGY ,AI SEMANTIC CLUSTER ,AI SIMILARITY

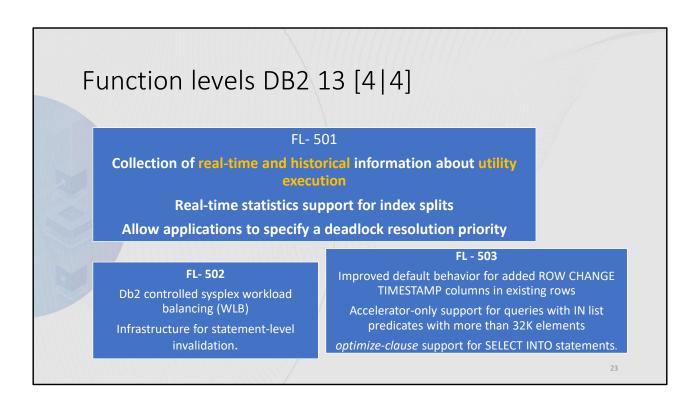
SET CURRENT LOCK TIMEOUTNew statementNoneNoCURRENT LOCK TIMEOUT

<u>special register</u>New special register

Online conversion of PBG to PBR. In db2 13 FL500 there is a new Clause for ALTER TABLE which is ALTER PARTITIONING then Specify "partition by range". Then specify value range for each part, and this a pending change that need (ONLINE)REORG. On table space. currently not available for LOB and XML tables.

Dynamically REMOVE ACTIVE LOG Datasets from BSDS. FL 501 (V13R1M501)

DEADLOCK RESOLUTION PRIORITY built-in global variable New built-in global variable



FL-503

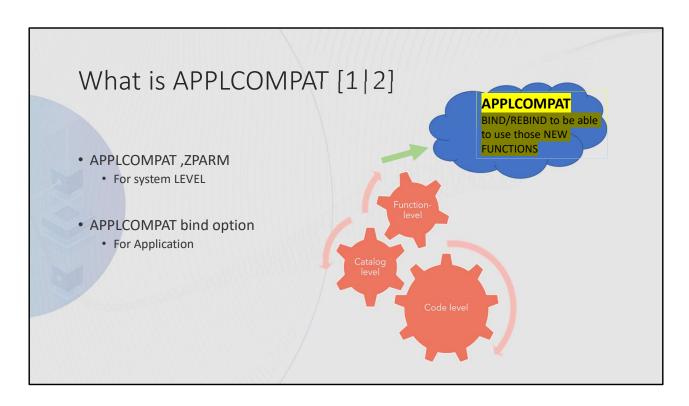
The *optimize-clause*, such as OPTMIZE FOR 2 ROWS can be now specified in SELECT INTO statements

Overview of what's new in Db2 13 - IBM Documentation

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How can application capitalize on the benefits of Db2 upgrade?



APPLCOMPAT bind option

determines the SQL level of applications

APPLCOMPAT, ZPARM

Applcompat in BIND statement overrides what we have in ZPARM

Always having ZPARM down level for the worst person , and people taking advantage of what they have in their Bind statement

Recommended to put zparm in the down level of applcompat until you want to go to higher level

What is APPLCOMPAT [2|2]

- Determines the SQL level
- Activates new SQL syntax
- Freezes the SQL syntax

Why we need APPLCOMPAT ? [1|2]

- When we have a legacy application and NOT sure what were the SQL Statements over the years?
- What would be expectations by Activating NEW FUNCTION LEVEL? And NEW APPLCOMPAT?
- Always a concern that some thing is NOT working properly!
- Expecting Incompatibilities
- Expecting unexpected!

Why we need APPLCOMPAT ? [2|2]

- It enables the use of SQL functions those were introduced with a Db2 version for example, the AL SIMILARITY Function
- Protects a program from SQL incompatibility.
 - Staying in LOWER APPLICATION LEVEL

you can use the application compatibility level to control the adoption of new SQL capabilities and enhancements of function levels.

You can use the *application compatibility* level of applications, and objects such as routines or triggers, to control the adoption and use of new and changed SQL capabilities that are introduced in function levels. Generally, applications, and routines or triggers, cannot use new or changed SQL capabilities unless the effective application compatibility level is equivalent to or higher than the function level that introduced the changes. The application compatibility level applies to most SQL statements, including data definition statements (such as CREATE and ALTER statements) and data control statements (such as GRANT and REVOKE statements).

The corresponding function level or higher must be activated when you bind packages at an application compatibility level. However, if you activate a lower function level (or * function level), applications can continue to run with the higher application compatibility level.

To prevent the continued use of SQL capabilities introduced in the higher function level, you must also modify the application and change the effective application compatibility level to the lower level.

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APPLCOMPAT Level [1|2]

- To know APPLCOMPAT LEVEL
 - For static SQL statements, the APPLCOMPAT column of the SYSIBM.SYSPACKAGE
 - For Dynamic SQL statements, the CURRENT APPLICATION COMPATIBILITY special register

SELECT CURRENT APPLICATION COMPATIBILITY FROM SYSIBM.SYSDUMMY1;

Find out the value of APPLCOMPAT

For static SQL statements, the APPLCOMPAT column of the SYSIBM.SYSPACKAGE catalog table stores the application compatibility setting.

For Dynamic SQL statements, the CURRENT APPLICATION COMPATIBILITY special register stores the application compatibility setting.

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APPLCOMPAT Level [2 | 2]

- How to change APPLCOMPAT Level
 - For Static SQL, BIND or REBIND PACKAGE
 - For DYNAMIC SQL , SET CURRENT APPLICATION COMPATIBILITY
 - Change the Db2 application compatibility level in effect for subsequent SQL statements that you or a program might issue
 - Cannot dynamically go to a level higher than the package's APPLCOMPAT value.

How to change APPLCOMPAT Value

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Finding application incompatibilities

- Start a trace for IFCID 0376 to report incompatibility information about the packages.
- For example, issue the following START TRACE command:
 - -START TRACE(PERFM) CLASS(32) IFCID(376)

Before you move an application to a new application compatibility level, you need to find application incompatibilities, adjust your applications for those incompatibilities, and verify that the incompatibilities no longer exist. Start a trace for IFCID 0376 to report incompatibility information about the packages. For example, issue the following START TRACE command: Before going to a function level Just look into the incompatibilities, make sur you understand what they are and make sure you handled them if necessary before going forward, because what you don't want will surprise you when going through this process

<u>Verify Db2 13 premigration activities and activate function level 510 in Db2 12 - IBM Documentation</u>

SQL changes in Db2 13 - IBM Documentation

Managing application incompatibility [1|5]

- PLANMGMT bind option
- Rebind distributed packages in separate collections
- Using profile tables

Use of the **PLANMGMT bind option** so that you can revert to a previous package copy if a regression occurs.

Rebind distributed packages in *separate collections* and switch the applications to using the new collections.

Using *profile tables* to control which Db2 for z/OS application compatibility levels to use for specific data server client applications

PLANMGMT [2|5] Leverage PLANMGMT extended Use REBIND SWITCH (PREVIOUS) to restore static SQL packages to prior runtime structures Use REBIND SWITCH (PREVIOUS) for dynamic SQL packages would restore prior APPLCOMPAT switching to prior collid for distributed dynamic would restore APPLCOMPAT

The PLANMGMT option retains, during a rebind operation, all relevant package information (such as metadata, query text, dependencies, authorizations, and access paths) in catalog tables and in the directory.

Separate Collections [3|5]

- Rebind distributed packages in separate collections and switch the applications to using the new collections.
- We can have two NULLID Collection, one of them has been bound by New APPLCOMAPT

The recommended best practice in Db2 12 is still to bind a separate set of 'NULLID' packages at the server at the corresponding APPLCOMPAT level for each new function level that you choose to adopt. (DBAs can bind copies of the driver packages by running job DSNTIJLC.) With this approach, existing applications that use the 'NULLID' packages can remain stable.

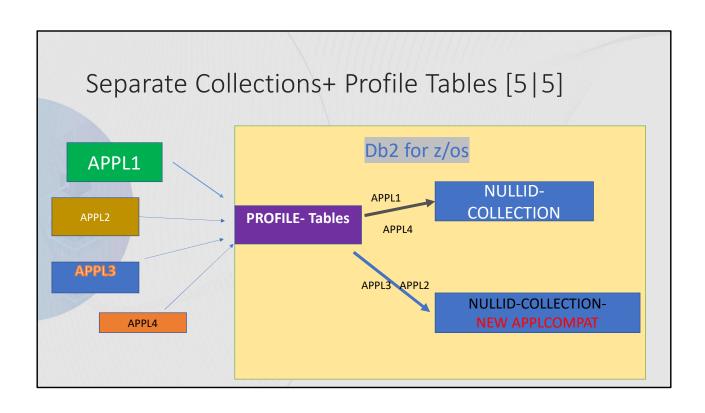
Profile Tables [4|5]

- Using profile tables to control which Db2 for z/OS application compatibility levels to use for specific data server client applications
- Profiles can be used to control which client applications use features that are associated with a specific Db2 for z/OS application compatibility level.
- Having two NULLID Collection, one of them is New APPLCOMAPT, So in profile tables we can manage specified client is using which NULLID Collection.

Profiles can be used to control which client applications use features that are associated with a specific Db2 for z/OS application compatibility level. This capability allows client applications that do not need to use new features to continue to connect to a Db2 for z/OS server at an earlier application compatibility level.

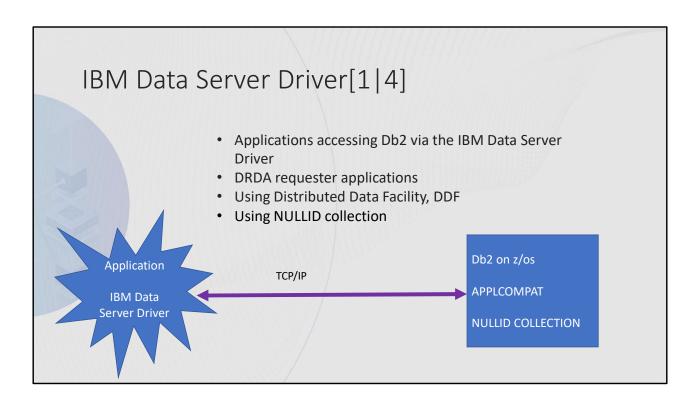
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<u>Using profile tables to control which Db2 for z/OS application compatibility levels to</u> use for specific data server client applications - IBM Documentation



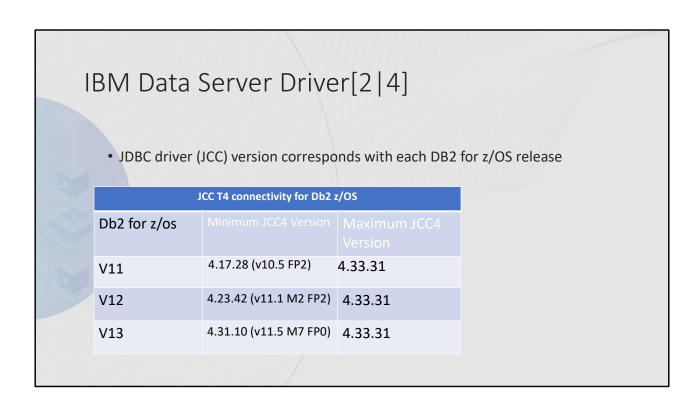
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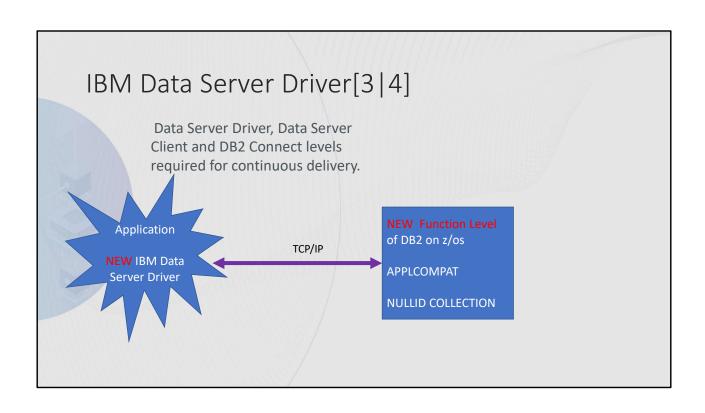


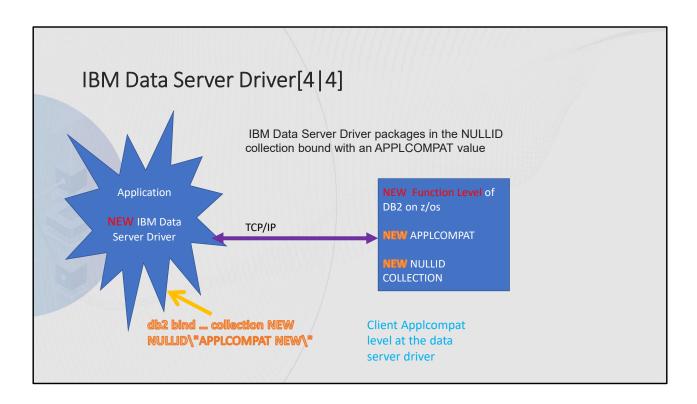
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Typically in the form of non-DBMS-specific interfaces such as JDBC and ODBC and ADO.NET, that target a Db2 for z/OS system to which the application has a TCP/IP connection.



Which JDBC driver (JCC) version corresponds with each DB2 for z/OS release?





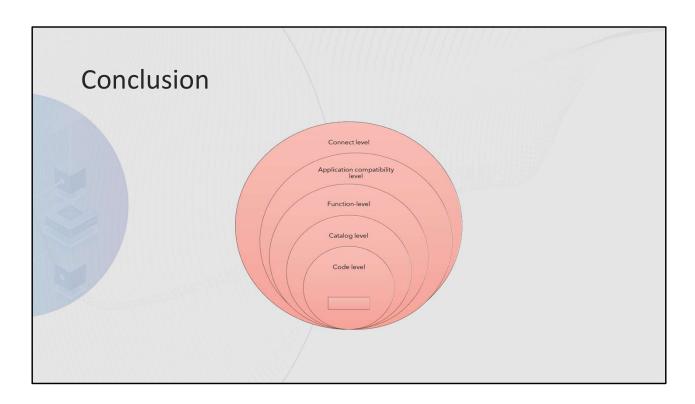
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If application for any reason needs to use New feature of Db2 it needed to BIND Collection NULLID will New APPLCOMPAT.

So New IBM Data SERVER Driver is needed to give us chance to exploit NEW APPLCOMPAT.

The Data Server Driver packages belong, by default, to a collection called NULLID, and in that collection the packages have a certain APPLCOMPAT value. That APPLCOMPAT value determines the SQL functionality that is available to application programs that use the Data Server Driver packages in the NULLID collection

db2 bind '%DB2PATH%\bnd\@ddcsmvs.lst' blocking all
sqlerror continue \ grant public action replace
collection NULLID_NF \ generic \"APPLCOMPAT V12R1M501\"



Library management
Catalog level management
Activation management
Bind/rebind procedures

You can't execute the catmaint level to its certain level unless you have the supporting maintenance level is there

You can active function level up to the level that is supported by catalog level

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