

Co:Z Co-Processing Toolkit for z/OS

# Co:Z Batch User's Guide

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# 1. Introduction

Co:Z Batch is an IBM z/OS batch utility program that allows a Unix command or shell to be executed in a batch job step. As an alternative to confusing IBM utilities such as BPXBATCH, Co:Z Batch is designed to simplify the integration of z/OS Unix with batch jobs.

COZBATCH is an improved version and new name for the Dovetailed Technologies DTLSPAWN utility.

## 1.1 Features

- Executes the Unix program or shell in the same address space, which simplifies job accounting and allows for the use of resources such as DD statements by the Unix program.
- STDIN, STDOUT, and STDERR files from the Unix program are redirected to DD statements, which may refer to MVS datasets or spool files.
- If not specified, the default Unix program to run is the user's default login shell.
- Environment variables may be set using a STDENV DD, or passed in via JCL PARM=. Multiple COZBATCH steps may be used together to pass JCL variables into Unix environment variables, so as to avoid the limits imposed by 100-character PARM= fields.
- If a program is run directly, its name and arguments are given in JCL PARM= and program arguments support quoting.
- The Unix program or shell exit code is used as the step return code, but this may be overridden by a PARM setting.

Table 1.1. Features Comparison

Feature	BPXBATCH	BPXBATSL	AOPBATCH	COZBATCH
Same address space	no	yes	yes	yes
STDOUT/STD to dataset/sysout	yes (1.7+)	yes (1.7+)	yes	yes
STDIN from dataset/sysin	no	no	yes	yes
Run a default login shell	yes	no (unless root)	no	yes
Run a Unix command without a shell	yes	yes	yes	yes
Set ENV vars from JCL vars	limited <sup>1</sup>	limited <sup>1</sup>	limited <sup>1</sup>	yes
PARM= args support quoting	no	no	yes	yes
Override(set) step return code	no	no	no	yes

<sup>1</sup>One or more ENVAR ( ) LE runtime options may be specified on the PARM to set environment variables using JCL variables.

The size of the entire PARM field is limited to 100 characters.

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## 2. Reference

The Co:Z Batch utility may be executed in a batch job step using the following statement:

```
//step EXEC PGM=COZBATCH,  
// PARM='{leopts}/{-Lloglvl} {-N} {envvar=value}* {pgmname {pgmopts}}'
```

The PARM keyword and values are optional, and defined as:

`leopts`

Language environment runtime options

`-Lloglvl`

A switch which enables logging/tracing of COZBATCH. Can be one of `-LI` (info), `-LD` (debug), or `-LT` (trace).

`-N`

By default, COZBATCH will automatically strip line numbers from columns 73-80 of STDIN. If this is not desired, the `-N` switch can be supplied to disable this behavior.

`envvar=value`

One or more environment variables to set before running the Unix program.

`pgmname`

The name of the Unix program or script to execute.

`pgmopts`

One or more arguments to the program, which may be double-quoted if necessary to allow spaces within an argument.

The following DDs may be used, although *none* are required:

`SYSOUT`

messages from the Co:Z batch utility and the z/OS language environment runtime. This file will be dynamically allocated to `SYSOUT=*` if not specified.

`STDIN`

if present, this file will be read and directed as input to the Unix program or shell. An MVS dataset or JES SYSIN spool file may be used, in which case it is read as a text file such that records are separated by newline characters with trailing spaces removed from each record.

`STDOUT`

`stdout` output from the Unix program or shell will be directed to this file, or if not present it will be written to the `SYSOUT` DD. The DD may specify an MVS dataset or JES `SYSOUT` file.

`STDERR`

`stderr` output from the Unix program or shell will be directed to this file, or if not present it will be written to

the SYSOUT DD. The DD may specify an MVS dataset or JES SYSOUT file.

STDENV

if present, this DD will be read by the language environment runtime and be used to set environment variables for the program. Each record or line in the file must be of the form: VAR=VALUE

SAVEARGS

if present, this DD will be read for environment variables (after STDENV). Each record must be in the form VAR=VALUE. In addition, any variables settings in the PARM= field will be written to the end of this file. See [\*Chapter 3, Examples\*](#) for more information on using this to pass arbitrary numbers/length JCL variables in environment variables. Note that variables set via the STDENV DD are not written to this file.

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## 3. Examples

This section contains examples of using the Co:Z Batch utility. The RUNSHELL member of the Co:Z Toolkit Sample JCL also contains sample COZBATCH job steps.

1. Run the user's default shell, which is normally `/bin/sh`. The shell is run as a "login" shell so that before reading input from STDIN, the shell will have executed `/etc/profile` and the user's `.profile` if present. All output: messages, stdout, and stderr will go to a dynamically allocated SYSOUT file.

```
// EXEC PGM=COZBATCH
//STDIN DD *
env
//
```

2. Run the user's default shell, but this time direct messages, stdout, and stderr to separate DDs.

```
// EXEC PGM=COZBATCH
//STDIN DD *
env
//SYSOUT DD SYSOUT=*
//STDOUT DD SYSOUT=*
//STDERR DD SYSOUT=*
//
```

3. Run the `/bin/sh` shell explicitly, but not as a login shell. The leading `/"` is required to delineate LE runtime options. The output from this execution will display only a few environment variables, since the system and user profiles are not executed.

```
// EXEC PGM=COZBATCH,PARM=' / /bin/sh '
//STDIN DD *
env
```

4. Run the `/bin/cat>` program explicitly, which will copy the input from STDIN to STDOUT

```
// EXEC PGM=COZBATCH,PARM=' //bin/cat '
//STDIN DD *
xxxx
YYYYY
zzz
//STDOUT DD SYSOUT=*
//
```

5. Use DD STDENV to have LE present environment variables. Additional environment variables are set using PARM=, which allows for the substitution of JCL "SET" or "PROC" variables. Since a program name is not specified, the user's default login shell is executed and will read input from STDIN.

```

// SET MACLIB=SYS1.MACLIB
// SET AMACLIB=SYS1.AMACLIB
//*
// EXEC PGM=COZBATCH,
// PARM=' / TDIR=/usr/local/bin MACLIB=&MACLIB AMACLIB=&AMACLIB '
//STDENV DD *
ADIR=foo
//STDIN DD *
echo ls ADIR=$ADIR
ls $ADIR
echo ls TDIR=$TDIR
ls $TDIR
echo MACLIB=$MACLIB AMACLIB=$AMACLIB
env
//

```

6. In a situation where you have several JCL SET or PROC variables that need to be used as environment variables, you can be limited by the evil 100-character JCL PARM= limit. COZBATCH allows you to have multiple steps that concatenate these variables to a temp dataset that is eventually passed into a COZBATCH step that uses them in a shell script. The DD name for the file used to save these arguments is SAVEARGS.

Note that steps that have neither a STDIN DD nor name an explicit program to execute will actually not run anything, but simply set and save arguments.

```

// SET PRFX=SYS1.INSTALL.FOobar.LONGNAME.DEMO
// SET MACLIB=&PRFX.MACLIB
// SET AMACLIB=&PRFX.AMACLIB
// SET AMODGEN=&PRFX.AMODGEN
// SET LINKLIB=&PRFX.LINKLIB
//*
//EX1 EXEC PGM=COZBATCH,PARM=' /MACLIB=&MACLIB AMACLIB=&AMACLIB '
//SAVEARGS DD DSN=&&MYTEMP1,DISP=(NEW,PASS)
//*
//EX2 EXEC PGM=COZBATCH,PARM=' /AMACLIB=&AMODGEN '
//SAVEARGS DD DSN=&&MYTEMP1,DISP=(OLD,PASS)
//*
//EX3 EXEC PGM=COZBATCH,PARM=' /LINKLIB=&LINKLIB '
//SAVEARGS DD DSN=&&MYTEMP1,DISP=(OLD,PASS)
//STDIN DD *
echo MACLIB=$MACLIB
echo AMACLIB=$AMACLIB
echo AMODGEN=$AMODGEN
echo LINKLIB=$LINKLIB
// *

```

7. The special PARM= variable \$? maybe be used to specify a return code for the step, overriding the use of the program or shell's exit code. In the special case where a program or STDIN DD is not present, a program or shell is not executed - but this feature will still set the return code.

```
// SET MYRC=8
//SETRC1 EXEC PGM=COZBATCH,PARM=' / $?=&MYRC '
//*
//SETRC2 EXEC PGM=COZBATCH,PARM=' / FOO=BAR $?=&MYRC '
//STDIN DD *
env
//
```

8. Unlike BPXBATCH or BPXBATSL, arguments specified to the program on the PARM= keyword may be quoted.

```
// EXEC PGM=COZBATCH,
// PARM=' /"TDIR=&TDIR" "FIL=&FIL" /bin/sh -c "cd $TDIR; pax -rvf $FIL" '
```

9. Since COZBATCH executes a shell in the original address space, it is easy to write shell scripts inline in your JCL that use DD statements. The synergy of features allows you to fully and easily exploit z/OS Unix in batch job steps.

```
// SET TCHOME="/usr/local/tomcat"
// SET INSTJCL=TOMCAT.INSTALL.JCL
//*
//INSTALL EXEC PGM=COZBATCH,PARM=' /TCHOME=&TCHOME '
//PAX DD DSN=&INSTJCL(PAXBIN),DISP=SHR
//STDIN DD *
cd $TCHOME
if [[ $(ls | wc -l) -gt 0 ]]; then
    echo directory $TCHOME is not empty!
    exit 8
fi
pax -rvf //DD:PAX
//
```

- 10.COZBATCH can be used with the Co:Z toolkit fromdsn and todsn shell commands.

```
//REGEX EXEC PGM=COZBATCH
//IN DD DSN=SYS1.MACLIB(ACB),DISP=SHR
//OUT DD DSN=&&TEMP,DISP=(NEW,PASS),
// SPACE=(CYL,(1,1)),
// DCB=(LRECL=80,RECFM=FB)
//STDIN DD *
# Copy lines matching a regular expression to DD:OUT
fromdsn //DD:IN | grep BLKSIZE | todsn //DD:OUT
//
```

- 11.COZBATCH can be used with [Co:Z SFTP](#) to script a batch SFTP client job to download a file to an MVS dataset.

```
// SET RLOGIN='userid@remote.host'
// SET RFILE='/path/to/remote/file'
//*
//RUNCOZ EXEC PGM=COZBATCH,
//      PARM='/RLOGIN=&RLOGIN RFILE=&RFILE'
//STDIN DD *
# These can be used to read the ssh password from a (secured) dataset
# if you don't want to setup public/private keypairs
coz_bin="/opt/dovetail/coz/bin"
export PASSWD_DSN='//SECURE.PASSWD(SITE1)'
export SSH_ASKPASS=$coz_bin/read_passwd_dsn.sh
export DISPLAY=none

ssh_opts="-oBatchMode=no"          # allows ssh to use SSH_ASKPASS program
ssh_opts="$ssh_opts -oConnectTimeout=60"
ssh_opts="$ssh_opts -oServerAliveInterval=60"
ssh_opts="$ssh_opts -oStrictHostKeyChecking=no" # accept initial host keys

# Invoke the Co:Z sftp client with an in-line batch of commands
# that downloads a remote file to a local DD.
# Note that "-oBatchMode=no" must be specified before "-b"
#       since ssh opts are first-sticky
$coz_bin/cozsftp $ssh_opts -b- $RLOGIN <<EOB
lzopts mode=text
get $RFILE //DD:DOWNLOAD
EOB

//DOWNLOAD DD DSN=&&DOWNLOAD,DISP=(NEW,PASS),
//          DCB=(...),SPACE=(...)
//
```

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