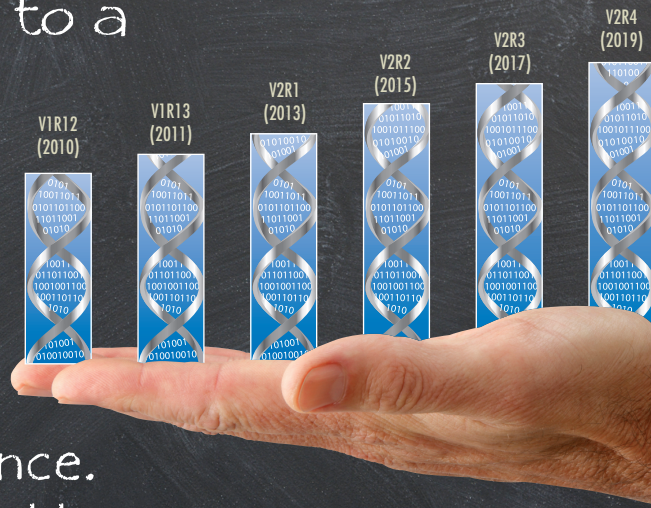# Thinking about moving to a New Release of z/OS?

- **Where are you now?**
- **Where would you like to be?**
- **How are you planning to get there?**
- **How much will it cost?**
- **How long will it take?**
- **Do you have the resources?**

V1R12 (2010)   V1R13 (2011)   V2R1 (2013)   V2R2 (2015)   V2R3 (2017)   V2R4 (2019)

Chalk it up to experience.
We think we have a better way.

Why is Keeping z/OS Current So Important?

Simply put, when your system is back-leveled, you begin to lose your technical knowledge base. Some would say you also lose your competitive footing and your organization misses out on increasingly valuable service improvements in reliability, availability and serviceability (RAS), the foundational elements that make z/OS the most reliable and trusted operating system available.

Your Wants vs. Your Needs!

We all know what you want. Actually all System Programmers generally want the same thing, to be technically current, not necessarily at the "Bleeding-Edge" but close enough to be knowledgeable of release-to-release changes and the impact they will have on their z/OS systems and organizational users.

What you'll need to reach your targeted level of currency is a different matter. Your availability will very likely be the biggest factor. In addition to your daily routine when you start a migration project, new release level research, existing system adaptation, new system testing and QA will eat up chunks of your time. Some organizations fill this "Time Gap" with consultants adding yet additional cost to the migration process. We have a better way.

We think you will like our *New Release Analysis*.

Migration Costs
The Goal?
Save up to 50%

What is *New Release Analysis*?

New Release Analysis is a VTAM-based 3270 application that can accurately simulate the operational environment of every available release of z/OS. This is really important because it means that you won't have to install a new release of z/OS before you begin your migration project. Begin when you like, on your schedule, when time is available.

What's the origin of *New Release Analysis*?

New Release Analysis is a sub-component of NewEra's IMAGE Control Environment (ICE). ICE has long been a destination for z/OS System Programmers. Many use ICE as an integral, indispensable part of their z/OS management processes. Based on a foundation of IBM documentation, years of real world experience and industry best practices the internal core of ICE – the z/OS Inspection Server – is used as the primary ICE sub-component that aids in the constant vigilance over the integrity of defined z/OS Sysplexes and their Images that ICE provides. It is this same Inspection Server that makes *New Release Analysis* possible.

What about future releases of z/OS?

NewEra has a track record of providing "Same Day Support" for each new release of the OS going back to the days of OS/390 and delivered support for the latest update, z/OS V2R2 on the same day it became available.

Our promptness in providing support speaks to the cooperative working relationships that exist between ourselves, our ICE users and the IBM z/OS Developers Program.

What will *New Release Analysis* Cost?

A very good question. The ICE Application, *New Release Analysis*, is licensed annually by CPU. Size factors may result in cost variations from one location to another but a reasonable estimate of your cost would be about a month's pay. At that rate annual payback is pretty much assured. Considering the savings in your time and effort, we think *New Release Analysis* could slash Migration Costs by up to 50%.

How do I get access to *New Release Analysis*?

An even better question. The ICE Application Environment containing *New Release Analysis* is a simple Web Download that you move to a z/OS mainframe and install. To establish a download link to your personal copy, send your CPU Model and Serial Numbers via Email to support@newera.com using the subject 'NRA Download'. We will reply promptly and you will be on your way.

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