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IBM and CSC join forces to announce IBM for z-- providing CSC customers with IBM's Cloud Managed Services for the z Systems mainframe platform packaged with associated hardware and software.

The result, the two companies say, allows CSC customers to move to the cloud through a more scalable and flexible infrastrastructure at "significantly reduced" startup costs.

"Many clients are looking for ways to make historically fixed cost more variable to migrate from legacy platforms to modernized applications and to a cloud enabled infrastructure," CSC says. "As a solution independent integrator, CSC is uniquely positioned to leverage transformative services like the IBM Cloud for z to benefit our clients. This new cloud-based service expands our cloud offering and is a natural evolution of our long-standing alliance with IBM."

IBM Cloud for z promises the dynamic adjustment of computing resources as per client needs, high levels of security, configurable high availability options and a flexible pricing model. Its follows on the earlier availability of the IBM Cloud through the CSC Agility Platform, an initiative IBM says enables customers across the healthcare, insurance and finance industries to leverage on the benefits of the hybrid cloud and deploy 10000 applications.

"IBM's ability to bring its world-class strengths in customer service and information technology operations will enable CSC to maximise mainframe efficiencies now and in the future via the IBM Cloud for z," Big Blue concludes. "IBM's leadership in next-generation cloud, security, big data, management processes and support aligns with CSC's objectives of leading client digital transformation needs and providing long-term solutions to meet their ever-evolving requirements."

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