

# What On Earth is a Mainframe?

*Finally, a book that explains Mainframes in English.*

Confused about zSeries® Mainframes? Need to understand the z/OS® operating system - and in a hurry? Then you've just found the book you need.

Avoiding technical jargon, this book gives you the basic Mainframe facts in clear, light-hearted, entertaining English. You'll quickly learn:

- What Mainframes do and don't do.
- All about the Mainframe hardware.
- z/OS—what it looks like, what you get, and what you don't get.
- The basics about Mainframe networks.
- Transaction and Database Managers that run on the Mainframe.
- Mainframe Applications—how they're created and maintained.
- Other software packages that run on the Mainframe.
- Who works on the Mainframe, and how they get there.
- Things that keep Mainframe managers awake at night.

Throughout the book are small 'snippets' of information about Mainframe people, issues, new trends like SOA and Java, and why things are the way they are. It's packed with all sorts of information that doesn't seem to be written down anywhere else.

Programmers, managers, recruitment consultants, and industry commentators will all find this book their new best friend when trying to understand the Mainframe world.

## About the Author

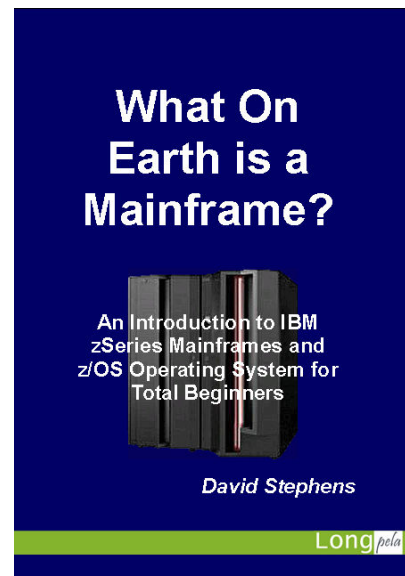


David Stephens saw his first Mainframe in 1989, and can't seem to get away from them. After graduating with an Engineering degree from the University of Tasmania, he spent six months working as a Mainframe Network Operator before moving to z/OS Systems Programmer.

Since then David has amassed over seventeen years of Mainframe technical experience - working on almost every aspect of managing and operating Mainframes. He also has six years experience working in Systems Software Development and Level 3 Software Support for IBM.

When not working on Mainframes, David loves to travel the world, go walking for days in the wilderness, scuba dive, or some combination of these. He'll also happily drink your red wine collection dry.

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## Press Release:

### What On Earth is a Mainframe? New Beginner's Book Released.

*Longpela Expertise releases the first book to introduce IBM zSeries Mainframes and z/OS Operating System in fun, easy-to-read English.*

Perth, Australia - Nov 3, 2008 (PressReleasePoint) - Longpela Expertise today released the first book to introduce Mainframes in fun, easy-to-read English. Titled "What On Earth is a Mainframe," this book clearly explains the IBM zSeries computing platform and z/OS operating system.

What On Earth is a Mainframe provides the "must-know" Mainframe details for any Mainframe beginner. It covers the basics about Mainframe hardware, systems and terminology without getting bogged down in technical jargon. It also includes management issues, hot new Mainframe topics, and many other facts and stories that programmers, managers, CIOs and industry commentators will find invaluable.

"I've always been amazed that there isn't a Mainframe beginner's book around that's fun and easy to read," author David Stephens said. "So three years ago I decided to try and write one myself."

At 200 pages, What On Earth is a Mainframe is an easy read, and ideal for anyone needing to find their Mainframe feet fast.

What On Earth is a Mainframe is available for sale online at [lulu.com](http://lulu.com) and through additional wholesale and retail channels worldwide. More information and a media kit is available at [www.longpelaexpertise.com.au/books](http://www.longpelaexpertise.com.au/books)

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#### About Longpela Expertise

Longpela Expertise is a company providing Mainframe Systems Programming consultancy services throughout Australia and South Asia. Find out more at [www.longpelaexpertise.com.au](http://www.longpelaexpertise.com.au).

"A fantastic reference for any person needing to know the answers about mainframes fast and without all of the geek-gobble-dee-gook."

Dave Matoe, IT Manager.

#### What On Earth is a Mainframe?

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