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Co:Z Dataset Pipes - User's Guide

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1. Introduction

Co:Z Dataset Pipes are commands that provide flexible conversion between z/OS data sets and byte streams. The conversion options include code page translation, line termination treatment, and data set record padding / overflow rules.

There are also commands for converting z/OS Unix System Services POSIX files to byte streams.

The Co:Z Dataset Pipes commands can be used in the following modes:

- **z/OS Unix System Services Integration:** A z/OS unix process accesses local z/OS services

The Dataset Pipes streaming commands can be invoked from Unix System Services directly (interactively, or from a shell script) or used as shell commands within a *Co:Z Batch* job step.

- **z/OS Hybrid Batch:** A z/OS jobstep launches a remote process on a target system

The Co:Z Launcher starts a shell process on a distributed system, redirecting the shell's input and output to traditional z/OS data sets, z/OS POSIX files, or spool files.

The Dataset Pipes client commands can be used by the remote process to reach back into the launching jobstep to access z/OS POSIX files, data sets and other services.

The target may be another z/OS system with Co:Z installed.

- **z/OS Remote Services:** A remote client initiates a connection to z/OS

A Linux, AIX or remote z/OS system can use the Dataset Pipes client commands to initiate an SSH connection to a z/OS server.

Commands can be run individually (each with its own SSH connection), or through a durable connection initiated by the remote system with the `cozcontrol` command. When using `cozcontrol`, a single dataset pipes connection is used for multiple command invocations.

Features:

- Pipe input to an MVS dataset or a POSIX file (**todsn** and **tofile**)
- Pipe output from an MVS dataset or a POSIX file (**fromdsn** and **fromfile**)
- Remote execution over an SSH connection
- Supports any z/OS dataset which can be opened in sequential, record mode by the `fopen()` C-library routine. This includes:
 - MVS sequential datasets (QSAM, BSAM)
 - PDS and PDSE members
 - VSAM files (processed in sequential mode)
 - SYSOUT datasets, including the MVS internal reader

- Supports text or binary conversion via flexible line-termination rules:
 - Cr, Lf/Newline, CrLf, Cr and/or Lf, RDW, none, user-defined-string
- Supports flexible record padding / overflow rules:
 - wrap, flow, truncate, error
- Codepage translation via high-performance z/OS conversion services
- Can specify additional `fopen()` options and dynamic allocation keywords
 - keywords supported by **BPXWDYN** can be used to customize dataset allocation
 - allows for SYSOUT, writers or MVS internal reader
- User and/or system profile can be used to automatically supply conversion options based dataset name matching.

2. Dataset Pipes Installation and Configuration

2.1 Dataset Pipes Installation by Use Case

The installation steps vary depending on the usage of the Dataset Pipes commands.

- **z/OS Unix System Services Integration:**

Follow the instructions for *Co:Z Toolkit for z/OS*. Because the Dataset Pipes commands are only running on z/OS, no additional configuration is needed. There is no specific Dataset Pipes configuration.

- **z/OS Hybrid Batch:**

When Dataset Pipes commands are run with the Co:Z Launcher in a z/OS Hybrid Batch use case, installation is required for the *Co:Z Toolkit for z/OS* and the *Co:Z Target System Toolkits*. No specific Dataset Pipes configuration is required, but see the *Co:Z Launcher User's Guide* for additional configuration options.

- **z/OS Remote Services:**

In addition to the *Co:Z Toolkit for z/OS* and *Co:Z Target System Toolkits*, the dspipes subsystem and dspipes session config options must also be configured. See the following sections for more detail.

2.2 z/OS Remote Services Quick Start

After completing the installation of the *Co:Z Toolkit for z/OS* and the *Co:Z Target System Toolkit* on the remote system, the following are the minimum steps to get started using z/OS Remote Services. Replace <COZ_INST> with the installation directory of the toolkit. For more detailed information, see the remaining sections in this chapter.

On z/OS:

1. Edit `/etc/ssh/sshd_config` and add the following line along with other subsystem configuration.

```
Subsystem dspipes <COZ_INST>/bin/dspipes.sh
```

Restart SSHD.

```
kill -HUP `cat /var/run/sshd.pid`
```

2. Copy the sample configuration files to `/etc/ssh`:

```
cp <COZ_INST>/samples/dspipes.site.rc /etc/ssh/dspipes.rc
chmod 755 /etc/ssh/dspipes.rc
cp <COZ_INST>/samples/dspipes_site_config /etc/ssh/dspipes_config
```

```
chmod 0644 /etc/ssh/dspipes_config
```

3. Edit `/etc/ssh/dspipes_config`. Uncomment and set `server-host` to an externally recognized IP address or hostname for the z/OS server. Uncomment and set `server-ports`, if the default is not applicable.

On the remote system:

Assuming the Co:Z Target System Toolkit has been installed on a unix server with the PATH configured to the Dataset Pipes command executables:

1. Verify that the remote system can connect to the z/OS server using SSH.

```
ssh user@host uname -a
```

2. Interactively test a Dataset Pipes command with a single SSH connection. This command lists the files in the user's z/OS home directory.

```
cozclient -ssh user@host ls -alt
```

3. Interactively start a durable connection using **cozcontrol**, execute a few Dataset Pipes commands on z/OS, and end the session.

```
cozcontrol start -ssh user@host
cozclient ls -alt
fromdsn 'SYS1.MACLIB(ACB)' > /tmp/test.txt
todsn 'user.test.dataset' < /tmp/test.txt
cozcontrol stop
```

For more examples, see [Appendix A, Command Reference - Dataset Pipes](#) and [Chapter 4, z/OS Remote Services Examples](#).

2.3 z/OS Remote Services Configuration

This section provides additional detail about the steps summarized in the quick start section above.

Configuring the Dataset Pipes subsystem

To run Dataset Pipes commands initiated by a remote client, a subsystem must be configured in your z/OS OpenSSH server.¹

This is done by updating the `sshd_config` file, typically located at `/etc/ssh/sshd_config`.²

¹SSH user subsystems are, like all SSH remote commands, executed in a process under the authenticated client userid, so normal z/OS user security determines what resources can be accessed.

Find the line "Subsystem" which defines the `sftp` subsystem. Immediately following the `sftp` line add this:

```
Subsystem dspipes <COZ_INST>/bin/dspipes.sh
```

(where `<COZ_INST>` is the directory where Co:Z Toolkit is installed).

If OpenSSH `sshd` was running prior to editing `sshd_config`, it should be reinitialized. This can be done by sending `SIGHUP` to the running process. The pid for this process is typically in the file `/var/run/sshd.pid`:

```
kill -HUP `cat /var/run/sshd.pid`
```

Dataset Pipes Configuration overview

The following table describes how a Co:Z Dataset Pipes Server session is started and outlines the sequence of configuration steps that occur prior to the establishment of the session. Details on these configuration steps follow the table.

Table 2.1. *Dspipes Server initialization steps*

Step	Configuration	Notes
1	<code>\$COZ_HOME/bin/dspipes.sh</code>	This shell script is executed by z/OS OpenSSH <code>sshd</code> upon a request for an Dataset Pipes server subsystem. <i>This file should not be modified by the installation</i> , but you may want to review the comments at the beginning of the script. This script will execute the site-wide and user-specific rc scripts and configuration files (see following steps).
2	<code>/etc/ssh/dspipes.rc</code>	Site-wide environment variable configuration.
3	<code>\$HOME/.ssh/dspipes.rc</code>	User specific environment variable configuration. Can contain customized log file location, logging and tracing options, etc. The location of this file may be changed by setting the <code>\$DSPIPES_USER_RC</code> environment variable.
4	<code>\$HOME/.ssh/dspipes_config</code>	User-specific configuration settings. User customized options may be specified here. The location of this file may be changed by setting the <code>\$DSPIPES_USER_CONFIG</code> environment variable.
5	<code>/etc/ssh/dspipes_config</code>	Site-wide configuration settings.

²It is sometimes convenient to set up a *test* OpenSSH server where this subsystem can be easily added. Instructions for doing this can be found in the Co:Z Installation and Release Notes.

Sitewide Dataset Pipes configuration

The Dataset Pipes server can be configured with system-wide defaults by creating and configuring the file `/etc/ssh/dspipes.rc`. A sample file (`dspipes.site.rc`) is provided in `<COZ_INST>/samples`, and should be copied to the `/etc/ssh` directory:

```
cp <COZ_INST>/samples/dspipes.site.rc /etc/ssh/dspipes.rc
chmod 755 /etc/ssh/dspipes.rc
```

Sample site dspipes.rc file

```
#!/bin/sh
# Set site-wide environment variables for dspipes server.
# Place this sample as an executable script in file: /etc/ssh/dspipes.rc

# The following are the default locations for user level configuration files.
#DSPIPES_USER_RC=$HOME/.ssh/dspipes.rc ❶
#DSPIPES_USER_CONFIG=$HOME/.ssh/dspipes_config ❷

# The following defines a directory name (without trailing slash) where
# log files will be created, rather than /tmp or $TMPDIR. Setting this
# variable and regular cleanup of this directory are recommended.
#export DSPIPES_LOGDIR=
```

- ❶ In some cases, users may not have access to individual `$HOME` directories or it may be desirable to have all user configuration files centralized. In this case, the environment variable `DSPIPES_USER_RC` can be specified to provide an alternate file name for the user `.rc` file in a common, readable location. For example, to specify a common directory for all user configuration files, set the following:
- ```
DSPIPES_USER_RC=/usr/share/coz/$LOWER_LOGNAME.dspipes.rc
```

To disable the usage of user specific `dspipes.rc` files for all users, `DSPIPES_USER_RC` can be set to a dummy file name (e.g: `/dummy`).

Note that the z/OS Unix System Services `$LOGNAME` environment variable holding the current username is in uppercase. As this is not always consistent with other POSIX style usage, the `dspipes.sh` script exports an environment variable named `$LOWER_LOGNAME` that downcases the value in `$LOGNAME`.

- ❷ Additionally, individual user server config files can be similarly located. To learn more about config files, refer to section: [Section 2.4, “z/OS Remote Services Session Config Files”](#). By default, user server config files are located at `$HOME/.ssh/dspipes_config`.

**Note:** The `/etc/ssh/dspipes.rc`, if present, must be marked executable, as must the individual user files.

## User specific Dataset Pipes customization

Individual users can override system wide Dataset Pipes properties by creating a profile script, `dspipes.rc`, in their home `.ssh` directory:

```
if the user's .ssh does not exist:
mkdir $HOME/.ssh
```

```

chmod 700 $HOME/.ssh

cp <COZ_INST>/samples/dspipes.user.rc $HOME/.ssh/dspipes.rc
chmod u+x $HOME/.ssh/dspipes.rc

```

## Sample user dspipes.rc file

```

#!/bin/sh
Place this sample as an executable script in file: $HOME/.ssh/dspipes.rc

Product support personnel may request that you uncomment one or more of
the following variables to enable tracing. These options should be set
in user specific dspipes.rc files rather than globally in the site-wide
dspipes.rc

Setting COZ_LOG enables tracing for CozServer session level tracing.
The default is N, Notice.
#export COZ_LOG=T ❶

Setting COZ_LOG_CMD enables tracing for dspipes commands running on the
server (fromdsn, cozclient, etc). The default is N, Notice. Command
tracing can alternately be enabled with the -L option on most dataset
pipes commands.
#export COZ_LOG_CMD=F ❷

Setting COZ_LOG_CMD_DUP to true (default is false), duplicates tracing enabled by
COZ_LOG_CMD to the session log. This is recommended when requesting support from
Co:Z support personnel because all logging for a problem is captured in a single
file.
#export COZ_LOG_CMD_DUP=true ❸

```

- ❶ When logging is enabled by setting this variable, log files are created for every Dataset Pipes server session. Each session is an SSH session. See [the section called “Logging Configuration for Dataset Pipes”](#) for additional information.
- ❷ When command logging is enabled by setting this variable, Co:Z logging messages are redirected back to the client for all Dataset Pipes commands executed by the client. The optional `-L` switch can be specified on Dataset Pipes commands to enable logging for a single command.
- ❸ When set to `true`, command logging is redirected back to the client and duplicated to the session log.

## Logging Configuration for Dataset Pipes

Log files are created for every Dataset Pipes server session. When specifying `-ssh` on an individual Dataset Pipes command such as `fromdsn`, the log file contains logging only for the single command. When using `cozcontrol` to define a durable session used by multiple Dataset Pipes commands, the log file contains logging for all commands using the durable session. If the log file remains empty due to the logging level set, the file is deleted when the session ends. The log file is of particular interest when a problem is encountered and additional error detail is needed. The following sections define how to control the logging destination as well as logging levels.

## Logging Destination

By default, log files are written to the `/tmp` directory (or the directory specified by the `TMPDIR` environment variable, if it is set). To change this directory default for all users, modify `/etc/ssh/dspipes.rc` as needed. Exporting `DSPIPES_LOGDIR` changes the directory log files are written to. The session log file name is generated with the following pattern: `dspipes.<userid>.<...>.log`.

The directory containing the log files must be cleaned up and monitored for space; however, it is important to keep these files for some period of time in order to allow support personnel to review the session log file for diagnostic information when investigating a problem.

In order to assist with log file maintenance, the environment variable `DSPIPES_LOG_KEEP_DAYS` can be exported from either the site or individual user's `dspipes.rc`. When this variable is specified, the argument must be an integer greater than zero. Log files older than the argument will be removed when the user next establishes a Co:Z Dataset Pipes server session. The log files to be deleted must belong to the the connecting user and reside in the immediate directory specified by `DSPIPES_LOGDIR` (or `$TMPDIR` if `DSPIPES_LOGDIR` is not specified). Note that if `DSPIPES_LOGFILE` is specified, `DSPIPES_LOG_KEEP_DAYS` (if set) will be ignored.

## Logging Level

The logging level is controlled by exporting the following environment variables: `COZ_LOG`, `COZ_LOG_CMD`, and `COZ_LOG_CMD_DUP`. In order to diagnose a problem for an individual user, create a `dspipes.rc` file in their individual `.ssh` directory, setting these variables as directed by product support personnel.

- `COZ_LOG`

When set, enables Dataset Pipes server level logging, excluding logging of the server side execution of Dataset Pipes commands (`fromdsn`, `todsn`, `cozclient`, etc.).

When the `COZ_LOG` environment variable is not specifically set, the default is `N` which logs error, warning and notice messages. The Co:Z support team may direct setting this variable to one of `E`, `W`, `N`, `I`, `D`, `T` or `F` for Error, Warning, Notice, Informational, Debug, Trace, or Fine level tracing.

- `COZ_LOG_CMD`

When set, enables logging of the server side execution of Dataset Pipes commands (`fromdsn`, `todsn`, `cozclient`, etc.). Logging for Dataset Pipes commands is redirected back to the client as `stderr`. Alternatively, logging can be configured for a specific Dataset Pipes command by specifying the `-L` option on the command. See [Appendix A, Command Reference - Dataset Pipes](#) for additional information.

When the `COZ_LOG_CMD` environment variable is not specifically set, the default is `N` which logs error, warning and notice messages. The Co:Z support team may direct setting this variable to one of `E`, `W`, `N`, `I`, `D`, `T` or `F` for Error, Warning, Notice, Informational, Debug, Trace, or Fine level tracing.

- `COZ_LOG_CMD_DUP`

The default for this variable is `false`. Setting this variable to `true` duplicates Dataset Pipes command `stderr` to the client and the server session log. Setting this option to `true` in a user's `dspipes.rc` file captures the most complete set of information in one server session log file.

## 2.4 z/OS Remote Services Session Config Files

The file `/etc/ssh/dspipes_config` can be used to customize the options available for a **cozcontrol** durable session. The permissions for this file should be `0644`. While user's can override these properties, they are intended to be site-wide properties.

A sample file (`dspipes_site_config`) is provided in `<COZ_INST>/samples`, and should be copied to the `/etc/ssh` directory:

```
cp <COZ_INST>/samples/dspipes_site_config /etc/ssh/dspipes_config
chmod 644 /etc/ssh/dspipes_config
```

*Table 2.2. Durable session Dataset Pipes server properties*

| Property                    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| server-ports                | Default: 8050-8058. Identifies the ports the server can use to set up its socket listener. This property is not used when tunneling is configured on <b>cozcontrol start</b> .                                                                                                                                          |
| server-host                 | Default: <code>gethostname()</code> . The external address of the Dataset Pipes server running on z/OS. Used by the <b>cozcontrol</b> and client Dataset pipes commands to send messages to the socket listener established when the Dataset Pipes server is started. This option is not used for tunneled connections. |
| inactivity-interval-minutes | Default: 15 minutes. The Dataset Pipes server will shutdown its socket server and end the SSH connection when the <code>inactivity-interval-minutes</code> expires due to no Dataset Pipes command activity during the durable session.                                                                                 |

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## 3. General Dataset Pipes Examples

This chapter contains common examples for using Dataset Pipes. The commands in this section can be used in three different environments (use cases):

- **z/OS Unix System Services Integration:** from any z/OS Unix shell (see [Section D.2, “Using the z/OS Unix Shell”](#)) including Co:Z Batch,
- **z/OS Hybrid Batch:** from a shell process executing on a distributed system by the Co:Z Launcher, or
- **z/OS Remote Services:** from a remote client initiating a connection to z/OS using a **cozcontrol** durable SSH connection. Optionally, these commands can be modified to specify the target system connection information directly on the command by adding the `-ssh` option. See [Chapter 4, z/OS Remote Services Examples](#).

These examples assume that you have installed and configured the [Co:Z Toolkit for z/OS](#) on your z/OS server, the [Co:Z Target System Toolkits](#) on non-z/OS servers, and in the z/OS remote services use case, completed [the section called “Configuring the Dataset Pipes subsystem”](#) on the target z/OS server.

For questions or to suggest new examples for this chapter, please visit the [Dovetailed Technologies z/OS Forum](#)

### 3.1 Copy an MVS dataset to a zFS file

```
fromdsn //MVS1.INPUT.DATASET > /home/user/mydata
```

The **fromdsn** command reads an MVS dataset and converts it to a stream of bytes written to `stdout`. The above command redirects (>) this output to a zFS file. With the default options for **fromdsn**:

- Trailing pad characters (default is spaces) will be removed from the dataset records
- Linefeeds (EBCDIC "newline") characters will be added to the end of each record

### 3.2 Copy a zFS file to an MVS dataset

```
todsn //MVS1.OUTPUT.DATASET < /home/user/myfile
```

The zFS file is redirected to `stdin` of the **todsn** command which converts the data to records written to the MVS dataset. The default options for **todsn** are in effect:

- Input lines will be broken on CR, LF, or CRLF.
- If the dataset is new, then its default attributes will be `"recfm=VB,lrecl=1028"`.
- Lines longer than allowed by the dataset will be wrapped onto multiple records.

### 3.3 Copy an MVS dataset (PDS member) to a zFS file

```
fromdsn '//mvs1.my.lib(member1)' > /home/user/member1
```

The **fromdsn** command reads an MVS dataset and converts it to a stream of bytes written to `stdout`. The above command redirects (>) this output to a zFS file. With the default options for `fromdsn`:

- Trailing pad characters (default is spaces) will be removed from the dataset records
- Linefeeds (EBCDIC "newline") characters will be added to the end of each record
- The single quotes are required to prevent the Unix shell from interpreting the parentheses as meta characters.

### 3.4 Copy a zFS file to a PDS member

```
todsn '//MVS1.MYLIB.DATA(MEMBER1)' < /home/user/myfile
```

The single quotes are required so that the parentheses will not be interpreted as shell meta-characters.

### 3.5 Specifying dataset names

```
todsn //userid.test.data < /home/user/myfile
todsn -r //test.data < /home/user/myfile
```

- By default, dataset names are assumed to be fully-qualified.
- The `-r` option can be used to automatically add a prefix of the current userid. Assuming that the current userid is "userid", the to above commands use the same dataset.
- Dataset names are always upper case, but upper or lower case names may be given.
- Dataset names that include PDS member names should be enclosed in single quotes, so that the parentheses will not be interpreted as shell meta characters. Quoting the dataset name does not imply anything more; the `-r` option may still be used to indicate that the userid should be added as a prefix.

### 3.6 Copy an ASCII zFS file to an EBCDIC MVS dataset

```
todsn -s iso8859-1 -r //my.dataset < /home/user/ascii.txt
```

- The `-s` option names the source codepage(charset) used to convert the data.

- The `-t` option may be used to specify the target codepage.
- If either `-s` or `-t` is omitted, they default to the current codepage for the process's locale, which is commonly "IBM-1047" (EBCDIC, Latin).
- The arguments to `-s` and `>-t` may also be numeric CCSIDs.
- If the same effective CCSID is specified as both the source and target, then no translation is performed.
- The IBM z/OS Unicode Translation service (see [Section D.5, “The z/OS Unicode Translation Services”](#)), is used for all codepage conversions. Starting with z/OS 1.6, this service is configured and enabled by default, but your environment may need to be customized to include specific codepage that you wish to use. If the requested codepage conversions are not available, then Dataset Pipes will try to fall back and use the `iconv()` C-library routine.

## 3.7 Copy to an MVS dataset, overriding target DCB attributes

```
todsn -o 'recfm=fb,lrecl=80' //MVS1.DATASET1 < /home/user/myfile
```

The `-o` option is used to provide additional options to the `fopen()` API. (see [Section D.3, “The z/OS C library `fopen\(\)` routine”](#)), which is used by `todsn` to open the output dataset. The base `fopen()` options used by `todsn` to open output datasets is `"rb,type=record,noseek"`. Since fixed length records are called for in this example, `todsn` will pad any short records with spaces. (The pad character can be overridden using the `-p` option).

## 3.8 Copy to an MVS dataset, truncating long lines

```
todsn -w trunc //MVS1.DATASET1 < /home/user/myfile
```

The `-w` option is used to specify how to handle lines longer than the maximum record length of the target dataset. The default is to wrap long lines to a new record. Specify `trunc` to cause long lines to be truncated, or `error` to cause the command to fail if a long line is encountered.

## 3.9 Copy an MVS dataset using DISP=SHR

```
fromdsn -x shr //mvs1.input.dataset > /home/user/mydata
```

The default allocation status used by `fopen()` in "read" mode is `DISP=OLD`. The `-x` option can be used to specify `BPXWDYN` allocation keywords (see [Section D.4, “The z/OS BPXWDYN dynamic allocation service”](#)). In this example, the keyword `shr` is used to specify an allocation status of "share", which allows for multiple jobs to read the same dataset simultaneously.

### 3.10 Copy one MVS dataset to another

```
fromdsn //mvsl.input.dataset | todsn //mvsl.output.dataset
```

The **fromdsn** reads the input dataset and converts it to a stream of bytes which is piped into the **tods**n command which converts that stream of bytes to the output dataset. If the output dataset is new, then the default attributes of "recfm=vb,lrecl=1028". Existing DCB attributes are used if the output dataset already exists. Default line-termination and wrap rules apply, which fine for text data.

### 3.11 Copy one MVS dataset to another using the same attributes

```
fromdsn //mvsl.input.dataset |
 todsn -x 'new like(mvsl.input.dataset)' //mvsl.output.dataset
```

The **-x** option is used to specify the "new" and "like" BPXWDYN allocation keyword, which copies attributes (DCB, SPACE, etc) from a model dataset to allocate the new output dataset. Newline characters are, by default, used as record delimiters, so this command is only appropriate for text datasets.

### 3.12 Copy one MVS non-text dataset to another

```
fromdsn -k -l rdw //mvsl.input.dataset |
 todsn -l rdw -x 'new like(mvsl.input.dataset)' //mvsl.output.dataset
```

The **-l rdw** option is used on both the **fromdsn** and **tods**n commands to indicate that four byte record-descriptor-words (RDW) should be used in the piped stream to indicate record boundaries. The **fromdsn -k** option specifies that pad characters should not be trimmed from the end of records (trimming is the default for fixed-length records).

### 3.13 Translate a file to the ISO8859-1 codepage from the default z/OS process codepage

```
fromfile -t ISO8859-1 myfile.txt > myfile_win.txt
```

- The **-t** option may be used to specify the target codepage.

### 3.14 Copy a zFS file to a new location, creating any

## missing path components

```
tofile -p /home/user/newdir/myfile < myfile
```

- The `-p` option make the path components to filename if they don't exist (ala `mkdir -p`).

## 3.15 Copy user input to the end of an exiting dataset

```
todsn -a //userid.test.data
```

- Since the `todsn` command gets its input from `stdin`, entering the command without a pipe will cause it to read from the terminal. The user can type input lines, ending it `ctrl-d` which signals an end-of-file.
- The `-a` option changes the base `fopen()` options to `"ab,type=record,noseek"`, which opens the file in append (aka "mod") mode. This option can of course be used with pipes as well.

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## 4. z/OS Remote Services Examples

This chapter contains common examples for using Dataset Pipes, specifically from a remote system. These examples assume that you have installed and configured the *Co:Z Toolkit for z/OS* on your z/OS systems, the *Co:Z Target System Toolkits* on non-z/OS systems, and completed *the section called “Configuring the Dataset Pipes subsystem”* on the target z/OS server.

For a complete set of Dataset Pipes commands that can be executed from a remote system, see *Appendix A, Command Reference - Dataset Pipes*.

### 4.1 Download a dataset to a unix server over a SSH connection

```
fromdsn -ssh user@zos.myco.com 'hlq.input.dataset' > /tmp/data
```

- Downloads a MVS dataset over a SSH connection.

### 4.2 Upload a dataset from a unix server over a SSH connection

```
cat /tmp/data | todsn -ssh -p 2222 user@zos.myco.com 'hlq.input.dataset'
```

- Uploads a MVS dataset over a SSH connection.

### 4.3 Copy a MVS dataset from one z/OS system to another over a SSH connection

```
fromdsn -k -l rdw //mvs1.input.dataset |
 todsn -ssh user@zos2.myco.com -l rdw //mvs2.output.dataset
```

- **fromdsn** is run locally to create a stream of RDW-delimited records that is piped into the **todsn** command.
- The **todsn -ssh** option creates a SSH client connection over which it runs a remote **todsn** command on the target system.
- The **-ssh** option requires that z/OS OpenSSH is available and configured.

- This example assumes that you have configured SSH authentication keys, since the `todsn` command does not allow for password prompting.

## 4.4 Using a durable connection, run simple `dspipes` commands, end the connection

```
cozcontrol start -ssh user@zos.myco.com
fromdsn 'hlq.dsn' > /home/user/mydata/data1.txt
cat /home/user/mydata/data2.txt | todsn 'hlq.dsn'
cozclient wto "message to console"
cozcontrol stop
```

- The **cozcontrol start** command establishes a SSH connection from unix to the z/OS server.
- The **fromdsn** command downloads a dataset to the unix server
- The **todsn** command uploads a file to a dataset.
- The **cozclient** command write a message to the console.
- Finally, the **cozcontrol stop** command ends the durable SSH connection.

## 4.5 Using a durable connection, run a `pax` command on z/OS, download the archive to unix, end the connection

```
cozcontrol start -ssh user@zos.myco.com
cozclient pax -wzvf "'HLQ.DATA.ARCHIVE'" /home/user/datadir
fromdsn -b 'hlq.data.archive' > /home/user/mydata/data.archive.pax
cozclient tso delete 'data.archive'
cozclient wto "archive complete"
cozcontrol stop
```

- The **cozcontrol start** command establishes a SSH connection to the z/OS server.
- The **cozclient** command executes a **pax** on z/OS to back up a directory to a dataset. Note: `pax` archives to a dataset only to show a `tso delete` command in the example.
- The **fromdsn** command copies the dataset backup to the remote system in binary mode.
- The **cozclient** command deletes the dataset backup.
- The **cozclient** command write a message to the console indicating that the archive is complete.

- Finally, the **cozcontrol stop** command ends the durable SSH connection.

## 4.6 From a remote linux system, start a tunneled durable connection, run dspipes commands, end the connection

```
cozcontrol start -t -ssh user@zos.myco.com
fromdsn 'hlq.dsn' > /home/user/mydata/data1.txt
cat /home/user/mydata/data2.txt | todsn 'hlq.dsn'
cozclient wto "message to console"
cozcontrol stop
```

- The **cozcontrol start** command specifies the **-t** option setting up a SSH control master with local port forwarding.
- Subsequent **todsn**, **fromdsn**, and **cozclient** commands are forwarded over this SSH connection.

## 4.7 Scripted Co:Z Remote Services example

```
#!/bin/bash

Sample script: z/OS Remote Services Example
#
This script expects user@host as a parameter. Using this parameter,
1. establishes a cozcontrol control session.
2. retrieves a dataset using the socket established on start,
3. runs a command on the z/OS server,
4. stops the cozcontrol session.
#
ENVIRONMENT VARIABLE:
COZ_LOG
COZ_CONTROL_SESSION
#
SCRIPT VARIABLES:
USER_HOST - initialized with input parameter value
SSH_LOG_FILE
#
export COZ_LOG=I

#SSH_LOG_FILE="-E /tmp/ssh.log"

if ["$1" = ""]
then
 echo "Usage: user@host required."
 exit
fi
USER_HOST=$1
```

```
Start a cozcontrol session
./cozcontrol start -ssh $SSH_LOG_FILE $USER_HOST
rc=$?
if ["$rc" -ne "0"]; then { echo "cozcontrol start failed. rc=$rc" ; exit 1; } fi

Retrieve a dataset from the server.
COZ_CONTROL_SESSION=$USER_HOST ./fromdsn 'hlq.dsn' > /tmp/data.txt
rc=$?
if ["$rc" -ne "0"]; then { echo "fromdsn failed. rc=$rc" ; exit 1; } fi

./cozclient wto "MESSAGE TO CONSOLE"

Stop the cozcontrol session
COZ_CONTROL_SESSION=$USER_HOST ./cozcontrol stop
rc=$?
if ["$rc" -ne "0"]; then { echo "cozcontrol stop failed. rc=$rc" ; exit 1; } fi
```

- A zero return code from **cozcontrol start** means that the SSH connection to the server has been established. If the ssh connection is not successful, SSH logging can be enabled by adding **-vvv** to the **cozcontrol start** command and reviewing the log captured by setting the script variable **SSH\_LOG\_FILE**.
- Setting the environment variable **COZ\_CONTROL\_SESSION** to the **user@host** parameter on each **DatasetPipes** command allows multiple copies of the script to be run concurrently by the same user to different target hosts.

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# Appendix A. Command Reference - Dataset Pipes

- *cozclient(1)*
- *cozcontrol(1)*
- *fromdsn(1)*
- *fromfile(1)*
- *toasa(1)*
- *todsn(1)*
- *tofile(1)*

## Name

cozclient — run a zos command from a remote system

## Synopsis

```

cozclient [OPTION...] command [command-options...]
cozclient -ssh [ssh-options...] [user]@host [OPTION...] command [command-options...]
cozclient -v
cozclient -h

```

## Description

The **cozclient** command allows a remote process to execute the z/OS *command* [*command-options*...]. Input (`stdin`) to the command is provided by the remote process and Output (`stdout`) from the command is redirected back to the remote process. Error output (`stderr`) from the command can be routed back to the remote client or to the Co:Z Server's `stderr` stream (if using the Co:Z Launcher).

The z/OS path when executing the command will by default be set to `/bin:$COZ_HOME/bin`.

The **cozclient** command runs in one of the following environments:

- remotely, from a client which was started by Co:Z launcher.
- remotely, from a client that started a durable session to the server using the **cozcontrol** command.
- remotely, from a client-initiated ssh connection: `-ssh` option

## Options

`-ssh [ssh-options...] [user]@host`

Specifies a remote invocation of **cozclient** using a client-initiated ssh connection to the given z/OS user@host. The optional `stdin`, `stdout`, `stderr` format options, if specified, must be before the `-ssh` option.

`-h`

display help and exit.

`-i stdin_format`

`t`

`stdin` sent to the command in text format. Characters are converted from the remote client's codepage to the active z/OS codepage before being sent to the command.

`b`

`stdin` sent to the command in binary format

`n`

no stdin is sent to the command. This is the default.

-o stdout\_format

t

stdout from the command is sent to the remote client in text format. Characters are converted from the active z/OS codepage to the remote client's codepage. This is the default.

b

stdout from the command is sent to the remote client in binary format

n

stdout from the command is discarded

-e stderr\_format

t

stderr from the command is sent to the remote client in text format. Characters are converted from the active z/OS codepage to the remote client's codepage. This is the default when `-ssh` is specified or a **cozcontrol** durable session is used.

b

stderr from the command is sent to the remote client in binary format

s

stderr from the command is sent to the Co:Z Server's stderr stream (generally SYSOUT). This is the default when using CoZLauncher.

-v

display the current version and exit.

## Examples

### Remote Co:Z Launcher Examples

```
cozclient -in -ot ls -al
```

Run the `ls` command on z/OS. Output is converted to the client codepage and is directed to the remote system's stdout stream.

```
cozclient -in wto "MESSAGE TO CONSOLE"
```

Use the Co:Z toolkit z/OS **wto** command to send a message to the z/OS console.

### Remote Client SSH Connection Examples

```
cozclient -ssh user@myzos2.com ls -al
```

Run the `ls` command on z/OS.

```
cat jcl.txt | cozclient -ssh user@myzos2.com submit
```

Submits a job to the internal reader on z/OS. The JCL is contained in the local file `jcl.txt`.

## Name

`cozcontrol` — start/stop a durable connection to the Dataset Pipes subsystem on a target server

## Synopsis

```
cozcontrol start [-t] -ssh [ssh-options...] [user]@host
cozcontrol stop
cozcontrol -v
cozcontrol -h
```

## Description

The **cozcontrol** command starts and stops a durable connection to the Dataset Pipes subsystem on a target server.

When starting a durable session, the **cozcontrol start** command is executed over the specified SSH connection to the Dataset Pipes SSH server subsystem on the target server. The Dataset Pipes subsystem starts a socket server to listen and process commands. Subsequent commands (`fromdsn`, `todsn`, `cozclient`, etc) retrieve connection properties from **cozcontrol**, use this information to establish a socket connection to the socket server, and execute the command on the server. The durable session ends when the **cozcontrol stop** command is issued (or an inactivity timeout occurs on the server) causing the socket server to shutdown and ending the SSH connection.

Alternatively, the **cozcontrol** command can be started with a tunneled option (`-t`). In this case, the initial SSH connection is configured as a control master with local port forwarding. Subsequent Dataset Pipes commands are forwarded to the server over the SSH connection established by **cozcontrol start**.

In both modes, the SSH connection remains established until either a **cozcontrol stop** command is executed or an inactivity timeout on the server occurs.

A user may set up concurrent durable sessions to multiple user/host pairs; however, not multiple sessions to the same user/host pair. To identify which durable session to use, set the environment variable `COZ_CONTROL_SESSION` to `user@host` prior to executing Dataset Pipes and **cozcontrol stop** commands.

## Options

`start`

Starts a durable connection to the Dataset Pipes subsystem on a target server.

The **cozcontrol start** process runs in the background until a **stop** command is issued. If the terminal running the **start** command ends, the `cozcontrol start` process and its child SSH process will continue to run until the timeout occurs in the z/OS `dspipes` subsystem. This timeout value is configurable in `dspipes_config`.

`-t`

Specifies that the **cozcontrol** durable connection be tunneled. In this case, the initial SSH connection is configured as a control master. Subsequent Dataset Pipes commands are forwarded over the SSH connection. The `-t` option is not set by default. When set, the environment variable `COZ_CONTROL_PATH` sets the control path. By default, the control path is `~/ .ssh/cm-%r@%h:%p.sock`. This option can only be specified after

the **start** keyword.

**Notes:**

- OpenSSH 5.6 or later is required.

`-ssh [ssh-options...] [user ]@host`

Specifies the ssh connection to the given z/OS user@host for the **cozcontrol start** command. This option is required and only permitted with the **start** keyword.

`stop`

Stops a durable connection to the Dataset Pipes subsystem on a target server.

`-h`

display help and exit.

`-v`

display the current version and exit.

## Examples

### Execute Dataset Pipes commands in a durable session

```
cozcontrol start -ssh user@host
```

```
fromdsn 'hlq.dsn' > /home/user/mydata/data1.txt
```

```
todsn 'hlq.dsn' < /home/user/mydata/data2.txt
```

```
cozclient wto "message to console"
```

```
cozcontrol stop
```

This example shows a durable session started for user@host. The next three commands (**fromdsn**, **todsn**, and **cozclient**) are executed over the socket connection established by **cozcontrol start**. Once the commands are complete, **cozcontrol stop** causes the socket connection to shutdown and the SSH connection to end.

### Start a tunneled durable session

```
cozcontrol start -t -ssh user@host
```

Start a tunneled durable session for user@host. Subsequent Dataset Pipes commands are forwarded over the shared SSH connection established by **cozcontrol start**.

## Name

fromdsn — write the contents of a z/OS dataset to stdout

## Synopsis

```
fromdsn [OPTION...] dataset-name
fromdsn -ssh [ssh-opt...] [user]@host [OPTION...] dataset-name
fromdsn -local [OPTION...] dataset-name
fromdsn -v
fromdsn -h
```

## Description

The **fromdsn** command reads a z/OS MVS dataset and writes a stream of data to stdout. Lines (if requested) are produced from dataset records based on the options provided.

The **fromdsn** command runs in one of three environments:

- locally (default on z/OS systems)
- remotely, from a client which was started by Co:Z launcher.
- remotely, from a client that started a durable session to the server using the **cozcontrol** command.
- remotely, from a client-initiated ssh connection: `-ssh` option

The user has wide flexibility in choosing:

- How `dataset-name` is to be allocated/opened for writing
- How records are to be created from the incoming source lines
- What character set (codepage) translations are to be performed

`dataset-name` is automatically converted to upper case, and is assumed to be fully qualified unless otherwise specified (see the `-r` option below). If `dataset-name` starts with 'DD:', then it refers to an existing DDNAME.

The **fromdsn** command also supports reading JES spool files using special `dataset-name` syntax:

- `-JES.jobid` - reads the concatenated spool files for a given job. The `-S` option may be specified to indicate that SYSIN spool files should be included.
- `-JES.jobid.dsid` - reads a specific spool file by numerid dsid.
- `-JES.jobid.[stepname[.procstep]ddname` - reads the first spool file in a job that matches a step/procstep/ddname. This form may also be used to retrieve SYSIN spool files. When reading `-JES.jobid.JESJCLIN`, the output will include not only JCL card images, but also embedded SYSIN spool files.

## Options

`-ssh [ssh-options...] [user ]@host`

Specifies a remote invocation of **fromdsn** using a client-initiated ssh connection to the given z/OS user@host. If specified, this must be the first command option.

`-local`

Specifies the use of local z/OS I/O, even if run via CoZLauncher. Applicable when the source and target are both z/OS. If specified, this must be the first command option.

`-b`

binary mode, same as `-l none -p 0x00`.

`-h`

display help and exit.

`-k`

keep trailing pad characters in record. The default is to trim if `dataset-name` has fixed length records.

`-K`

always trim trailing pad characters, even if the dataset contains variable-length records.

`-l line-separator`

`nl | cr | lf | crlf | crnl`

follow lines with a newline, carriage return, linefeed, or combination. The characters are taken from the target codepage. The default is `nl`.

`rdw`

precede lines with a four byte IBM-style RDW, consisting of a two byte network order (big endian) length, followed by two bytes of zeros.

`l4`

precede lines with a four byte network order (big endian) length of the record that follows. Note: Unlike the `rdw` option, this length value does **not** include the size of the length field.

`mfrdw`

Write a 128 byte MicroFocus standard header prior to output data. Precede each line with a network order (big endian) length. If the maximum record length is < 4095 bytes, the length field is 2 bytes. If the maximum record length is >= 4095 bytes, the length field is 4 bytes. Each line is padded with zeros to the nearest 4 byte boundary.

`0xbb[bb..]`

follow lines with a hex character sequence. The sequence must be between 1 and 8 bytes long.

`none`

no line separator

-L logging-options

A comma-separated list of options to control logging and tracing.

M | A | C | E | W | N | I | D | T | F

Logging threshold: eMergency, Alert, Critical, Error, Warning, Notice (default), Info, Debug, Trace, Fine.

t

Prefix log messages with a system timestamp

e

Include consumed cpu time in log messages

f=filename

Messages are logged to filename on the server instead of stderr. If not fully qualified, the file is written to the user's home directory on the server.

s

Messages are logged to SYSLOG facility instead of stderr

component=M | A | C | E | W | N | I | D | T | F

Set the logging threshold for a specific component. Specify only at the request of product support personnel.

-o fopen-options

additional mode arguments to the z/OS C library fopen() routine. The base mode options used by **fromdsn** to open dataset-name are rb, type=record, noseek". See "z/OS C++ Programming Guide" for details.

-p 0xbb

pad character.

-q technique-str

Codepage conversion technique string. Used to override the default Unicode Services value of LMREC. For more information, see IBM's Unicode Services User's Guide and Reference (SA22-7649).

-r

dataset-name will be prefixed with the current z/OS userid.

-s source-codepage

The codepage name or numeric CCSID id of the input dataset. If not specified, then the default z/OS process codepage is used.

-S

This option may be specified when reading the concatenated spool files for a JES job ('-JES.jobid') to specify that the SYSIN spool files should also be included. This feature is only available on z/OS 1.10 or later.

-t target-codepage

The codepage name or numeric CCSID id of data written to stdout. If not specified and invoked from a remote client with a line- separator other than 'none', 'rdw' or 'mfrdw', then the default client codepage is used,

otherwise the default z/OS code- page is used. Translation is disabled if source-codepage equals target-codepage.

**-T STANDARD | translate\_table\_dsname**

Specifies the translate table to use for text mode transfers. This option overrides the `-s -t -q` options if also given. If `STANDARD`, the translate table `TCPIP.STANDARD.TCPXLBIN` is used. If a dataset name is supplied, it is expected to be in the format produced by the TSO `CONVXLAT` command. Only single byte translations are supported. Specifically, the dataset DCB must be `LRECL=256,RECFM=F` and contain two translation table records. The first record is an ASCII-to-EBCDIC mapping; the second record is an EBCDIC-to-ASCII mapping. Additional comment records (starting with `*` in the first column) are allowed.

**-v**

display the current version and exit.

**-x bpxwdyn-alloc-keywords**

can be specified to provide more precise control over the disposition of dataset-name than the `fopen`-options. For example, opening a dataset with `fopen` forces a disposition of 'OLD'. This may not always be desirable in a shared batch environment. The `bpxwdyn` keywords enable different dispositions to be specified (e.g 'SHR'). If `dataset-name` is 'DD:name', then this option is ignored. For a complete list of options, see the IBM manual: "Using REXX and z/OS UNIX System Services".

## Files

`fromdsn` may obtain name matched profile information for a dataset from either a per-user profile or a system-wide profile on the z/OS system. For well known `dataset-name` patterns, profile options can be used to significantly reduce the specification of individual options on the command line. The file format and profile options are described in `dsn_profile(5)`.

## Examples

### Local z/OS Examples

```
fromdsn mvsl.my.lib(member1) > /home/user/member1
```

Copies an MVS dataset (PDS member) to an HFS/zFS file.

```
fromdsn -x shr mvsl.input.dataset > /home/user/mydata
```

Copies an MVS dataset using `DISP=SHR`.

```
fromdsn mvsl.input.dataset | todsn mvsl.output.dataset
```

Copies one MVS dataset to another

```
fromdsn -jes.job123 > job.out
```

Copies all output from a job to an HFS/zFS file

```
fromdsn -jes.j333.report.sysprint > report.txt
```

Copies the output from a job's spool file to an HFS/zFS file

### Remote Client SSH Connection Examples

```
fromdsn -ssh user@myzos2.com //mvsl.input.dataset > /tmp/data
```

Downloads an MVS dataset over an SSH connection (Unix).

```
fromdsn -ssh -p 2222 user@myzos2.com -l rdw -r //binary.dataset >
/tmp/rdw.bin.data
```

Downloads a MVS dataset over an SSH connection with additional ssh options: (the dataset contains binary records which are prefixed with RDWs)

## See Also

todsn(1)

## Name

fromfile — write the contents of a z/OS POSIX file to stdout

## Synopsis

```
fromfile [OPTION...] filename
fromfile -ssh [ssh-opt...] [user]@host [OPTION...] filename
fromfile -local filename
fromfile -v
fromfile -h
```

## Description

The **fromfile** command reads a z/OS POSIX file and writes a stream of data to stdout. The produced stream of bytes are translated and given target system line terminators (if requested).

The **fromfile** command runs in one of three environments:

- locally (default on z/OS systems)
- remotely, from a client which was started by Co:Z launcher.
- remotely, from a client that started a durable session to the server using the **cozcontrol** command.
- remotely, from a client-initiated ssh connection: `-ssh` option

`filename` is a path to the z/OS POSIX file to read. It may be either an absolute or relative path.

## Options

`-ssh [ssh-options...] [user]@host`

Specifies a remote invocation of **fromfile** using a client-initiated ssh connection to the given z/OS user@host. If specified, this must be the first command option.

`-local`

Specifies the use of local z/OS I/O, even if run via CoZLauncher. Applicable when the source and target are both z/OS. If specified, this must be the first command option.

`-b`

binary mode. Bytes are streamed as-is from the POSIX file to stdout.

`-h`

display help and exit.

`-l line-separator`

`nl | cr | lf | crlf | crnl`

follow lines with a newline, carriage return, linefeed, or combination. The characters are taken from the target

codepage. The default is n1.

0xbb[bb. . ]

follow lines with a hex character sequence. The sequence must be between 1 and 8 bytes long.

none

no line separator

-L logging-options

A comma-separated list of options to control logging and tracing.

M|A|C|E|W|N|I|D|T|F

Logging threshold: eMergency, Alert, Critical, Error, Warning, Notice (default), Info, Debug, Trace, Fine.

t

Prefix log messages with a system timestamp

e

Include consumed cpu time in log messages

f=filename

Messages are logged to filename on the server instead of stderr. If not fully qualified, the file is written to the user's home directory on the server.

s

Messages are logged to SYSLOG facility instead of stderr

component=M|A|C|E|W|N|I|D|T|F

Set the logging threshold for a specific component. Specify only at the request of product support personnel.

-q technique-str

Codepage conversion technique string. Used to override the default Unicode Services value of LMREC. For more information, see IBM's Unicode Services User's Guide and Reference (SA22-7649).

-s source-codepage

The codepage name or numeric CCSID id of filename. If not specified, then the default z/OS process codepage is used.

-t target-codepage

The codepage name or numeric CCSID id of data written to stdout. If not specified and invoked from a remote client, the default client codepage is used. Translation is disabled if source-codepage equals target-codepage.

-T STANDARD | translate\_table\_dsname

Specifies the translate table to use for text mode transfers. This option overrides the -s -t -q options if also given. If STANDARD, the translate table TCP/IP.STANDARD.TCPXLBIN is used. If a dataset name is supplied, it is expected to be in the format produced by the TSO CONVXLAT command. Only single byte translations

are supported. Specifically, the dataset DCB must be LRECL=256,RECFM=F and contain two translation table records. The first record is an ASCII-to-EBCDIC mapping; the second record is an EBCDIC-to-ASCII mapping. Additional comment records (starting with \* in the first column) are allowed.

-v

display the current version and exit.

## Examples

### Local z/OS Examples

```
fromfile -b /etc/profile > /home/user/profile
```

Copies a file "as-is" to another location.

```
fromfile -t ISO8859-1 myfile.txt > myfile.txt
```

Translates a file to the ISO8859-1 codepage from the default z/OS process codepage (e.g. IBM-1047).

### Remote Client SSH Connection Example

```
fromfile -ssh user@myzos2.com -b /home/user/data.bin > /tmp/data.bin
```

Downloads binary data from z/OS to a remote system over an SSH connection. No translation is performed.

## See Also

tofile(1)

## Name

`toasa` — read a stream of data from `stdin` converting ASCII form-feed characters to ASA carriage control characters in `stdout`

## Synopsis

```
toasa
toasa -v
toasa -h
```

## Description

The `toasa` command converts ASCII form feeds to ASA control characters in a stream of data read from `stdin`. The converted output is written to `stdout`. Output lines will only have '1' (page eject) or ' ' (single line) carriage control in column one of each output line.

## Options

`-h`  
display help and exit.

`-v`  
display the current version and exit.

## Examples

### Remote Client SSH Connection Examples

```
cat /tmp/data | toasa | todsn -ssh user@myzos2.com -r //my.dataset
```

Uploads a file to an MVS Dataset over an SSH connection (Unix), converting the stream from `/tmp/data` to ASA format so that it is suitable for a z/OS dataset with `RECFM=FBA`.

## Name

`todsn` — read a stream of data from stdin and write records to a z/OS dataset

## Synopsis

```
todsn [OPTION...] dataset-name
todsn -ssh [ssh-opt...] [user]@host [OPTION...] dataset-name
todsn -local [OPTION...] dataset-name
todsn -v
todsn -h
```

## Description

The `todsn` command writes records to `dataset-name` using a stream of data read from stdin. Dataset records are created from the input stream based on the options provided.

The `todsn` command runs in one of three environments:

- locally (default on z/OS systems)
- remotely, from a client which was started by Co:Z launcher.
- remotely, from a client that started a durable session to the server using the `cozcontrol` command.
- remotely, from a client-initiated ssh connection: `-ssh` option

The user has wide flexibility in choosing:

- How `dataset-name` is to be allocated/opened for writing
- How records are to be created from the incoming source lines
- What character set (codepage) translations are to be performed

`dataset-name` is automatically converted to upper case, and is assumed to be fully qualified unless otherwise specified (see the `-r` option below). If `dataset-name` starts with 'DD:', then it refers to an existing DDNAME.

If `dataset-name` is `//INTRDR`, then the system internal reader is automatically allocated with a default RECFM=F and LRECL=80. In this case, the pseudo BPXWDYN option `symlist()` may be specified in order to pass one, or more JES system symbols to the internal reader. See [this example](#).

## Options

`-ssh [ssh-options...] [user]@host`

Specifies a remote invocation of `todsn` using a client-initiated ssh connection to the given z/OS user@host. If specified, this must be the first command option.

`-local`

Specifies the use of local z/OS I/O, even if run via CoZLauncher. Applicable when the source and target are both z/OS. If specified, this must be the first command option.

- a  
open `dataset-name` in append/mod mode. This option changes the base `fopen()` options to `ab,type=record,noseek`.
- b  
binary flow mode, same as `-l none -p 0x00 -w flow`.
- f  
begin writing data to `dataset-name` immediately (disable buffering). This is the default if used with a tunneled socket or if `dataset-name` refers to a SYSOUT data set.
- h  
display help and exit.
- l line-separator  
`flexible | cr | lf | crlf | nl | crnl`  
  
source lines are separated by combination of linefeed and/or carriage return characters. The default is 'flexible' which allows for any of the other patterns above. These characters are taken from the source codepage.  
  
`rdw`  
  
source lines are preceeded with a four byte IBM-style RDW, consisting of a two byte network order (big endian) length followed by two bytes of zeros.  
  
`mfrdw`  
  
Source data is preceeded by a 128 byte MicroFocus standard header. Source lines are preceeded with a network order (big endian) length. If the maximum record length is < 4095 bytes, the length field is 2 bytes. If the maximum record length is >= 4095 bytes, the length field is 4 bytes. Each record must be padded with zeros to the nearest 4 byte boundary.  
  
`0xbb[bb..]`  
  
source lines are followed with a hex character sequence. The sequence must be between 1 and 8 bytes long.  
  
`none`  
  
source lines do not have separators; source lines are determined by the maximum output record length.
- L logging-options  
A comma-separated list of options to control logging and tracing.  
  
`M | A | C | E | W | N | I | D | T | F`  
  
Logging threshold: eMergency, Alert, Critical, Error, Warning, Notice (default), Info, Debug, Trace, Fine.  
  
`t`  
  
Prefix log messages with a system timestamp

e

Include consumed cpu time in log messages

f=filename

Messages are logged to filename on the server instead of stderr. If not fully qualified, the file is written to the user's home directory on the server.

s

Messages are logged to SYSLOG facility instead of stderr

component=M|A|C|E|W|N|I|D|T|F

Set the logging threshold for a specific component. Specify only at the request of product support personnel.

-o fopen-options

additional mode arguments to the z/OS C library fopen() routine. The base mode options used by **todsn** to open dataset-name are "wb,type=record,noseek". Example: "-o recfm=vb,lrecl=1028". See "z/OS C++ Programming Guide" for details.

-p 0xbb

pad character. The default is the source codepage space character.

-q technique-str

Codepage conversion technique string. Used to override the default Unicode Services value of LMREC. For more information, see IBM's Unicode Services User's Guide and Reference (SA22-7649).

-r

dataset-name will be prefixed with the current z/OS userid.

-s source-codepage

The codepage name or numeric CCSID id of the input data. If not specified and invoked from a remote client with a line-separator other than 'none', 'rdw' or 'mfrdw', then the default client codepage is used, otherwise the default z/OS codepage is used.

-t target-codepage

The codepage name or numeric CCSID id of output dataset. If not specified, then the default z/OS process codepage is used. Translation is disabled if source-codepage equals target-code- page.

-T STANDARD | translate\_table\_dsname

Specifies the translate table to use for text mode transfers. This option overrides the -s -t -q options if also given. If STANDARD, the translate table TCPIP.STANDARD.TCPXLBIN is used. If a dataset name is supplied, it is expected to be in the format produced by the TSO CONVXLAT command. Only single byte translations are supported. Specifically, the dataset DCB must be LRECL=256,RECFM=F and contain two translation table records. The first record is an ASCII-to-EBCDIC mapping; the second record is an EBCDIC-to-ASCII mapping. Additional comment records (starting with \* in the first column) are allowed.

-v

display the current version and exit.

**-w wrap-options**

error

an error is returned if the source line is longer than the maximum record length.

flow

source lines longer than the maximum record length are flowed across subsequent records. For fixed record formats, the pad character is used to complete the final record resulting from the source line.

trunc

source lines longer than the maximum record length are truncated

wrap

source lines longer than the maximum record length are broken into multiple records. The default is 'wrap'.

**-x bpxwdyn-alloc-keywords**

can be specified to provide more precise control over dataset allocation than the fopen-options. These allocation options allow `dataset-name` to be created with specific space and disposition parameters, or allow `dataset-name` to be created like an already existing dataset. If `dataset-name` is 'DD:name', then this option is ignored. For a complete list of options, see the IBM manual: "Using REXX and z/OS UNIX System Services". Note: DCB options such as RECFM, LRECL, and BLKSIZE must be specified on the **-o** option.

**-z**

allow for an empty input stream. If not specified, the default is to exit with an error and not open or write to the output dataset if the input stream is empty.

## Files

**todsn** may obtain name matched profile information for a dataset from either a per-user profile or a system-wide profile on the z/OS system. For well known `dataset-name` patterns, profile options can be used to significantly reduce the specification of individual options on the command line. The file format and profile options are described in `dsn_profile(5)`.

## Examples

### Local z/OS Examples

```
todsn //MVS1.DATASET1 < myfile
```

Copies an HFS or zFS file to an MVS dataset.

```
todsn -o 'recfm=fb,lrecl=80' //MVS1.DATASET1 < myfile
```

Copies to an MVS dataset, overriding target DCB attributes.

```
todsn -w trunc //MVS1.DATASET1 < myfile
```

Copies to an MVS dataset, truncating long lines

```
todsn -x shr '//MVS1.MYLIB.DATA(MEMBER1)' < myfile
```

Copies to a PDS member, allocating with DISP=SHR.

```
todsn -r //test.data < myfile
```

Specifies a relative dataset name (HLQ will be added).

```
cat /home/user/ascii.txt | todsn -s iso8859-1 -r //my.dataset
```

Copies an ASCII HFS file to an EBCDIC MVS dataset.

```
cat /home/user/rdw.bin | todsn -l rdw -r //my.dataset
```

Copies a binary HFS file with RDW-prefixed lines to an MVS dataset.

```
todsn -x "symlist(*)" //intrdr <myjcl.txt
```

Submits a file as a job to the internal reader. The pseudo BPXWDYN keyword `symlist` is used to specify that all JES system symbols are to be passed to the internal reader (requires z/OS 2.1).

## Remote Client SSH Connection Examples

```
todsn -ssh user@myzos2.com -r //my.dataset </tmp/myfile
```

Uploads a file to an MVS Dataset over an SSH connection (Unix).

```
todsn -ssh user@myzos2.com -r '//my.pds(mem1)' <myfile
```

Uploads a file to an MVS PDS Member over an SSH connection (Unix).

```
cat /tmp/data | todsn -ssh -p 2222 user@myzos2.com -r '//my.pds(mem1)'
```

Uploads a file to an MVS Dataset with additional ssh options.

## See Also

fromdsn(1)

## Name

`tofile` — read a stream of data from stdin and write to a z/OS POSIX file

## Synopsis

```

tofile [OPTION...] filename
tofile -ssh [ssh-opt...] [user]@host [OPTION...] filename
tofile -local [OPTION...] filename
tofile -v
tofile -h

```

## Description

The **tofile** command writes a stream of bytes to `filename` using a stream of data read from stdin. Codepage translation is performed and custom source line terminators are respected depending on the options provided.

The **tofile** command runs in one of three environments:

- locally (default on z/OS systems)
- remotely, from a client which was started by Co:Z launcher.
- remotely, from a client that started a durable session to the server using the **cozcontrol** command.
- remotely, from a client-initiated ssh connection: `-ssh` option

`filename` is a path to the z/OS POSIX file to write. It may be either an absolute path or relative path.

## Options

`-ssh [ssh-options...] [user]@host`

Specifies a remote invocation of **tofile** using a client-initiated ssh connection to the given z/OS user@host. If specified, this must be the first command option.

`-local`

Specifies the use of local z/OS I/O, even if run via CoZLauncher. Applicable when the source and target are both z/OS. If specified, this must be the first command option.

`-a`

open `filename` in append mode.

`-b`

binary mode. Bytes are streamed as-is from stdin to the POSIX file.

`-f`

begin writing data to `filename` immediately (disable buffering). This is the default if used with a tunneled socket.

-h

display help and exit.

-l line-separator

flexible | cr | lf | crlf | nl | crnl

source lines are separated by combination of linefeed and/or carriage return characters. The default is 'flexible' which allows for any of the other patterns above. These characters are taken from the source codepage.

0xbb[bb. . ]

source lines are followed with a hex character sequence. The sequence must be between 1 and 8 bytes long.

none

source lines do not have separators.

-L logging-options

A comma-separated list of options to control logging and tracing.

M | A | C | E | W | N | I | D | T | F

Logging threshold: eMergency, Alert, Critical, Error, Warning, Notice (default), Info, Debug, Trace, Fine.

t

Prefix log messages with a system timestamp

e

Include consumed cpu time in log messages

f=filename

Messages are logged to filename on the server instead of stderr. If not fully qualified, the file is written to the user's home directory on the server.

s

Messages are logged to SYSLOG facility instead of stderr

component=M | A | C | E | W | N | I | D | T | F

Set the logging threshold for a specific component. Specify only at the request of product support personnel.

-m file\_access\_mode

the file access mode (as an octal number) to apply to filename.

-n

do not replace filename if it exists.

-p

make the path components to filename if they don't exist (ala **mkdir -p**).

- q technique-str  
Codepage conversion technique string. Used to override the default Unicode Services value of LMREC. For more information, see IBM's Unicode Services User's Guide and Reference (SA22-7649).
- s source-codepage  
the codepage name or numeric CCSID id of the data read from stdin. If not specified and invoked from a remote client, the default client codepage is used.
- t target-codepage  
the codepage name or numeric CCSID id of the output filename. If not specified, the default z/OS process codepage is used. Translation is disabled if source-codepage equals target-code- page.
- T STANDARD | translate\_table\_dsname  
Specifies the translate table to use for text mode transfers. This option overrides the -s -t -q options if also given. If STANDARD, the translate table TCPIP.STANDARD.TCPXLBIN is used. If a dataset name is supplied, it is expected to be in the format produced by the TSO CONVXLAT command. Only single byte translations are supported. Specifically, the dataset DCB must be LRECL=256,RECFM=F and contain two translation table records. The first record is an ASCII-to-EBCDIC mapping; the second record is an EBCDIC-to-ASCII mapping. Additional comment records (starting with \* in the first column) are allowed.
- u umask  
the umask (as an octal number) to apply to filename.
- v  
display the current version and exit.
- z  
allow for an empty input stream. If not specified, the default is to exit with an error and not open or write to the output filename if the input stream is empty.

## Examples

### Local z/OS Examples

```
tofile -t ISO8859-1 /home/user/myfile.iso8859 < myfile
```

Creates a copy of an HFS or zFS file locally, translating the default z/OS process codepage to ISO8859-1.

```
tofile -p /home/user/newdir/myfile < myfile
```

Copies an HFS or zFS file to a new location, creating any missing path components (e.g. newdir).

### Remote Client SSH Connection Examples

```
tofile -ssh user@myzos2.com /home/user/mydata < /tmp/data
```

Uploads a remote file over an SSH connection (Unix). Codepage translation is performed from the remote unix codepage to the current z/OS process codepage.

```
tofile -ssh user@myzos2.com -b /home/user/data.bin < /tmp/data.bin
```

Uploads a remote file over an SSH connection as-is (no codepage translation is performed).

```
cat /tmp/myscript.sh | tofile -ssh -p 2222 user@myzos2.com -m 0777 /home/user/myscript.sh
```

Uploads a remote file with additional ssh options. The target file will be given a file access mask of 0777 (rwxrwxrwx), but is subject to the user's existing umask.

## See Also

fromfile(1)

# Appendix B. Co:Z Environment Variables

The following table describes the environment variables defined by the Co:Z Toolkit. These variables can be set to override default behavior.

Table B.1. Miscellaneous options

| Variable              | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| COZ_SSH_CMD           | Specifies an alternate executable for the SSH client used to connect to z/OS. By default, this is <code>ssh</code> . For example, to use the PuTTY command line client <code>plink</code> instead of <code>ssh</code> set <code>COZ_SSH_CMD=/path/to/plink</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| COZ_SSH_OPTS          | Convenience setting for supplying SSH options, including userid and host when making remote dataset pipes calls. For example, the command <code>fromdsn -ssh user@host //mydsn</code> can be simplified to <code>fromdsn //mydsn</code> if <code>COZ_SSH_OPTS</code> is set to <code>user@host</code> . This is very handy for repeated use of the remote dataset pipes commands.<br><br>When this variable is set, the <b>cozcontrol</b> command can be simplified to <b>cozcontrol start</b> (omitting the <code>-ssh user@host</code> parameters). When a durable session is active, subsequent dataset pipes commands ignore the environment variable setting and use the durable session. |
| COZ_SSH_SUBSYS        | Specifies an alternate SSH server subsystem name for Dataset Pipes. By default, this is <code>dspipes</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| COZ_CLIENT_CODEPAGE   | Changes the default client code page, which is used for codepage translation in text mode data transfers (i.e. if the <code>-t</code> is not supplied). By default, the default client code page is set the result of the POSIX system call <code>nl_langinfo(CODESET)</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| COZ_DEFAULT_LOGSTREAM | Changes the default stream that the Co:Z Log facility writes its messages to. By default, this is the <code>stderr</code> stream.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| COZ_LOG               | Sets log level for CozServer session level logging. The default is N, Notice.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| COZ_LOG_CMD           | Sets logging level for Dataset Pipes commands running on the server (fromdsn, cozclient, etc). The default is N, Notice. Command tracing can alternately be enabled with the <code>-L</code> option on most Dataset Pipes commands.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| COZ_LOG_CMD_DUP       | When set to true (default is false), duplicates tracing enabled by <code>COZ_LOG_CMD</code> to the session log. This is recommended when                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

| Variable            | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                     | requesting support from Co:Z support personnel because all logging for a problem is captured in a single file.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| DSPIPES_LOGFILE     | Pathname of file to where DSPIPES log/debug messages are written. The default is<br><code>/tmp/dspipes.&lt;userid&gt;.&lt;...&gt;.log</code>                                                                                                                                                                         |
| DSPIPES_LOGDIR      | Directory name (without trailing slash) where DSPIPES log files are created, rather than <code>/tmp</code> or <code>\$TMPDIR</code> . This variable is ignored if <code>DSPIPES_LOGFILE</code> is set.                                                                                                               |
| COZ_CONTROL_SESSION | Used to identify the <code>user@host</code> associated with a <code>cozcontrol</code> durable connection. This setting is required when a user has multiple concurrent durable connections. The setting identifies the connection to use for remote Dataset Pipes commands as well as <code>cozcontrol stop</code> . |
| COZ_CONTROL_PATH    | Used to override the default control path created with a tunneled <code>cozcontrol</code> durable connection. The default, when this variable is not set, is <code>~/ .ssh/cm-%r@%h.sock</code> .                                                                                                                    |

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Notices. All notices under this Agreement shall be in writing, and shall be delivered personally, by electronic, mail, or by postage prepaid certified mail or express courier service, return receipt requested. Notices to You may be delivered to the most current address on file. Notices to Dovetail shall be directed to the following address, unless Dovetail has provided an alternative notice address:

Dovetailed Technologies, LLC  
305 Willowpointe Drive  
St. Charles, MO 63304

Email: [legal@coztoolkit.com](mailto:legal@coztoolkit.com)

Assignments. You may not assign or transfer this Agreement, or any rights or duties hereunder, in whole or in part, whether by operation of law or otherwise, without the prior written consent of Dovetail. Any attempted assignment or transfer in violation of the foregoing shall be null and void from the beginning and without effect. Dovetail may freely assign or transfer this Agreement, including to a successor upon Dovetail's merger, acquisition, corporate reorganization, or sale or other transfer of all or substantially all of its business or assets to which this Agreement relates.

Relationship; Third Party Beneficiaries. The parties hereto are independent contractors. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to create any agency, employment, partnership, fiduciary or joint venture relationship between the parties, or to give any third party any rights or remedies under or by reason of this Agreement; provided, however, the disclaimers and limitations on liability in this Agreement shall extend to Dovetail and its directors, officers, shareholders, employees, agents, and affiliates. All references to Dovetail in connection therewith shall be deemed to include the foregoing persons and entities, who shall be third party beneficiaries of such contractual disclaimers and limitations and entitled to accept all benefits afforded thereby.

Equitable Relief. The Software comprises the confidential and proprietary

information of Dovetail and its suppliers, and constitutes a valuable trade secret. You acknowledge that Your breach of the license or ownership provisions of this Agreement would cause irreparable harm to Dovetail, the extent of which would be difficult and impracticable to assess, and that money damages would not be an adequate remedy for such breach. Accordingly, in addition to all other remedies available at law or in equity, and as an express exception to the jurisdiction and venue requirements of this Agreement, Dovetail shall be entitled to seek injunctive or other equitable relief in any court of competent jurisdiction.

**Questionnaires; Audits.** You agree to complete and promptly return to Dovetail any Software usage questionnaires issued by Dovetail from time to time, and to promptly provide Dovetail or its designated auditor with reasonable access to Your facilities, systems, personnel, books and records for the purpose of verifying Your compliance with the license terms and restrictions of this Agreement. All audits shall be conducted in a reasonable manner designed to minimize disruption to Your normal business operations. Dovetail agrees to initiate an audit no more than once during any twelve (12) month period; provided, however, if Dovetail reasonably suspects, or any audit reveals, non-compliance with this Agreement, Dovetail shall have the right to conduct additional audits until compliance is achieved.

**U.S. Government Restricted Rights.** The Software and Documentation are licensed with RESTRICTED RIGHTS as "Commercial Items," as that term is defined at 48 C.F.R. §2.101, consisting of "Commercial Computer Software" and "Commercial Computer Software Documentation," as such terms are used in 48 C.F.R. §12.212 or 48 C.F.R. §227.7202, as applicable. Consistent with 48 C.F.R. §12.212 or 48 C.F.R. §227.7202-1 through 227.7202-4, as applicable, the Commercial Computer Software and Commercial Computer Software Documentation is licensed (if at all) to U.S. Government end users only as Commercial Items, and with only those rights as are granted to other licensees pursuant to this Agreement.

**Export Control.** The Software and underlying information and technology may not be accessed or used except as authorized by United States and other applicable law, and further subject to compliance with this Agreement. The Software may not be exported or re-exported into any U.S. embargoed countries, or to anyone on the U.S. Treasury Department's list of Specially Designated Nationals or the U.S. Department of Commerce Denied Person's List or Entity List. You represent and warrant that You and Your end users are not located in, under the control of, or a national or resident of any country or on any such list.

**Amendment; Waiver.** This Agreement may be amended only by a written instrument signed by an authorized representative of Dovetail. No rights shall be waived by any act, omission, or knowledge of a party, except by an instrument in writing expressly waiving such rights and signed by an authorized representative of the waiving party. Any waiver on one occasion shall not constitute a waiver on subsequent occasions.

**Severability; Construction.** If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable under applicable law, such provision shall be amended by a court of competent jurisdiction to accomplish the objectives of such provision to the greatest extent possible, or severed from this Agreement if such amendment is not possible, and the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect. The captions and section headings in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. The term "including" as used herein means "including without limitation." The terms "herein," "hereto," "hereof," and similar variations refer to this Agreement as a whole, rather than to any particular section.

Entire Agreement. This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, whether written or oral, with regard to the subject matter hereof. Any additional or conflicting terms proposed by You in any purchase order, request for proposal, acknowledgement, or other writing shall not be binding, and are hereby objected to and expressly rejected.

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# Appendix D. References

## D.1 z/OS OpenSSH

Using remote `todsn` and `fromdsn` clients requires that *IBM z/OS OpenSSH* be configured on z/OS. z/OS V2R2 and later includes OpenSSH. We provide a *Quick Install Guide* to help systems programmers quickly configure IBM z/OS OpenSSH.

## D.2 Using the z/OS Unix Shell

The Dataset Pipes `todsn` and `fromdsn` commands may be used from any of the following z/OS Unix shell environments:

- The TSO "OMVS" command
- The **BPXBATCH** utility, running under MVS batch or TSO

*Note:*The BPXBATCH enhancement **OA11699** significantly improves its usability.

- The z/OS Unix Shell under a telnet or ssh console.

For more information on z/OS Unix, see:

- *z/OS Unix System Services publications*
- *z/OS Unix System Services User's Guide*

## D.3 The z/OS C library `fopen()` routine

The Dataset Pipes utilities open MVS datasets in "record mode" using the z/OS C library `fopen()` routine. For example:

```
fopen(name, mode);
```

where:

name

either `///'fully.qualified.dsn'` or `///dd:ddname` depending on whether **BPXWDYN** allocation keywords were used (*Section D.4, "The z/OS BPXWDYN dynamic allocation service"*).

mode

- `"rb,type=record,noseek"` - if reading (`fromdsn`)
- `"wb,type=record,noseek"` - if writing (`todsn`)
- `"ab,type=record,noseek"` - if appending (`todsn -a`)

Additional open mode options may be specified by using the `-o` option.

The Dataset Pipes utilities read and write records using the z/OS C library `fread()` and `fwrite()` routines. For more information on the capabilities of record-mode dataset processing with the z/OS C library, see:

- *z/OS XL C/C++ publications*
- *z/OS XL C/C++ Runtime Library Reference*
- *z/OS XL C/C++ Programming Guide*. See Ch. 10 "Performing OS I/O operations."

## D.4 The z/OS BPXWDYN dynamic allocation service

The Dataset Pipes utilities allow for flexible allocation of MVS Datasets through use of the **BPXWDYN** text-based allocation service. If you specify allocation keywords, either with the `-x` option, or by using the `allocKeywords` option, then a new system-assigned DDNAME will be allocated with BPXWDYN and that DDNAME will be opened with [Section D.3, "The z/OS C library `fopen\(\)` routine"](#) `fopen()`.

You may use any allocation keywords defined by BPXWDYN, except the following:

- `DA()`, `DSN()`, `FI()`, `DD()`, `MSG()`, or `REUSE()` (automatically supplied)
- `PATH()`, `PATHDISP()`, `PATHMODE()`, `PATHOPTS()`, `PATHPERM()`
- `RTDDN`, `RTDSN`, `RTVOL` (only works if called from REXX)
- `SYNTAX`

For more information on using BPXWDYN allocation keywords, see:

- *z/OS Using REXX and z/OS UNIX System Services*

## D.5 The z/OS Unicode Translation Services

The Dataset Pipes utilities rely on the *z/OS Unicode Conversion Service* when possible, for codepage/character set translation.

This subsystem provides hardware-assisted high-performance codepage conversions services. This is the same service used by later versions of z/OS DB2, so many shops already have it configured in their environments. For z/OS 1.6 and later, the service is configured by default, with a starter set of codepage (CCSID) mappings.

For more information on configuring and customizing this subsystem:

- *z/OS Unicode Services User's Guide and Reference*

When Unicode Conversion Services are not available, Dataset Pipes falls back to **iconv** for codepage translation