



IMS Configuration Manager: streamlining the transition to dynamic resource definition

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Components

Distributed access

Eclipse GUI

Connection Server

Resource Manager

Repository (ICM)

Intelligent Installer

Utilities

- Take-up
- Gen
- Copy

Parameter Management

PROCLIB controls

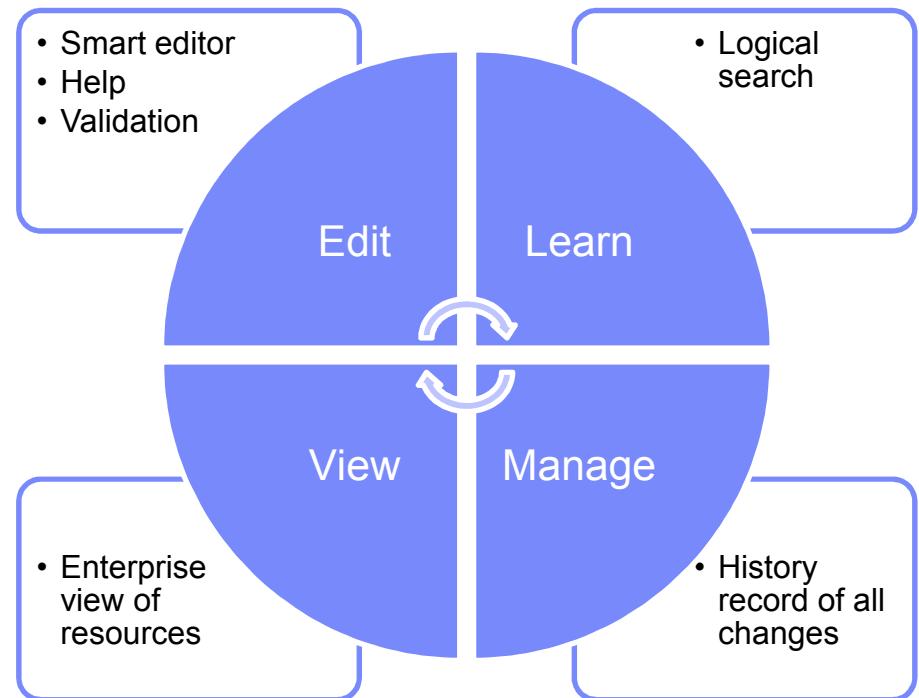
History

Parameter editor



Modernize parameter management

- How do you...
 - reduce the risk of changing settings that have not been altered in years?
 - identify differences across systems and LPARs?
 - learn about and apply new settings and parameters?
 - ensure a high-level of operational integrity with less experienced staff?
- IMS Configuration Manager helps you control, audit, and validate the parameter definition process



Parameter management

- Enhanced parameter listing and search
 - Semantic search: finds parameters and members based on keywords; identifies missing parameters and members
 - Listing of PROCLIB members that are active on a given system
 - Edit history for all members
- Enhanced ISPF edit session that provides:
 - Checking of parameter syntax
 - Ability to insert parameters from a model
 - Context sensitive help for all parameters
 - Retains many ISPF edit functions
 - Does not alter or modify the member in anyway (unless you explicitly add or modify parameters)
 - Allows you to back up members before saving them
 - In the future may be extended to perform checking of entire PROCLIBs



Parameter semantic search

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File Help
EDIT      DVP.IBDF.VB10.PROCLIB
Command ==> _____ Row 11 of 32
Search . . . DRD
Scroll ==> CSR

Member
/
  *   Prompt  Lib  Created      Changed     ID
  DFSDFDVP           1  2009/02/11  2009/02/11 13:26:45  NMC2
  COMMON_SERVICE_L=...
  MODBLKS=...        How MODBLKS resources are changed
  DYNAMIC_RESOURCE=...
  AUTOEXPORT=...     Definitions exported at checkpoint time
  AUTOIMPORT=...     Definitions automatically imported in COLD
  DCLWA=...          Default log write ahead option for created
  IMPORTERR=...       Action on error during automatic import
  RDDSERR=...         Action on error when accessing RDDS
  RDDDSN=...          List of DSNS for RDDS processing

  DFSDF000           1
  COMMON_SERVICE_L=...
  MODBLKS=DYN        /* DRD ENABLED;MODBLKS OLC
  DYNAMIC_RESOURCE=...

Finds members and parameters even if they do not exist
Help for each parameter
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File Edit Edit_Settings Help

EDIT REA.CLIST(DFSDFBLN) - 01.01

Columns 00001 00072

Command ==> Scroll ==> CSR

CHECK validate the member syntax

MODEL Insert a new parameter with syntax assistance

HELP Press F1 to request parameter sensitive help

***** ***** Top of Data *****

000001 /*******/

000002 /* Dynamic Resource Definition Section */

000003 /*******/

000004 <SECTION=DYNAMIC_RESOURCES>

000005 RDDDSN=IMSTESTL.IMS1.RDDS1,

===== +.....

==MSG> Unmatched parenthesis. RDDDSN=IMSTESTL

000006 IMSTESTL.IMS1.RDDS2,

000007 IMSTESTL.IMS1.RDDS3,

000008 AUTOIMPORT=AUTO

000009 AUTOEXPORT=AUTO

000010 IMPORTER=ABORT

===== +.....

==MSG> Unknown parameter: 'IMPORTER'

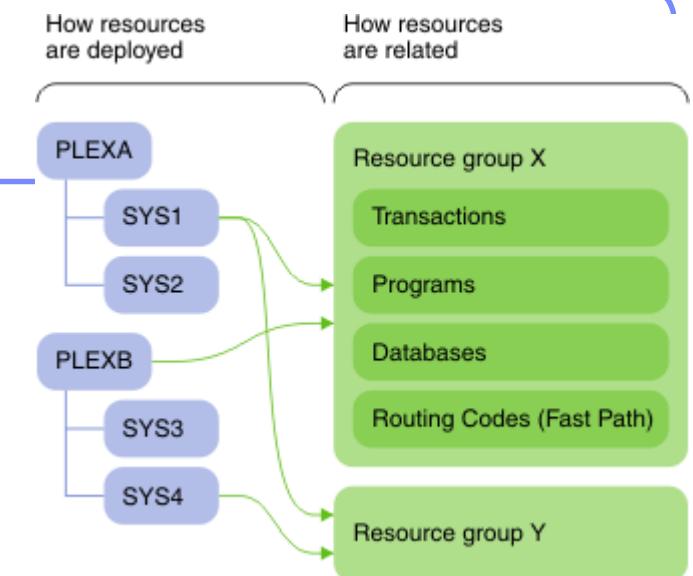
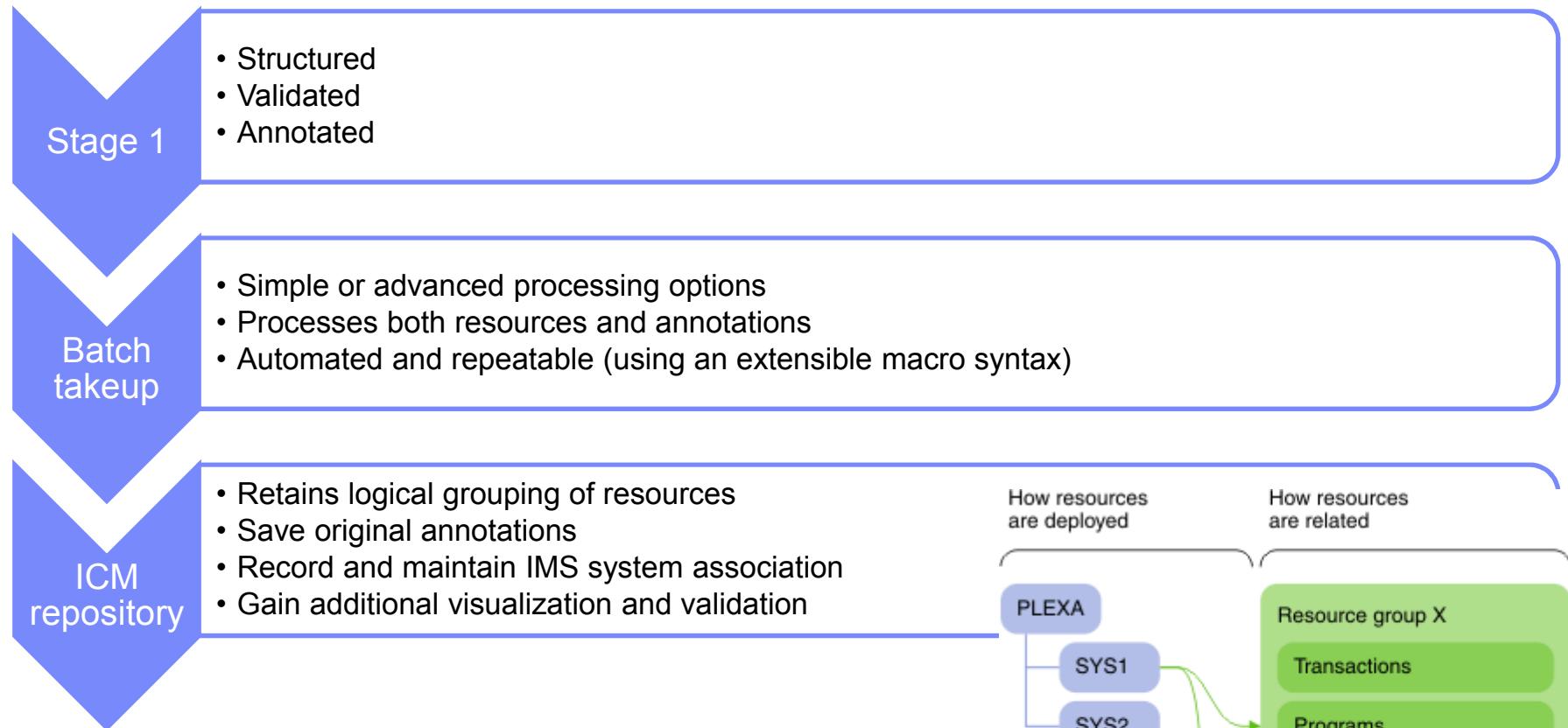
000011 RDDSERR=ABORT

000012 /*******/

New parameter smart editor
Syntax validation
Parameter value validation
Context sensitive help
Works with existing members



Transition to ICM is simple





Streamline resource management with DRD

- DRD offers the promise of a modern approach to application development and management
- Reduces the need for performing an IMSGEN
- More flexible and immediate than an online change
- But can you retain processes, control, and structure you have developed over years?
- IMS Configuration Manager adds structure to the DRD process.
 - Maintain your processes but gain the benefits of DRD
 - Add a layer of audit and control that allows you to open up the process to developers
 - Automation and reversibility of change process

IMS Configuration Manager
Complements DRD; retains benefits of both approaches

Dynamic resource definition (DRD)
Alternative to IMSGEN

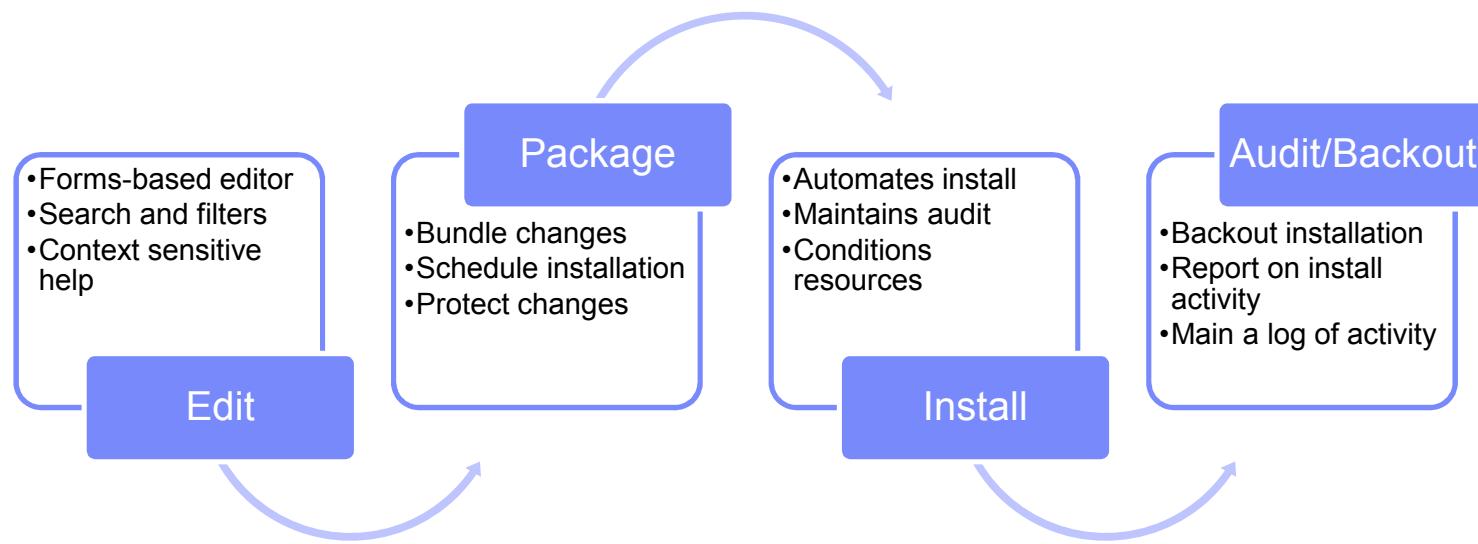
Immediate
Simple
Flexible

IMSGEN
Batch system definition process, with online change process

Structured
Controlled
Organized



ICM Processes: updating resources using DRD



Structure your process



The screenshot shows the IMS Configuration Manager interface with the following windows:

- Top Window:** "Change Packages - System View". It displays two entries:

Create Date/Time	Change Package Name	Status	Condition	Type
2011-03-17 15:56:21	EMER PLXREGEN	CLOSED	NOTSCHED	CMD
2011-03-17 15:55:53	PLXREGEN	CLOSED	NOTSCHED	GEN
- Middle Window:** "Create Change Package". It shows the following details:

Command	Change Package	Description
APP2.01	APP2.01	Updates to new app
- Bottom Window:** "Select Change Package Resources". It lists resources grouped by resource type:

CP	Resource	Type	Resource Group	Rev	Changed
	BILL	DATABASE	BILL	S	2011-03-16 14:27
	BILL	TRAN	BILL	S	2011-03-16 14:27
	BILLPGM	PROGRAM	BILL	S	2011-03-16 14:27
	BILLPGM2	PROGRAM	BILL	S	2011-03-16 14:29
	BILLSYSO	TRAN	BILL	S	2011-03-16 14:28
	BILL2	TRAN	BILL	C	2011-03-16 14:26
	BILL3	TRAN	BILL	C	2011-03-16 14:26
	BILL4	TRAN	BILL	C	2011-03-16 14:26
	BILL5	TRAN	BILL	S	2011-03-16 14:27
	DEPART	DATABASE	UTIL	C	2011-03-17 15:30
	IVP	TRAN	UTIL	C	2011-03-18 14:41
	PART	PROGRAM	UTIL	C	2011-03-18 14:42
	UTILPGM	PROGRAM	UTIL	C	2011-03-17 15:50
	UTILT1	TRAN	UTIL	C	2011-03-17 15:50
	UTILT2	TRAN	UTIL	C	2011-03-17 15:50
- Bottom Left Panel:** Shows navigation options like FILE, HELP, E, C, I, S, T, I, O, and a summary of the current package.
- Bottom Right Panel:** Shows options for the package type (COMMAND, GENERATE) and output type (Stage 1 Macros, Cold Start RDS).

When ready, bundle changes in a package

Pick individual resources

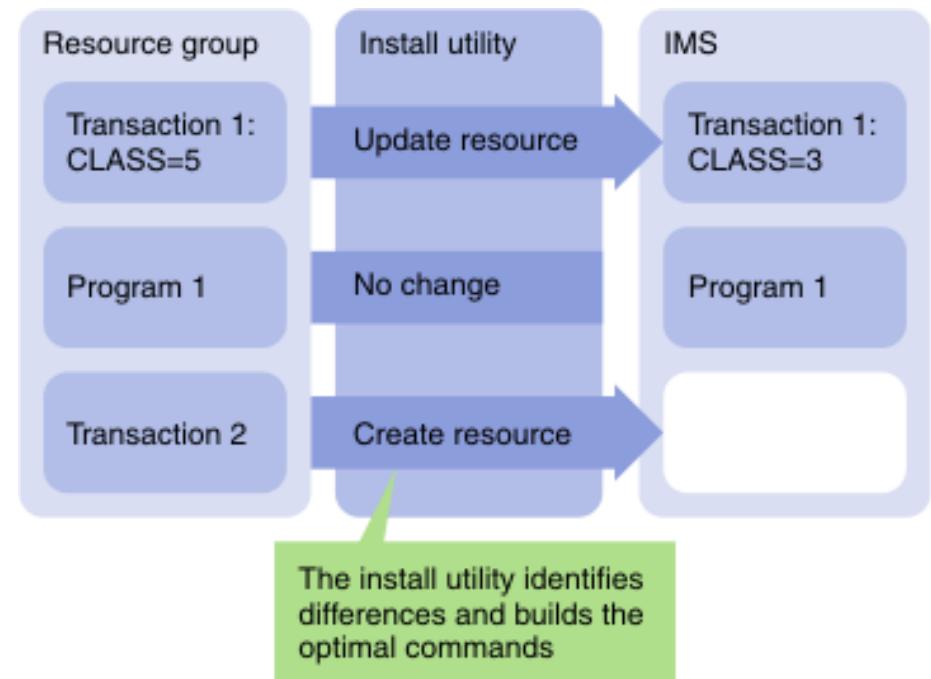
Bundle all resources for a given system

Continue working on the next update cycle

Install or gen the resources

IMS Configuration Manager resource installer

- The installer provides enhanced services on top of the IMS type-2 command interface
- Automatically determines whether an install or update is required
- Rollback option
- Full-logging of install activity
- Builds and records system image



The installer conditions resources for online installation

- Automated resource installation using documented best practices
- Identifies resources that are in use
- Can stop new activity to the resource and wait for a specified duration
- Then retries updating the resources (number of retries configurable)
- After resource is updated, reactivates the resources





IMS Configuration Manager resource installer - BACKOUT

- Each change that is made is tracked in the repository
- A BACKOUT command can be used to reverse the changes
- Backout allows you to ensure changes you make are reversible





IMS Configuration Manager GUI

- Control and manage IMS systems
- Learn and discover the type II commands that are essential to managing your IMS resources
- List and view resources in the IMS Configuration Manager repository
- Use powerful compare features to highlight differences between environments



Connection Server - IMSplex PLXDP(FTS1:8940) - IBM Tools Base Connection Server

File Edit Navigate Project Configuration Window Help

Navigation X Connection Server Resource

PLXD4 PLXDP X

IMS Command: QUERY IMSPLEX SHOW(ALL)

Route: * % IADP ICDP IBDP

Hide Empty Columns

Manage live systems

Learn the commands required to get this information

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IMSplice	MbrName	CC	Member	JobName	Ty				
CSLPLXDP	S1XDPOM	0	S1XDPOM	PLXDPOM	OM		1.5.0	FTS1	READY,ACTIVE
CSLPLXDP	S1XDPOM	0	GU1PLXDP	ICOND01	IMSCON		12.1.0	FTS1	ACTIVE
CSLPLXDP	S1XDPOM	0	IADP	IADPCTL	IMS	DBDC	10.1.0	FTS3	READY,ACTIVE
CSLPLXDP	S1XDPOM	0	GU0PLXDP	ICOND00	IMSCON		12.1.0	FTS1	ACTIVE
CSLPLXDP	S1XDPOM	0	CDP1CQS	PLXDPQCQS	CQS		1.7.0	FTS1	ACTIVE
CSLPLXDP	S1XDPOM	0	S3XDPOM	PLXDPOM	OM		1.5.0	FTS3	READY,ACTIVE
CSLPLXDP	S1XDPOM	0	S1XDPROM	PLXDPROM	RM	SNGLRM	1.5.0	FTS1	READY,ACTIVE
CSLPLXDP	S1XDPOM	0	S1XDPSC	PLXDPSCI	SCI		1.5.0	FTS1	READY,ACTIVE
CSLPLXDP	S1XDPOM	0	IBDPDBRC	IBDPDBRC	DBRC	001	11.1.0	FTS1	READY,ACTIVE
CSLPLXDP	S1XDPOM	0	ICDP	ICDPCTL	IMS	DBDC	12.1.0	FTS1	READY,ACTIVE
CSLPLXDP	S1XDPOM	0	CDP3CQS	PLXDPQCQS	CQS		1.7.0	FTS3	ACTIVE
CSLPLXDP	S1XDPOM	0	IBDP	IBDPCTL	IMS	DBDC	11.1.0	FTS1	READY,ACTIVE
CSLPLXDP	S1XDPOM	0	IADPDBRC	IADPDBRC	DBRC	001	10.1.0	FTS3	READY,ACTIVE
CSLPLXDP	S1XDPOM	0	S3XDPSC	PLXDPSCI	SCI		1.5.0	FTS3	READY,ACTIVE

View resources in the ICM repository

Databases Databases - Not Init... Programs - DB Unavail... DBFSAMP3/DBs Detail Databases - Stopped DBFSAMD1/Pgms. Detail Members

Console X

Powerful Compare Options

Source	PgmName	MbrName	RgnType	BMPType	FP	DOPT	GPSB	Rsdnt	LRsdnt	TranStat	PgmLang	SchdType	LclStat
1	DBFSAMP2	IADP	BMP	Y	N	N	N			N	N	SERIAL	
2	DBFSAMP2	IBDP	BMP	Y	N	N	N			N	N	SERIAL	
1	DBFSAMP3	IADP	IFP	N	E	N	N			N	N	SERIAL	
2	DBFSAMP3	IBDP	IFP	N	E	N	N			N	N	SERIAL	DB-NOTAVL

Highlight status differences relative to a baseline

Source	PgmName	MbrName	RgnType	BMPType	FP	DOPT	GPSB	Rsdnt	LRsdnt	TranStat	PgmLang
2	ABORTPRG	IADP	MPP	N	N	N	N			N	N
1	AUTPSB11	IADP	JMP	N	N	N	N			N	N
2	AUTPSB11	IBDP	JMP	N	N	N	N			N	N
1	BADNAME	IADP	MPP	N	N	N	N	Y		N	N
1	BILLPGM	IADP	MPP	N	N	N	N			N	N
2	BILLPGM	IBDP	MPP	N	N	N	N			N	N

Identify resources that exist on one system but do not exist on the other

Source	PgmName	MbrName	RgnType	BMPType	FP	DOPT	GPSB	Rsdnt	LRsdnt	TranStat	
1	FUNPSB41	IADP	MPP	N	N	N	N			N	N
2	FUNPSB41	IBDP	IFP			N	N	N		N	N

Find inconsistencies

System Access Control

- Enables better devolvement of responsibilities
- Protects developers from making inadvertent modifications to resources not under their control
- Enables application group to control their development systems
- Protects production systems from accidental change
- Implemented using SAF interface with new security class for profiles



Conclusions

- IMS Configuration Manager simplifies the management of IMS resources and parameters
 - Using DRD or traditional SYSGEN processes
- Provides the same level of controls you had in a SYSGEN environment
- The resource installation process is streamlined making it easy to synchronize offline source with online systems
- The availability of rollback helps customers introduce changes as a unified set
- Back out provides auditors with peace of mind
- IMS Configuration Manager provides a foundation from which an end-to-end IMS administration and management system can evolve

More information

- IBM IMS Configuration Manager website:
<http://www.ibm.com/software/data/db2imstools/imstools/ims-configuration-manager/>
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