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There are three major topics today: the announcement of CICS IA V3.2, a new research paper by Lustratus analyst Steve Craggs which will provide some independent guidance on the complexities of the platform selection process. Next week, we'll be holding what looks like a great webcast showcasing the new PD Tools plug-ins for CICS Explorer. There've also been some new articles published and there are also a couple of new webcast replays available too.

Product highlights

Announcement: *CICS Interdependency Analyzer V3.2*

Just announced today is IBM CICS Interdependency Analyzer for z/OS (CICS IA) V3.2, which helps to make it even easier to build a deep understanding of the relationships and dependencies between CICS applications and the resources that they use, helping to control the cost of developing new and updating existing applications.

We've added some new capabilities to the CICS IA plug-in for CICS Explorer that will let you control dependency and command flow data collection, directly from CICS Explorer, so you have even less reason to need to use those old green screens. We build that control interface using CICS TS ATOM support, so you'll need to move up to CICS TS V4 to benefit from them. Yet another reason to upgrade to CICS TS V4.2, if you haven't started that process yet,

New functions in CICS IA V3.2 include:

- Support for CICS TS V4.2
- New and improved views and controls in the plug-in for CICS Explorer
- Command Flow enhancements including multi-user support
- CICS Business Events support
- Dependency data life-cycle management
- Enhanced business application analysis
- CICS user exit detection and mapping
- Architectural enhancements

CICS IA V3.2 will be generally available on September 2 2011. You can find a lot more about it by linking to the resources shown below. The datasheet is completely reworked, and in the webcast replay, you can learn more about the data we collect, the DB2 tables we create, and the

queries you can create using the CICS IA plug-in for CICS Explorer, from Em James - the lead developer for CICS IA.

Web page http://ibm.com/cics/ianaly
Announcement letter http://tinyurl.com/cicsia32us
Data sheet
ftp://public.dhe.ibm.com/software/htp/cics/tools/CICS_Interdependency_Analyzer_V3.2_datasheet_GI13-0580-00.pdf
Webcast replay: Understanding your CICS Interdependency Analyzer Data http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg27021671

Resources
Analyst papers
In an important new research paper, Lustratus analyst Steve Craggs provides independent guidance on the complexities of selecting platforms for new applications. Based on in-depth interviews with a number of CICS customers from around the world, the paper examines how key decision factors including high availability, affinity, reuse, security, maintainability, and cost need to be balanced when looking for the best platform choice for new business application workloads.

You can download this paper from the link below. Please share it with your colleagues where you work, especially architects, IT managers, and other key decision makers.

ftp://public.dhe.ibm.com/software/htp/cics/pdf/Lustratus_Research_Paper_New_project_platform_selection_for_CICS_users.pdf

Articles
Read about CICS and threadsafe in the latest Mainframezone - CICS Spotlight article
http://www.mainframezone.com/cics-spotlight/cics-and-the-open-transaction-environment1

Check out the latest issue of the IBM System Magazine - not only the great z196 but also a couple of articles on the new CICS Transaction Server, including one from the CICS Senior Technical Staff Member (STSM) Catherine Moxey.

http://www.ibmsystemsmagmainframedigital.com/nxtbooks/ibmsystemsmag/mainframe_20110708/#/0

Replays
SHARE sponsored webcast on **CICS TS V4 performance** - June 28)
http://www.share.org/SHAREeLearning/webcasts/2011archivedWebcasts/tabid/725/default.aspx#June

Don't forget, for more information on CICS V4.2 and user experiences the next SHARE event takes place in Orlando, Fl, next week - August 7 - 12

Understanding your CICS Interdependency Analyzer Data - July 29 2011
See the CICS IA article above for more details.

The replay is available here http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg27021671

Events
Webcasts
Smarter development for System z: Top-rated toolset boosts staff productivity - August 10
The IBM® System z® development tools landscape has changed dramatically as new technology replaces the industry standards of a few years ago. Businesses also expect applications and updates delivered in less time and with higher quality, and yet technology environments are increasingly complex. If your staff has been using the same development tools for many years, you may be missing out on more than productivity. You can save money in your System z IT budget and give your developers the best toolset available when you commit to smarter application development.

Learn how you can benefit from smarter development by using IBM Problem Determination (PD) Tools. Rated number one in the industry, our tools help you bridge the gaps in expertise found in most mainframe environments. This toolset is an integral part of the IBM smarter development strategy, and offers new, integrated GUI interfaces that make experienced developers more productive. Developers who are new System z can become productive very quickly because the interfaces run on the popular and familiar CICS Explorer and Eclipse platforms. If you aren't familiar with the System z tools, or if you haven't seen them recently, register today and learn more about how the tools can help.

The webcast will be held August 10, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight, 3:00 p.m. GMT, 4:00 p.m. BST. To register or to view the webcast after the event, visit http://ibm.co/pLucbQ

Webcasts
Australian CICS tour - Revitalise your CICS environment with intelligent technologies, and new and enhanced run-time tooling
We are offering half day seminars in the locations and on the dates shown below. Additionally, we can meet with you at your business location, for a briefing tailored to your unique business needs. The seminars are tailored for your technical professionals, including application development,

technical management, applications developers, CICS programmers and systems programmers.

The seminar will give you the opportunity to interact with subject matter experts who understand the challenges of integrating diverse products and platforms. You'll learn about new and enhanced CICS tooling that will help you and your staff to dynamically create, maintain and evolve a mixed workload environment that meets escalating expectations for scalability, efficiency and responsiveness.

Sydney Monday, 15th August https://www-950.ibm.com/events/wwe/grp/grp005.nsf/v16_enrollall?openform&seminar=72349VES&locale=en_AU

Brisbane Wednesday, 17th August https://www-950.ibm.com/events/wwe/grp/grp005.nsf/v16_enrollall?openform&seminar=2FQ4JAES&locale=en_AU

Canberra Friday, 19th August https://www-950.ibm.com/events/wwe/grp/grp005.nsf/v16_enrollall?openform&seminar=A564QJES&locale=en_AU

Melbourne Monday, 22nd August https://www-950.ibm.com/events/wwe/grp/grp005.nsf/v16_enrollall?openform&seminar=86Z4TAES&locale=en_AU

Perth Wednesday, 24th August https://www-950.ibm.com/events/wwe/grp/grp005.nsf/v16_enrollall?openform&seminar=3FZ4WSES&locale=en_AU

All seminars run from 9am to 1pm, local time.