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## Product highlights

### **Announcement: IBM Tivoli OMEGAMON XE for CICS on z/OS V5.1**

Announced earlier this week (7th February 2012), IBM Tivoli OMEGAMON XE for CICS on z/OS V5.1 - part of a major update of the OMEGAMON family of monitors. Key features include a new enhanced 3270 user interface, CICSplex-level monitoring, zIIP offloading of SLA processing and improved time-to-deployment through updated configuration tooling. Also announced as part of the updated family today is OMEGAMON XE on z/OS V5.1.

You can learn more about this latest version of OMEGAMON XE for CICS in the webcasts shown in the Events section, below

Announcement letters:

US - <http://tinyurl.com/omxe51us>

LA - <http://tinyurl.com/omxe51la>

AP - <http://tinyurl.com/omxe51ap>

EMEA - <http://tinyurl.com/omxe51emea>

Canada - <http://tinyurl.com/omxe51can>

### **Available: New CICS SupportPac CB12 - GENAPP**

The general insurance application (GENAPP) is a working COBOL application that you can use to try out different features of CICS, including modernizing applications. The general insurance application simulates transactions made by an insurance company to create and manage its customers and insurance policies. The application provides sample data and a 3270 interface for creating and inquiring on customers

and policy information. Because the application is designed to simulate the flow of an application, some aspects of the application architecture do not use best practices. However, the application is designed to be extended to demonstrate other ways of accessing and modernizing traditional applications that are best practices.

You can use the general insurance application to try the following CICS features:

- Creating a topology that is managed by CICSplex SM
- Creating web services
- Creating workload simulations with IBM Workload Simulator
- Creating business events and viewing them through a Web 2.0 dashboard (dynamic scripting application)

The SupportPac documentation describes the application architecture, how to install and set up the application, and how to test the application is working correctly. When you have a working application, you can try out these features of CICS. Each feature is described as a scenario in the CICS TS V4.2 Information Center.

The recent CICS Tools Redpaper and some of the scenarios at the on-going System z Summit seminars (see below for details) are based on GENAPP, and future CICS demos and EM and SOA Sandbox scenarios will also be based on GENAPP.

CB12 is available now for download from:

<http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?rs=1083&uid=swg24031760>

## CICS Resources

### **IBM Redpapers - Implementation of Popular Business Solutions with CICS Tools**

This IBM Redpaper™ publication presents several scenarios involving a sample general-purpose application (GENAPP - see above) to demonstrate various ways to modernize a traditional CICS application using CICS tools. It should be of interest to various parties in your organization, including managers, architects, application developers, system administrators, and performance specialists.

You can download the paper at

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/redp4824.html?Open>

### **IBM Redbooks - CICS Transaction Server from Start to finish – SG24-7952**

We featured this new Redbooks publication in the December 2011 CICS eNewsLetter, but are listing it again in case you missed that. So far this is a really well received book with over 1500 customer downloads in

December alone - not bad when you consider that it was only published December 7th and a lot of people took holidays that month.

Don't miss out on this great read - just go to:

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/sg247952.html?Open>

## Communities and social media

It's been a while since we featured these, so here's a current list of links:

- Communities
  - CICSdev <http://ibm.com/developerworks/connect/cicsdev>
  - CICS Virtual User Group <http://fundi.com/virtualcics/>
- Forums
  - CICS Explorer <http://tinyurl.com/68bndw>
  - CICSdev  
<http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/forums/forum.jspa?forumID=2724>
- Twitter
  - <http://twitter.com/cicsfluf>
  - [http://twitter.com/IBM\\_System\\_z](http://twitter.com/IBM_System_z)
  - [http://twitter.com/ibm\\_cics](http://twitter.com/ibm_cics)
- Blogs
  - CICSdev  
<https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/mydeveloperworks/blogs/cicsdev>
  - Joe Winchester (CICS Explorer)  
<https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/mydeveloperworks/blogs/JoeWinchester>
  - TheMasterTerminal <http://themasterterminal.com/>
- YouTube
  - <http://youtube.com/CICSFluff>
  - <http://youtube.com/CICSExplorer>
- CICS eNews
  - <http://ibm.com/cics/enews>
- List servers
  - CICS-L <http://www.listserv.uga.edu/archives/cics-l.html>

## 2012 Events

### Webcast - Boost performance, productivity and cost savings with IBM's latest compilers for zEnterprise – February 15, 2012

Tight budgets and reduced resources are challenging many IT shops to improve cost-effectiveness and infrastructure efficiencies. Improvements are also needed to be able to quickly free up capacity for handling more volume, or for better performance of existing applications. One of the challenges is that back-level compilers can't take advantage of new compilation optimization or new hardware and processor capabilities.

Join our experts, Ray Jones, Vice President, IBM System z Software, and Kevin Stoodley, IBM Fellow and CTO for Enterprise Modernization Tools, Compilers and Security, to learn how IBM's latest compilers, middleware and tools can help you stay on the technology curve. In this complimentary webcast, Ray and Kevin will discuss best practices and approaches to plan and execute a successful compiler migration, alongside CICS, IMS and DB2 upgrades. They will also go over IBM's strategy for compilers and tools on System z to help you better plan your overall development and upgrade efforts.

To learn more and to register visit:

<http://www.ibm.com/software/systemz/webcast/15feb>

### **Webcast - Achieving optimum CICS performance – March 14, 2012**

With CICS Transaction Server V4.2, even more optimization opportunities are now available. But with the growing complexity of systems, it can be difficult to take full advantage of them — without the support of powerful monitoring, tuning and reporting tools - including the new OMEGAMON XE for CICS V5.1. If you use CICS Transaction Server for z/OS, especially if you use it with IMS Database Manager, attend this webcast to learn how new features in these products can significantly reduce your CPU usage and improve response times.

To learn more and to register visit:

<http://ibm.com/software/systemz/webcast/14mar>

### **IBM webcast series - Latest OMEGAMON Technology**

Whether you're an existing OMEGAMON user, or you're considering it, these webcasts will give you valuable information about greater visibility into the way services and applications are being executed across the enterprise. You'll also learn how this helps you use fewer System z resources and tackle enterprise-wide problems before they become outages. This webcast series is taught by subject matter experts from IBM Software Group who will share the most significant updates to the OMEGAMON product suite so you can:

- Pinpoint more effective ways to decrease costs and reduce risks
- Improve productivity, reduce outages and system overhead
- Decrease your maintenance window and exploit the full capabilities of System z — and zEnterprise™.

Register today for the entire series, or for any of the individual webcasts at:

<http://www-01.ibm.com/software/os/systemz/webcast/sysmgmt/series/>

**System z Summit seminars – 6 North America cities – Jan-Mar 2012**

Just a brief reminder that there is still time to register for the first of these events, which will be held this week, in Toronto. Track 3 is aimed at application developers while track 4 will appeal to architects, system programmers, and IT management.

The remaining dates and venues are listed below. For more information and to register, please visit:

<http://www-01.ibm.com/software/os/systemz/summit/>.

- February 21 - Atlanta, GAW Midtown
- February 23 - Los Angeles, CA - Crowne Plaza, Los Angeles Airport
- February 28 - New York, NY - Sentry Center

### **Pulse - Las Vegas, Nv, March 5 - 7**

To register or learn more, visit:

<http://www-01.ibm.com/software/tivoli/pulse/>

### **SHARE - Atlanta, Ga, March 12 - 16**

To register or learn more, visit:

<http://www.share.org/Events/UpcomingConferences/SHAREinAtlanta/SHAREinAtlantaOnlineRegistration/tabid/791/Default.aspx>

### **IMPACT – Las Vegas, Nv – April 2012**

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