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V4.2 announcement

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Product highlights

Announcement: CICS TS Developer Trial V4.2

Announced today, Jan 24th 2012, IBM CICS Developer Trial for z/OS V4.2 is a 'try-before-you-buy' edition of CICS TS V4.2, designed for customers who want to assess the value that could be gained from a CICS TS upgrade, prior to making an upgrade decision. It will allow the evaluation of the latest CICS capabilities, in a non-production environment, before committing time and resources to a production migration project. General Availability is Friday 27th January.

CICS TS Developer Trial has a zero cost licence charge. Ordering, installing, and using CICS TS Developer Trial in a non-production environment will not initiate any Single Version Charging (SVC) period. CICS TS Developer Trial is a fully functional offering that can be used to conduct Proof of Technology (PoT) evaluations that cover the complete set of CICS TS V4.2 capabilities, but, to prevent usage in a production environment, it has a number of imposed technical and non-technical restrictions.

CICS TS Developer Trial is not formally supported, so you should use the CICSdev forum to raise any problems that you experience, see below for details.

If you want to avoid Catch-22 - you need to install CICS TS V4.2 to create a business case before you can use it, but you can't justify the installation unless you have a good business case - then CICS TS Developer Trial is just the solution you've been looking for, allowing you to determine the business value that you can derive from CICS TS V4.2 at no financial cost.

For more details, see the announcement letter:

<http://www.ibm.com/common/ssi/cgi-bin/ssialias?infotype=an&subtype=ca&supplier=897&letternum=ENUS212-010>

CICS Resources

Community: CICSdev

Launched today, Tuesday January 24th 2012, a new developers community for CICS - CICSdev hosted on the IBM developWorks site. This community has been setup for users to share experiences, offer ideas, ask questions, indeed be a portal to all things CICS developer related.

There is a **blog** area where developers from CICS will post items of interest, a **download** area to take you to new code, SupportPacs, Feature Packs, Samples. There is a **learn** area where you can find links to demos, podcasts, videos, papers and there is also a **participate** area where there is a forum for all to contribute their ideas and views as well as submit Request For Enhancements (RFE) the new place to submit your requests for changes to CICS.

While CICSdev is not a replacement for any of the other CICS communities out there (L-Forum, Master Terminal etc etc), it is an IBM hosted community for **developers** to share ideas.

You can find the CICSdev community here:

<http://ibm.com/developerworks/connect/cicsdev> or with this shortened version: <http://tinyurl.com/cicsdev>

2012 Events

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.

Both tracks will include extensive live demos using IBM CICS Explorer and Rational Developer for System z in conjunction with plug-ins for numerous IBM CICS Tools and Problem Determination Tools. In addition, there are tracks on zEnterprise, DB2, and data centre operations.

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

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

- January 26 - Toronto, Ontario - Hyatt Regency Toronto
- February 2 - Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX - Embassy Suites, DFW Airport
- February 7 - Washington, DC - Washington Hilton
- February 21 - Atlanta, GA - 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

If you are planning to attend Pulse - the IBM Tivoli event - be sure to visit the CICS stand at the exhibition centre to learn more about IBM's performance tools for CICS Transaction Server. The 'ULTIMATE' performance pack comprising CICS TS V4.2, OMEGAMON XE for CICS, CICS Performance Analyzer, and Application Performance Analyzer, provides all the performance tools that you'll need from development to deployment.

To register or learn more, visit:

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

SHARE - Atlanta, Ga, March 12 - 16

SHARE in Atlanta provides the setting to dive into current IT best practices and technical content designed to keep you ahead of the curve. Network with over 1,000 of your peers from a range of industries and learn how they are tackling today's most pressing enterprise IT issues.

We'll have our usual dedicated track with sessions on CICS delivered by IBM experts from the Hursley lab and Advanced Technical Services in Dallas as well as two stands in the Technology Exchange Expo where you can talk with CICS TS, CICS Tools, and PD Tools experts about your issues and needs.

To register or learn more, visit:

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

IMPACT – Las Vegas, Nv – April 2012

We are building an exciting agenda for CICS users that will help you to discover innovative ways to lower cost, improve return on investment, and optimize business results.

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