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There are no CICS related announcements this month, but we have some new CICS resources, including a couple of interesting demos featuring new Event processing capabilities being delivered in CICS TS V4.2, along with some customer events in different geographies that will also feature CICS TS V4.2. Don't forget that the CICS TS V4.2 open beta program is still running, so now is your chance to try out these and other new CICS technologies at no additional expense.

To register for, and learn more about the open beta, just visit <http://www-01.ibm.com/software/htp/cics/tserver/v42/openbeta/index.html>

CICS Resources

Redbook: Introduction to CICS Dynamic Scripting

IBM® CICS® Transaction Server Feature Pack for Dynamic Scripting embeds and integrates technology from WebSphere® sMash into the CICS TS V4.1 run time, helping to reduce the time and cost of CICS application development. The Feature Pack provides a robust, managed environment for a wide range of situational applications allowing PHP and Groovy developers to create reports, dashboards, and widgets, and integrate CICS assets into mash-ups, and much more.

The CICS Dynamic Scripting Feature Pack combines the benefits of scripted, Web 2.0 applications with easy and secure access to CICS application and data resources. The Feature Pack includes a PHP 5.2 run time implemented in Java™ and with Groovy language support, support for native Java code and access to many additional libraries and connectors to enhance the development and user experience of rich Internet applications. Access to CICS resources is achieved by using the JCICS APIs.

In this IBM Redbooks® publication, we introduce the Dynamic Scripting Feature Pack, show how to install and customize it, and provide examples for using it.

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/sg247924.html?Open>

Demos: New CICS TS V4.2 Event processing demos

See demos of these exciting new capabilities in CICS TS V4.2:

- System events demonstrations,
- Synchronous events, event lifecycle support

<http://www-01.ibm.com/software/htp/cics/tserver/v42/library/index2.html>

Events

z Technical Summit (including a CICS track) – North American cities

The series of one day System z Technical Events that we ran in North America in the first quarter of 2011 proved to be so successful that we are running a couple more in the second quarter. They feature a full track with six CICS sessions, so if you live nearby, please take the opportunity to attend. We have updated the presentations to reflect the new content and value in CICS TS V4.2, so these sessions will give you an early opportunity to learn more about this important new release.

The planned dates and cities for the 2nd quarter are (subject to change):

- Chicago, IL – May 25, 2011
- Columbus, OH – June 8, 2011

Further details and registration is available here: <http://www-01.ibm.com/software/os/systemz/summit/index.html>

IBM CICS Transaction Server News Tour 2011 – May/June - 6 German cities

In order to bring our German customers up to date, we will be running our CICS News Tour 2011 in six German cities in late May / early June. Spend a day with us to hear exciting news and see live demonstrations featuring the latest CICS TS V4.2 release, with topics on events, Java support, connectivity, management, scalability, and the tools that support the latest version.

Key dates and locations for your diary are: May 30 Münster, May 31 Hamburg, June 1 Düsseldorf, June 7 Frankfurt/Main, June 8 München, June 9 Ehningen.

Further details and registration can be found here: <http://www-05.ibm.com/de/events/cics/index.html>

Innovate - June 5th - 9th, Orlando, FL

Hear more about how IBM helps you seize business opportunities by managing change in this economic environment and by ensuring your software delivery investments are aligned with your business priorities—make better decisions based on real time and get accurate information and consensus across stakeholders—and deliver quality products and software solutions through improved governance and risk management.

<http://www-304.ibm.com/jct03001c/services/learning/ites.wss?pageType=page&c=a0008413>

zTech Summit Australia - June 6th - 11th, Melbourne, Australia

In this 3.5 day event, broaden your knowledge and expertise on System z technology from both hardware and software perspectives. Find out more about hot industry trends on System z, such as cloud computing and virtualization. Additionally, get up to speed on how zEnterprise, an integrated hardware platform, is making it possible to deploy and intelligently manage workloads across mainframe and distributed technologies. In 2011, we will significantly expand our coverage of System z software, including DB2, CICS, MQ, WebSphere, IMS, Cognos and more.

<http://www-304.ibm.com/jct03001c/services/learning/ites.wss?pageType=page&c=W116730V42353P53>

GSE Nordic User Group - June 7th - 9th - Stockholm, Sweden

The annual GSE Nordic user group takes place June 7 - 9 2011 in Stockholm Sweden and offers attendees the opportunity to hear about the latest innovations for Mainframe software in dedicated DB2, IMS, CICS, Infrastructure, Application Development and Infrastructure. This will be the first opportunity for European audiences to hear about the new capabilities introduced in the recently announced CICS Transaction Server V4.2 at a User Group event.

<http://www.gse-nordic.org/Working%20Groups/GNRC/Conferences/2011/>

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