

CICS V5.1



Did someone leave the tap on? Brimming with CICS news...

Hello, and hold on tight - this edition of CICSbuzz is jam-packed with new things from CICS®! We've just announced **two new feature packs**, and made statements of direction about two more, as well as announcing our new **CICS TS VUE charging option**. Alongside introducing all of this new stuff, we bid a fond good-bye to CICS TS V3, which will reach **end of service** in December 2015. We're also counting down the days to the **IBM Impact** conference (28 April - 2 May); CICS specialists from the IBM Hursley Lab will be there, and we hope you can join them!

Packed and ready: two new CICS features

We've just [announced](#) two shiny new feature packs for you to explore...

CICS TS Feature Pack for Mobile Extensions V1.0 allows you to extend your CICS applications to mobile devices. To find out more, visit the [mobile webpage](#) and see the technology in action in our [video demo](#).



CICS TS Feature Pack for Modern Batch V1.0 lets you combine batch and online workloads to minimise downtime and improve operational efficiency. Check out the batch [webpage](#) and [podcast](#) for more information.



Charging: the choice is yours with VUE

Our [announcement](#) of **CICS TS Value Unit Edition (VUE) V5.1** offers you an alternative cost option for running your new Java and Java service enablement workloads. Why not learn more on the [VUE webpage](#), or listen to our [podcast](#)?



Getting direction: PHP & SAML

Our latest [Statement of Direction](#) details exciting new features we're planning to bring to CICS...



CICS TS Feature Pack for Dynamic Scripting will add PHP support to CICS TS V5.1.

CICS TS Feature Pack for Security Token Extensions will provide support for the open standard Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) data format for exchanging authentication and authorization data between CICS Transaction Server and other parties.

Loving it: IBM Explorer for z/OS V2.1

We are delighted to have [announced](#) support for the new Eclipse-based **IBM Explorer for z/OS V2.1**, providing you with a seamless user experience when working with mainframe products and z/OS. Check out the [z/OS Explorer webpage](#) for more details.

Made for you: the CICS Showcase

We've been busy building an all-new web portal just for you. We've called it the **CICS Showcase**, because with videos, podcasts and papers, it acts as your portal to the newest CICS information in an easily digestible format!



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Demo downloads

Get hands-on with our latest downloads!

WebSphere eXtended Transaction Runtime (WXTR) V2,1: [download the trial](#) free today.

IBM Mixed Language Application Modernization Pattern V1.0: [download the sample pattern](#), demonstrating how a sample COBOL & C application can be extended and modernized in a cloud environment, and watch the [demo](#) about reusing application components written in COBOL, C & JEE.

Business in motion: join us at Impact 2013



28 April - 2 May: IBM Impact (check out the [CICS session timetable](#))

Immerse yourself in the technology, learn from experts and be inspired by your peers. Discover how to use IBM capabilities, including the power of CICS V5.1, to transform your organisation. Put your business in motion by bringing Mobile, Cloud and Big Data together with optimised applications and processes to harness their full power. Don't miss this chance to network with 9500+ business and IT leaders, as well as CICS Specialists from IBM Hursley, UK - [register now!](#)

More events coming up soon...



8-10 May
System z Tech Symposium



2-6 Jun
IBM Innovate



10-12 Jun
GSE Nordic



10-14 Jun
System z Tech University

Analyse these: two detailed reports

CICS has gone under the microscope of two eminent analysts, and the results are out!

CICS V5.1: Learning from the cloud

The Bathwick Group [reports](#) on how we've embedded some of the key features and benefits of cloud computing within the CICS V5.1 platform.



IBM CICS Tools: Discovery and Optimization for the Next Generation

The Branham Group [reports](#) on the cost savings CICS Tools make possible, and describe how Tools can help you to improve your operational efficiency.

Are you well-read? New IBM Redbooks

In need of some bed-time reading? We have some great new publications you might like...

Event Processing with CICS Learn how to configure your system to produce application compliance data feeds and events without application change to show solution compliance on a dashboard.

CICS and the JVM server - Developing and Deploying Java applications For information on the new JVM server technology in IBM CICS® Transaction Server for z/OS® V4.2.

New Ways of Running Batch Applications on z/OS Vol. I: CICS Transaction Server Detailing new technologies introduced by IBM to facilitate the use of hybrid batch applications.

IBM Problem Determination Tools for z/OS Learn how to integrate PD Tools to work with your compilers and run times to provide a start-to-finish development solution.

Modernize Your Application Infrastructure with IBM CICS Tools V5.1 The latest CICS Tools work with CICS Transaction Server V5.1 to increase your operational efficiency and service agility.

Farewell old friend

We can now formally [announce](#) that CICS TS V3 will reach End of Service in December 2015.

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