Hello sunshine... here's what's hot from CICS this summer

A very warm welcome to the latest edition of CICSbuzz! We have a lot going on this summer, so we wanted to share our pick of things not to miss. Read on to find out about our great upcoming webcasts and conferences, as well as new content to excite both your eyes and ears in the form of podcasts, articles, papers and blogs. And while you're here, why not help us to help you by filling out our **customer survey** on application use before Friday 19 July?

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9 July: Extracting optimum performance out of CICS

With successive releases of CICS TS providing improved function to enable more applications to run Threadsafe, many CICS sites have Threadsafe projects in plan. Meanwhile, with greater capacity available through significant vertical and horizontal scalability enhancements in CICS TS V5.1, many organisations are considering CICS region consolidation. This session explains how CICS Tools can help with both types of project. Register now!
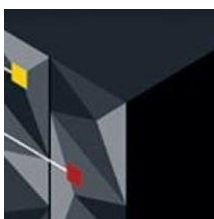
11 July: Big data and the enterprise

Featured Gartner analyst Donald Feinberg shares an analyst's viewpoint of what big data means for organizations, and the impact it can have on businesses. He will be joined by Mark Simmonds of IBM who will discuss the role of mainframes as a key part of IBM's big data & analytics strategy along with the roadmap for IBM's System Z portfolio for big data. Register now!

18 July: Dramatic improvements with IBM z/OS tools: how HSBC did it

Learn about z/OS Explorer, a consistent framework for Eclipse-based tools for the entire z/OS platform, and (using HSBC as an example) how IBM tools like CICS Interdependency Analyzer can be blended seamlessly with CICS Explorer®, IMS Enterprise Explorer, and Rational® Developer for System z® to form a single, custom toolbox for all subsystems. Register now!

7 August - 18 September: IBM DevOps Solution Series

Market shifts are fundamentally changing the way businesses approach software innovation. With its collaborative approach for continuous software delivery, DevOps helps establish easier, quicker handoffs from planning and development to deployment and other siloed areas. Subscribe to this series of webcasts to hear about best practices and tools for continuous delivery of software-driven innovation on System z. Register now!

Come up and see us: CICS conferences

11-16 Aug: SHARE Conference, Boston, MA, USA
Register today and join us at SHARE for some of the best in enterprise IT education, networking and innovations. We'll be running over 30 CICS-specific sessions just for you, so be sure to check out the CICS session list.

21-25 Oct: System z Technical University at Enterprise Systems2013
Register today for this brand new event, which brings together the IBM System z® Technical University, the IBM Power Systems Technical University and a new executive focused Enterprise Systems event, combining them into one premier event.

Good vibrations: new CICS podcasts

We have three great new podcasts lined up for you in the Did You Say Mainframe?! podcast series, featuring the dulcet tones of members of the CICS Hursley development team:

CICS and Java with Will Yates, CICS System Test Team Lead

CICS TS V5.1 - Mobile Extensions with Geoff Pirie, CICS TS Customer Enablement and Marketing Manager

CICS TS V5.1 - Batch Modernisation with Luke Staddon, CICS System Tester

CICS back and relax: some deckchair reading

Analyst Papers

Gartner: Follow a Multistep Process for Deciding Whether a Migration Off the Mainframe Is Warranted

The Clipper Group: Enabling Your Mainframe Data on Mobile Devices

Enterprise Tech Journal

CICS V5.1: Delivering a Portfolio to Power the Platform

CICS and the Open Transaction Environment: A Retrospective

IBM Redbooks publications

Modernize Your Application Infrastructure with IBM CICS Tools V5.1

The Reality of Rehosting: Understanding the Value of Your Mainframe

Rethink Your Mainframe Applications: Reasons & Approaches for Extension, Transformation & Growth

CICSdev blog - thoughts straight from our developers' fingertips

Writing RESTful web services using CICS Liberty Server

CICS PA Plug-in - Targeted thinking

Tell us: how do you use your applications?

We want to understand more about how you use your critical applications so that we can ensure we are delivering the best solution for your needs. Help us to help you by filling out our customer survey before Friday 19 July.

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And finally...

Cake fuels much of what goes on in CICS... here are some brownies which we had with homemade cherry ice cream in the IBM Hursley office to celebrate the General Availability of our new Feature Packs.

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