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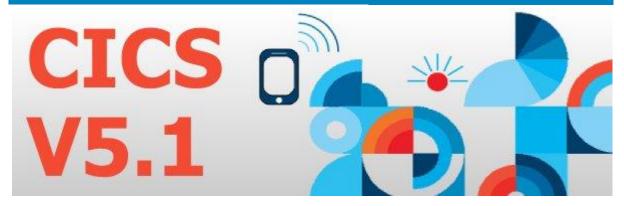
Well hello, and welcome to CICSbuzz. Happy days - we've just released a new **CICS TS Feature Pack for Dynamic Scripting**! If that's not enough, we also have a brand new line up of podcasts and articles for you, as well as our latest listing of upcoming CICS events. And while you're here, we've also popped in a cheeky link to our short **customer survey**...

Getting to know you: 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 CICS solutions for your needs. Help us to help you by filling out our short customer survey.

Stand and deliver: the CICS TS Feature Pack for Dynamic Scripting V2.0

We are delighted to have just released this lovely new feature pack to help you to exploit business opportunities by enhancing service agility. Dynamic scripting enables you to rapidly create and deploy situational applications based on the popular PHP scripting language; using PHP you can extend CICS assets while complying with key IT guidelines for manageability, scalability, and security. Find out more on the dynamic scripting web page.

Let's talk about CICS: new podcasts

Our Did You Say Mainframe?! podcast series continues with insights into CICS & related products direct from the CICS development team...

z/OS Explorer - what's that then?

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New capabilities in CICS V5.1

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IBM CICS and the JVM server: Developing and Deploying Java Applications

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Articles

How to move an existing CICS application to a smartphone (developerWorks)

CICS TS V5.1: Taking your CICS Applications to a Higher Level (Enterprise Tech Journal)

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27 Aug Exploring additional capabilities of CICS Web services
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5 Sept Cloud computing in CICS TS V5.1
Join five CICS software developers as they highlight the cloud computing artifacts CICS offers, and the benefits of using CICS in the cloud.

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If you want establish easier, quicker hand-offs from planning and development to deployment, and want to spark innovation amongst your team on the mainframe, don't miss the remaining webcasts in the series:
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- Continuous testing to save costs and improve application quality
- Continuous release and deployment to compress delivery cycles

We'll be there for you: upcoming conferences

21-25 Oct System z Technical University at IBM Enterprise2013
IBM System z delivers a unique hybrid computing model that allows data centres to optimise workload deployment on best fit technologies with a common management infrastructure. The System z Technical University will explore this capability in depth through 11 topical tracks. Register now!

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Join us for an unrivalled blend of business, technical and leadership training, along with the deep insights into Business Analytics, Enterprise Content Management and Information Management. Come and experience proven technologies and meaningful business insights that improve performance while reducing costs. Register by 13 Sept to receive the discounted early bird rate.

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