



Explore the opportunity! We are excited to announce that [CICS TS V5.2 open beta](#) becomes available today! In this buzz we've also included some of the latest news from the world of mainframe and IBM Redbooks. And in addition, we are sending you a reminder for the upcoming events not to be missed.

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Download [CICS TS V5.2 open beta](#) today to explore the potential new capabilities of CICS TS. Test new workloads, including those which are driven by mobile devices, get direct access to CICS development resources and provide us with some feedback!

Fancy a bit of education?



12 March: Webinar [CICS is ready for mobile, are you ready?](#)

Join Indi Singh from CICS TS Software Development, who is going to talk about CICS and Mobile from a CICS user perspective. In this free webinar Indi focuses on why and how you can get started with Mobile on CICS. Don't miss out and [register](#) now!



16 April: Lunch&Learn [CICS Keeps on Delivering for the Mainframe](#)

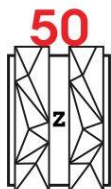
Want to learn how to deliver first-class applications and agile services that build on the foundation you already have in place? Then join this free webcast to hear about new advances in CICS, including lifecycle management, integration with cloud-based infrastructures, as well as mobile support and increased security for distributed systems. [Register](#) now!



Podcast [Simplify Testing with virtual CICS programs with IBM Rational Test Automation Solution](#)

Listen to John Chewter and Kimberly Gist and understand how IBM Rational Test Automation Solution now enables service virtualization and automated integration testing for CICS applications, scaling down and simplifying the required CICS test region configuration and MIPS requirements.

50 Years of Mainframe



This year we celebrate **the 50th anniversary of the IBM mainframe** and it's a truly exciting time for System z. Over the past 50 years IBM and System z have proven the importance of the mainframe to the world and there is so much more to come. Contemplate the bright future of the mainframe by reading the [Celebrating 50 Years of Mainframe Innovation](#) article from the Enterprise Executive journal, and [Mainframe to mobile: Transforming zEnterprise applications](#) from our developerWorks blog.

Access to IBM Redbooks is now even easier



Have you heard about the launch of the **IBM Redbooks Mobile App**? Now everything from classic Redbooks and papers, Point-of-View publications, blogs and videos can be accessed on-the-go from just one app on your mobile device. Learn more about the app from this [video](#).

[Redpaper: System z in a Mobile World](#)

This is one of the newest papers from Redbooks publications, which you may want to read using our new app! Fittingly, it describes the important role of System z in the modern world of mobile, providing a secure and stable base which helps you to extend existing enterprise data and transactions to mobile users smoothly. [Download it now!](#)

Upcoming conferences



SHARE 2014 - Anaheim (9-14 March)

Don't miss **SHARE** for some of the best in enterprise IT education, networking and innovation. The CICS team will be holding over 20 sessions, keeping you up to date with latest CICS news. It's still not too late to [register!](#)



Impact 2014 - Las Vegas (27 April - 1 May)

Join us at **Impact 2014**. This year the CICS team is preparing over 30 exciting sessions including **Cloud**, **Mobile** and **Generation z** oriented themes, making sure that there is something for everyone. There also will be a chance to win a free workshop from the CICS services team! [Register now!](#)



IBM System z Technical University - Budapest (12-16 May)

Attend **IBM System z Technical University** and expand your knowledge and expertise on CICS and other System z products. Hurry as [early bird registration](#) ends on 31 March 2014.

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