

CICS V5.2



Can you feel the heat? Today is a very exciting day for the CICS team as CICS V5.2 becomes generally available. This edition of the CICSbuzz contains all the essential information about our new release as well as the latest updates on upcoming webcasts and other events.

CICS V5.2 is out now



CICS Transaction Server for z/OS V5.2

In this new release we've introduced many enhancements in the following areas:

- Service Agility
- Operational Efficiency
- Cloud Enablement

Read the [Announcement Letter](#) for full details.

You can now get **IBM Certified** as a System Programmer for CICS TS V5.2, click [here](#) to get started.



CICS Tools V5.2

Further improve your service agility and operational efficiency with our updated CICS Tools: [CICS Configuration Manager](#), [CICS Deployment Assistant](#), [CICS Performance Analyzer](#), [CICS Interdependency Analyzer](#) and [CICS VSAM Recovery](#). To learn more about CICS Tools V5.2, please read the [Announcement Letter](#).

Latest Articles



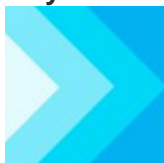
Going Mobile: CICS Makes Light Work of Mobile Integration

Geoff Pirie and Inderpal Singh from IBM Hursley talk about how easy it is to create mobile-enabled services from your existing CICS assets.

Developing an Axis2 Java Handler for the CICS Web Services Client Pipeline

This article uses sample code to demonstrate how you can develop an Axis2 Java™ handler to use in the IBM CICS web service client pipeline.

Fancy a free threadsafe analysis?



One way to optimize your applications for mobile is to exploit threadsafe APIs. Simply capture SMF data and we will identify candidates that could provide efficiency improvements if they could be made threadsafe. To register your interest in this limited offer, email steve_wallin@uk.ibm.com, IBM z/OS Tools Senior Development Manager.

TXSeries on Cloud



TXSeries for Multiplatforms now offers a [trial sandbox](#) on cloud using IBM SoftLayer, which allows a fast and easy evaluation of your applications with TXSeries. You can get a basic TXSeries configuration provisioned and ready to use in less than an hour depending upon your location and the data center you choose for SoftLayer. Read more in this [blog entry](#) and for more details please contact txserv@us.ibm.com

ISV News - Free CICS Mobile Test Drive



Looking for business growth? Mobilize your CICS applications! The CICS Mobile Test Drive for ISV Business Partners provides a System z environment for mobile application development and testing for 60 days free of charge. Develop mobile apps to interface with IBM Worklight Server and access applications running under CICS. The current test drive system based on CICS TS V5.1 with the Mobile Extension Feature Pack will be updated to CICS TS V5.2 within the next three months. For further information, please contact Bruce Lin at blin@us.ibm.com or view [this pdf](#).

Upcoming webcasts



24 June: Transforming Big Data into Insights with IBM System z: An Independent Consultant's Perspective

CICS and DB2 for z/OS are at the heart of your business transactions. These business transactions form the core of today's modern business analytics and big data initiatives. Join this complimentary webcast led by Mike Ferguson, an independent consultant and analyst. He will review the business and technical requirements for clients embarking on big data and business analytics solutions. Mike will also discuss some of the key IBM solutions for System z and their potential to help clients meet those requirements. [Register now!](#)

7 August: DevOps for the Mobile Enterprise: Test and Deploy

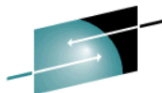
Tune in to this free of charge webcast to hear Inderpal Singh proposing unique IBM solutions to the main challenges of going mobile. [Register now!](#)

Events



CICS User Group in Manchester (25 June)

Are you an existing CICS Customer? Then join us in Manchester on 25 June to hear about the latest CICS enhancements. To register and for more details please email steve_foley@uk.ibm.com



SHARE
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SHARE in Pittsburgh (3-8 August)

Join the CICS team at SHARE in Pittsburgh for some first-class IT education, networking and innovation. The team is going to hold 30 CICS-oriented sessions, providing you with the latest updates from CICS.

[Register](#) before 20 June to receive an early bird discount!

Impact Competition



At [Impact 2014](#) the CICS team did something new: conference attendees who attended 7 or more CICS sessions could enter a competition to win a free visit from the CICS Services team. Today we are glad to announce the lucky winners: Fransiscus, Mike and Venkateswaran! Congratulations and we hope you will find your prize very useful.

IBMTV



We have heard from a number of subscribers that they can't access CICS videos on YouTube from their work location or from their country. In an effort to resolve these issues we have loaded some videos to IBMTV. If you had problems before, please try the links below and let the CICSbuzz team know how you get on by emailing knutson@uk.ibm.com.

[CICS and Mobile - the architect's perspective](#)

[Cloud Application Update Video](#)

[Discovery and Deployment with CICS Deployment Assistant.](#)

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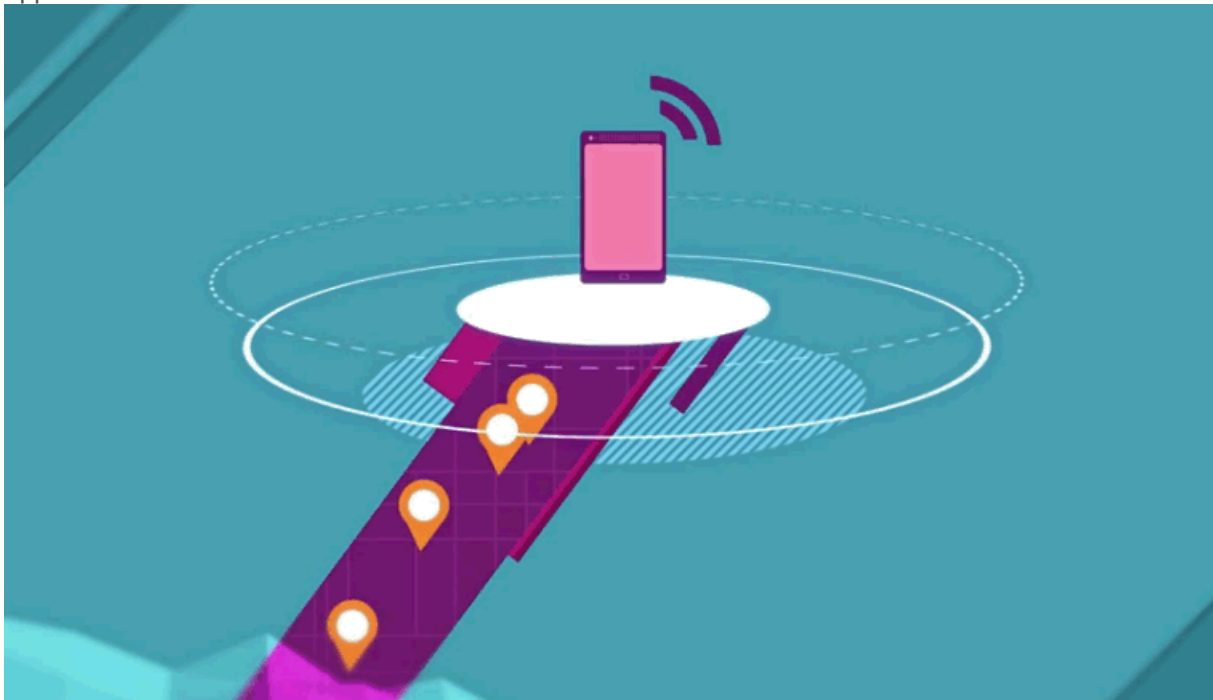
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