

CICS V5.2



There are only six more Mondays left until Christmas...so on this chilly wintery day here at Hursley, we bring you another cool edition of the CICSbuzz. This month, we give you an abundance of new articles from experts based here at the home of CICS®, as well as our feature this month, teaching you everything you need to know about Mobile on System z®. Enjoy, and don't forget to rate us using the feedback buttons below.

CICS is Mobile



If you didn't already know, CICS and mobile are a wonderful pairing. Our feature topic this month is mobile, and we're show casing everything that's great about Mobile on System z.

"You can do mobile on a mainframe? Really? Show me."

Software Architect Richard Gamblin details how mobile on IBM System z provides a reliable, scalable and secure service and the key characteristics of a successful mobile service that is delivered by System z mobile apps.

5 Things to Know About why System z is Ideal for Mobile apps

Covering Development, Security, Analytics and more, CICS Specialist Peter Siddell enlightens us on the the most interesting things about hosting Mobile Apps on System z.



Mobile on CICS just got easier with CICS TG

For all supported version of CICS across all platforms, CICS TG can make mobile operations faster, simpler and lower risk. Watch this short, informative video now!

Banking's New Catalyst: The Mainframe powered Mobile Application

System z General manager Ross Mauri explains the rise and rise of the remarkable shift to mobile, and how Mainframe technology is enabling banks to provide better services in near real-time.

Dates for your diary: Events and conferences



InterConnect 2015, February 22-26

InterConnect, the premier cloud and mobile conference, incorporating Impact, Innovate and Pulse, is set to be the most comprehensive and dynamic event ever.

There is still time to save on your registration fee. Get the Early Bird rate when you register by December 31st, making a saving of \$200. Don't miss out, [click here to begin your registration](#).

z/OS Connect Wildfire Workshops

For our readers in the USA, over the next few months, z experts will be hosting z/OS Connect Wildfire Workshops

New York NY - Nov 18/19
Costa Mesa CA - Dec 9/10
RTP North Carolina - Jan 20/21 2015



Chicago IL - Feb 4/5 2015
Dallas TX - Feb 17/18 2015

For more information, please contact Judith Vadnais at judyv@us.ibm.com

Podcasts & Webcasts



Podcast: OMEGAMON® Performance Management Suite

Download now to listen or read the latest addition to the Did you Say Mainframe? series, hosted by Nick Garrod. On this edition, Nick is joined by Chris Walker, Tivoli OMEGAMON for CICS Developer, who discusses the latest enhancement for CICS and CTG users within the OMEGAMON® Performance Management Suite.

Webcasts on Demand: Catch up here

Did you miss the live broadcast of last month's Humana and Mobile webcasts? You can listen to any recent webcasts using our on-demand feature. For all historic webcasts, [click here](#) then click on the 'Webcasts and Teleconferences' button and use the search facility.

CICSdev



Migrating Java applications to JVM server

CICS Senior Technical Staff Member Matthew Webster has created this step-by-step guide to help smooth the migration of Java™ applications when upgrading to CICS TS V5.2.

Unit Testing JCICS Applications

Here, a solution is provided that enables CICS users to write automated unit tests that run inside the development environment. To achieve this, you must be able to use the JCICS APIs outside of a CICS region. Andrew Smithson explains how in this article.



Quick start CICS Explorer Projects for "Cloud Enabling CICS"

This article makes it easier for you to try out the examples in 'Cloud Enabling CICS' for yourself, to allow you to try out CICS in the Cloud.

Three reasons Why Businesses Choose IBM CICS Transaction Gateway

Alan Hollingshead from the CICS TG Test Team, discusses three of the key reasons why businesses choose to use CICS TG in their environment.

New Redbook!



An Architects Guide to New Java Workloads in CICS

Due for full publication on December 31st, this IBM Redbooks Publication, written by CICS experts based here in Hursley, provides an introduction to the WAS Liberty Profile and how it interacts with CICS applications. The book also covers some generalizations when using mobile devices to interact with CICS applications and explains the specific CICS and mobile technologies.

The introductory video by three of the writers is available for you to watch now. [Click here to learn more.](#)

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