

# CICS V5.2



**The end of the year is just around the corner, and the holiday season is just appearing over the horizon...** let's take this opportunity to reflect on what's been a great year for CICS, and of course, give you all of the latest news and updates. From all of us here at the Hursley Lab, enjoy the holiday season and we shall see you in the New Year.

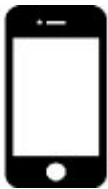
## CICS 2014



This year IBM Mainframes celebrated 50 years of existence, CICS has been around for a large portion of that time, 45 years to be precise, and we aren't showing any signs of slowing down. Read on for a look back at everything CICS has delivered this year.

### **Service agility, operational efficiency and cloud enablement**

The latest version of the world's favourite transaction processor, released in June this year, introduced vastly enhanced cloud capabilities, allowing users to manage and deploy CICS web services as cloud components, all in all, allowing businesses access to an efficient life cycle process. As well as this, V5.2 enables easier interaction with mobile devices, simplifying the use of existing CICS services by mobile applications.



### **CICS TG, Making you Mobile**

Made available in September, Version 9.1 of CICS Transaction Gateway utilises JSON web services to quickly provide mobile connectivity, enabling rapid integration between the CICS TS environment, and mobile devices. The latest version also included an array of new security features, ensuring your CICS environment is as safe as possible. Learn more about CTG, watch the video [here](#).



### **More additions to the CICS Toolbox**

To help you get even more value from CICS TS, five members of the CICS Tools family have also been updated this year. The five updated CICS Tools products are CICS Configuration Manager, CICS Deployment Assistant, CICS Performance Analyzer, CICS Interdependency Analyzer and CICS VSAM Recovery.

To learn more about how CICS tools provide business value, [click for real business examples, documented by Branham Group in their analyst paper](#).

## InterConnect



### **InterConnect 2015, February 22-26**

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](#).

Look out in your inbox next week for an InterConnect special including session menus and the latest videos.

## Lunch and Learn



Eager to learn more about CICS? Then head to our Slideshare and YouTube accounts to discover a series of Lunch and Learn sessions, available both as videos, and as read only documents.

This series of short videos will give you a deeper insight, and technical step by step guides for topics such as Threadsafe, DevOps, z/OS Explorer and CICS TS upgrading.



For the video playlist, [click here](#).

To view the sessions as read only documents, [click here](#).

If you are quick, you can catch the last L&L of the year on a proactive approach to CICS performance and tuning, **TODAY**, December 11, 2014 1:00pm ET. [Register here](#)

## CICSdev



### **Restricting CICS Policies to specific CICS user tasks**

Read this article to learn exactly how to define a CICS policy and deploy it into a CICS region so the policy's rules are only applied to specific tasks.

### **The Right tools for the Job - An Introduction to CICS Tools**

A whistle stop tour of the CICS Tools portfolio. Written by CICS Tools developer David Harris, this post will help you quickly understand the business value these tools offer.

### **Getting Started with CICS Configuration Manager**

CICS Software Engineer Mark Hollands introduces the CICS tool, Configuration Manager, and describes how this can be used to manage your CICS environments and how it could become an invaluable tool for doing so.

### Sample code now available on GitHub

Check out this blog post to find the latest sample code now available on GitHub in repositories that are ready to be cloned and forked as required.

### Updating Java applications in a CICS bundle

CICS and Java® specialist Phil Wakelin describes the process used for automation of the phase-in of a Java application in a CICS bundle, running in a CICS system.

## New Redbooks

### A View Into New Java Workloads in CICS Transaction Server



This IBM® Solution Guide introduces the IBM System z® New Application License Charge (zNALC) pricing structure and examples of zNALC workload scenarios, which is the focus of this book. This guide describes the products that can be run on a zNALC LPAR and reasons why one would consider such an implementation.



### IBM System z in Mobile World

Today, organizations engage with customers, business partners, and employees who are increasingly using mobile technology as their primary general-purpose computing platform. With this mobile engagement, organizations can build new insight into the behaviour of their customers so that organizations can better anticipate customer needs and gain a competitive advantage by offering new services.



### Cloud Enabling CICS

This book describes how CICS TS cloud enablement uses existing operational facilities, including monitoring, events, transaction tracking, CICS TS bundles, and IBM CICSplex® System Manager (CICSplex SM), to integrate with existing deployment and management processes.

## Events and Workshops



### 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

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](mailto:judyv@us.ibm.com)



### Global WebSphere Community

**Tomorrow**, Friday December 12, join the Global WebSphere community for a virtual meeting to learn about the value WebSphere Liberty Profile brings to z/OSMF. The meeting will be hosted by z/OS architect, Gary Puchkoff, who played a key role in the team that delivered the WebSphere Liberty Profile.

Click [here to Register](#).



### Share 2015, Seattle

The Early Bird rate is now on offer for all registrations to Share 2015, saving you \$200 on your conference pass, just register before January 16th to get the discount.

Share 2015 helps enterprise technology professionals expand their industry knowledge, enhance their skills and increase the efficient of their organization.

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**And finally...**

## **Announcing the Beta release of the CICS TS plug-in for UrbanCode Deploy**



With the CICS TS beta plug-in installed, you can use IBM UrbanCode Deploy to provision CICS applications, in coordination with other application and database components in a single action. Click the title above to learn more.

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