

CICS V5



Events and education... there's still the chance to take advantage of the early bird rates for some excellent events, as well as brand new articles and podcasts from our resident CICSperTs! We really value your feedback, so please use the buttons at the bottom to rate us, thank you and enjoy!

Conferences all around the world, not to miss!

Last Chance to Sign Up!



[Edge 2015, May 11-15 The Venetian, Las Vegas](#)

Experience a multifaceted event culminating in a best-in-class Executive Summit and three Technical Universities: Storage Systems, z Systems and Power Systems.

New this week! Get yourself an early preview of what to expect at Edge 2015. [Click here to view the handpicked CICS session menu](#) on our Slideshare page.

[IBM z Systems Technical University, May 18-22, Dublin](#)

Explore the new z13 capabilities in depth to take a deeper dive into smarter computing implementation and learn about the latest product announcements.

Get Registered Now!

[GSE Nordic, Gothenburg, Sweden, June 1](#)

This conference is both a deep technical conference for specialists, as well as a great learning resource for application developers & architects who want to update their knowledge on new CICS and Mainframe features. [Get registered by clicking here](#)

[WebSphere Technical Conference, Italy, June 14-15](#)

Hosted by CICS experts from the Hursley Lab, this vibrant conference will provide attendees with in depth insight and technical education into all of the latest enhancements in CICS Transaction Server. [Click here to Register now!](#)

Spring has sprung, be the early bird!

[WebSphere Technical University, Dublin 13-16 October](#)

Register by May 30th and receive 10% off your conference pass!

In depth sessions, hands-on labs and lectures delivered by leaders in the industry. Take this opportunity to explore innovative capabilities in the latest releases and learn more about these growth-fuelling technologies.



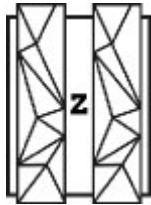
[IBM Digital Experience, Dublin, 13-16 October](#)

Register by May 30th and receive 10% off your conference pass!

Running alongside WebSphere Technical University, your pass will give you access to any session from either event! Learn about market leading Digital Experience software built on WebSphere which allows customers to create custom digital experiences and reinvent the way they engage with their clients.

One day events

Education on your doorstep



[IBM z Systems Technology Summit](#)

At the Summit, you have opportunities to learn from real-world scenarios, live demonstrations and in depth presentations. Experts will be on hand to discuss many “out of the box” benefits in the z Systems portfolio with practical tips, best practices and guidance on many of the critical topics facing IT professionals today.

Upcoming z Tech summits - [click here for the full list](#)

[Cincinnati - April 22nd](#)

[Toronto - April 30th](#)

[Atlanta - May 5th](#)

[New York - May 21](#)



[Register for z Systems Wildfire Workshops](#)

The IBM Advanced Technical Skills "Wildfire" hands-on workshops are face-to-face events, delivering a series of lectures and labs that show how IBM's leading technologies work on z Systems. The workshops are "no charge" to qualified customers, and include topics such as z/OS Connect, CICS, MQ, Java on z, Security, DB2 and more! [Register here](#)

New to the 'Did you say mainframe?' Podcast Series



[API Management on z](#)

Learn more about this exciting aspect of developing applications, and specifically what it means for those working on z, from Nathan Brice, z Systems Product Management.

Coming soon

We'll have brand new podcasts from our technical experts at Hursley on z/OS Connect and Virtual Storage Relief. Check back soon on our [podcasts homepage!](#)

To listen to these, or download the transcripts, [click here to go to the podcasts home page.](#)

Some light, bedtime reading...



Blogs and Magazine Articles

[Delving Further Into the CICS Diagnostics Toolbox](#)

Learn more about CICS tools from the experts in this Enterprise Tech Journal article where they discuss tracing, traps, CICS Performance Analyser and shared data structure diagnostics.

[Opening the REXX for CICS Toolbox](#)

This article describes the background to REXX for CICS, how it is implemented, and what you need to know when setting up and using REXX for CICS.

[Creating a Basic CPSM CICSplex Environment](#)

See how easy it is to setup a basic CICSplex that spans multiple LPARs. This article

walks you through setting up a CMAS on each LPAR and connecting them so that they can talk to each other. Sample JCL is included to make this task simpler than ever.



[CICS Web Services](#)

CICS Web Services have become an integral technology since introduced in V3.1. Be sure to check out this post to discover useful resources to help you utilise this capability.

[The State of CICS in the Modern Enterprise](#)

This CICS Survey Analysis report from H&W examines the importance of CICS in the modern enterprise and summarises key findings from research into CICS users.

Insight from the Experts - Lunch and Learns!

Want to learn more about CICS, but can't always find the time? Well this Lunch and Learn webinar series may well be the perfect solution! These short, snappy sessions are free to join, and hosted by the experts in the respective areas of the CICS portfolio.

Upcoming

[Boost your Problem Analysis Capabilities with RDz and PD Tools](#)

This webinar will show how IBM PD Tools work with Rational Developer for System z to minimize downtime for mission critical CICS, IMS, and WebSphere Application Server for z/OS applications. The session will take place **May 7, 2015 at 12:00 PM ET** [Click here to register today!](#)



[Bring modern analytics to your CICS applications using the new mobile enabled QMF for z/OS product!](#)

Hosted by QMF product marketing manager, Blanca Borden, this webinar showcases the new capabilities that QMF delivered in 4Q, and how users can now produce visual reports, dashboards and analytics. The session will take place **May 21, 2015 at 13:00 PM ET** [Click here to register today!](#)

For the full list of upcoming CICS Lunch and Learn sessions, [click here for more information and to register.](#)

Catch up on past Lunch and Learns!

Head to the CICS Slideshare channel to catch up on previous Lunch and Learn sessions at a time that suits you! Past topics cover the recently released open betas, next gen development with RDZ, and CICS VSAM transparency for VSAM to DB2 migration. [Click here for the full list!](#)

Upcoming Webcasts

[IBM z13 and Java 8: Taking Java to new heights on z Systems - May 21](#)

Marcel Mitran explains the combined benefits of Java 8 and z13. Features such as single-instruction multiple-data vector engine, simultaneous multithreading and improved CP Assist for Cryptographic Function, are providing up to 2x the



improvement in throughput per-core for security-enabled applications and up to 50% improvement for other generic applications. Learn how you can use your existing investments in mainframe applications and data, while delivering high performing modern Java based workloads through channels such as cloud and mobile.

[APIs for the Enterprise: Unlocking mainframe assets for mobile and cloud applications - May 28](#)

Join us for an overview of the end-to-end architecture and technical roles you need to expose mainframe assets as SOAP or REST-based enterprise services, presented by Asit Dan. Learn how to take advantage of APIs using the capabilities in z Systems and IBM API Management that address both consumability and governance. The webinar also will cover the discovery of existing assets from IBM API Management using new matching capabilities in CICS, IMS and z/OS Connect.

open beta's - Have you tried them out yet?!



Announced in last month's edition of the CICSbuzz, an array of brand new open betas. There's an abundance of new capabilities for you to try out in each one, [click here for full details!](#)

As always, the open betas are completely free to try out, so why not test out some of the new functionality and let us know what you think!

[CICS Transaction Server for z/OS V5.3 open beta](#)

The three main focus areas for development in this open beta are service agility (enhanced Java and WebSphere Liberty profile support), operational efficiency (web service and security enhancements), and cloud with DevOps (UrbanCode Deploy support).

[CICS Transaction Gateway V9.2 open beta](#)

The latest release of CICS TG includes continuous integration testing for JSON web services and all remote CICS TG applications, as well as the new CICS Intercept Plug in.



[CICS Operational insights open beta](#)

You can now try the new cloud-based service to identify opportunities to tune your CICS to yield faster performance at a lower cost. Upload a snapshot of your operational data and get a free Threadsafe Assessment.

New Demo Video

Head to our [YouTube channel](#) now to see the latest videos from CICS, including this...



[CICS and Urban Code Deploy](#)

This demo video, hosted by zChampion Russell Bonner, demonstrates using Urban Code Deploy for multi-application deployment with CICS at the heart.

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