Short but sweet: our top CICS picks for June... We wanted to let you know about some great upcoming webcasts over the next week, as well as the latest blogs available so you can learn more about the CICS TS V5.3 open beta. Enjoy this CICSbuzz short!

Not to miss! Webcasts

Using advance source control: Improve enterprise development productivity and collaboration - June 11th
Join IBM Distinguished Engineer Rosalind Radcliffe who will outline her experiences with clients using Rational Team Concert to provide a unified repository for mainframe and distributed developers.

DevOps for enterprise systems: Mobilizing the mainframe - a healthcare example - June 18th
In this complimentary webcast, learn how an end-to-end, mobile-to-enterprise application can be built using IBM Rational Developer and the MobileFirst platform. In this demo, they will use a mobile application for patient monitoring, powered by z Systems, as a working example.

Becoming an Enterprise - A perspective from featured Gartner Analyst Donald Feinberg - July 28th
Gartner analyst Donald Feinberg provides his view point of the Digital Business, the impact to organizations and society as a whole, how it breaks down traditional barriers between industry segments, creating completely new value chains and new business opportunities. He is joined by Mark Simmonds of IBM who discusses the Analytics Platform portfolio for IBM z Systems and how it helps support a digital business.

CICS Education!

CICSdev blogs

Performance Improvements in the CICS TS V5.3 open beta
Development team lead Martin Cocks provides an excellent high level overview of the latest performance enhancements that are included the CICS TS V5.3 open beta, which you can test out for yourself, for free!

Automating CICS projects using the CICS Build Toolkit
Stop clicking! Automate your CICS bundle and application builds. The CICS Build Toolkit is a new command-line interface to build your CICS projects created in CICS Explorer, rather than manually clicking through the wizard to export them to zFS.

New WebSphere Liberty Profile support with the CICS TS V5.3 open beta
CICS Design and Strategy for Java, Liberty and CICS Connectivity Phil Wakelin outlines the new functionality the team has been developing to allow you to "do more" with your CICS, within the new open beta. A central area we've been working on are the Liberty features supported within the CICS runtime, which provide a rich set of Java web APIs and application frameworks for use within CICS.

The CICS TS V5.3 open beta is here (already!)
CICS TS Product Manager Andy bates provides us with an excellent overview of the latest enhancements and features available for you to try now for free in the CICS TS V5.3 open beta. Click here to try it out now!

New Redbook

The Next Generation of Distributed CICS
This publication introduces the most recent version of IBM TXSeries® for Multiplatforms and how best to develop distributed CICS applications. We look at the value of the platform, new features, enterprise integration with a suite of products & also demonstrate a sample application 'BigBlueBank' - its installation and both the server-side and client-side programs.

Did you say mainframe?

Hear from the experts in CICS with new additions to the 'Did you say mainframe?' podcast series.

z/OS Connect
Paul Cooper from the CICS Development team at the UK Hursley Lab, gives us an overview of the capabilities available for CICS users through z/OS Connect. He explains how you can use z/OS connect to expose mainframe assets to mobile devices and make use of JSON web services.

Virtual Storage Relief
In this podcast Ian Burnett gives us an overview of Virtual Storage Constraint Relief which allows you to grow your applications through consolidation of CICS regions.

API Management
Learn about API management on z in this podcast with Nathan Brice, Product manager in the z Systems team.
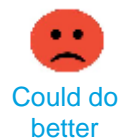
GSE UK CICS Working Group

For our readers in the UK, here's your chance to network with other CICS professionals, as well as learn about the latest functionalities added to CICS from the experts based at the IBM Hursley Lab.

Taking place on **July 2nd,** this event is being held in the Athena room in the IBM Manchester Lab, click here for directions. To learn more, and to register for this event, click here!

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