

CICS V5



Back from the vacation? This August, the CICSbuzz team is welcoming you with the new announcement for the IBM Service Management Suite for z/OS V1.3.0. This edition also contains all of the upcoming webcasts and events, which should not be missed.

New Announcements

IBM Service Management Suite for z/OS V1.3.0

Today we are announcing the IBM Service Management Suite for z/OS V1.3.0, which provides automation, network, performance and availability management, as well as asset discovery for critical business workloads running on IBM z Systems, including CICS. The Service Management Suite contains IBM Tivoli OMEGAMON Performance Management Suite for z/OS enhancements, an updated IBM Tivoli NetView for z/OS V6.2.1, and IBM Service Management Unite V1.1, our new service management dashboard. For more information, read the announcement letter [here](#).



CICS Operational Insights open beta

Since its launch in February, [IBM CICS Operational Insights \(CICS OI\) open beta](#) has attracted a lot of interest and customer participation. However, we'd still love some more feedback! CICS OI is a service designed to provide insights into potential improvements to your CICS environment. The CICS OI open beta previews this self-service offering, helping managers of CICS TS systems to understand potential savings and operational efficiency improvements to their CICS TS environment by analysing operational data. Check out [CICS OI](#) and join in the discussion.

Something to read...

DevOps blog posts

Porting JCA ECI applications into CICS Liberty JVM server

Explore how recent developments in the CICS TS V5.3 open beta enable optimised communications between Java applications and CICS programs. Alex Brown's blog post details how to consolidate the architecture of an existing Java EE application which used the CICS TG ECI resource adapter to communicate with CICS, into a CICS Liberty JVM server. Also learn how to create a new application, which uses the JCA Local ECI feature, and how this can be used to call CICS programs using optimised channels and containers, allowing applications to be portable between CICS Liberty JVM servers and distributed application servers. Click [here](#) to take a look!



CICS Development Services - A helping hand for your TP infrastructure

Do you need some help in managing your CICS systems more efficiently? Then read this brand new [blog post](#) by David Harris to learn what services the CICS team offers to ensure that your system is as efficient and robust as your enterprise demands.

Manage IBM CICS systems on the go: Prototype for IBM MobileFirst applications

Do you want to learn the technical aspects of mobile prototype for IBM CICS systems management? Morihiro Kawanami and Tomohiro Taguchi explain how this prototype improves the usability of CICS system management functions and how it can be incorporated with your IBM MobileFirst applications. View the article [here](#).

Redbook



IBM CICS Performance Series: Effective Monitoring for CICS Performance Benchmarks

Check out this new IBM Redbook to understand the performance characteristics of an IBM CICS performance benchmark. This publication looks at an example CICS Transaction Server configuration and describes how monitoring tools, including Resource Measurement Facility and Workload Manager can be used to collect and report performance data. Download it from [here](#).

Webcasts

Ask the Experts



CICS Storage 101 - a look into CICS Dynamic Storage Areas updated for CICS TS V5

Expand your knowledge on CICS Dynamic Storage Areas by joining CICS Storage 101 webcast led by Sarah Bertram and Erich Hoppe on 15 September at 4 pm (GST). For more details, please visit [this page](#).

Upcoming Lunch 'n' Learns



20 August 2015, 1pm (ET) - Application insight: The first step to modernize applications for maximum business value

Listen to Mark Boyd of the DevOps team for z Systems Enterprise Modernization Tools and Joe Gailey from CICS tools on z Systems to gain an understanding of the options available for analysing existing application structures, flows and dependencies to determine when changes are required. [Register now!](#)

17 September 2015, 1pm (ET) - Expose z/OS assets to cloud and mobile devices with z/OS Connect

Leigh Compton from CICS Integration and Security welcomes you to join a discussion that will allow you to understand the advantages of using z/OS Connect to access CICS Transaction Server as well as the data and functions it manages. [Register here!](#)

Playback

Automatic application deployment to CICS, z/OS and other platforms using UrbanCode deploy

Missed out on this Lunch 'n' Learn? Check out this playback from 16 July 2015. Reggie Barosa and Russell Bonner from the DevOps for z Systems team explain how your organisation can deploy composite application changes to multiple runtime platforms in just a few minutes. View it [here](#).



Solving CICS performance issues

Want to learn how to prevent performance issues before they escalate? Want to help resolve bad application behaviour? Then have a look at the playback of this webinar presented by Lamar Woods and Eric Higgins, who demonstrated how CICS Performance Analyzer combined with IBM Application Performance Analyzer can help to uncover and solve CICS performance issues. Check it out [here](#).

Events

5 - 9 October, Orlando, US - IBM Systems Technical University

Get the latest news about critical z Systems software at IBM Systems Technical University. CICS will present their own track full of new information and updates. [Register](#) before 30 August to benefit from the early bird discount.

13 - 16 October, Dublin, Ireland - 2015 IBM WebSphere Technical University

Want a deep dive perspective into growth-fuelling technologies like Cloud Computing and Mobile? Do you want to learn more technical content about CICS, WebSphere Application Server and DataPower? This three day conference offers lectures and hands-on labs to expand your knowledge and expertise on the latest and greatest technologies and industry trends. Don't



miss out and [register](#) now! This year by registering for Websphere Technical University you will also gain access to two other events: [IBM Digital Experience](#) and [IBM Commerce Learning Academy](#), which also take place in Dublin on 13 - 16 October.

25 - 29 October, Las Vegas, Nevada - Insight 2015: The Premier Data and Analytics Conference

If you want to explore the newest innovations, industry breakthroughs and hottest trends when it comes to Mobile, Cloud, Analytics, Watson and the Internet of Things then [Insight 2015](#) is the right place for you. Plus, catch the early bird rate by registering before 18 September to save up to \$300! Don't miss your chance and [register now!](#)

Made with z Systems stories

[DATEV and DRV Made with z Systems stories](#)



Have you already seen our new Made with z Systems stories? If not, check out [CICS Slideshare](#) to find out how running Java on z Systems has enabled [DRV](#) and [DATEV](#) to increase their operational efficiency.

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