An exciting update to CICS! We've just released new capabilities and improvements to CICS as part of our move to continuous delivery, aiming to help you do more, with less and to do it better. Take a look below to find out more!

IBM CICS remote development feature for Java

Develop and deliver Java EE applications faster. It is now possible to develop and test Java EE CICS applications on your laptop, without needing to deploy that application to CICS. This allows for more rapid development cycles and facilitates faster debugging.

See it in action here.

Want to learn more? Check out our blog here.
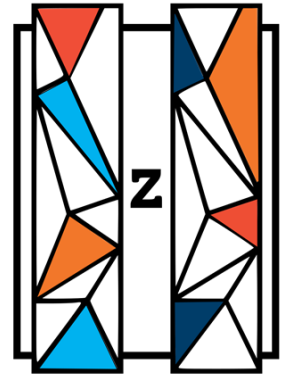
IBM z/OS Connect EE – New Support inside CICS

Unleash CICS in the API Economy with z/OS Connect Enterprise Edition. This new support brings benefits through co-location, such as enhanced security and integration with CICS WLM. As well as reducing operational overheads, as there is no need to manage a separate z/OS Connect EE address space.

Now is an ideal time to try for yourself with the currently available open beta.

For more information on z/OS Connect EE and CICS, follow this link.

Improvements to zIIP offload in CICS

We all want to do more for less. We've introduced new efficiencies in CICS TS V5.3 resulting in reductions to overall CPU usage and increased eligibility for offloading to zIIP. Find out more about how we've managed this in our blog.

Did you say Mainframe

CICS continuous delivery

Fraser Bohm, CICS Chief Architect, gives his thoughts on how moving CICS to a continuous development model will affect you - from the installation process right through to billing concerns you may have. Quickly get up to speed with upcoming changes in this short podcast.

Click here to listen now.

z/OS Connect EE - open beta

Anthony Papageorgiou, Delivery Manager for z/OS Connect EE explains all about this new product that creates RESTful APIs for z/OS applications and data. Learn more in this podcast and unleash your CICS assets in the API Economy.

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