CICS V5.1
Operational Efficiency and Service Agility with Cloud Enablement

Transaction Server for z/OS

CICS Transaction Server continues to provide appropriate innovative and essential technologies that enable customers to deliver on their business imperatives, now and into the future.

CICS TS V5.1 was announced in October 2012, satisfying over one hundred customer requirements.

It's main focus falls into two areas:

Driving operational efficiencies

- Greater capacity: achieve cost savings through consolidation

- Managed operations: reduce cost and risk through automation

- Increased availability: reduce the need for planned downtime

- Deeper insight: improve decision making and audit readiness

Increasing service agility

- First-class applications: create agile services from existing assets

- First-class platforms: create agile service delivery platforms

- Modern interfaces: build rich web experiences for critical applications

- Foundational enhancements: extend core capabilities

A service delivery platform for cloud computing

CICS TS V5.1 delivers these capabilities in a way that positions users of CICS for the next transformational era in technology, moving them towards a service delivery platform for cloud computing.

The strategic management interface for CICS TS

IBM CICS Explorer, the strategic management interface for CICS TS, has been upgraded to CICS Explorer V5.1. This is a major update to support the latest CICS TS and CICS tools capabilities. CICS Explorer V5.1 will also work with other supported versions of CICS TS.

Five core foundational CICS Tools updated to align with CICS TS V5.1

IBM has also updated five core foundational CICS tools to align with CICS TS V5.1. These tools will exploit and augment the latest operational efficiency and service agility enhancements made in CICS TS V5.1.

Try-before-you-buy

CICS TS Developer Trial V5.1 is also available as a try-before-you-buy edition of CICS TS V5.1. Customers who want to assess the value that could be gained from a CICS TS upgrade, before making an upgrade decision, should order this product.

It has a zero-cost license charge and does not initiate any single version charging (SVC) period. Customers who want to assess the value that could be gained from a CICS TS upgrade, before making an upgrade decision, should order this product.

CICS TS Developer Trial contains the complete set of CICS TS features and functions. However, there are a number of imposed restrictions, in performance and capacity, licensing terms, and a fixed expiry date, that make CICS TS Developer Trial suitable only for use in non-production environments.

CICS TS Developer Trial V5.1 is available from IBM through ShopzSeries as a standard offering. In countries where ShopzSeries is not yet available, contact your IBM representative (or IBM Business Partner) to handle your order using the traditional IBM ordering process. For more information visit

Availability

CICS TS V5.1 was announced on October 3rd 2012. For details and the official announcement letter, visit: tinyurl.com/usanncicstsv51

CICS TS V5.1 will be generally available from December 14th 2012. For details, visit:

ibm.com/cics/openbeta

CICS TS V3, V4 and the CICS TS V5.1 customers can download the CICS Explorer at the following web page: ibm.com/cics/explorer/download

SupportPacs

The GENAPP SupportPac is available here: http://tinyurl.com/spgennapp

CICS Tools

ibm.com/cics/tools
CICS Configuration Manager
CICS Deployment Assistant
CICS Interdependency Analyzer
CICS Performance Analyzer
CICS VSAM Recovery

More Information

For more information regarding the CICS TS V5.1, or any other CICS offering, please visit www.ibm.com/cics

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