

# The Evolution of CICS – 45 Years of Technical Leadership and Excellence

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# What CICS resources really helped UF?

- SHARE and the SHARE CICS Project
- The people
  - IBM
  - SHARE
    - IBM Reps, Volunteers, Attendees, Staff, Vendors
- The best software on the planet – CICS!
- The CICS Betas and more

# What CICS technology really helped UF?

- 24-bit to 31-bit
  - TCT above the line – CICS/MVS 2.1.2
  - Now 64-bit
    - Special thanks to Tom Harper and the SHARE CICS Project for the 64-bit SHARE CICS White Paper and IBM for on-going 64-bit development
- RDO
  - Goodbye hours long macro table assemblies
  - Hello on-line and batch CICS resource definition management

# What CICS technology really helped UF?

- External security manager (ESM) support
  - Goodbye CICS internal security.
  - Hello RACF!
- TCP/IP
  - Goodbye SNA and VTAM (almost)
  - Hello TCP/IP and open standards
  - Tried to convince UF management to purchase TCP/IP for MVS
    - Solved when bundled in an OS/390 release
  - CICS Socket Interface – a strategic solution

# What CICS technology really helped UF?

- CICS Web services
  - SOAP for CICS SupportPac initially from IBM
    - Now integrated in CICS TS
  - Helped integrate local student records systems with external software vendors and local ERP systems
  - Helped showcase the benefits of CICS, the mainframe and open standards



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