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Abstract



- CICS Transaction Server for z/OS (CICS TS) is the premier enterprise-grade, mixed-language application server. Trusted by companies for more than 40 years, it has helped them create, extend and evolve mission-critical applications. CICS TS continues to provide innovative and essential technologies that deliver unparalleled connectivity and scalability. As a result, CICS TS fits naturally into the smart infrastructure needed to support a digital business.
- CICS TS V5 provides new and enhanced capabilities in the three main areas of Service agility, Operational Efficiency and Cloud Enablement. Service agility includes enhanced support for Mobile applications and the WebSphere Application Server Liberty profile. Operational efficiencies provide managed operations, greater capacity and performance, increased availability and greater security integration. Cloud enablement of CICS applications and platforms provides lifecycle management and multi-versioning of applications deployed to CICS. CICS TS V5.2 builds on the many advances in service agility, operational efficiency, and cloud capabilities delivered in CICS TS V5.1, and the two releases have together delivered in excess of 200 customer and user group enhancement requests.
- This presentation will discuss the technical content available in CICS Transaction Server for z/OS V5.1 and V5.2, as well as some new capabilities available in the CICS TS V5.3 open beta.

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CICS Transaction Server : The Story Continues.



Service Agility, Operational Efficiency, Cloud Enablement



CICS TS V5



Service Agility

Runtime support for production ready web applications.

Integration with mobile applications.



Operational Efficiency

Increased system capacity and capability to achieve more with less.

Automatic control of critical resources using policies.





Cloud Enablement

Simplified system management and rapid application deployment.

On premise pattern based cloud deployment.



CICS TS V5 – Notes



Service agility

CICS TS V5.2 significantly enhances the portability of web applications into CICS, by upgrading WebSphere Application Server Liberty Profile to Version 8.5.5 and supporting a broader set of its features. Java[™] database connectivity, transactionality, and security infrastructure are all functionally enhanced. This makes applications written in Java even more capable.

Service-oriented architecture (SOA) support is extended by integrating the JSON and REST capabilities, introduced in the CICS TS Feature Pack for Mobile Extensions, into CICS TS V5.2. This makes it easier to interact with mobile devices and mobile-optimized gateways, such as IBM Mobile First Server.

Operational efficiency

For operational efficiency, the number of supported policy thresholds is expanded to cover an increased number of threshold types, safeguarding critical runtime resources. This enables a wider range of service-level agreement thresholds to trigger automatic actions.

The integration of CICS applications with distributed security standards has been simplified by incorporating the Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) support, introduced in the CICS TS Feature Pack for Security Extensions, into CICS TS V5.2. Also introduced is support for Kerberos security tokens and stronger cryptographic ciphers. SAML support is provided for both inbound and outbound use of SAML tokens, and SAML tokens can now be augmented by adding new attributes.

Cloud enablement

Major advances are made in CICS TS V5.2 in the area of cloud enablement, to enhance application lifecycle management by allowing different versions of a multi-program application to run concurrently, and simplify deployment of application updates or to easily rollback to an earlier version if required.

Application versioning assists with the consolidation of applications onto fewer CICS regions.





Service Agility



Runtime support for production ready web applications

Integration with mobile applications

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CICS TS 5.1 Service Agility



CICS TS 5.2 Service Agility



Integrates **mobile** capabilities and broadens the **web programming model**, *without requiring additional middleware*



Liberty in CICS TS V5.2



- Liberty
 - Light weight web container
 - Provides Servlets and JSPs support for CICS
 - Runs in a JVMServer
 - Access to CICS functionality through the JCICS API



Liberty Web Apps in CICS TS V5.2 **CICS TS** JVM server Liberty **JDBC** DB2 Web CICS App Resources Existing web Direct access to DB2, interfaces developed providing application using JSPs and developers with two Servlets can be easily routes to the data moved into CICS **SHARE** In Orlando 2015 Complete your session evaluations online at www.SHARE.org/Orlando-Eval

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WebSphere Application Server Liberty Profile in CICS TS V5.2



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Liberty in CICS TS V5.2 – Notes

CICS Transaction Server for z/OS, Version 5 Release 2 upgrades the WebSphere® Application Server Liberty profile to Version 8.5.5 and supports a broader set of its features. Java database connectivity, transactionality, and security infrastructure are all functionally enhanced. The Liberty profile is a lightweight development and application runtime environment that is well-suited to building web applications that do not require the full Java[™] EE environment of traditional enterprise application server profiles.

Support is provided for JDBC type 2 data sources. This support enriches your options for access to other data managers. You can use the JDBC DataSource API to access relational data that is stored in either a local DB2® database, managed by CICS resources, or a remote database using JDBC type 4 connectivity.

Java Transaction API (JTA) support enables transactional web application developing using JTA API to be run in a Liberty JVM server and to coordinate transactional updates to both CICS resources and other third party resource managers, such as a JDBC type 4 driver connection using a remote data source.

You can take advantage of the full range of WebSphere Liberty Profile application security functions. These include an extended range of authentication options, including HTTP basic authentication, single sign-on using LTPA cookies, form login, Trust Association Interceptors, and SSL client certificate mapping. Authorization options include both JEE role authorization and CICS transaction and resource security, which is based on the authenticated SAF userid. The Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) support in the Liberty JVM server HTTP listener is extended to support certificates that are stored in both System Authorization Facility (SAF) keyrings and Java keystores.



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Liberty JTA

Java Transaction API



Liberty scenario



Move JSP or Servlet presentation code into CICS Transaction Server





Modify application data logic to make JCICS API calls or direct JDBC calls, if required Package application into a EBA for deployment into CICS Liberty

Step 2



Install CICS application into CICS Liberty Server and enable using the CICS Explorer







CICS Mobile Support



- CICS and Mobile
 - Provides support for RESTful web service requests
 - JSON in the http body
 - New JSON assistant programs
 - Generate a JSON schema and WSBIND file from a copy book

- COBOL, PLI, C and C++

- Create a language structure and WSBIND file from a JSON schema
- New linkable interface
 - Equivalent to EXEC CICS XMLTRANSFORM
 - Allows application programs to process JSON data
- Provides support for JAX-RS and JSON Liberty features



CICS TS V5.2 Mobile Support



Mobile Feature Pack integrated into base CICS







CICS TS V5.2 Mobile – Notes

CICS Transaction Server for z/OS, Version 5 Release 2 provides support for web service requests with JSON and the conversion between JSON and application data. Support for JSON greatly simplifies the use of existing CICS services by mobile applications, particularly those managed by IBM Mobile First Server. You can expose CICS applications as web services with JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) payloads, create new RESTful applications, call existing JSON applications, and convert JSON from any source to and from the application data.

This support for JSON and REpresentational State Transfer (REST) was previously available in the CICS TS Feature Pack for Mobile Extensions.



Mobile scenario



Connect directly to CICS from IBM Mobile First using end-to-end JSON









Step 1

DFHLS2JS to generate the JSON artefacts for the target CICS service.



Step 2 bile developer u

Mobile developer uses JSON schema to build a Mobile First adapter.



Frontend mobile developer calls the Mobile First adapter which calls the service hosted in CICS.



z/OS Connect





You *could* enable Mobile access without z/OS Connect

z/OS Connect simplifies and makes the environment more consistent and manageable

- Common and consistent entry point for mobile access to one or many backend systems
- Java, so runs on specialty engines
- Shields backend systems from requiring awareness of RESTful URIs and JSON data formatting
- Provides point for authorization of user to invoke backend service
- Provides point for capturing usage information using SMF
- Simplifies front-end functions by allowing them to pass RESTful and JSON rather than be aware of or involved in data transformation



z/OS Connect and CICS



z/OS Connect interacts with CICS using JCICS interface See announcement letter ENUS214-107:





CICS TS V5.2 Web service enhancements



- Simple Occurs Depending On and Occurs Indexed By clauses supported in native web services
 - Native web support
 - JSON
 - Axis2
- AMODE 64 exploitation by native SOAP parser
 - Parser output stays in 64 bit storage
 - SOAP message built in 64 bit storage
 - Code page conversions use 64 bit storage
 - Benefit is 31 bit Virtual Storage Constraint Relief
- Less TCB switching for DYNAMIC(NO) transactions





CICS TS V5.2 web services enhancements – Notes

Data mapping for SOAP and JSON web services supports UTF-16 data and more COBOL clauses, including OCCURS DEPENDING ON. With this support, you can represent a larger range of characters in web services application data and the TRANSFORM API. In the CICS® data transformation service for SOAP and JSON web services and the TRANSFORM API, Unicode characters are transformed to UTF-16 data in COBOL, C, C++ and PL/I. Unicode is the widely adopted standard for handling most of the characters in use today and can be used as a basis for globalization of CICS applications. CICS TS V5.2 also supports the COBOL clause OCCURS DEPENDING ON, when the field is last in the structure, and the clause OCCURS INDEXED BY.



CICS TS V5.2 IPIC High Availability



- **IPIC High Availability**
 - Allows CICS to connect to a cluster entry point
 - Allows CICS to know the actual endpoint for recovery
 - New TCPIPSERVICE attribute SPECIFTCPS Sysplex A





IPIC High Availability – Notes

IP-connectivity (IPIC) support is extended to support more high-availability scenarios. This support helps to minimize the impact of issues that can arise when CICS® communicates across a wide area network, for example, if the network fails to respond. Groups of regions from CICS Transaction Server for z/OS, Version 5 Release 2 can be clustered together and accessed through a shared TCP/IP end point from other client regions of CICS Transaction Server for z/OS, Version 5 Release 2 . This support enables individual CICS regions to be removed as a single point of failure, while permitting planned or unplanned outages of individual components, and provides a migration path for VTAM® generic resource support when moving from SNA to an IP network





Enhanced support for Java and the WebSphere Liberty Profile

Additional Liberty features

Support for wider range of Java web APIs and application frameworks: Liberty Profile features added in CICS TS V5.3 open beta:

- Contexts and Dependency Injection (CDI)*
- Enterprise JavaBeans (EJB) Lite subset
- Java Persistence Architecture (JPA) in recent refresh
- Managed Beans*
- MongoDB*
- OSGi Console*
- Session Persistence (JDBC Type 4 driver)*
- * Also available in CICS TS V5.2 via APAR PI25503

Enhanced Java SE support

Existing Liberty features enhanced: EAR support for bundles, SQLJ support for use with DB2 Type 2 driver data sources, transaction support added to Blueprint feature



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Enhanced interoperability

Simplified management

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Enhanced support for Java and the WebSphere Liberty Profile

Additional Liberty features

Technology preview of ability for Liberty Java programs and non-Java programs to call each other using standard CICS API calls:

Enhanced interoperability

Simplified management

Enhanced Java SE support

- JCA (JEE Architecture) for Java applications to invoke CICS
 programConnector s in any supported language
- EXEC CICS LINK for non-Java CICS programs to invoke Java application running in Liberty JVM server

Liberty z/OS Connect feature supported by CICS TS V5.3 open beta*: RESTful APIs with JSON payloads between CICS, mobile devices, and cloud environments.

* Also available in CICS TS V5.2 via APAR PI25503.



Enhanced support for Java and the WebSphere Liberty Profile



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Enhanced support for Java and the WebSphere Liberty Profile

Additional Liberty features

Enhanced interoperability

Simplified management

Enhanced Java SE support

JMS (Java Message Service) support: Java SE programs in CICS OSGi JVM server can use WebSphere MQ classes for JMS, as an alternative to the proprietary WebSphere MQ classes for Java. (Not supported for Liberty JVM servers)

Easy access to WebSphere MQ for developers familiar with JMS API, CICS MQ attach has been enhanced in support.

Supported in WebSphere MQ for z/OS V7.1 and V8, with:

- V7.1 with APAR PI29770 (built on fix pack 7.1.0.6) or later
- V8.0 with base APAR PI28482 and fix pack 8.0.0.2 or later
- CICS TS V5.2 also supported with APAR PI32151



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- Tuesday 11:15 AM-12:15 PM 17676: What You Need to Know About CICS Java Performance (Ian Burnett)
- Tuesday 1:45 PM-2:45 PM 17246: 1 Billion Smartphones a Year and Counting – How is Your CICS Connected? (Chris Poole)
- Friday 10:00 AM-11:00 AM 17255: Connecting CICS with TCP/IP (Gus Kassimis & Will Yates)





Operational Efficiency



Increased system capacity and capability to achieve more with less

Automatic control of critical resources using policies



CICS TS V5.1 Operational Efficiency



 Doubling of the MAXTASK limit to 2,000 Increased 64-bit and reduced 24-bit storage usage Greater parallelism from threadsafe API and SPI Greater system parallelism through optimized TCB usage Performance improvements from 64-bit Java 7 Greater access to 64-bit storage from Assembler programs CICS V5 1Policy Set CPU time thresholds Policies can issue messages, abending tasks, or create events 		Greater Capacity	Managed Operations
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CICS TS V5.2 Operational Efficiency



Support **distributed security standards** and **automatically safeguard** critical runtime resources,

without requiring additional system code



Operational Efficiency: Threshold Policy

- What is a Policy? •
 - Condition and action
 - Action can be:
 - Emit a message
 - Emit a system event
 - Abend the task

- Policies deployed to a specific scope
 - Application scope
 - Operation within an application scope
 - Platform scope
 - No scope (Region scope)









Threshold Policy – Notes

Managed operations are provided through the introduction of policies, which deliver automated control over critical system resources

A new, dynamic policy-based management capability is introduced in support of both applications and platforms. Policies enable the behavior of applications and platforms to be managed by determining whether tasks running as part of a platform, as an application, or as types of operation within an application, exceed certain predefined thresholds.

Task thresholds can be set based on data access requests, storage usage, program loops and processor time used. For example, a threshold could be defined based on the amount of above-the-line storage used by a task, the number of times a task accesses IBM DB2 or a file, or the number of EXEC LINK requests issued by a user task.

After a threshold is exceeded, CICS can issue a message, or abend the task with a specific abend. Additionally, policies can be defined to trigger one or more CICS events, which can in turn initiate other actions.

CICS policies are a declarative way of ensuring that applications and platforms continue to run effectively. A policy can be applied to any combination of applications and platforms. Additionally, policies can also be deployed into a single region, independently of defining a platform. Policies are applied dynamically during production operations.







CICS TS V5.2 policy triggers – Notes

The number of supported policy thresholds in CICS TS V5.2 is expanded to cover a wider range of task thresholds that can be used to trigger autonomic actions.

Thresholds can be set on requests for start, syncpoint, transient data (TD) queues, temporary storage (TS) queues, and elapsed time on a user task.

- New thresholds in CICS TS V5.2
 - Temporary Storage
 - Number of requests or amount of data written
 - Transient Data
 - Number of requests
 - Elapsed Time
 - Check is made at dispatch
 - Action triggered at next API call
 - STARTs
 - Number of requests
 - Syncpoints
 - Number of requests
 - Program Link
 - INVOKE APPLICATION is now included



Policy scenario



Define a policy to trigger an event when an application consumes too much total elapsed CPU time

😣 Create P	olicy Definition						
Add a rule Add a policyr	rule to define what actio	n is taken when a tas	sk exceeds	a speci	fied conditio	an. 😭	
Policy Inform	ation						
Name:	RunAwayProtection			(is als	o the bundle	e part name)	
Description:	When a program runs away with links act upon it						
Rule Informat	tion						
Name:	Program_requests_ove	er_10					
Description:	en a program links mor	e than 10 we would v	want this to	updat	e our status	dashboard	
What is the co	ondition that triggers th	e rule?					
Туре:	Storage	a Item:	Link comma	mand			
	Storage request						
	Program request						
	Database request	-					
Operator:	Greater Than Value:	10		Unit:	No unit	*	







Step 1

Define the policy thresholds and trigger action that CICS should take



Step 2

Associate the policy with the appropriate platform or application and deploy



When the threshold is breached, CICS triggers an event, updating an operations dashboard



CICS TS V5.2 Security



- Support for TLS 1.2 protocol and FIPS 140.2 Cryptographic Standards
 - FIPS 140.2 mandated by NIST SP800-131A directive
 - Cipher suites can now be defined in XML in a zFS file
 - Greater flexibility and ease of definition
 - APAR PM97207 available for CICS TS 5.1
- System Initialization parameters
 - ENCRYPTION={ALL|TLS12|STRONG|}
 - USSCONFIG={/var/cicsts/dfhconfig|directory}
 - Cipher XML files in USSCONFIG/security/ciphers
- Extend NIST SP800-131A checking beyond sockets domain
 - New System Initialisation parameter
 - NISTSP800131A={NOCHECK|CHECK}
 - CHECK means CICS is required to check for compliance with the NIST SP800-131A security standard
 - Checked by Sockets (SO), Java (SJ) and Pipeline (PI) domains





CICS TS V5.2 Security – Notes

Cryptographic ciphers enable CICS to enforce the use of TLS 1.2, and check for conformance to the NIST-SP800-131a security standard.

Support for stronger cryptographic standards allows you to permit all system SSL supported ciphers and protocols, or restrict to those that are supported by Transport Layer Security (TLS) 1.2.

CICS can check and report on conformance to the guidelines in the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication 800-131A (NIST-SP800-131A), which includes support for TLS.





SAML support



- Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML)
 - OASIS open standard
 - "XML based framework for describing and exchanging security information between online business partners."
 - Web Single Sign-On
 - Dynamic creation of Identity Federations (SSO across domains)





SAML Support – Notes

Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) is an XML-based framework for describing and exchanging security information between online business partners. This security information is expressed in the form of portable SAML assertions that applications working across security domain boundaries can trust. The OASIS SAML standard defines precise syntax and rules for requesting, creating, communicating, and using these SAML assertions.

SAML provides a solution for a number of problems:

• It provides an open standard for exchanging security information between Service Providers, also known as Federated Identity.

- It provides a means for end-to-end auditing.
- It provides a common source for user role or authority-based information



SAML Example







SAML Security scenario



A CICS application developer writes a COBOL program with behavior that's dependent on the SAML security token







SAML Scenario – Notes

CICS supports SAML by providing an application programming interface (API), which consists of a linkable interface DFHSAML, a channel, and a set of containers. The API provides the means to enable CICS applications to validate SAML tokens, to extract SAML parts, and to augment SAML assertions by adding attributes.

SAML support for web services provides the following facilities:

- Automatic token validation and extraction of SAML parts for inbound SOAP messages
- Addition of a SAML token into a web service request
- Augmentation of a SAML token before it is added into an outbound SOAP message



Outbound SAML



- Outbound SOAP support for reusing inbound SAML
 Tokens
 - Previously validated tokens only
 - Requester pipeline retrieves token from DFHSAML-OUTTOKEN container and puts in in WSSE security header of the SOAP request
 - Input SAML token is passed on unchanged
 - Configuration sample samIrequester.xml provided
- Using the DFHTRANSACTION channel
 - No application changes are necessary



Transaction Channel and Containers



- Created for use by SAML, but can be used independently
- No changes to EXEC CICS API
 - A PUT CONTAINER can create the Transaction Channel
 - CHANNEL("DFHTRANSACTION")
 - If the Transaction Channel does not exist, a GET CONTAINER command will return CHANNELERR
- New JCICS method in Task class

Task t = Task.getTask(); Channel tranChan = t.getTransactionChannel();



Kerberos Support



- Support for inbound tokens from Kerberos systems
- RACF definitions can map the Kerberos principal to a RACF userid
- Web services can be configured to handle Kerberos tokens as the security token
 - Alternatively, the userid extracted from the Kerberos token can be used to run the request
- CICS API enhancement to validate a Kerberos token/extract the RACF userid

EXEC CICS VERIFY TOKEN() TOKENLEN() TOKENTYPE(KERBEROS) <ISUSERID()> <ESM_RESPONSE()> <ESM_REASON()>





Kerberos Support – Notes

CICS TS V5.2 provides support for Kerberos.

CICS supports Kerberos using the external security manager (ESM). The level of support depends on the support provided by the ESM. If your ESM is RACF®, support is based on Kerberos Version 5 and Generic Security Services (GSS).

CICS can verify a Kerberos token by configuring a service provider pipeline or by using the API command VERIFY TOKEN.



Threadsafety in CICS TS V5.2



- New Threadsafe Commands
 - EXTRACT, INQUIRE, SET STATISTICS
 - INQUIRE, SET MONITOR
 - INQUIRE, SET DISPATCHER
 - INQUIRE, SET SYSTEM
 - INQUIRE MVSTCB
 - INQUIRE, SET, DISCARD PROGRAM
 - INQUIRE, SET, DISCARD TRANSACTION
 - INVOKE APPLICATION



Additional statistics



- Dispatcher Statistics
 - New fields to understand TCB pool performance
 - Last Excess TCB Scan
 - Last Excess TCB Scan–No TCB Detached
 - Pool Limit reached
 - Dispatchable Queue (for single TCB non-Open TCB modes):
 - # dispatchable tasks currently queued for the TCB
 - Peak and Ave. dispatchable tasks that have queued

Transaction Statistics

- Time MAXTASKS last changed
- Time last transaction was attached
- Time MAXTASK was last reached
- Currently at MAXTASK indicator

New Monitoring Domain statistics fields

- # user transactions ended in interval
- Time last transaction attached
- MAXTASK at last transaction attached
- Average user response time
- Time of peak user response time

- # system transactions ended in interval
- Time last transaction ended
- Current user tasks at last transaction attached
- Peak user response time
- Time of peak user response time





Private resource statistics

- New records to support multi-versioning for private resources
 - Library record
 - JVM Programs
 - Programs
 - Program definitions
- New fields for Platform, Application and Version
- Reports via DFHSTUP





Performance optimizations, enhanced metrics, and additional security

Web serviceCICS TS V5.3 open beta delivers optimizations to the CICS Weboptimizationsservice infrastructure

Performance improvements

Enhanced metrics

Additional security options

Pipeline processing of HTTP requests has been improved, removing the need for an intermediate web attach task (CWXN transaction) for most types of SOAP and JSON based HTTP CICS Web services, reducing CPU and memory overhead

The optimization can also be used for inbound HTTPS requests using AT-TLS for SSL support (by configuring TCPIPSERVICEs as AT-TLS aware)

Even for HTTPS using CICS-provided SSL, improvements have been made by removing a number of TCB switches





Performance optimizations, enhanced metrics, and additional security

Web service optimizations

Performance improvements

Enhanced Metrics

Additional security options

Internal performance improvements in many other areas:

- Exploits some of the hardware instructions introduced with IBM z9, such as STCKF
- Cache alignment for key CICS control blocks
- Reduced lock contention within monitoring algorithms
- Improvements to MRO session management algorithms
- Further tuning of internal procedures

Improvements in efficiency give noticeable improvements in the CICS trace facility, the CICS monitoring facility, and for MRO connections with high session counts





Performance optimizations, enhanced metrics, and additional security

Web service optimizations

Performance improvements

Enhanced metrics

Additional security options

Transaction tracking identifies relationships between application tasks as they flow across CICS systems, and has been extended to transactions started by the CICS-WebSphere MQ bridge. This expands the scope of transactions that can use transaction tracking, to help with problem determination, reporting and auditing

Metrics have been added to global CICS statistics, including transaction CPU time measurements captured without needing CICS monitoring to be active - allows greater insight into CPU resource usage of CICS TS V5.3 open beta regions without the overhead of collecting and processing SMF 110 monitoring records





Performance optimizations, enhanced metrics, and additional security

Web service optimizations

Performance improvements

Enhanced metrics

Additional security options

New and enhanced security options:

- Support for the Enhanced Password Algorithm implemented in RACF APAR OA43999 – for stronger encryption
- Enhanced support for Kerberos via EXEC CICS SIGNON TOKEN command: avoids need to flow a password – applications can validate a Kerberos security token and associate a new user ID with the terminal
- New EXEC CICS REQUEST PASSTICKET API can be used for outbound requests from the current task where basic authentication is required – requests an external security manager, such as RACF, to build a PassTicket

Further off-load of authentication requests to open TCBs – reduces contention on RO TCB



CICS with z13 helps you securely support cloud services and mobile workloads



Workload	Improvement	
CICS [®] -VSAM with function shipping to a file-owning region	24% reduction in CPU per transaction in CICS corresponding to a 31% increase in ITR, when run on $z13^{TM}$ compared with zEC12	
Threadsafe CICS-DB2	28% reduction in CPU per transaction in CICS on z13 compared with zEC12, corresponding to a 39% increase in ITR	
SSL over HTTP with persistent sessions	35% reduction in CPU per transaction in CICS for SSL over HTTP, exploiting improved CPACF on z13 compared with zEC12	
Non-persistent SSL or AT-TLS into a single CICS region	61% cumulative increase in ITR between CICS TS V5.2 on zEC12 using SSL and CICS TS V5.3 open beta on z13 using AT-TLS	
CICS workload driven by SSL with full handshake	22% reduction in CPU per request and 77% reduction in response time on z13 compared with zEC12	

CICS-DB2 workload





CICS TS V5.2 SSL zEC12 CICS TS V5.3 open beta SSL zEC12 CICS TS V5.3 open beta SSL z13 CICS TS V5.3 open beta AT-TLS z13



Non-persistent SSL and AT-TLS

ITR: Internal Throughput Rate - a measure of throughput per CPU busy second

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Operational Efficiency sessions at SHARE



- Tuesday 10:00 AM-11:00 AM 17253: CICS TS V5 Performance Improvements that You Definitely Don't Know About (Ian Burnett)
- Tuesday 11:15 AM-12:15 PM 17676: CICS Java Performance (Ian Burnett)
- Tuesday 3:15 PM-4:15 PM 17264: CICS Extreme Performance (Ed Addison)
- Tuesday 4:30 PM-5:30 PM 17398: Handling CICS SOS Conditions (Gene Hudders)
- Wednesday 8:30 AM-9:30 AM 17396: Holistic CICS Performance and Capacity Management (Ivan Gelb)
- Wednesday 1:45 PM-2:45 PM 17248: CICS Policy Based Management There's a New Sheriff in Town (Chris Poole)
- Wednesday 3:15 PM-4:15 PM 17564: CICS Performance and Tuning 101 (Ezriel Gross)
- Thursday 11:15 AM-12:15 PM 17646: Can CICS Be Hacked? Are Yesterday's Practices Today's Exposure? (Leigh Compton)
- Thursday 3:15 PM-4:15 PM 17265: Monitoring CICS TS Version 5 Application Performance (Billy Bigelow)
- Friday 8:30 AM-9:30 AM 17401: Securing MQ Initiated CICS Workload (Lyn Elkins)



Cloud Enablement



Simplified system management and rapid application deployment

On premise pattern based cloud deployment



Cloud & DevOps



Packaging CICS resources into an application bundle means they can be deployed, managed, and monitored throughout the lifecycle as a single entity



The Forecast is Cloudy...



Cloud & DevOps



Applications, running on Platforms, managed according to a set of Policies, and deployed using DevOps



...with a Strong Chance of DevOps



CICS TS V5.1 Summary



- Greater capacity achieve cost savings through consolidation
- Managed operations control critical resource thresholds with policies
- Increased availability reduce the need for planned downtime
- Deeper insight extend performance and compliance information

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

... with Cloud Enablement

Consistent with the IBM Cloud Computing strategy Positioning customers for the next transformational era in technology Moving towards a cloud oriented service delivery platform





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requirements

satisfied.



CICS TS V5.2 Cloud Enablement

Deploy and manage several versions of a multi-program application and run them concurrently, without requiring additional regions







First-class platforms – Notes



You can package a CICS platform into a platform bundle to deploy, manage, and monitor it as a single entity. With a platform bundle, you can install and manage the resources for the platform in all of the CICS regions in a platform.

You can use platforms to help you manage your requirements as a single entity. This has a number of benefits; for example:

You can manage legal requirements for specific geographies.

You can manage applications, resources, and policies as a group.

You can manage system characteristics in one place.

You can monitor applications or system resources as a group.

You can monitor platforms as a logical whole, helping users to manage resource usage and process internal charge-back billings.

You can easily drill down to the resource consumption of individual resources.

You can undertake problem determination starting with the overall platform and drilling down to individual applications, resources, and policies.

Use a platform instead of a CSYSGRP when you want to manage several groups of systems as a single entity. A CSYSGRP is a method of grouping CICS regions together. A platform provides a point of control for deploying, managing, and monitoring the lifecycle of several groups of systems as a single entity.





First-class applications – Notes



You can package a CICS® application into an application bundle to deploy, manage, and monitor it as a single entity with an application bundle, you can install and manage the resources for the application in all of the CICS regions in a platform.

• Dependency management is handled by CICS, and multiple applications can share individual resources.

• Applications can be monitored as a logical whole across multiple CICS regions within a platform, helping users to manage resource usage and process internal charge-back billings.

• The ability to drill down to the resource consumption of individual application operations is simplified.

• Problem determination can start with the overall application and drill down to individual tasks and resources.

When you have developed a CICS application, you can use the CICS Explorer[®] to package it for deployment into a Platform. If your application includes Java[™], use the CICS Explorer SDK.

To package an application, you first create a CICS bundle for each application component. In the bundle manifest, the CICS bundle declares all the resources that are needed for the application component, grouping them together and enabling you and CICS to manage them as a single entity. The bundle also declares any dependencies on other resources outside the bundle that must be available in the CICS region where the application component runs.

To group together all the resources for all the application components, you then create an application bundle. The application bundle is a type of management bundle that describes the whole application. The application bundle references the CICS bundles that contain the dependencies and resources for each of the application components. When you have created the application bundle, you can export it to the platform where you want to run the application. Each platform has a home directory in zFS where applications and policies are stored.

You also create an application binding to define how the application is deployed to a platform. The application binding is an association that maps the bundles in an application to the region types in the target platform. For example, three bundles might be installed into a single CICS region, or one bundle might be deployed to a region type within the platform, and the other two bundles deployed to another region type within the platform. You may also create more complex application bindings to deploy different bundles to different platforms and region types. The application binding is also stored in the home directory for the platform in zFS.


CICS TS V5.2 Cloud Enablement



- Bundle definition support for additional resources
 - FILE
 - JVMSERVER
 - TCPIPSERVICE
 - PIPELINE
 - WEBSERVICE





CICS TS V5.2 Cloud – Notes

The types of resources that can be defined in CICS bundles and managed as part of a platform have been broadened in CICS TS V5.2 to include files, JVM servers, pipelines, TCP/IP services, and web services. In addition, library and program resources that are defined in CICS bundles as part of an application are made private to that version of the application. This facility avoids resource name clashes between applications and application versions, and is particularly useful for server consolidation.



Application Multi-versioning







Application multi-versioning – Notes

CICS TS V5.2 enables a platform to host multiple versions of the same application, and multiple applications at the same time. New versions of an application can be deployed to the platform without the need to disable or remove the previous version, and be made available to users without service interruption. This can improve service agility and reduce the business risk of deploying applications as users can be progressively switched to the new version to gain confidence in it, or switched to an older version if there are any issues.







A multi-versioning scenario



A bug has been found and an urgent fix is required immediately





New cloud and DevOps support to automate CICS deployments

Automated builds

Scripted deployments

UrbanCode Deploy support

Enhanced cloud enablement

Cloud applications and bundles: a convenient way to package and manage components, resources, and dependencies in CICS

CICS TS V5.3 open beta introduces the CICS Build Toolkit – provides a command-line interface for automating the building of CICS projects created using CICS Explorer. CICS cloud applications and bundles, as well as OSGi Java components, can be automatically built from source code

Could be called as part of a script to automatically rebuild an application when a developer makes updates

CICS build toolkit supported on z/OS, Linux and Microsoft Windows; supports CICS TS V4.1 and later







New cloud and DevOps support to automate CICS deployments

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Enhanced cloud enablement

- A built CICS project in zFS can be programmatically deployed across CICS systems using a set of scripting commands
 - DFHDPLOY new batch utility to support automated provisioning of CICS bundles, OSGi bundles within CICS bundles, and CICS applications
- DFHDPLOY commands can be used to deploy CICS bundles and CICS applications into a desired state, such as 'enabled' or 'available' as well as undeploy and remove them





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- IBM UrbanCode Deploy orchestrates and automates deployment of applications, middleware configurations, and database changes.
 CICS TS plug-in for UrbanCode
 Deploy supports the deployment of CICS applications as part of these orchestrations
 - CICS TS plug-in provides functions for installing and removing resources, NEWCOPY and PHASEIN for programs, and performing a pipeline scan
- UrbanCode Deploy plug-in for CICS TS V4.1 and later at
- <u>https://developer.ibm.com/urbancode/plugin/cics-ts/</u>



New cloud and DevOps support to automate CICS deployments



Automated builds

Enhancements to core CICS cloud capabilities:

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Enhanced cloud enablement

New threshold policies for number of WebSphere MQ requests, DL/I requests, named counter requests, and shared temporary storage requests issued by a CICS task – there are now 14 types of thresholds against which an action can be triggered

Support for transaction entry points added for CICS cloud applications (in addition to program and URIMAP entry points already provided) – scope policies to be specific to a particular transaction ID

Recovery of the application infrastructure enhanced – the available or unavailable state of an application is automatically recovered across CICS restarts



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- Wednesday 4:30 PM-5:30 PM 17256: Five CICS Multi-versioning Scenarios that Reduce the Risk of Change (Catherine Moxey)
- Thursday 10:00 AM-11:00 AM 17572: CICSPlex SM A Minimalist Approach (Ezriel Gross)
- Also
 - Wednesday 11:15 AM-12:15 PM 17261: The Future of CICS is Closer than You Might Think (Andy Bates, with Catherine Moxey)
 - Thursday 4:30 PM-5:30 PM 17251: CICS Q-Box and Hursley Roundtable Discussion





CICS Explorer



Simple, integrated and intuitive way of managing CICS systems





CICS Explorer support for CICS TS V5.2

- Support for new Bundle and Policy definitions
- Purge action for shared TS Queues
- Mixed case credentials
- System group editor
- New views
 - Dumps
 - Task related user exits
 - Repository view
 - Active workloads



CICS Cloud Explorer



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CICS Explorer – Notes

CICS Explorer is the strategic management interface for CICS TS. CICS Explorer V5.2 is updated to include support for the new and enhanced capabilities of this CICS TS deliverable, such as:

* Enhanced support for CICSPlex SM WLM

* Improvements in support for modification of associated CICSPlex SM workload definitions, using a new sophisticated editor

* Intuitive access to information about the state of running workloads



CICS Explorer V5.2 – workload specification

- Workload specification editor
 - Creates default routing rules
 - Add and rename additional routing rules
 - Can import an existing rule

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CICS Explorer V5.3 open beta



•Mac OS X Support - Available in CICS Explorer 5.2.0.2
•Improved filter operators for numeric attributes (> < !)

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Auto-connect to default connections





CICS TS V5.2 Documentation http://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/







CICS Documentation – Notes



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