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Editorial

Just a short flash today, mainly to let you know about what should be an interesting webcast next week, featuring Andrew Bates, CICS TS Product Manager, and Russ Teubner, HostBridge CEO. Andy and Russ will talk about the new CICS TS V5.1 and HostBridge capabilities, and how the products work well together.

Product highlights

General Availability — IBM Session Manager for z/OS V3.2

IBM Session Manager for z/OS V3.2 is now generally available, extending the plug-in with new administration capabilities, and delivering many other enhancements. For more details see: **http://ibm.com/cics/smanag**

Available — IBM Transaction Gateway for Multiplatforms V9.0

IBM Transaction Gateway for Multiplatforms V9.0 and IBM Transaction Gateway Desktop Edition V9.0 are both now generally available for electronic download. Physical availability of these products and of IBM Transaction Gateway for z/OS V9.0 will occur December 14 2012. CICS TG V9.0 provides significant enhancements helping to increase operational efficiency and improve service agility. For more details see: **http://ibm.com/cics/ctg**

Available — IBM Rational Test Workbench V8.0.1

Rational Integration Tester, a component of Rational Test Workbench, provides a codeless approach to service based testing and virtualization. The new release has extended the range of support to include the testing of CICS host programs through CICS Transaction Gateway; program arguments (passed using both commareas and channels) can be graphically manipulated through the application of imported copybooks and other schema based artefacts. Tests can use a variety of generated patterns of data as well as being data driven from a range of external sources. They can then be reused for performance testing. Recording of interactions with CICS Transaction Gateway can also be made which facilitates the easy creation of regression tests from existing systems. For more details see:

http://www-01.ibm.com/software/rational/products/rtw/

2012 Events

IBM & HostBridge Webcast: CICS TS v5.1 and HostBridge — Capabilities and Benefits

Tune in to this webcast next week to listen to Andrew Bates, CICS TS Product Manager, and Russ Teubner, HostBridge CEO, talk about the CICS TS V5.1 and HostBridge capabilities that together drive operational efficiency and service agility: managed operations, deeper system insight, modern interfaces, cloud enablement, and more.

The webcast will be held on Wednesday, December 5, 2012 10:00 am (CST). To register, visit:
https://hostbridgeevents.webex.com/hostbridgeevents/onstage/g.php?d=806275207

2013 Events

To help you plan your calendars, and maybe your budgets, for next year, we're listing the main events that will feature CICS next year.

SHARE   3-8 February 2012   San Francisco

http://www.share.org/p/cm/ld/fid%3D58

PULSE   3-6 March 2013   Las Vegas

http://www.ibm.com/software/tivoli/pulse/

IMPACT   28-3 April 2013   Las Vegas

http://www.ibm.com/services/learning/ites.wss?pageType=page&c=Z219382V01123V04

GSE Nordics   10-12 June 2013   Helsinki

http://www.gse-nordic.org/

SHARE   11-16 August 2013   Boston

http://www.share.org/p/cm/ld/fid%3D58

zEnterprise Technology Summit - Feb-Apr 2013 — Various cities

IBM zTechnical Summits - coming to a city near you in 2013. This is a cross-brand, multi-track event which serves as a gathering point for customers interested in z technology and has three CICS sessions addressing Operational Efficiency, Service Agility, and the CICS Tools. Plan your visit for the following dates at the following cities: Costa Mesa, CA, Feb 13; Atlanta, GA, Feb 19; New York, NY, Mar 13; Toronto, Canada, Mar 19; Dallas, TX Mar 27; Washington, DC, Apr 18. We'll publish more details and a registration link in the next CICS eNews.

CICS Resources

IBM Redbooks - Architect's Guide to IBM CICS on System z

This final version of this great new IBM RedBook is now available. Specially commissioned to address the needs of application and system architects, it can help them understand the value and capabilities of CICS Transaction Server and

the CICS tools portfolio. The book also provides detailed guidance on the leading practices for designing and integrating CICS applications within an enterprise, and the patterns and techniques you can use to create CICS systems that provide the qualities of service that your business requires.

Download it now at:
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpieces/abstracts/sg248067.html?Open

If you need further persuasion to read it, have a look at:

Solution Guide - CICS Transaction Server Application Architecture
http://ibm.co/QOAM1E

Blog: The hidden transaction server that you use every day
http://ibm.co/ODjMPu

Blog: Why every IT architect should understand something about CICS
http://ibm.co/VeFkVr

Video: Architects Guide to CICS on System z
http://youtu.be/uIE0y1zamPM

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