



With the first spring sunshine we are sending you a short but sweet update from the world of CICS! In this edition you will find the new CICS TG performance report, some fresh CICS-oriented articles and our latest updates for upcoming webcasts and events.

Discover the performance measurements of CICS TG!



The latest [CICS TG V9.0 Performance Summary](#) is now available at no charge. This report will help Architects, System Programmers and Analysts to understand the performance characteristics of CICS TG V9.0, and will also provide insights into CPU usage, Gateway daemon, CICS address spaces and more.

Spring is a great time to explore



20 March: Lunch&Learn [Make your applications threadsafe](#)

Join Gary Andrews, Client Technical Specialist for CICS Tools, for this complementary webcast. Follow a step-by-step conversion project and learn how to benefit from Threadsafe even if you don't use DB2, IMS or MQ. [Sign up now!](#)

17 April: Lunch&Learn [Getting started with CICSplex System Manager](#)

Join Steve Fowlkes, CICS Certified IT Specialist, for this free of charge webinar. Hear about the role of CICSplex System Manager (CPSM) when using CICS Explorer and understand how CPSM enables you to manage multiple CICS systems from a single point of control. [Register now!](#)

Latest articles There are some new articles from Enterprise Tech Journal we'd like to share with you.

[Simpler is Better: IBM Explorer for z/OS Delivers Ease of Use](#), where Joe Winchester describes the main features and benefits of z/OS Explorer.

[CICS and the Open Transaction Environment](#), where Russ Evans writes about CPU savings seen in large CICS/DB2 applications after they're converted to threadsafe and critical elements of a successful conversion.



Upcoming conferences



Impact 2014 - Las Vegas (27 April - 1 May)

Join us at [Impact 2014](#). This year the CICS team is preparing over 30 exciting sessions including [Cloud](#), [Mobile](#) and [Generation z](#) oriented themes, making sure that there is something for everyone. There also will be a chance to win a free workshop from the CICS services team! [Register now!](#)



IBM System z Technical University - Budapest (12-16 May)

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And finally...

Check this [video](#) out! Hear Andy Armstrong, CICS System Test Specialist, talking about mobile and the mainframe, a topic which will be widely discussed at Impact 2014.



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