Mobile, Edge, and Education... In this month's edition, we take a look back at IBM Edge 2015, announce the winner of the Mainframe Mobile App Throwdown 2015 competition, and of course, give you a number of learning materials from podcasts to infographics, and blogs to videos, there's plenty of CICS brainfood on offer here! Enjoy!

IBM Edge 2015 Highlights

Didn't get chance to attend Edge 2015, or missed out some key sessions in all the excitement? Fear not, we have pulled together a number of replays and highlights below for you to watch at your own leisure.

Executive Edge Day One - Creating a Different Client Experience
General Manager of z Systems Ross Mauri is joined by Julie Ask, VP and Prinicpal Analyst at Forrester as they discuss 'the new measure of success' and the demographic of one as well as the power of mobile in transforming the way businesses interact with customers.

Ross Mauri & Donna Dillenbeger - theCUBE Interview
In this clip from IBM Edge, Ross Mauri is joined by IBM fellow Donna Dillenbeger as they give an excellent overview of the new z13 and discuss innovation in IT and computing from IBM.

Walmart's Randy Frerking - theCUBE Interview
"10 and a half billion calls in the last 2 years with 0 failures". In this CUBE interview, Randy gives an overview of how Walmart use z Systems and CICS to manage 500 million transactions every day.

Mainframe Mobile App Throwdown 2015

The Results are in!
Meet the appy champions of the IBM Mainframe Mobile App Throwdown 2015 and read more about their apps, covering everything from healthcare to policing.

Click here to see the winning apps now!

Know someone new?

A few pieces here for those of you newer to the mainframe to check out! And

don't forget our Gen z Facebook Group, growing by the day!

Six groups and resources help mainframers starting their careers
Just started your mainframe career and looking for information, education and networking oppurtunities? Then check out this article in IBM Systems Mag which gives a great overview of the different groups around that you can get involved with as a newer mainframer... our IBM Gen z group gets a shout out as well! ibm.biz/ibmgenz

IBM Master the mainframe contest connects millenials to the mainframe and potential employers
In this article, winner of the US and Canada competition Kevin Matesi, gives us the winning insight into what the challenge encompasses and the opportunities he realised from partaking in the competition.

CICS Transaction Gateway News

CICS TG SDK
Need an easy way to get the libraries for developing #CICSTG apps? The CICS Transaction Gateway V9.1 Software Development Kit (SDK) is now available for download. The SDK contains all the CICS TG JARs, RARs, shared libraries, headers, libs and schemas that a you might need to write, compile and ship a CICS TG application for any edition of CICS TG V9.1.

Download for Windows

Download for Unix

CICS TG for Multiplatforms V9.2 - open beta Linux refresh
For those of you running CICS Transaction Gateway for Multiplatforms on Linux, the V9.2 open beta has just had a refresh.

If your not already testing out the open beta, head to our open beta homepage for full details of all our current open beta offerings here (LINK) Already trying out the open beta? Then click here for instructions of how to get the refreshed version for Multiplatforms on Linux.

School of CICS

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Automate application deployment with UrbanCode Deploy CICS TS plug-in
Now out of beta, and generally available, the UrbanCode Deploy plug in enables automated deployment of CICS applications supporting a modern DevOps infrastructure and continuous delivery. Get an expert overview now, learn more in this article!

The CICS TS V5.3 open beta is here (already!)
CICS TS Product manager Andy Bates gives a high level overview of the new functionality and capabilities on offer in the new CICS transaction server open beta.

PHIL WAKELIN'S BLOG

CICS answers!
Got a CICS query that your struggling with? Why not try out this page, which of

full of CICS questions and answers, with answers from IBM experts and the CICS community.

Lunch and Learn

Bring modern analytics to your CICS applications using the new mobile enabled QMF for z/OS product!
Hosted by QMF product marketing manager, Blanca Borden, this webinar showcases the new capabilities that QMF delivered in 4Q, and how users can now produce visual reports, dashboards and analytics. The session will take place **May 21, 2015 at 13:00 PM ET** Click here to register today!

Webcasts

APIs for the Enterprise: Unlocking mainframe assets for mobile and cloud applications - May 28
Hosted by Asit Dan. this webcast will teach you how to take advantage of APIs using the capabilities in z Systems and IBM API Management that address both consumability and governance.

CICS Certifications
Now you've indulged in all of this months educational resources, why not take a look at the official certifications we offer here. Become a certified IBM System Programmer, or Application Developer, click the respective certifications to learn more.

One day z Systems training events in North America!

z Systems Wildfire Workshops
Upcoming Sessions - for the full list, click here!
z/OS Connect and Mobile - Cambridge, MA June 9-10

CICS & Java - Cambridge, MA June 9-11 & Minneapolis, MN June 23-25

The IBM Advanced Technical Skills "Wildfire" hands-on workshops are face-to-face events, delivering a series of lectures and labs that show how IBM's leading technologies work on z Systems. The workshops are "no charge" to qualified customers, and include topics such as z/OS Connect, CICS, MQ, Java on z, Security, DB2 and more! Register here

z Systems Tech Summits
Coming to a city near you, these one day events will teach you about the latest enhacnements in mainframe hardware and software. See below for upcoming summits!

San Francisco, CA - May 27th

Dallas, TX - June 4th

Get Registered Now! - Upcoming Events in Europe

GSE Nordic, Gothenburg, Sweden, June 1
This conference is both a deep technical conference for specialists, as well as a great learning resource for application developers & architects who want to update their knowledge on new CICS and Mainframe features. Get registered by clicking here

WebSphere Technical Conference, Italy, June 15-16
Hosted by CICS experts from the Hursley Lab, this vibrant conference will provide attendees with in depth insight and technical education into all of the latest enhancements in CICS Transaction Server. Click here to Register now!

GSE UK CICS Working Group
For all our UK readers, want to work and network with other CICS professionals, then click here to learn more and register for the next CICS working group event, based at the IBM Manchester Lab.

CICS TS V5 Workshop and Technology Update - Aus/NZ

Register now for upcoming CICS events in Australia and New Zealand
Calling CICS SysProgs, Architects, Integration Specialists and Developers! Come and learn from CICS experts from IBM locations across the world. Take this oppurtunity to netowrk with your peers and with IBM CICS Technical Specialists

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Melbourne : July 14-16
Sydney: July 22-24

More info coming soon, but save the dates below!
Canberra - July 17
Wellington, NZ - July 27
Adelaide - July 29
Perth - July 31

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Register by May 30th and receive 10% off your conference pass!
In depth sessions, hands-on labs and lectures delivered by leaders in the industry. Take this opportunity to explore innovative capabilities in the latest releases and learn more about these growth-fuelling technologies.

CICS by the Numbers

"CICS Processes 30 billion transactions a day, and in the course of a week, those transactions are valued at $1 trillion dollars"

Ever doubted the power and influence of CICS and mainframes? Then check out this cool infographic by H&W which has an array of insightful figures and data to demonstrate just how important CICS is to business! View the full survey reports here!

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