

# CICS V5



**Back into the swing of things?** It's September again and the CICS® team have a whole bunch of new stuff in the CICS Operational Insights Beta as well as a new "mobile apps with CICS" course. Also, note in your diaries the end of service for CICS TS V3.1 and V3.2 for 31 December. In addition, keep your eyes out for next month's CICSbuzz, a big announcement will be made! Have a look at this month's CICSbuzz to find out all of this and more.

Watch this space for our exciting **October announcement!**



## Announcements



### End of Service of CICS TS V3.1 and V3.2

CICS Transaction Server for z/OS (CICS TS) V3.1 and V3.2 will be withdrawn from support on 31 December 2015. CICS TS Service Flow Feature V3.1 will also be withdrawn from support on the same date. To find out more about what is happening and how to work around it, follow the link [here](#).

## Mainframe tuning from the clouds...



### Have your voice heard: Mainframe Tooling Survey

What do you think about mainframe tools running in the cloud? WE WANT TO HEAR! Share your views, take our [5-minute survey](#).

Why are we doing this survey? Cloud-based tooling for z Systems is a topic that has been on our minds a lot lately and you might have seen the [CICS Operational Insights beta](#) we launched this year. Take a look at this [new blog post](#) to see what we're thinking so far!

### Get hands on...

There's some brand new stuff in the [CICS Operational Insights beta](#):

- **Java Offload Report:** Are you running Java workloads in CICS? Find out how much workload you're offloading to zIIP and if you could do more in just a few clicks. Try it out for yourself with your own data, or use our sample!
- **Log Analytics Idea:** Would you like to analyse your logs from the clouds? Take a look at what the experience might be like, and share your feedback!

Explore these functions and more for FREE today in the CICS Operational Insights beta at [ibm.biz/cicsoi-home](http://ibm.biz/cicsoi-home)

## Redbook

[Comparing Type 2 and Type 4 JDBC Driver Performance with IBM CICS](#)



### Transaction Server for z/OS V5.2 Liberty JVM server

Are you considering the performance characteristics of using either the type 2 or type 4 JDBC driver in a CICS Liberty environment? Trying to understand how to configure the JDBC driver and measure the resource usage and response [IBM Redpaper publication](#) time characteristics of the JDBC drivers? Check out this [link](#) to found out more!

### CICS and IBM Redbooks at Share

After another successful Share conference last month, CICS and IBM Redbooks have come together with a collection of short, informative videos to get your teeth into. Follow this [link](#) to learn about emerging CICS trends, how CICS TS supports a DevOps environment and building mainframe skills with IBM Redbooks. Andy Bates, Chris Poole, Ian Burnett and Will Yates tell us more.

### New Course



### WM891 Innovative CICS System Programming - Implementing Mobile Apps with CICS

Are you interested in learning about mobile with CICS? Take a look at this new comprehensive course where you can learn how to connect mobile devices to CICS and run existing or new CICS web service application. Want to know more? Follow this [link](#).

### Something to read...



### Enhanced Insight and General Performance Improvements in the CICS TS V5.3 open beta

Continuing our series of blogs on the current CICS TS V5.3 open beta, Martin Cocks outlines some of the general performance improvements we've been busy implementing. So if you want to learn more about the improved efficiencies that will allow you to do more with less, have a look at his [post](#).

### Webcasts



### Upcoming Lunch 'n' Learns

17 September 2015, 1pm (ET) - [Expose z/OS assets to cloud and mobile devices with z/OS Connect](#)

Join this discussion to understand the advantages of using z/OS Connect to access CICS Transaction Server as well as the data and functions it manages. Leigh Compton from CICS Integration and Security welcomes you to join. [Register here!](#)

### Playback



### Application-insight with CICS IA and RAA

Are you modifying an existing application or System of Record to meet new business requirements? Joe Gailey, Senior IT Specialist and Client Technical Professional for CICS z/OS Tools, and Mark Boyd, Rational Technical Specialist in Enterprise Modernization, present 'The First Step to Modernize Applications for Maximum Business Value'. Check it out [here](#).

### CICS Storage 101B - a look into CICS Dynamic Storage Areas, updated for V5

If you've just missed this presentation, take a look at this Support Technical Exchange designed to provide a look into CICS Dynamic Storage Areas (DSA), how they managed, as well as showing examples from a system dump. This updated Storage 101 Technical Exchange shows the above the bar DSA and other enhancements. Find the presentation [here](#).

### Events

[13 - 16 October, Dublin, Ireland - 2015 IBM WebSphere Technical University](#)



Want a deep dive perspective into growth-fuelling technologies like Cloud Computing and Mobile? Do you want to learn more technical content about CICS, WebSphere Application Server and DataPower? This three day conference offers lectures and hands-on labs to expand your knowledge and expertise on the latest and greatest technologies and industry trends. Don't miss out and [register](#) now! This year by registering for Websphere Technical University you will also gain access to two other events: [IBM Digital Experience](#) and [IBM Commerce Learning Academy](#), which also take place in Dublin on 13 -16 October.

### 25 - 29 October, Las Vegas, Nevada - Insight 2015: The Premier Data and Analytics Conference

Try to catch the early bird rate quickly before it finishes on the 18 September and save up to £300! If you want to explore the newest innovations, industry breakthroughs and hottest trends when it comes to Mobile, Cloud, Analytics, Watson and the Internet of Things then <http://ibm.biz/insight2015lasvegas> register here.

### Made with z Systems stories



### Bank of China and China Construction Bank Made with z Systems stories

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