

This presentation will introduce you to the C++ server programming language, one of the object oriented programming languages supported by TXSeries



The goal of this presentation is to provide an overview of object-oriented programming as it relates to TXSeries.



The agenda is to first provide an introduction to C++, followed by a definition of CFC and a description of the CFC services and the CFC class hierarchy.



This section covers the support provided by TXSeries for writing server applications using C++ and the TXSeries components involved in the C++ language environment.



TXSeries provides the flexibility of writing server programs in both modular and object-oriented programming languages. With object-oriented programming, programmers can perceive TXSeries services as *objects*. TXSeries provides support for object-oriented programming in C++ and Java<sup>™</sup>. With this support, you can:

Perceive TXSeries services as objects.

Design and create reusable classes that can be used in and outside the TXSeries environment.

Design and create new modern TXSeries server applications using an object-oriented architecture.

Effectively use the strengths of various existing application classes and tools that are provided with the object-oriented language.



TXSeries provides support for writing CICS server applications in the C++ programming language. You can reuse existing application class libraries or templates and the rapid cross-platform development tools that are available to help write CICS server applications. With C++, you can create reusable components quite easily, and use them in CICS or non-CICS based systems (for example, batch applications).



Three main components are involved when writing CICS server programs using the C++ programming language:

**The first is the C++ compiler**: TXSeries provides support for the Microsoft® C++ compiler on Windows®, and for IBM VisualAge C++ compiler on AIX®.

**The second is the cicsprCpp,** which is a C++ programming language runtime supplied by TXSeries. The runtime is loaded on to the application server process before

running any CICS server program that is compiled with C++ compiler.

The third is the CFC library, which provides various C++ class libraries with which applications can access CICS services.



This section covers the concept of CICS foundation classes (CFC) and the services offered by them.



The CICS foundation classes are an API for writing CICS server programs in the C++ programming language. They are well-designed class libraries that make C++ and CICS development much easier.



All CICS foundation classes are derived, directly or indirectly, from the IccBase class. These classes enable common interfaces to be defined for categories of classes. You can also use them to create your own derived classes. Extending the functionality provided by the CICS foundation classes is much simpler through an object-oriented approach. In general, the following class categories are defined:

**Base and derived classes** are the fundamental classes that are derived from the IccBase class, such as IccException for exception

handling and IccBuf for manipulating buffers.

**Resource identification classes** model the behavior of major CICS resources such as IccTerminal for Terminal, IccProgram for

Programs, and IccTempStore for temporary storage queues.

**Resource classes** help to define CICS resource identifiers such as FD, PD, and TD stanza entries. These classes improve type

checking. For example, methods that expect an IccField object as a parameter do not accept an IccProgramId object instead.

**Record index classes** are used to identify records in CICS files such as IccKey for a KSDS file, and IccRRN for a RRDS file. They specify the record access method and identify which record in a file is to be retrieved, modified, or deleted.



The Figure in this slide illustrates the JCICS class hierarchy.



In summary, this presentation covered C++ for TXSeries server programming, including C++ server applications, the CICS foundation classes, and the CICS foundation class hierarchy.

