

IBM System z Software Premier Executive Briefing Event

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CICS - Minimize costs and maximize your CICS investments to your Advantage.

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Agenda

- Issues facing CICS operational staff
- Extract Information predict problems
- Operational Health
- Integration
- Summary
- References





Issues facing CICS operational staff

- Extract information across systems
- Predict problems
- Operational health
- Integration (Monitoring / Config)
- Best Practices



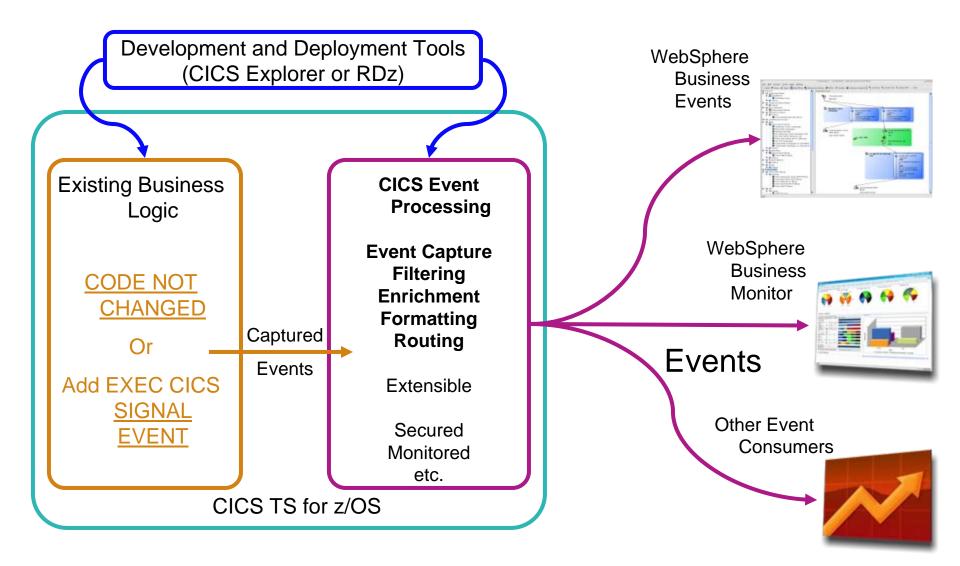
Extract Information from CICS



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Event Processing...





CICS TS V4.2 Event Processing Enhancements

System events

- 8 new system event capture points

Capture events when:

- DB2 connection status changes
- FILE enable status changes
- FILE open status changes
- Unhandled transaction abends

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- Current active tasks for a TRANCLASS goes above or below a certain percentage of MAXACTIVE.
- Current active task in a region goes above or below a certain percentage of MAXTASKs.
- WRITE OPERATOR (CICS TS V5.1)
- MESSAGE (CICS TS V5.1)





CICS TS V4.2 Event Search Capability

- Available in the CICS Explorer
 - Enter the name of the "thing" you have changed and EP search will tell you which event bindings may be affected
- 'Things' include:
 - CICS resource names
 - Language Structure names
 - Language Structure field names
- Searches event bindings in the CICS Explorer workspace and those installed in CICS regions that Explorer is connected to





CICS TS V4.2 Event Search Capability

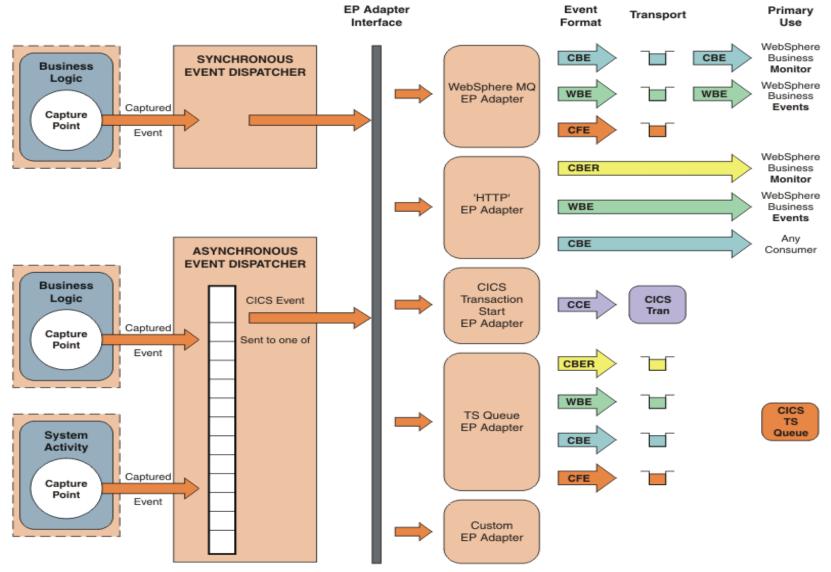
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Search scope:		
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CICS TS V4.2 Event Deployment Options



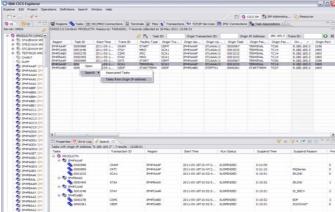




CICS TS V4.2 Transaction Tracking

As the name implies....

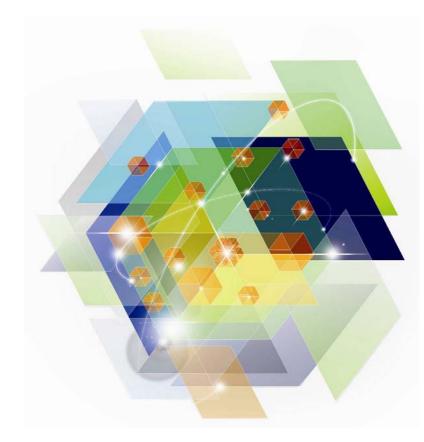
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- Provide means to track and correlate the progress of
 - Simple linearly routed tasks, asynchronous tasks, spawned CICS tasks – Across distributed CICS systems including over CICS managed TCP/IP
- Extends and uses Association data
 - Previous hop, association data and origin data for both MRO and IPIC connections
- Expose tracking information via CICS Explorer
- Helps to answer questions like
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Operational Health



Performance Threadsafe WLM 64 bit Function Shipping Transaction Tracking



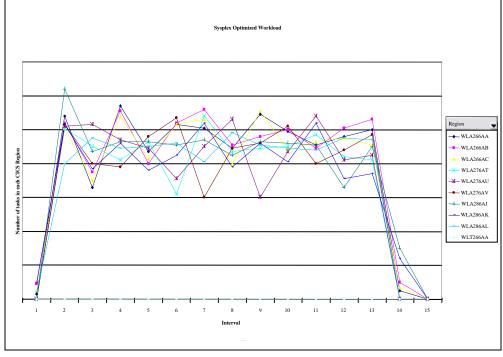
CICS V4.1 Performance

Traditional workloads

Changes to TIMEUSED – up to 5% improvement in some workloads vs 3.2

IPIC

- Up to 10% improvement
- WLM
 - Sysplex Optimised routing
- Web Services
 - Up to 33% improvement
- Threadsafety
 - More API made threadsafe





CICS V4.2 Performance

Traditional workloads

- Parity with V4.1
- WLM
 - Link Neutral algorithms
 - Unit of Work affinity prevents dead locks

Threadsafety

- Concurrency 'Required' to get started on an Open TCB
- More API made threadsafe
- IMS DBCTL adapter made threadsafe
- IPIC mirror made threadsafe
- Virtual Storage relief
 - Trace, Temporary Storage JVM all 64 bit

CICS V4.2 Performance

Pooled HTTP connections

- CPU savings for outbound connections
- WEB Services and WEB API

More LSR Pools

- Better opportunity for tuning VSAM files

Java

- Increased throughput with 64 bit JVM server
- Further improvements in CICS TS V5.1 with Java 7 and Liberty web container

CLDM transaction

Create Module maps to support HIS







CICS TS V4.2 CICS and 64-bit

- CICS Transaction Server for z/OS V4.2 contains significant changes to the CICS domain architecture that exploits the underlying z/Architecture for 64-bit addressing and provides the infrastructure for CICS domains to utilize and exploit 64-bit addressing mode.
- Enables CICS to remove some of the limitations that affected scalability and availability by delivering large address spaces
- CICS can now make use of 64-bit virtual storage to increase capacity by supporting a larger number of concurrent users and transactions, as well as keeping up with virtual storage demands





CICS TS V4.2 64-bit enablers

- CICS Trace Domain
 - Internal Trace Tables above the bar
 - Internal Trace Table in 64-bit storage only ...
 - > if CICS Transaction Isolation inactive (TRANISO=NO) or
 - > if CICS running on z/OS 1.12 with APAR OA34311 applied
 - Transaction Dump Trace Table in 64-bit storage
 - Trace control blocks in 64-bit storage
 - Auxiliary and GTF Buffers moved from 24-bit to 31-bit storage
 - 64-bit GTF Trace (OA32611 required for z/OS 1.11 & 1.12)
- CICS Message Domain
 - CICS Message tables are above the bar (subject to TRANISO restriction)





CICS TS V4.2 64-bit enablers

- CICS Dump Domain
 - 64-bit storage SDUMP support
 - Requires z/OS APAR OA32271 (z/OS 1.11 and 1.12)
 - Use is now made of z/OS IARV64 DUMPRIORITY option
- CICS Monitoring Domain
 - Association Data control blocks are above the bar (subject to TRANISO restriction)
- CICS Java
 - Updated to 64-bit JVM (Java 6.0.1) for Pooled and JVMServer – Java 7 for CICS TS V5.1
 - 31-bit Java not supported





CICS TS V4.2 64-bit enablers

-CICS Temporary Storage Domain

- MAIN TS above the bar (subject to TRANISO restriction)
 - Limiting MAIN Temporary Storage use
 - > SIT parameter: TSMAINLIMIT={64M|amount}
 - Maximum is 32G, not greater than 25% of z/OS MEMLIMIT
- Many Temporary Storage control blocks above the bar
- Automatic TS Cleanup
 - EXPIRYINT can be specified on a TSMODEL definition
 - Applies to MAIN TS Queues and non-recoverable AUX TS Queues
 - Does NOT apply to:
 - > Remote TS Queues, Recoverable AUX TS Queues
 - > Shared TS Queues, CICS internal TS Queues
 - > TS Queues that don't match a TSMODEL



CICS TS V4.2 Threadsafe Enhancements

Commands now made threadsafe

- EXEC CICS SYNCPOINT
- EXEC CICS SYNCPOINT ROLLBACK
- EXEC CICS RESYNC
- JCICS
 - COMMIT and ROLLBACK methods
- Non-threadsafe Recovery Manager clients will force a switch to the QR TCB
 - Switch to QR made by the Recovery Manager
 - Examples:
 - MRO, Transient Data, etc
- Recovery Manager clients may force an internal switch to the QR TCB
 - Switch to QR made by the client
 - Examples:
 - File control for BDAM files
 - RMI for a quasi-reentrant TRUE

DFHMIRS is now Threadsafe

- Supplied definition now specifies CONCURRENCY(THREADSAFE)





CICS TS V4.2 Scalability Enhancements...

- IPIC transformers are now threadsafe
 - Non IPIC code remains non threadsafe
- Only requests function shipped over IPIC will run on an Open TCB
 - File Control
 - Temporary Storage
 - Distributed Program Link
 - If the target program is defined as threadsafe and the mirror already on an open TCB
- A comparison of CICS QR and OTE Performance paper
 - CICS Website





CICS TS V4.2 Threadsafe Enhancement

- CICS-DBCTL interface will use OTE when connected to IMS 12
 - At connect time CICS & IMS determine if each other can support OTE
 - With IMS 10 & 11
 - CICS-DBCTL TRUE enabled as QUASIRENT
 - Toleration APAR PM31730 (IMS 10), PM31729 (IMS 11)
 - With IMS 12
 - CICS-DBCTL TRUE enabled as OPENAPI
 - Exploitation APAR PM31420 is required

In CICS TS V5.1 CICS MQ DPL Bridge container

- >32K data transfer



CICS TS V4.2 Performance Enhancements...

CICS historically has allowed use of 8 LSR pools

- In the days of local DLI, DLI used the other 8
- When local DLI was removed, CICS File Control was not changed
- Since z/OS 1.4, DFSMS have allowed up to 256 lsr pools per address space.

In CICS TS V4.2 we allow use of 255 LSR POOLs (1-255)

- Will not use pool 0

- Potential performance optimization where greater subdivision of files across LSR POOLs is required
 - e.g. Place highly-used files in their own LSRPOOL

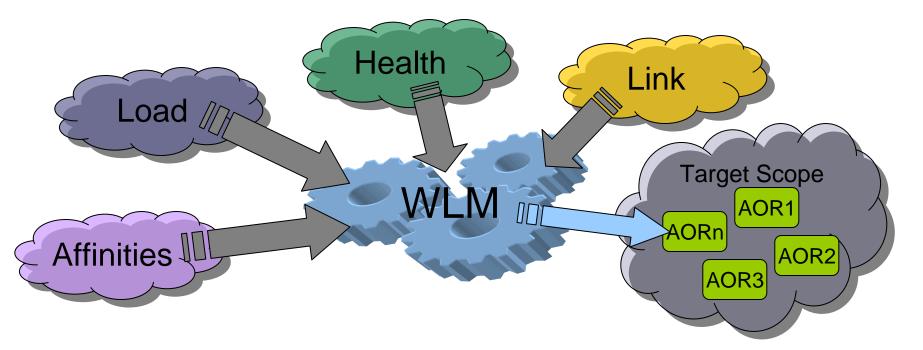




CICS TS V4.2 Management Enhancement

 Workload Management is about providing CICS with the <u>'best'</u> target region at the moment the request is made from all of the possible region candidates.

It's NOT about evenly distributing work!





CICS TS V4.2 Management Enhancements...

- New WLM routing algorithms
- Exclude LINK weighting in target region selection

-LNQUEUE

- Route the transaction to the target region with best combination of:
 - Health (MaxTask, Short-on-storage, Dumping, Stalled)
 - Task queue depth (or load)
 - Abend probability, when calculated
 - RTA event impact, when defined

-LNGOAL

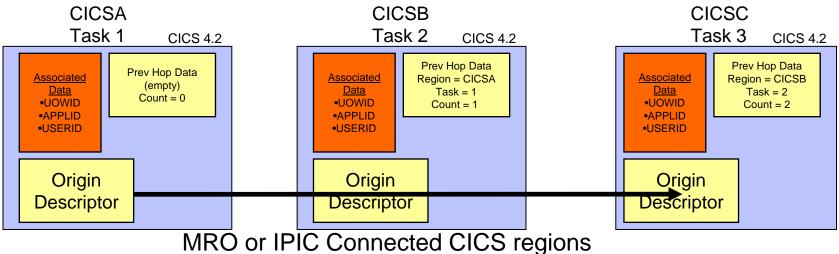
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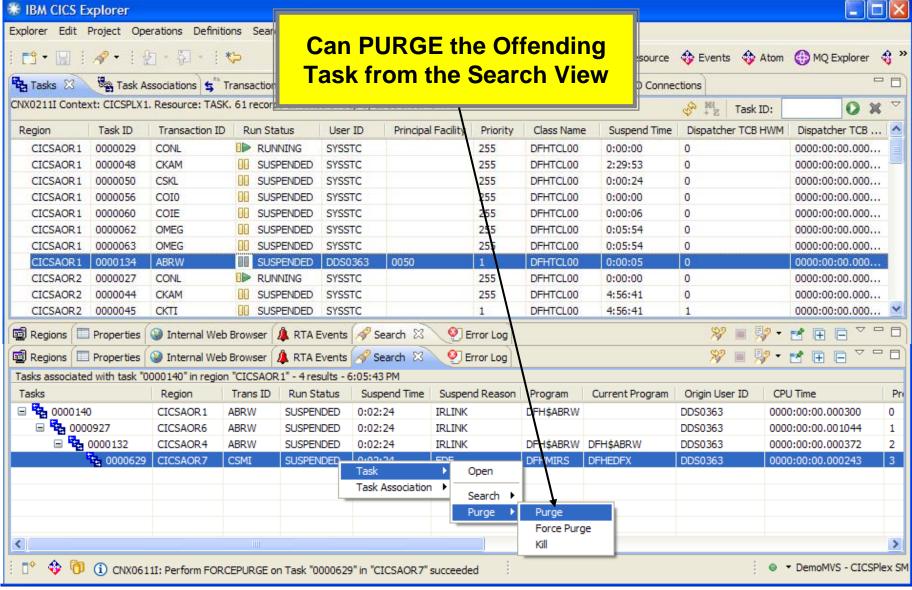


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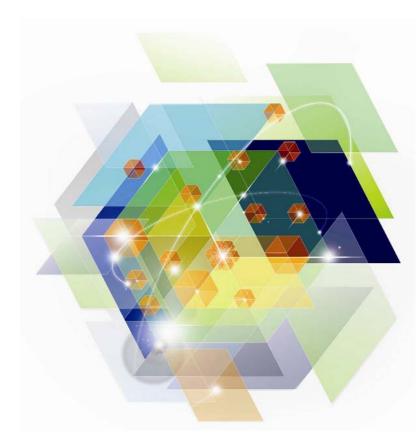
Reduced costs, where appropriate

- •Java
- •Axis2
- •WODM
- •XML Parsing
 - XMLSS Web Services XML parsing
 - XML, RDz, Enterprise COBOL

•Monitor actual and potential speciality engine usage in CICS TS V5.1



Integration



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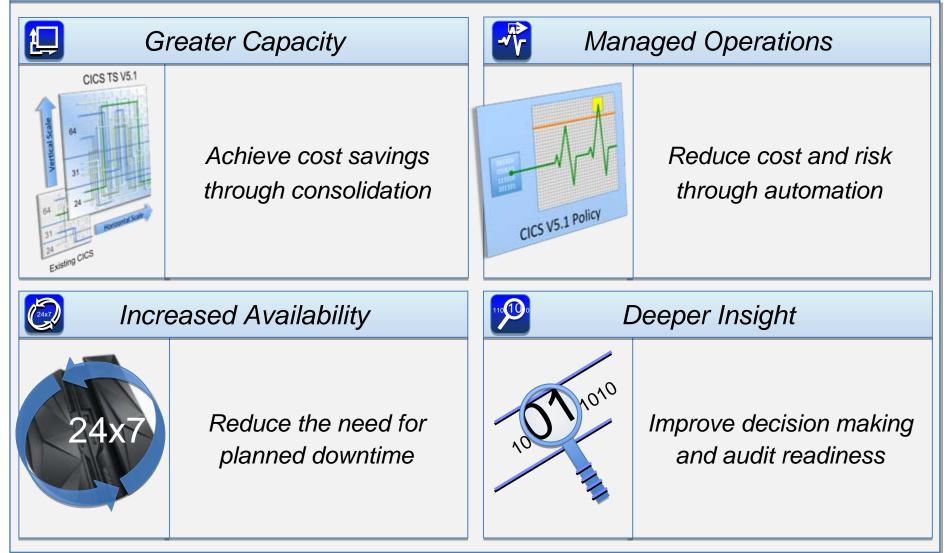
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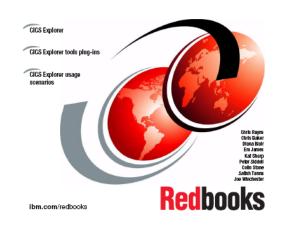
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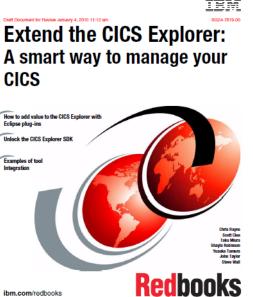
CICS Explorer Redbooks

- This Redbook[®] focuses on the new CICS Explorer
- The first part of the Redbook overviews the CICS Explorer, along with all the CICS Tools plug-ins
- The second part of the Redbook focuses on different scenarios in which the CICS Explorer can be used, along with the CICS Tools plug-ins to resolve different problems
- http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpieces/abst racts/sg247819.html





- This Redbook[®] focuses on the new CICS Explorer SDK
- The first part of the Redbook gives an overview of the CICS Explorer, along with an overview of PlugIns and Eclipse
- The second part of the Redbook focuses on the SDK and how to write a PlugIn and how to Extend the Explorer via PlugIns
- Two Demos are included
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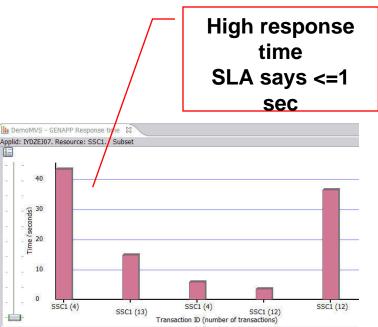
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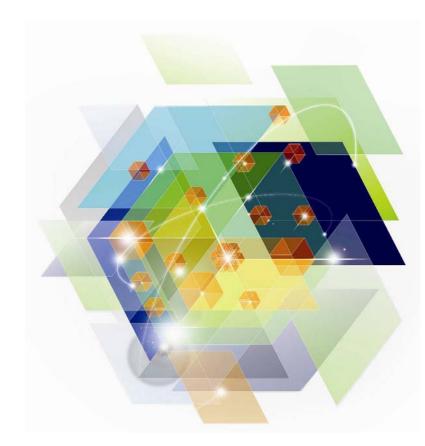


Summary

- CICS has been made easier to manage, configure and administer – CICS Explorer
- Non-intrusive tooling to easily take advantage of new technology introduced in to CICS – Events, Transaction Tracking
- High performance sustained
- More threadsafe options for more savings
- Even more value when combined with the tooling (stick around for the next session)

Reference materials





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Key documents

Analyst papers

- Lustratus Research New project platform section for CICS Users <u>ftp://public.dhe.ibm.com/software/htp/cics/pdf/Lustratus_Research_Paper_New_project_p</u> <u>latform_selection_for_CICS_users.pdf</u>
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 - CICS Transaction Server Application Architecture, Redbooks solution guide



Raising new requirements with RFE

- You can now raise and track requirements using the new IBM RFE system for
 - CICS Transaction Server
 - CICS Explorer
 - TXSeries
 - WXTR
 - IBM CICS Tools
 - CICS Transaction Gateway
 - PD Tools coming soon (target end Jan 2012)



- Existing FITS requirements are currently being processed, and will either be transferred to RFE or closed and returned.
- All brands <u>https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/rfe/</u> select Brand: WebSphere
- WebSphere only <u>https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/rfe/?BRAND_ID=181</u>
- Select Product Family: Transaction Processing for CICS Transaction Server, TXSeries, and WXTR
- Select Product Family: Enterprise Tooling for the CICS Tools, CICS Transaction Gateway, and PD Tools
- Raise CICS Explorer base requirements against the Explorer component of CICS TS.
- Raise plug-in requirements against the Explorer component of related product.