

Transaction Server for z/OS



CICS Transaction Server continues to provide innovative and essential technologies that enable customers to deliver on their business imperatives, now and into the future.

CICS TS V5 has satisfied over two hundred customer requirements.

Its main focus falls into three areas:

Increasing service agility

- Increased portability of web applications into CICS from enhanced Liberty runtime support.
- Simple integration with mobile devices with JSON and REST support.
- Modern interfaces: build rich web experiences for critical applications.

Driving operational efficiencies

- Managed operations: reduce cost and risk with automatic policy controls.
- Greater capacity: achieve cost savings through consolidation.
- Increased availability: reduce the need for planned downtime.
- Security integration: support for SAML and Kerberos security.

Cloud enablement

- Improved lifecycle management for simplified deployment of applications.
- Application versioning and multi-version support for consolidation of regions.
- Creation of 'top-down' topologies for easier management of regions.
- Double the number of CICS resources can be defined and managed in CICS bundles.

The strategic management interface for CICS TS

IBM CICS Explorer, the strategic management interface for CICS TS, has been upgraded to CICS Explorer V5.2. This is a major update to support the latest CICS TS and CICS tools capabilities. CICS Explorer V5.2 will also work with other supported versions of CICS TS.

Five core foundational CICS Tools updated to align with CICS TS V5.2

IBM also has updated five core foundational CICS tools to align with CICS TS V5.2. These tools will exploit and augment the latest service agility, efficiency cloud operational and enhancements made in CICS TS V5.2, driving optimization and modernization across your CICS environment.

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Try-before-you-buy

CICS TS Developer Trial V5.2 is also available as a try-before-you-buy edition of CICS TS for use in non-production environments. It has a zero-cost license charge and does not initiate any single version charging (SVC) period. Customers who want to assess the value that can be gained from a CICS TS upgrade, before making an upgrade decision, should order this product.

CICS TS Developer Trial contains the complete set of CICS TS features and functions, but with restricted performance and capacity, and licensing terms, and a fixed expiry date, that make it suitable for use only in non-production environments. It's possible to upgrade CICS TS Developer Trial to the full version of the product without having to remove it.

CICS TS Developer Trial V5.2 is available from IBM through ShopzSeries as a standard offering. In countries where ShopzSeries is not yet available, contact your IBM representative (or IBM Business Partner) to handle your order using the traditional IBM ordering process.

Availability

CICS TS V5.2 was announced on April 7 2014. For details and the official announcement letter, visit: ibm.biz/cics52ann

CICS TS V5.2 will be generally available from June 13 2014. For details, visit:

ibm.com/cics/tserver

CICS TS V3, V4 and CICS TS V5 customers can download the CICS Explorer at the following web page:

ibm.com/cics/explorer/download

SupportPacs

The GENAPP SupportPac is available here: ibm.biz/CICSGENAPP

CICS Tools

ibm.com/cics/tools

CICS Configuration Manager CICS Deployment Assistant

CICS Interdependency Analyzer

CICS Performance Analyzer

CICS VSAM Recovery

More Information

For more information regarding CICS TS V5, or any other CICS offering, please visit ibm.com/cics

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