

Session E62:
Expanding CICS - REXX and 3270 Bridge

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- 3270 Bridge

- What the Bridge provides

- How to use the Bridge

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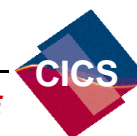
- DFHBM SUP utility to reconstruct MAP source files





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REXX/CICS



Overview of REXX/CICS



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- Interpretive execution of REXX EXECs within a CICS environment
- Supports most of the CICS API
- VSAM based file system for saving EXECs and Data files (RFS)
- Built in Editor for writing REXX EXECs and Data files
- VSE Librarian Sublibraries can be used to store EXECs
 - member type must be .PROC
- IMPORT/EXPORT between RFS and VSE Librarian sublibraries



Overview of REXX/CICS (*continued*)



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- New Commands can be written in REXX
- User and System commands can be defined from within REXX/CICS
- Support for System and user Profiles
- Shared Execs in Virtual Storage
- Interface to CEDA and CEMT transaction programs
 - results returned in REXX variables
- Support for TS and TD Queues
- Panel Support
- Support for BMS
- HELP - Online manual



REXX/CICS - Limitations



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- Does NOT provides an environment for REXX/VSE execs
 - No Address Power
 - No Address JCL
 - No EXECIO to SAM and VSAM libraries
- No Compiled REXX
- No SPI



REXX File System



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- Consists of FILEPOOLS
- Minimum of 2 required
- Unique 1 to 7 character name
- A FILEPOOL is two VSAM KSDS Clusters consisting of
 - DIR
 - DATA
 - ▶ *Control Intreval size must be at least 16K*
- Fillepools needs to be formatted before being used
- Uses a directory structure similar to the VM Shared File System or PC
- User or Non-User FILEPOOL
- REXX File System commands are preceded with RFS
 - RFS COPY file_id1 file_id2



REXX File System (*continued*)



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- Each pool has a root directory
 - filepool_name:\
 - ▶ *POOL1:*
 - can contain files as well as subdirectories
- A USERS directory should exist in all USER FILEPOOLS
 - contains subdirectories for users on the system
- Subdirectories are created by the RFS MKDIR command
 - name is 1 to 8 characters with an optional extension following a dot
 - ▶ *USER1*
 - ▶ *USER1.INFO*
- Files are referenced by a fully qualified file id
 - consists of root, subdirectories, filename and membertype
 - ▶ *POOL1:\USERS\USER1\DEMO1.EXEC*



REXX File System (*continued*)



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- Owner can allow other users to access a directory
 - RFS AUTH command
 - ▶ *publicr*
 - ▶ *publicw*
 - ▶ *secured*
- Current Directory
 - use CD command to change
 - ▶ *'CD POOL1:\USERS\CICSUSER\COLINS\'*
- Path
 - defines search path for execs
 - current directory searched first
 - can contain multiple directories
 - ▶ *PATH POOL1:\ POOL1:\USERS\ POOL1:\USERS\USER1*

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Installing REXX/CICS



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- REXX/CICS is only available on CICS Transaction Server for VSE/ESA
- Delivery
 - PTF
 - ▶ *APAR PQ37115*
 - Included in future release
- Resource Definitions
 - ▶ *provided in DFHCUREX*
 - ▶ *LSRPOOL Definitions*
 - ▶ *Skeleton JCL for FILEPOOL definition*
- You will need a library into which to copy the source file
- Minimum of two Filepools for the REXX File System (RFS)
- 35 Cylinders 3390 for help files
 - Default is POOL2



Installing REXX/CICS (PTF)



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- Minimum EDSALIM of 20m
 - make it at least 10M more than your current setting
- Upgrade CSD using DFHCUREX
- Use RDO to modify CICREXX group to meet your system requirements
 - Install using CEDA once modified
 - Add to a GRPLIST in your SIT so that it is automatically installed following a COLD START
- Copy and rename modules
 - Copy them to a library listed in your LIBDEF for CICS
 - Library must be in CICS LIBDEF PROC search chain
 - List supplied in PTF instructions
 - ▶ *Names begin CIC and need a member type of PROC*



Installing REXX/CICS



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■ Update CICSTART.PROC

- This is the System Profile Exec
- Filepool formatting will fail with Return Code 4 if you do not do this
- Change AUTHUSER RCUSER or add additional lines to add userid that will logon to format the pools.
- Use SYSA if no security is active
- Change FILEPOOL definitions to meet your system requirements

■ Update CICS Initialisation JCL if needed

- Add LIBDEF for PROC if not already included
 - ▶ *// LIBDEF PROC,SEARCH=userlibrary*
- If REXX is unable to find PROC library CICS REXX transactions will fail with
 - ▶ *CICREX490E Error 48 running CICSTART EXEC: Failure in system service*

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Installing REXX/CICS (*continued*)



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- Update LRSPool definitions
 - use data buffers large enough to contain the control interval size
 - If the LSRPOOL is unable to support a key length of 252 and the control interval size you will get message
 - ▶ *4228I FILE RFSxxxx OPEN ERROR X'DC' (220)*
- Add DLBLs for RFS definitions if required.
- Create the FILEPOOLS
 - Implements as VSAM clusters
 - Sample JCL - CICVSAM.J is provided in PRD1.BASE



Installing REXX/CICS (*continued*)



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■ Format the FILEPOOLS

- Use a REXX authorised user
- Start REXX transaction
- Enter 'FILEPOOL FORMAT POOL1'
- When complete enter SAY RC to check return code.
- Repeat for the second Filepool
- Reformatting a FILEPOOL will result in message
 - ▶ *Subcommand return code = 1836*
- If MORE appears in the bottom left of the screen whilst executing REXX press the enter Key to clear the screen.

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Installing REXX/CICS *(continued)*



- FILEPOOL FORMAT command

```
Enter a REXX command or EXIT to quit
FILEPOOL FORMAT POOL1
SAY RC
0
FILEPOOL FORMAT POOL2
SAY RC
0
```

— READ



Installing REXX/CICS (*continued*)



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- Create the Help Files

- Copy and rename the files to your sublibrary
 - ▶ *Originals will be in PRD1.BASE*
 - ▶ *See installation instructions for details*
- Start CICS with an EDSALIM of at least 20M
- Enter REXX
- Enter EXEC CICHREP
- Respond to the messages with your sublibrary
- The help files are created in the FILEPOOL defined in the CICSTART HELPPATH option.

- Verify the installation was successful

- Enter CALL CICIVP1 from within CICS REXX.

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- Creating the Help file

- ▶ *Note that the entered data is not reflected back in the display*

```
EXEC CICHPREP
Please enter the Librarian sublibrary containing the REXX/CICS LIST3270.
(example: LIB.SUBLIB )
Please enter the Librarian sublibrary containing the HELP panels.
(example: LIB.SUBLIB )
17:47:32 Building INDEX and CHAPTER files. Please be patient.
17:47:38 INDEX file built.
17:47:38 Building Chapter files
17:47:47 Chapter files are built
17:47:47 Building Appendix files.
17:47:48 Appendix files are built
17:47:48 34 Files built, all done !!
```

—

READ



Executing REXX/CICS EXECs



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■ From a Terminal

– Use the REXX transaction and enter EXEC execname

- ▶ *Interactive environment CICRXTRY*
- ▶ *you can enter REXX commands directly*
- ▶ *Enter EXIT to end*

– Define as a TRANSACTION

- ▶ *EDIT is a CICS transaction that brings up the REXX Editor*

■ Using CICS START

– If there is no associated terminal, then any terminal output is discarded unless directed to a CICS TS queue

- ▶ *If terminal input is requested an error is generated*

■ Using CICS LINK or XCTL

– Invoke the CICREXD interface.

- ▶ *COMMAREA must be passed to the interface.*
- ▶ *COMMAREA must contain the name of the exec and arguments*





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The Editor





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Basic Editor Screen

```
EDIT ---- POOL1:\USERS\CICSUSER\NONAME ----- File not found (RC=203)
COMMAND ==>
00000 ***** TOP OF DATA *****
00001 ***** BOTTOM OF DATA *****
```

F1=HELP F2=LADD F3=FIL F4=SPLT F5=F F6=JN F7=BA F8=FWD F10=LFT F11=RGT F12=QUI



Using REXX/CICS - Editor



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- can be invoked from a CLEAR CICS session by entering the EDIT transaction
 - similar to DITTO editor but can be customised
- can be used to edit REXX and data files
 - edited files are stored in the REXX Filepool System (RFS)
- does not support binary files
- supports prefix commands
 - ▶ *C, CC, M, MM, R, RR, ", "", B, A, I, F and P*
- can use macros
- CICEPROF.PROC
 - profile for the editor
 - Its a REXX exec so can be used to customise the editor





- Example of an edit session

```
EDIT ---- POOL1:\USERS\CICSUSER\PANSAMP.PROC ----- REXX/CICS Editor
COMMAND ==>
00000 ***** TOP OF DATA *****
00001 /* PROGRAM TO QUERY APPLICANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS */
00002 LNAME = "; /* NULL OUT ALL NAME PARTS */
00003 FNAME = ";
00004 MI = ";
00005 MAIL_STREET = ";
00006 MAIL_CITY = 'DALLAS'; /* PREFILL THE MOST LIKELY RESPONSE FOR CITY/STATE
00007 MAIL_STATE = 'TX';
00008 MAIL_COUNTRY = 'USA' ;
00009 MAIL_ZIP = ";
00010 DO FOREVER;
00011 'PANEL SEND APPLICAN CURSOR(LNAME)';
00012 IF RC > 0 THEN
00013     CALL ERROR_ROUTINE;
00014
00015 'PANEL RECEIVE APPLICAN'; /* PSEUDO-CONVERSATIONAL THIS WOULD BE SEPARA
00016 IF PAN.AID = 'PF3' | PAN.AID = 'PF12' THEN
00017     LEAVE;
00018 IF PAN.AID = 'ENTER' & PAN.REA = 124 THEN
00019     ITERATE;
00020 IF PAN.AID = 'CLEAR' | SUBSTR(PAN.AID,1,2) = 'PA' THEN
F1=HELP F2=LADD F3=FIL F4=SPLT F5=F F6=JN F7=BA F8=FWD F10=LFT F11=RGT F12=QUI
```

REXX/CICS - Command Environments



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- There are 6 command environments supplied with REXX\CICS

- REXXCICS

- CICS

- EDITSVR

- FLSTSVR

- RFS

- RLS

- Use ADDRESS to switch environment

- Single Command

 - ▶ *ADDRESS CICS "READQ TSQ QUEUE('QUEUE1') INTO(VAR1)"*

- All Commands

 - ▶ *ADDRESS CICS*



REXX/CICS - CICS Environment



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- Use CICS not EXEC CICS
- cannot handle
 - Handle Condition, Handle Aid, Handle Abend, Ignore Condition, Push and POP
- Syntax is the same as EXEC CICS
 - See Application Programmers Guide
- Data value fields can be literals or REXX variables
- Data area fields can be REXX variables
 - use different variables for source and target
- Length will be determined from REXX variable if not specified
- Always specify length on CICS ENQ command





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- File List Utility (FLST) provides fullscreen interface to the REXX File System (RFS)
- Invoke with FLST or FLST dirid

```
USER=CICSUSER - DIRECTORY=POOL1:\USERS\CICSUSER\  
CMD  FILENAME FILETYPE ATTRIBUTES RECORDS      SIZE  DATE      TIME  
    APPLICAN PANOBJ   FILE           1    1364  2000/04/07 12:31:01  
    APPLICAN PANSRC   FILE          29     824  2000/04/07 12:30:42  
    COLIN                DIR, PRIV          2000/04/07 13:40:36  
    DEMO      EXEC     FILE          33     802  2000/04/07 14:02:06  
    MIKE                DIR, PRIV          2000/04/07 14:01:29  
    NEVILLE                DIR, PRIV          2000/04/07 14:01:16  
    PANSAMP   EXEC     FILE          33     802  2000/04/07 12:29:42  
    SAMPLE   PANSRC   FILE          27     803  2000/04/07 12:01:43
```

COMMAND ===>

F1=HELP F2=REFRESH F3=END F7=UP 18 F8=DOWN 18 F11=EDIT F12=CANCEL



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- Enter commands against the file
 - rename / test.exec
- Enter Refresh on command line or use the REFRESH PF Key to update display
- To sort list use the SORT command on the command line
 - SORT option
 - ▶ *DT sorts by date and time*
 - ▶ *FN sorts by name*
 - ▶ *FT sorts by type*
 - ▶ *AT sorts by attribute*
 - ▶ *RC sorts by number of records*
 - ▶ *SZ sorts by size*
- Subdirectories are included in the list
- Default key to execute an exec is X
- Default to edit a file is EDIT





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- CICFPROF.PROC is system profile
- FLSTPROF.PROC can be used to override system profile.
- To execute commands in the FLST environment use ADDRESS FLSTSVR
- When defining synonyms there is no minimum length option
 - To define a synonym for LOCATE that accepts 3 or more characters you need 4 synonym definitions
 - ▶ *DEFINE SYNONYM LOCATE*
 - ▶ *DEFINE SYNONYM LOCAT*
 - ▶ *DEFINE SYNONYM LOCA*
 - ▶ *DEFINE SYNONYM LOC*



REXX/CICS - RLS



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- REXX List System provides capability for data in list or table to be loaded into virtual storage
- RLS and CLD are used instead of RFS and CD
- First invocation creates a TS queue called *CICREX* which contains the anchor address
- Route directory is \ and it always has a USERS subdirectory.
- Commands are authorised
- Move data between a REXX stem variable and an RLS file by using
 - RLS READ and RLS WRITE
- Move data between a REXX Variable and a RLS file using
 - RLS VARGET and RLS VARPUT
- Special commands for accessing RLS queues
 - RSL LPULL, RLS LPUSH and RLS LQUEUE



REXX/CICS - Panels



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- Simple Panel support
- Panels are defined in RFS
 - membertype is PANSRC
- When first used or after editing, REXX generates a file with a membertype of PANOBJ
- Use PANEL command in EXEC to display panel and to read results.



REXX/CICS - Storage Commands



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- 'CICS GETMAIN SET(varname) LENGTH(xx) INITMSG(ZEROES)'
- COPYR2S var1 varname datalength



REXX/CICS - BMS



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- Assembled Mapset must be in the CICS LIBDEF chain
- The BMS map must be assembled to produce a map DSECT
- The Map Dsect can be converted using CONVTFMAP
- Maps must be defined to CICS using Resource Definition Online
- To read or send data to the screen, GETMAIN CICS storage for the Map input/output area
 - Storage must be initialised to nulls
- If a field is referenced by multiple labels, use the last one



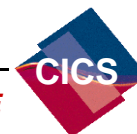


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Overview



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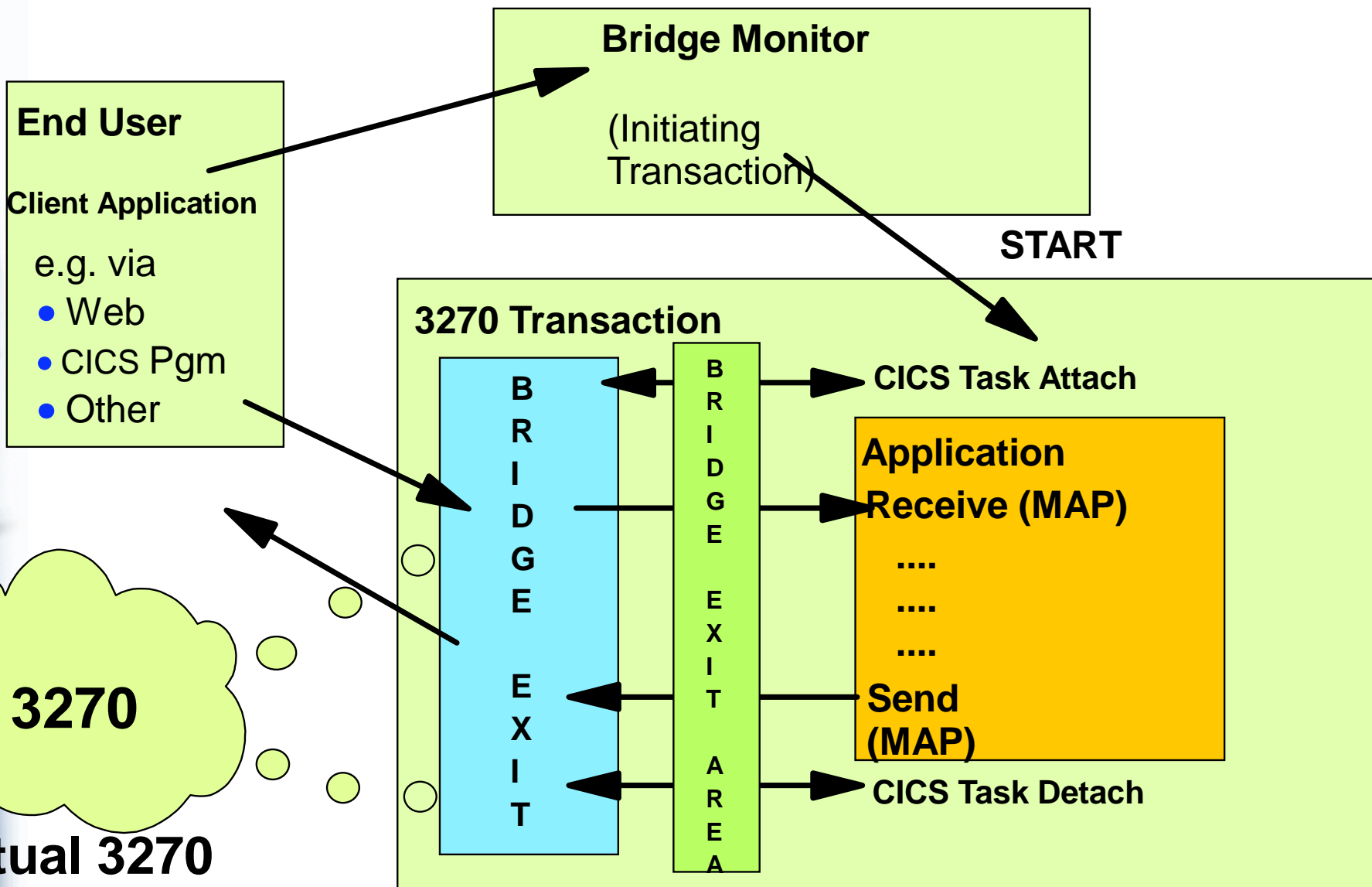
- provides the ability to run existing 3270 based transactions
 - Without a 3270 Terminal
 - Without changing application
- 3270 terminal I/O requests handled by a bridge exit program
- CICS supplied 3270 bridge exit programs
 - General purpose sample which uses TS or TD queues for I/O
 - Specific program for use with the CICS Web Interface



The 3270 Bridge Environment



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Elements of the 3270 Bridge



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- End User Client application

- The initiating application that can reside on any platform
- Issues a message to start the CICS Transaction via the TRANSPORT MECHANISM.

- Transport Mechanism

- The means by which the messages containing the information is passed between the 3270 Bridge and the Client Application
- TS or TD Queues
- CICS Web

- Bridge Monitor

- Optional module that monitors a TRANSPORT MECHANISM for a message to start the 3270 Bridge
- May be a long running task



Elements of the 3270 Bridge *(continued)*



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■ Bridge Exit

- The module that handles the sending and receiving of messages between the End User Client Application and the CICS Transaction
- It can handle the formatting of messages for the End User Client and the interpretation of returned messages into 3270 format for CICS or it can call a FORMATTER to do this
- It is a user replaceable module

■ FORMATTER

- Formats the messages to be sent to the End User Client and interprets received messages to create the 3270 data required by CICS
- It is called by the Bridge Exit if defined
- It is a user replaceable module

■ Bridge Exit Area

- A COMMAREA used between the Bridge Exit and CICS to process and retain information between calls



Elements of the 3270 Bridge *(continued)*



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■ Bridge Facility

- the Virtual Terminal that is invisible to the rest of CICS but is visible to the User Transaction
- Does not appear in the results of a CEMT INQUIRE TERM or CEMT INQUIRE TASK
- A Real Terminal Definition can be used as a template by naming it in the FACILITYLIKE definition option

■ Bridge Environment

- Term used to describe the components used by the 3270 Bridge when used with an User Transaction
 - ▶ *Includes Bridge Exit, Bridge Exit Area, Formatter and Bridge Facility*

■ User Transaction

- A CICS Transaction or series of Transactions that perform 3270 operations
- executed by the 3270 Bridge





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- Supported Languages

- Assembler, C, Cobol, PL/I
 - ▶ *Copybooks supplied for these*

- Uses the same Transaction Work Area (TWA) as the User Transaction

- User replaceable module

- GETMAIN any storage for state data etc

- Commit and Backout are done at the same time as the User Transactions

- Should not attempt to share resources such as VSAM records or ENQ names with the User Transaction

- Do not use EXEC CICS ABEND

- If abend required set the BRXA_USER_ABEND field



3270 Bridge - Considerations for writing a Bridge Exit *(continued)*

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■ Bridge Exit Area

- Interface between Bridge Exit and CICS
- It is a CICS COMMAREA
- Subdivided into sub-areas
 - ▶ *Header*
 - ▶ *Transaction Area*
 - ▶ *Command Area*
 - ▶ *User Area*
 - ▶ *ADS Descriptor*

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3270 Bridge - Message format



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- Default message exchanged between the 3270 Bridge Exit and the End User Application are based on MQ format
 - Copybooks are provided for supported languages
 - ▶ *Assembler* - *DFHBRMQD*
 - ▶ *C* - *DFHBRMQH*
 - ▶ *PL/I* - *DFHBRMQL*
 - ▶ *Cobol* - *DFHBRMQO*
- For provided samples, ALL messages must start with a standard message header
 - Copybooks for both definition and constants are provided
 - ▶ *Assembler Definition - DFHBRMHD Constants - DFHBRMCD*
 - ▶ *C Definition - DFHBRMHH Constants - DFHBRMCH*
 - ▶ *PL/I Definition - DFHBRMHL Constants - DFHBRMCL*
 - ▶ *Cobol Definition - DFHBRMHO Constants - DFHBRMCO*

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3270 Bridge - Samples



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■ CICS Temporary Storage and Transient Data queues

– Provided in Cobol

- ▶ *Bridge Exit* - *DFH0CBRE*
- ▶ *Formatter* - *DFH0CBRF*
- ▶ *Bridge Exit Copybook* - *DFH0CBRD*
- ▶ *Formatter Copybook* - *DFH0CBRU*

– Uses TS or TD Queues for Transport Mechanism

- ▶ *Messages must be in the MQ format*

■ CICS Web

– Object code

- ▶ *DFHWBLT*

– Allows access via TCP/IP and the Web using a browser



3270 Bridge - BMS Map Utility



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- Bridge supports BMS MAPS
 - with Application Data Structures (ADS) which is preferred
 - or without ADS
- To build BMS MAPS with ADS requires the Maps to be reassembled at CICS Transaction Server for VSE/ESA Release 1.1.1 or above level.
- If you do not have the BMS source, there is a provided utility, DFHBMSUP, which will take an assembled Mapset and create a BMS MAP
 - Execute in a batch job giving the Mapset name as the input parameter
 - Result is written to Sequential Disk file addressed by BMSOUT DLBL
- Example:
 - DLBL Statement
 - ▶ *// DLBL BMSOUT,'VSE9.BMSMAP.OUTPUT',0,SD*
 - Execute Statement
 - ▶ *// EXEC PGM=DFHBMSUP,SIZE=DFHBMSUP,PARM='BRQMAPS'*





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3270 Bridge - BMS Map Utility (continued)

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■ Example Output

```
* This is an unaligned mapset
*
      TITLE 'BRQMAPS Mapset MACRO Definition Listing'
@000001 DFHMSD TYPE=DSECT,LANG=ASM,TIOAPFX=YES,MODE=INOUT
*
BRQMAP DFHMDI SIZE=(24,80),CTRL=(FREEKB)
FLD00001 DFH MDF POS=0,LENGTH=4
FLD00002 DFH MDF POS=13,LENGTH=8,ATTRB=(ASKIP,BRT),INITIAL='          '
      DFH MDF POS=22,LENGTH=45,ATTRB=(ASKIP,BRT),
      INITIAL='- CICS 3270 Bridge, Passthrough Transaction ' *
      DFH MDF POS=160,LENGTH=33, *
      INITIAL='Overtyp e to modify then press PF2'
      DFH MDF POS=320,LENGTH=12,INITIAL='MQCIH values'
      DFH MDF POS=361,LENGTH=37, *
      INITIAL='Application Data Structure Descriptor'
FLD00003 DFH MDF POS=402,LENGTH=21,INITIAL='Transaction id ==>'
FLD00004 DFH MDF POS=424,LENGTH=4,ATTRB=(UNPROT)
      DFH MDF POS=429,LENGTH=0
      DFH MDF POS=443,LENGTH=19,INITIAL='On SEND ==>'
FLD00005 DFH MDF POS=463,LENGTH=1,ATTRB=(UNPROT)
      DFH MDF POS=465,LENGTH=0
      DFH MDF POS=482,LENGTH=21,INITIAL='Startcode ==>'
FLD00006 DFH MDF POS=504,LENGTH=2,ATTRB=(UNPROT)
      DFH MDF POS=507,LENGTH=0
      DFH MDF POS=523,LENGTH=19,INITIAL='On RECEIVE ==>'
FLD00007 DFH MDF POS=543,LENGTH=1,ATTRB=(UNPROT)
      DFH MDF POS=545,LENGTH=0
```



3270 Bridge - BMS Map Utility (*continued*)



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■ Example (*continued*)

- New name assigned to MAPSET so that it can be assembled without overwriting original
- Name and labels can be edited to more reasonable names
- POS is the offset from the start of the Map.





3270 Bridge - Support Pack

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■ Passthrough Utility Support Pack

- Provides a means of evaluating a 3270 Application to see if it is suitable for use with the 3270 Bridge
- Allows examination of the 3270 Data streams created by the bridge exit
- Works with the supplied Temporary Storage and Transient Data sample Bridge Exit
 - ▶ *DFH0CRBE*
- Can be used with other Bridge Exit
 - ▶ *must conform to the same Interfaces as the supplied Samples*
- Support Pack number is CA21

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