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## Editorial

### CICS Statement of Direction

The important news item this month is today's Statement of Direction for CICS TS for z/OS, the text of which I've included in full below. This gives you important information about the future direction CICS will be taking, as well as key planning information about future support dates for CICS TS V3 and V4. In addition, there's still time to register for the *CICS Goes Mobile* webcast – so far we've had over 400 registrations, so it appears to be very interesting topic for many of you.

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## Product highlights

### Statement of Direction - CICS Transaction Server for z/OS

IBM today issued the following statement of general direction for IBM CICS Transaction Server for z/OS:

IBM® intends to update IBM CICS® Transaction Server for z/OS® ( CICS TS), to provide new application, platform, and policy capabilities that can help customers build private clouds from new and existing CICS applications. This capability is intended to assist CICS customers deploy new and updated CICS applications faster, more easily, and with greater levels of confidence.

IBM also intends to deliver new and enhanced foundation capabilities, including:

- A new lightweight Java™ web container, combining Java Servlets and JavaServer Pages (JSP) with fast local access to CICS applications.
- Increased scalability through improvements in storage and task management, and greater threadsafe coverage
- Enhanced application capability, including extended channel and container, IBM WebSphere® MQ, and Java support
- Powerful system enhancements that reduce the need for planned outages, and provide more detailed statistics about system load, capacity, and performance

In addition, to assist customers in their planning process, IBM makes the following statements of direction for IBM CICS TS for z/OS:

- IBM intends to continue to support both CICS TS V3.1 and CICS TS V3.2 until at least third quarter, 2014. This provides more than nine years of support for the overall version since its initial introduction.
- IBM intends to continue to support both CICS TS V4.1 and CICS TS V4.2 until at least third quarter, 2017. This provides more than eight years of support for the overall version since its initial introduction.

The full text of the Statement of Direction is available here:

<http://www.ibm.com/common/ssi/cgi-bin/ssialias?subtype=ca&infotype=an&supplier=897&letternum=ENUS212-321>

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## 2012 Events

### Webcast - CICS goes Mobile - August 29

In this complimentary webcast you have the opportunity to hear from renowned CICS speaker from Impact, Andy Armstrong, on how CICS is addressing the mobile marketplace. How does CICS help to empower the individual with a smartphone in his pocket? How does CICS make use of new

smartphone features, such as GPS, mobile Internet and RFID NFC communications? He'll answer many common questions about where and how CICS fits in a mobile strategy

<http://www-01.ibm.com/software/os/systemz/webcast/29aug/>

### **Conference - z Tech University – October 1**

A new quarter a new event. 2012 IBM System z Technical University, a premier System z Enterprise event, featuring zEnterprise, z/OS, z/VM, z/VSE and Linux on System z and for the first time a full week track of sessions on the most current release of CICS TS will be presented by a number of speakers from the CICS development lab in Hursley.

The most recent System z announcements and most current System z product information will be covered in detail through sessions such as these:

- IBM CICS Transaction Server and CICS Tools - Latest status and directions
- IBM zEnterprise Server Processor Technology - Latest Status and Directions
- IBM zEnterprise Server I/O Technology - Latest Status and Directions
- What's new in z/OS Support for the Latest Server

ZTech University will be held in Las Vegas, Nv USA. October 1-5. Early bird offer ends September 2nd. For more details please visit the web site:

<http://www-304.ibm.com/jct03001c/services/learning/ites.wss/zz/en?pageType=page&c=D118910Q90569F55>

### **Conference - WebSphere Technical Convention – October 15-18**

In an announcement on August 21st IBM declared its intention to deliver cloud and foundation enhancements to CICS and this conference offers the first opportunity for the European audience to hear detailed information from Hursley CICS technical specialists about the new capabilities from the CICS portfolio.

Location: Berlin, Germany; Start Date: 15-10-2012; Duration: 4 days

For more details please visit the web site:

<http://www-304.ibm.com/jct03001c/services/learning/ites.wss/zz/en?pageType=page&c=Q504990W97039S38>

### **Conference - Italy CICS Technical Seminar – October 5-6**

CICS Technical Seminar is an annual event held in Milan about the latest updates of CICS family of products. The event is held both in English and Italian languages. Experts from Hursley Lab and long experience customer consultants will be presenting about new technologies and new enhancements in CICS.

Location: IBM Forum, Milan; Start Date: 05-11-2012 ; Duration: 2 days

For more details, please visit the web site:

[http://www-304.ibm.com/jct03001c/services/learning/ites.wss/it/it?pageType=course\\_description&courseCode=CA004IT](http://www-304.ibm.com/jct03001c/services/learning/ites.wss/it/it?pageType=course_description&courseCode=CA004IT)

### **Conference - Total Solutions Event - Belgium - September 18–20**

Parallel tracks and breakout sessions presented by the International Technical Support Organization and WW experts. This 3-day technical education event is

free to IBM System z clients residing in Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands.

[https://www-950.ibm.com/events/wwe/grp/grp021.nsf/v16\\_agenda?openform&seminar=AZCPOPES&locale=en\\_BE](https://www-950.ibm.com/events/wwe/grp/grp021.nsf/v16_agenda?openform&seminar=AZCPOPES&locale=en_BE)

## **Conference - WebSphere Technical Convention, Germany October 15-18**

The 2012 IBM European WebSphere Technical Convention (WTC) is a 4 days enablement event scheduled for 15-18 October 2012 in Berlin, Germany. This event delivers deep technical content targeted at architects, developers, integrators, and administrators by offering lectures and hands-on labs that focus on the best practices and practical skills required to run today's agile business enterprises.

WTC will cover 100 sessions that are designed to enhance the skills of IT professionals who are using IBM software and solutions. There is a dedicated CICS Track where you can hear the very latest news and technical information from Hursley technical specialists.

<http://www-304.ibm.com/jct03001c/services/learning/ites.wss/zz/en?pageType=page&c=Q504990W97039S38>