

CICS V5



This month's CICSbuzz is all about events... We have some brilliant events coming up in our CICS® calendar including conferences in Iceland, Germany and the US. There is still time to sign up, so read on to find out what these events can offer to you. Of course, don't forget to take a look at some of our upcoming webinars, and check out our announcements...

GSE Nordics 2016, Reykjavik

The GSE Nordic Region Working Groups welcome you to their annual conference in Reykjavik, Iceland, from the **1st - 5th June 2016**. This exciting gathering is a great opportunity to meet, exchange ideas and experience, and broaden your understanding of data processing.

What to expect:

- A full view of the enterprise IT landscape with a back end focus on mainframe
- More than 80 sessions available to attend about the latest software on the mainframe
- Some of the best speakers in the world
- The option to attend exciting events such as the Golden Circle Tour, or the Reykjavik city tour including a trip to the beautiful Blue Lagoon.



So if you like the sound of gaining insights into first-class innovations in data processing whilst exploring one of the most awe-inspiring countries in the world, [register](#) today! Discover more about what GSE Nordic Region Conference 2016 has to offer on their [website](#).

IBM z Systems Technical University 2016, Munich



Get the in-depth technical training you are looking for at the z Systems Technical University in Munich, Germany, from **13th - 17th June**. You will have access to more than 300 information-packed technical sessions and hands-on training run by top IBM experts, with over 15 sessions from the CICS team alone.

This event is a great chance to explore IBM z Systems capabilities through deep dives into smarter computing implementation, product announcements, as well as learning about key topics presented in a variety of tracks.

Interested? Uncover more on what z Systems Technical University Munich has to offer on their [webpage](#), and register your attendance [here](#).

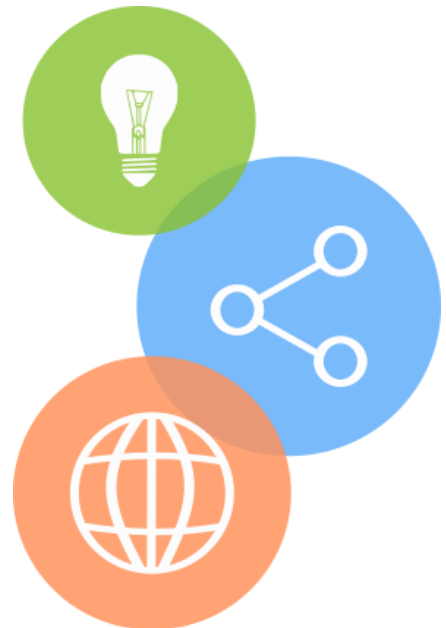
SHARE 2016, Atlanta

Do you want to part of the community that shapes the future of the enterprise technology ecosystem? If your answer is yes then SHARE is the right place for you. The SHARE user group platform is a fantastic opportunity meet developers from around the world and build skills in a fun 6-day event. So be sure not to miss this year's event in sunny Atlanta from **31st July - 5th August!**

What should you expect? Other than meeting and conversing with a wide array of experts and fellow developers, you can experience first rate technical sessions, keynote speakers, and of course an opening night out.

If you are relatively unfamiliar with z Systems, why not try the "New to z Systems" 3-day program? Gain a fundamental understanding of z Systems platform architecture, features, and terminology. Become comfortable with the user interfaces and have the opportunity to talk to experienced z Systems technicians. Find out more and register [here](#).

And if you register quickly you can get the early bird discount! Register by following this [link](#) or learn more at the SHARE Atlanta [webpage](#).



Lunch & Learns



[Smarter DevOps - The next step in your DevOps journey](#)

Do you have CICS applications that need testing? By pulling together data sets from development, build, test and operation pillars, organizations can gain a better understanding of application quality and performance. Get rid of the guesswork! Learn how easy it is to have Smarter DevOps with IBM Application Delivery Intelligence—the next step forward. See the webinar [here](#).

[Modernize and Optimize with Java™ on z Systems](#)

Don't miss out on this webinar **tomorrow!** With the renewed focus on the partnership between Java and z, learn about how Java is critically important to IBM, how to take advantage of the technology, the abundance of skills in Java and Javascript languages in the marketplace. And with IBM Websphere® Liberty gaining a large following, learn how you can leverage your application developers' skills. Register for the [webinar](#) today for **May 11** from **11:00 - 12:00 PM** (ET).

[CICS Configuration Manager and your DevOps Pipeline](#)

Learn about how IBM CICS Configuration Manager for z/OS V5.3 can help create an effective DevOps pipeline for our clients in this upcoming lunch & learn. Gary Andrews, Client Technical Specialist for CICS Tools, explains the new and improved functionalities **May 19** from **1:00 - 1:30PM** (ET). For more information or to register, follow this [link](#).

[CICS Transaction Server Support for Java Programs](#)

Steve Fowlkes, Certified IT Specialist and CICS Technical Support, welcomes all to join him for his webinar on **June 23, 1:00 - 1:30PM** (ET). In this lunch & learn, discover how to deploy a very simple Java application into CICS. To find out more, visit this [page](#).

[Virtual CICS User Group Meeting](#)

Join this virtual user group meeting as Mark Cocker reviews how teams are meeting the challenges for agile development and are speeding their way to keep ahead of competition using UrbanCode Deploy. He will show you how using this application to provide automated deployment assists in delivery speed while reducing risk in this meeting tailored for CICS users. Visit the webpage [here](#).

Announcements



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[IDAI1001E and VSAM returns NOTFND to CICS for existing records](#)

Are your applications receiving a NOTFND condition when trying to retrieve VSAM records in CICS TS for z/OS? Are you unable to retrieve the VSAM records when running batch jobs? Check out Debbie McLaughlin's [answer](#).

[Detailed System Requirements for CICS Transaction Server](#)

When upgrading, refer to the Detailed System Requirements for CICS to see the supported operating system requirements, hardware requirements, software requirements, and other related information.

[Diagnose Security Issues using IBM Operations Analytics for z Systems](#)

Check out this video showing how IBM Operations Analytics can help identify potential security issues in your z/OS System using SMF 80 records. To find out more about the new capabilities available, watch it [here](#).

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