



Welcome to the Virtual CICS user group newsletter. The Virtual CICS user group at www.fundi.com/virtualcics is an independently-operated vendor-neutral site run by and for the CICS user community.

Virtual CICS user group presentation

Firstly, let me apologize for the cancellation of the user group meeting in November and its rescheduled date in December.

Jason Brosius, Senior Software Engineer with Broadcom was meant to be talking about “Provisioning CICS: Customize your CICS provisioning Using z/OS Provisioning Toolkit” on both occasions.

Jason explained his last-minute cancellation by saying: “I am once again having issues with my laptop. Blue screens have been occurring on a regular basis this morning. It was running stable for a while too... I will need to get another laptop (or get my current one fixed), but I am not going to be able

to get one and have it ready today.

“I apologize again for this. I will not be able to present until I get my computer situation resolved.”

Meeting dates

The following meeting dates have been arranged for the Virtual CICS user group:

- On 15 January 2019, Tom Dunlap, CTO at Themis, Inc, will be discussing, “The CICS / Db2 interface”.
- The following meeting is on 5 March 2019, when Ezriel Gross will be presenting.

We will be using online software for the user group meetings.

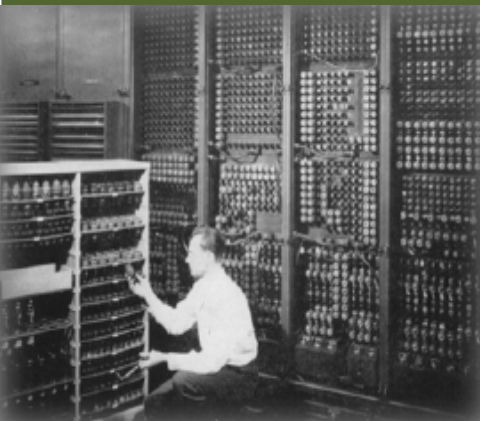
Recent CICS articles

CICS TS 5.5 increases performance of CICS channels and containers by John Taylor on CICS DevCenter (5 December 2018). You can find the article at: <https://developer.ibm.com/cics/2018/12/05/increase-performance-cics-channels-and-containers/>

Pervasive Encryption: why and how to use it with CICS by Catherine Moxey on CICS DevCenter (26 October 2018). You can find the

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article at: <https://developer.ibm.com/cics/2018/10/26/pervasive-encryption-cics/>

OSGi Demystified: 4.2 – Best Practices by Ivan Hargreaves on CICS DevCenter (23 October 2018). You can find the article at: <https://developer.ibm.com/cics/2018/10/23/osgi-demystified-4-2-best-practices/>

OSGi Demystified: 4.1 – Don't bungle your bundles by Ivan Hargreaves on CICS DevCenter (23 October 2018). You can find the article at: <https://developer.ibm.com/cics/2018/10/23/osgi-demystified-part-4-dont-bungle-bundles/>

New functional enhancements to CICS PA V5.4 by Satish Tanna on CICS DevCenter (6 October 2018). You can find the article at: <https://developer.ibm.com/cics/2018/10/06/new-functional-enhancements-cics-pa-v5-4/>

New CICS Tools announcements in support of CICS TS V5.5 by Satish Tanna on CICS DevCenter (6 October 2018). You can find the article at: <https://developer.ibm.com/cics/2018/10/06/new-cics-tools-announcements-support-cics-ts-v5-5/>

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A Golden Release for a Platinum Product – CICS TS V5.5 is here! by Nick Garrod on CICS DevCenter (2 October 2018). You can find the article at: <https://developer.ibm.com/cics/2018/10/02/cics-ts-v5-5-announcement/>

Sponsorship opportunity

Are you missing a great opportunity to advertise your CICS software?

The Virtual CICS user group is now offering software vendors the opportunity to advertise their products in a number of ways. You could have an advert on the home page of the Web site (at www.fundi.com/virtualcics), you could advertise in the newsletter, and/or you could advertise in the monthly e-mails sent to members of the user group.

E-mail trevor@itech-ed.com for full information about marketing opportunities with the Virtual CICS user group.

About the Virtual CICS user group

The Virtual CICS user group was established as a way for individuals using IBM's CICS TS systems to exchange information, learn new techniques, and advance their skills with the product.

The Web site at www.fundi.com/virtualcics provides a central point for coordinating periodic meetings (which contain technically-oriented topics presented in a webinar format), and provides articles, discussions, links, and other resources of interest to IBM CICS practitioners. Anyone with an interest in CICS is welcome to join the Virtual CICS user group and share in the knowledge exchange.

To share ideas, and for further information, contact trevor@itech-ed.com.

The Virtual CICS user group is free to its members.