

# Software withdrawal and support discontinuance: IBM CICS Explorer V5.3

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## Overview

Effective December 31, 2018, IBM<sup>(R)</sup> will withdraw from marketing the following program licensed under the IBM International Program License Agreement:

Program number	Program release name	Withdrawal from marketing date
CS0E	CICS Explorer <sup>(R)</sup> V5.3	December 31, 2018

Effective April 30, 2020, IBM will withdraw support for the following program licensed under the IBM International Program License Agreement:

Program number	Program release name	Withdrawal from support date
CS0E	CICS Explorer V5.3	April 30, 2020

## Replacement program information

Withdrawn programs	Program number	Replacement programs	Program number
CICS Explorer V5.3	CS0E	CICS Explorer V5.5	CS0E

## Reference information

For information on CICS Explorer, V5.5, see Software Announcement [218-430](#), dated October 2, 2018.

For information on CICS<sup>(R)</sup> Transaction Server for z/OS<sup>(R)</sup>, V5.5, see Software Announcement [218-352](#), dated October 2, 2018.

## Technical support

Remote technical support is provided. See the [IBM Support Portal](#) website for product support information.

The withdrawal from marketing and discontinuance of service of CICS Explorer V5.3 provides an opportunity for clients still using this earlier release to upgrade to a more recent release, to take advantage of the latest technology and support for related IBM products, such as CICS Transaction Server for z/OS (CICS TS).

As the service window of underlying technology, such as IBM Explorer for z/OS, moves up, then so must those products that consume that technology in order to remain supported by IBM.

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