

CICS Transaction Server for z/OS
5.5

What's New



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This edition applies to the IBM® CICS® Transaction Server for z/OS® Version 5 Release 5 (product number 5655-Y04) and to all subsequent releases and modifications until otherwise indicated in new editions.

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About this PDF

"What's New" is a summary of the new features and capabilities of the latest version of CICS Transaction Server for z/OS. Details of how to use these features is provided in the rest of the product documentation. It also summarizes any changes to CICS externals, such as the application programming interface, for this version of CICS TS. "What's New" is primarily aimed at application programmers and system programmers who need to understand the scope of the new release.

For details of the terms and notation used in this book, see [Conventions and terminology used in the CICS documentation](#) in IBM Knowledge Center.

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Chapter 1. What's new?

CICS Transaction Server for z/OS, Version 5 Release 5 enables development teams to create powerful, mixed-language applications while allowing the operational teams to manage these applications from a single point of control.

While IBM values the use of inclusive language, terms that are outside of IBM’s direct influence are sometimes required for the sake of maintaining user understanding. As other industry leaders join IBM in embracing the use of inclusive language, IBM will continue to update the documentation to reflect those changes.

You might also like to refer to the [CICS Transaction Server for z/OS V5.5 announcement letter](#). New features in CICS Explorer® are described in [CICS Explorer product documentation](#).

The following features and enhancements are delivered as part of CICS Transaction Server for z/OS, Version 5 Release 5 , and cover the following areas:

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New parameter **GROUPID** in **VERIFY PASSWORD** and **VERIFY PHRASE** to support password or passphrase verification against supplied group ID

With the new parameter **GROUPID** in **VERIFY PASSWORD** and **VERIFY PHRASE**, CICS can perform password or password phrase verification against the group ID in addition to a user ID and password, or password phrase that are recorded in the external security manager.

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QUERY SECURITY extended to support an application to query the security authorization of a different user ID

The **QUERY SECURITY** command has a new option **USERID** in which an application that is running under one user ID can specify another user ID to query whether the supplied user ID has access to specified resources.

CICS runs a surrogate user check with an external security manager such as RACF® to verify whether a query on a different user ID is authorized.

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New parameter LOCALCCSID on ASSIGN

New parameter **LOCALCCSID** is added to the **ASSIGN** command to support inquiry on the code page that is being used by the CICS region.

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CICS-MQ alert monitor CKAM enhanced to react to MXT conditions

If CICS encounters an MXT condition, CKAM calculates the maximum number of MQGET calls that an MQMONITOR can issue per second when this condition exists; effectively imposing a restriction on the number of tasks being started by MQMONITOR resources while CICS is at MXT.

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Inquiring enablement and configuration settings of toggle-enabled features through SPI, XPI, and CICSplex SM

Following the introduction of feature toggles in CICS TS V5.4, CICS now provides several methods that you can use to obtain the value of feature toggles:

- A new SPI command **INQUIRE FEATUREKEY**
 - **INQUIRE FEATUREKEY** also supports browsing through the feature toggles.
- A new XPI function, called DFHPAIQX INQUIRE_FEATUREKEY
- CICSplex SM queries on feature toggles, supported by the new FEATURE resource table

Feature toggles are used to enable and set configuration options for toggle-enabled features. The new SPI command and XPI function and the enhancement to CICSplex SM make it easier for you to inquire enablement and configuration settings for toggle-enabled features for your CICS region.

- [🔗 Learn more about INQUIRE FEATUREKEY...](#)
- [🔗 Learn more about DFHPAIQX INQUIRE_FEATUREKEY...](#)

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Monitoring outbound web requests

You can now monitor in real time the URIMAPs and WEBSERVICES that are opened or invoked by CICS as a web client. CICS monitoring is enhanced with new monitoring records URIMAP and WEBSERVICE in the resource monitoring class. Multiple URIMAP or WEBSERVICE records can be monitored for one task.

A URIMAP record monitors the completion of **WEB OPEN URIMAP**, **WEB RECEIVE**, **WEB SEND**, and **WEB CONVERSE** requests that are issued by the user task for a URIMAP.

A WEBSERVICE record monitors the completion of **INVOKE SERVICE** requests that are issued by the user task for a WEBSERVICE, and tracks the name of the PIPELINE resource definition that was used.

This enhancement makes it easier to identify the URIMAPs or WEBSERVICES associated with prolonged socket wait time and diagnose troublesome destinations.

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Check on the region user ID's authority to access all category 1 transactions at startup

At startup, CICS now checks whether the region user ID is authorized to access all category 1 transactions. If any unauthorized category 1 transactions are found, CICS issues message DFHXS1113 for each unauthorized transaction and fails to initialize.

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Node.js application support

Node.js is a server-side runtime for applications that are written in JavaScript. It is lightweight, efficient, and best suited for I/O-intensive applications. It can use the underlying asynchronous I/O support in z/OS and provides a module-driven, highly scalable approach to application design and development that encourages agile practices.

CICS now supports running Node.js applications inside the CICS address space. You can write Node.js applications as you would for any other platform. You can run them in CICS to take advantage of proximity to CICS data and operational integration with existing tools and procedures. CICS provides a locally optimized API for Node.js applications to call CICS services, taking advantage of CICS JSON web services support to handle transformation between application data and JSON.

Service With APAR PH18618, CICS supports running Node.js applications using IBM SDK for Node.js - z/OS Version 12. IBM SDK for Node.js - z/OS Version 8 is still supported.

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Changes in CICS handling of USS processes associated with X8, X9, L8, and L9 TCBs

CICS now manages the release of USS processes from X8, X9, L8, and L9 TCBs when the TCB is released from the CICS task and returned to the relevant CICS dispatcher pool of open TCBs.

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Enhanced replication logging for VSAM files

A new system transaction, called CFCT, and its associated program, DFHFCLJ1, are supplied to provide tie-up records for VSAM files (including non-recoverable VSAM files) to a replication log at specified intervals. You enable this capability by setting the **INITPARM** system initialization parameter.

This capability is also available on CICS TS 5.3 and 5.4 with APAR PI97207.

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External CICS interface (EXCI) clients can query and browse containers on a channel

The external CICS interface (EXCI) provides four new commands: **QUERY CHANNEL**, **STARTBROWSE CONTAINER**, **GETNEXT CONTAINER**, and **ENDBROWSE CONTAINER**. EXCI clients can use these commands to query the number of containers on a channel and to browse containers on a channel.

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New options on GMTRAN for terminal sign-on security control

If you use the CICS-supplied sign-on transaction CESL or CESN to log on, new options, EXIT or DISCONNECT, on the **GMTRAN** system initialization parameter allow you to control what happens if the user fails to complete the sign-on.

If the DISCONNECT option is in effect, when PF3 or PF15 is used, the sign-on transaction terminates and the terminal session is disconnected. EXIT is the default. If the EXIT option is in effect, when PF3 or PF15 is used, the sign-on transaction terminates but the terminal session remains connected, and all subsequent transactions use the CICS default user ID.

Specifying CESN or CESL with the DISCONNECT option on the **GMTRAN** system initialization parameter allows terminal users either to enter with a valid sign-on credential or disconnect the terminal session. This increases your control over terminal session security.

The new option takes effect only on CESL or CESN.

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Enhanced data management from pseudo conversations

A new option on the system initialization parameter **GNTRAN** allows you to control the handling of the pseudo-conversation at a terminal that is the subject of a timeout. The new KEEP | DISCARD option instructs CICS whether to attempt to keep a pseudo-conversation in use at a terminal that is the subject of a timeout sign-off, or to discard it.

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Default minimum TLS level changed to 1.2

CICS TS uses the **MINTLSLEVEL** system initialization parameter to specify the minimum TLS protocol for secure TCP/IP connections. The default value for **MINTLSLEVEL** is changed to TLS1.2.

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Enhanced management of requests that are canceled by another task

The CICS command **DELAY** is enhanced so that you can distinguish between a delay that completes successfully and a delay that completes as a consequence of a cancel request. If a **DELAY** command is canceled by command **CANCEL REQID** from another task, the **DELAY** command completes with RESP(NORMAL) and a RESP2 value of 23.

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New count of DFHEP.DATA and DFHEP.CHAR containers for CFE and CCE format CICS events

A new count of the number of capture data items, **EPFE - ITEMCOUNT**, is added to the CICS event processing contextual header (EPFE). This header is included in both CICS Flattened Events (CFE) and CICS Container-based Events (CCE). CCE events include this new count in a context container, called **DFHEP.CCECONTEXT**, and the count equals the number of DFHEP.DATA and DFHEP.CHAR containers that are passed to tasks started by the transaction start EP adapter.

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Web client use of 64-bit (above-the-bar) buffers

The Web domain (WB) now uses internal 64-bit (above the bar) buffer storage when it sends and receives HTTP outbound messages. This change relieves constraint on 31-bit virtual storage and enables more 31-bit application use in a CICS region.

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Statistics for CICS policy rules

Statistics are now available for CICS policy rules. CICS collects resource statistics for each rule that is defined in a policy, and supplies a summary report.

You can retrieve policy rule statistics by using the **EXEC CICS PERFORM STATISTICS RECORD POLICY** system command.

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Changes to the translation of Cobol programs by CICS translator

The CICS translator no longer inserts the COBOL LIB parameter into the CBL card when it compiles COBOL programs. This change does not affect the integrated translator.

The CICS translator has been changed to match the behavior of the integrated translator by generating fields defined as PIC S9(4) COMP-5 rather than PIC S9(4) COMP to avoid truncation problems when using TRUNC(OPT). This allows exploitation of COBOL 5 and COBOL 6 performance improvements when using TRUNC(OPT).

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FREEMAIN and FREEMAIN64 enhanced to reject an attempt to release CICS-maintained storage

The CICS commands **FREEMAIN** and **FREEMAIN64** are enhanced to reject an attempt to release CICS-maintained storage (for example, storage returned by a **GET CONTAINER SET** command) with RESP(INVREQ) and a RESP2 value of 3.

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Restriction on the use of CICS-supplied MQ trigger monitor program DFHMQTSK

The CICS-supplied MQ trigger monitor program DFHMQTSK is reserved for use with the CICS-MQ trigger monitor and task initiator transaction CKTI. Any attempt to invoke DFHMQTSK as a user transaction will cause the user transaction to abend with abend code AMQO.

If you want to use a user transaction as your MQ queue monitor, the user transaction should invoke a user-written MQ monitor or MQ message consumer program.

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Controlling the use of CICS API and SPI commands

You can now define a restricted commands parmlib member DFHAPIR, to impose rules on the use of specific CICS API and SPI commands.

The CICS translator has been enhanced to process the restricted commands parmlib member. During translation, the CICS translator checks a source file against the specified restricted commands or keywords, and will generate warning or error messages in the case of violation.

The check is performed only when a program is being translated, and does not affect translated programs.

You can use this capability to prevent the use of specific commands and keywords in application programs.

This capability applies only to CICS API and SPI commands. It does not apply to **EXEC CICS GDS**, **EXEC DLI**, **EXEC CICS FEPI**, and **EXEC CPSM** commands. It does not apply to programs that are interpreted, such as REXX execs.

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CMCI GraphQL API supports queries about CICS resources and inter-resource relationships

The CMCI GraphQL API is an HTTP based API for system management clients. With this API, it is easier to query multiple types of CICS resources across CICSplexes in a single request, with relationship between them explicitly shown.

The API supports queries about all the CICS resources, as well as the relationships between:

- BAS resources and resource groups
- BAS resource descriptions
- System definitions and system group definitions
- Workload definitions and groups
- Workload specifications

The CMCI GraphQL API also provides support for [the **Map** view and aggregation functions in CICS Explorer](#).

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Enhancements in CICS Explorer

Exploiting the CMCI GraphQL API, CICS Explorer now provides enhanced ability to handle relationships between CICS resources. The following functions are introduced:

Map view

Shows related resources in a CICSplex, making it easier to understand the relationships between such resources. The view supports BAS resources and definitional workload management (WLM) resources and can be opened from many views or editors that are related to those resources.

Aggregation in resource views

Merges resource records together to display a summarized view for one or more attributes, making it easier to identify similarities and differences in a set of CICS resources.

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Changes to the CMCI to support security enhancements

Security and data protection regulations, for example Payment Card Industry (PCI) Data Security Standard (DSS) 3.2 and the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), require higher levels of user authentication for some or all users. To enhance security capabilities of the CICS management client interface (CMCI), the CMCI JVM server, a Liberty server, is introduced to handle client authentication when CICS Explorer and other HTTP clients attempt to log in. The user credentials can be a user ID and password, a PassTicket, an MFA token or a certificate.

In addition, the CMCI JVM server also provides support for GraphQL API for system management, which allows execution of expressive queries with inherent relationships and reduced latency.

The CMCI JVM server is an optional but highly recommended component of the CMCI.

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Ability to control the levels of CICS Explorer that may connect to CICS

If you opt to use the CMCI JVM server in your CMCI configuration, you can control what levels of CICS Explorer may connect to CICS by defining a client allowlist file to the CMCI JVM server.

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New system initialization parameter **KERBEROSUSER** specifies a user ID to be associated with the Kerberos service principal

You can use the new **KERBEROSUSER** system initialization parameter to specify a user ID other than the CICS region user ID, to be associated with the Kerberos service principal for the CICS region. This user ID must not be a protected user ID because protected user IDs should not be used for Kerberos authentication and Kerberos authentication failures can result in user revocation.

Typically, the CICS region user ID is a protected user ID, so it is recommended to specify a non-protected user ID on **KERBEROSUSER** for the Kerberos service principal.

KERBEROSUSER is an optional system initialization parameter in CICS TS 5.5. Specify this parameter if you want the region to support the Kerberos service. If it is not specified, the Kerberos service is disabled.

This capability is also available on CICS TS 5.2, 5.3, and 5.4 by service. Note that in 5.2 through 5.4, the default is the region user ID.

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Support for static data capture items and event names for policy events

If you use CICS Explorer Version 5.4.0.6 or later and you use the policy definition editor to work with policy rules, you can now define items of static data to be emitted with policy events and specify a user-defined name for the event.

This capability is also available on CICS TS 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, and 5.4 with APAR PI88500.

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CICS assistants support mapping levels 4.2 and 4.3

The CICS web services assistants, XML assistants, and JSON assistants now support mapping levels 4.2 and 4.3.

Support for mapping level 4.2

Mapping level 4.2 is primarily for use with DFHJS2LS. This mapping level implements support for Additional Properties in JSON, and introduces the following three parameters to DFHJS2LS: `ADDITIONAL - PROPERTIES - DEFAULT`, `ADDITIONAL - PROPERTIES - MAX`, and `ADDITIONAL - PROPERTIES - SIZE`.

This capability is also available on CICS TS 5.4 with APAR PI86039.

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Support for mapping level 4.3

Mapping level 4.3 implements support for multidimensional arrays in JSON.

This capability is also available on CICS TS 5.4 with APAR PI88519.

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New parameters **TNADDR**, **TNIPFAMILY**, and **TNPORT** in CICS SPI and API commands for inquiry on IP addresses of TN3270 clients

New parameters **TNADDR**, **TNIPFAMILY**, and **TNPORT** are added to SPI commands **INQUIRE TERMINAL** and **INQUIRE NETNAME** and to API command **ASSIGN** to support inquiry on IP addresses of TN3270 clients.

This enhancement makes it easier to retrieve the IP address of the TN3270 client that initiated a task.

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VSAM dynamic buffer addition disabled for CICS LSR pools

From z/OS V2.2, VSAM provides a dynamic buffer addition capability that allows for the addition of extra buffers for an LSR pool if no buffer is available for a given VSAM request. For CICS, it is preferable to retry the request rather than allow uncontrolled expansion of an LSR pool, so dynamic buffer addition is not enabled for CICS LSR pools.

This change also applies to CICS TS 5.1 through 5.4 with APAR PI92486.

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Management of Db2 threads used by CICS tasks subject to purge or forcepurge requests

The **SET TASK** command has been enhanced such that CICS processing of task purge or forcepurge requests will attempt to cancel active Db2 threads used by CICS tasks that are being purged or forcepurged.

If CICS detects that the task being purged or forcepurged has a thread active in Db2, it will issue a Db2 cancel thread command to cancel the request in Db2 before initiating the purging of the CICS task. This enhancement ensures that the purge does not cause problems for Db2 and that the Db2 updates are safely backed out.

To cancel the Db2 thread in Db2 used by the task being purged or forcepurged, CICS uses a Db2 IFI command to issue the cancel thread command. This IFI request uses a command thread defined as part of the DB2CONN. The ID passed to Db2 needs to have the relevant authority to issue cancel thread requests; therefore, you should review the COMAUTHTYPE or COMAUTHID settings of the DB2CONN. Processing of the purge or forcepurge request continues, even if the cancel thread request is unsuccessful.

Note: This capability requires APAR PI92893 on DB2® Version 11 or higher.

This change also applies to CICS TS 5.1 through 5.4 with APAR PI98569.

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Multiple Liberty JVM servers can run in one region without using JVM server option WLP_ZOS_PLATFORM

The JVM server option `WLP_ZOS_PLATFORM={TRUE | FALSE}` is no longer needed to allow more than one Liberty JVM server to be started in the same region. Multiple Liberty JVM servers can connect to a single angel process within individual regions.

This change also applies to CICS TS 5.4 with APAR PI98174.

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Enhanced use of the regions z/OS WLM health value in CICSplex SM workload routing decisions

The z/OS WLM health value of a region is now a more effective factor in CICSplex SM workload routing decisions. When determining the target region to route workload to, CICSplex SM workload management assigns additional weights in the routing algorithm based on the actual health value of each region. The higher the health value, the lower the weight assigned, which makes a region with a greater health value more favorable as a target. In addition, a region with a health value of zero is now deemed as ineligible to receive work.

With this enhancement to CICSplex SM workload routing, you can have better control of flow of work into regions that are in warm-up or cool-down.

This capability is also available on CICS TS 5.4 with APAR PI90147.

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New policy system rule types

CICS policies now support several new system rule types:

AID threshold

Use this rule to monitor the number of Automatic initiate descriptors (AIDs) in a CICS system and define the action to be taken when the current number exceeds a threshold.

Bundle available status

Use this rule to monitor the change in available status of bundles that declare application entry points and define the action to be taken when the status changes from or to a specific state.

This rule is not applicable to any bundles that do not declare application entry points.

This capability is also available on CICS TS 5.4 with APAR PI92806.

Bundle enable status

Use this rule to monitor the change in enable status of bundles and define the action to be taken when the status changes from or to a specific state, or when the status changes from a specific state to another specific state.

This capability is also available on CICS TS 5.4 with APAR PI92806.

IPIC connection status

Use this rule to monitor the change in status of IPIC connections and define the action to be taken when the status changes from or to a specific state.

This capability is also available on CICS TS 5.4 with APAR PI92806.

MRO connection status

Use this rule to monitor the change in status of MRO connections and define the action to be taken when the status changes from or to a specific state.

This capability is also available on CICS TS 5.4 with APAR PI92806.

Program enable status

Use this rule to monitor the change in enable status of CICS programs and define the action to be taken when the status changes from or to a specific state.

This capability is also available on CICS TS 5.4 with APAR PI92806.

Service Available with APAR PH07632:

DBCTL connection status

Use this rule to monitor and react to the change in status of a connection between CICS and DBCTL.

IBM MQ connection status

Use this rule to monitor and react to the change in status of a connection between CICS and IBM MQ.

Pipeline enable status

Use this rule to monitor and react to the change in the enable status of a CICS PIPELINE resource.

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Service Ability to specify Transaction ID and User ID conditions for policy task rules

Available with APAR PH26145. When defining a policy task rule, you can now limit this rule to be triggered when status changes are made in relation to a specific transaction or a range of transactions, in relation to a specific user ID or a range of user IDs, or in relation to a combination of both, by setting **Transaction ID** and **User ID** filters in the Condition section in the Rules tab of the Policy definition editor.

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New options and fields show the date and time of the last CICS system startup

You can now find out the date and time when a CICS region last undertook a cold, emergency, initial, or warm startup by using the **INQUIRE SYSTEM** SPI command, the **CEMT INQUIRE SYSTEM** command, or the Regions view in CICS Explorer. The **INQUIRE SYSTEM** and **CEMT INQUIRE SYSTEM** commands provide four new options to inquire on the system startup date and time: LASTCOLDTIME, LASTEMERTIME, LASTINITTIME, and LASTWARMTIME. Corresponding new fields are available in the CICSplex SM CICSRRGN resource table and the Regions view in CICS Explorer. This enhancement removes the need to search through the job logs to obtain this information.

For **CEMT INQUIRE SYSTEM**, the display now shows status fields in a single column split across multiple screens.

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Access to coupling facility data tables is now threadsafe

Access to coupling facility data tables (CFDTs) is now threadsafe, so CFDTs can be accessed by applications that are running on open TCBs without incurring a TCB switch. Syncpoint processing of CFDTs can also run on an open TCB. However, note that the open and loading of a CFDT still occurs on a QR TCB.

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Improved security for JCL job submissions to the JES internal reader

For JCL jobs that are submitted to the JES internal reader by using a **SPOOLWRITE** or a **WRITEQ TD** command, CICS now performs surrogate user checking to verify if the user is authorized to submit a job with the user ID specified on the job card.

To support this verification, a new toggle-enabled feature is introduced:

Surrogate user checking for spool commands

```
com.ibm.cics.spool.surrogate.check
```

When the JOB card written to the JES internal reader by using a **SPOOLWRITE** command doesn't contain a **USER** parameter, by default the job user ID will be the CICS region user ID. The default can be changed to the user ID under which the task is running by setting the feature toggle value `com.ibm.cics.spool.defaultjobuser=task`.

When the JOB card written to the JES internal reader by using a **WRITEQ TD** command doesn't contain a **USER** parameter, the job user ID is taken from the `JOBUSERID` option on the TDQ definition. If this option is not defined, the job user ID will be the CICS region user ID. Because security is provided by TDQ resource security and by the install surrogate check, no surrogate user checking will be performed against the job user ID in this case.

If you want specific applications to always submit JCL under the CICS region user ID, you should code either `USER=region_userid` or `USER=&SYSUID` on the JOB card written to the JES internal reader.

These enhancements make job submissions from CICS to the JES internal reader more secure.

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Enhanced management of automatic initiator descriptors in the AID chain for the local system

CICS TS provides enhanced management capabilities for monitoring and controlling automatic initiator descriptors (AIDs) in the AID chain for the local system. You can now use these capabilities to prevent the occurrence of inordinately high number of AIDs chained from the local system's TCSE, and minimize chances of high CPU usage that might arise under such circumstances and subsequent degradation in task response times.

Monitoring AIDs

Inquiring the current number of AIDs

You have two options to find out the current number of AIDs that are in the AID chain for the local system:

- Option 1: Use SPI command `INQUIRE CONNECTION` or `INQUIRE SYSTEM`.

For both commands, a new option, `AIDCOUNT`, is introduced, which returns the current number of AIDs chained from the local system. In addition, for `INQUIRE CONNECTION`, `CONNECTION(data-value)` now accepts the name of the local system.

- Option 2: Use the `ISC/IRC` system entry statistics.

The `ISC/IRC` system entry statistics have been enhanced such that automatic initiate descriptors statistics now report on the local system. You can view the local system entry through `CEMT`, the `SPI`, `CICSplex SM`, and `CICS Explorer`.

Inquiring the peak number of AIDs

New field `Peak aids in chain (A14EAHWM)` is introduced in the `ISC/IRC` system entry statistics to report on the peak number of automatic initiate descriptors that were present in the AID chain at any one time.

Controlling and limiting AIDs

Purging AIDs

You can now issue `SET CONNECTION` to purge all AIDs for the local system. `SET CONNECTION` has been enhanced such that `CONNECTION(data-value)` now accepts the name of the local system.

Defining an AID threshold

You can now define an AID threshold system rule to monitor the number of AIDs in a CICS system and specify the action to be taken when the current number exceeds a threshold. For example, you can define a system rule to reject EXEC CICS START requests that would cause the number of AIDs to exceed the specified threshold, effectively putting a cap on the number of AIDs that can exist in the system.

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Enhancement to the local system entry in the terminal control table of the region

The connection for the local system entry in the terminal control table of the region is now visible through the CEMT transaction, the CICS SPI, CICS Explorer, and the CICSplex SM Web User Interface. This enhancement is introduced in support for CANCEL or FORCECANCEL operations of AIDs that are associated with the local system entry and are waiting to be shipped to a terminal owning region.

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Extended support for PATH aliases for VSAM data sets

For the CICS VSAM data sets, a VSAM path can be used as a means of providing an alias dsname for the base dsname. This support is now extended for ESDS data sets DFHINTRA and DFHTEMP, in addition to KSDS data sets DFHCSD, DFHGCD, and DFHLCD.

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Changes to support for PLTs (Program List Tables)

As in previous releases of CICS, PLTs should be coded using DFHPLT macro calls. However, with CICS TS 5.5, after PLTs are coded, it is not required to assemble the tables before use. CICS is no longer able to process assembled PLTs. Attempts to assemble a PLT will cause the DFHPLT macro to issue return code 8 with a message stating that the assembly is not required, and the assembly will not be performed.

As a result of this change, you must ensure that the source code of any required PLTs are available to CICS at run time, and this includes any copy members referenced by the source. To achieve this, you can either place the source in a parmlib member that is part of the IPL parmlib concatenation, or add a DD card that specifies the PLT source location into the CICS JCL. The DD statement should be of the form: `//DFHTABLE DD DSN=pds name,DISP=SHR`

Ensure CICS has READ access to data sets in PARMLIB or DFHTABLE concatenations.

The **PLTPI** and **PLTSD** system initialization parameters have been enhanced to allow specification of the full name of the PLT held in the IPL parmlib or DFHTABLE concatenation. Likewise, the CEMT and SPI **PERFORM SHUTDOWN** commands have been enhanced to allow specification of the full name of the PLT in the new PLTNAME option.

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Performance improvement to QUERY SECURITY

The **QUERY SECURITY** command has been enhanced such that the number of TCB switches has been reduced if more than one access level is specified on the command. This enhancement improves the performance of the API command.

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Changes to EXEC CICS START

If the transaction to be started is defined as dynamic, the distributed router will be invoked only if a valid distributed routing program name is specified. If omitted, the **DSRTPGM** system initialization parameter assumes a value of NONE by default, and the distributed router is not invoked; while in previous releases the **START** command invoked the IBM-supplied routing program DFHDSRP.

If the transaction is defined with DYNAMIC(YES), then it is eligible for dynamic routing. Before CICS TS 5.5, ROUTABLE(YES) also needed to be specified, and this restriction has now been removed.

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Distributed routing program no longer invoked for BTS transactions defined as DYNAMIC(NO)

For BTS transactions, if the transaction to be invoked is defined as DYNAMIC(NO), the distributed routing program is no longer invoked.

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Ability to specify HPO in PARM parameter on EXEC PGM=DFHSIP statement and in SYSIN data set

You can now specify the **HPO** system initialization parameter in the **PARM** parameter on an EXEC PGM=DFHSIP statement or in the SYSIN data set. This enhancement makes **HPO** overrides possible, giving you more flexibility in setting **HPO**.

In support for this enhancement, a new security profile DFHSIT.HPO is introduced to allow **HPO** overrides. The CICS region user ID that is associated with the **HPO** override must be defined to an external security manager such as RACF to authorize the use of the HPO facility.

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Performance improvement for channels and containers

As a result of a performance improvement for channels and containers in this release, the order in which containers are returned when browsing a channel might change. As in previous releases, the order in which containers are returned is undefined. Therefore, it is important that applications should not rely on the order of returned containers.

If you have existing applications that are written to rely on the order of returned containers, see [Upgrading applications](#) for advice.

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JVM profile enhancements

A new JVM profile directive `INCLUDE` is provided to enable additional configuration to be loaded from another file. The file can contain configuration information that is common to several JVM profiles, for example security, logging, timeout settings, or database driver configuration and shared debug controls. Unique configuration is held in the JVM profile, and all common configuration is held in an `INCLUDE` file.

Use `%INCLUDE=<file_path>` to include a file in your profile. The file can contain common system-wide configuration that can be maintained separate to the profile. This enables configuration that is common to several profiles to be shared, giving more control and providing easier maintenance for profiles.

A new append syntax uses a `+` character at the start of a variable to append the value that is specified to the existing value of that variable by using a comma separator.

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Enhancements to environment variables

A set of CICS provided environment variables are now available for Node.js application developers to optionally reference in application code. A Node.js application can find out information about the CICS bundle and environment by using these environment variables.

Environment variables are accessed in the Node.js application by using the `process.env` global variable, for example:

```
console.log("Node.js application " + process.env.CICS_NODEJSAPP +  
" is running in CICS region " + process.env.CICS_APPLID);
```

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JVM server logging enhancements

Information messages are now reported in the `dfhjvmlog` file to make it easier to diagnose errors. The type of messages that are held in the log file can be configured by using the **LOG_LEVEL** parameter in the JVM profile. Valid values are `INFO`, `WARNING`, `ERROR`, or `NONE`. For example, a value of `NONE` suppresses all output and the file is empty and a value of `WARNING` gives log entries of warning level and above. The default value is `INFO`.

A **PRINT_PROFILE** option is introduced and can be set to `TRUE` or `FALSE`. If the value is set to `TRUE`, or if SJ level 3 trace or higher is switched on, then the canonicalised profile is written to `SYSPRINT`.

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Liberty enhancements

Support for multiple Liberty servers

Multiple CICS Liberty JVM servers can run in the same CICS region and connect to a Liberty angel process, for security and other services. Applications can be isolated from each other, as each Liberty process has its own configuration and lifecycle. Applications can be hosted in more than one Liberty server in the same CICS region, for improved redundancy and development scenarios.

CICS bundle status reflects Liberty application status

Java™ EE applications that are installed by using CICS bundle parts, remain in the `ENABLING` state until they are successfully installed in Liberty, or the application fails to install, or the application install is timed-out. In the failure and time-out situations the CICS bundle is placed in the `DISABLED` state, making it easier diagnose application configuration issues.

Option to wait for Liberty angel process to be ready

A JVM server option is provided to ensure that a Liberty JVM server does connect to a Liberty angel process before reaching the ENABLED state.

LIBERTY_INCLUDE_XML option

A new JVM profile option LIBERTY_INCLUDE_XML is provided to enable Liberty to load shared configuration, making it easier to administer, clone, and control OSGi and Liberty JVM servers. Use the + character before a variable to append the value specified to the existing value of that variable using a comma separator. For example, if

```
LIBERTY_INCLUDE_XML=path/file1
```

exists, then using a JVM profile option of

```
+LIBERTY_INCLUDE_XML=path/file2
```

is equivalent to

```
LIBERTY_INCLUDE_XML=/path/file1,/path/file2
```

LIBERTY_PRODUCT_EXTENSIONS option

A new JVM profile option LIBERTY_PRODUCT_EXTENSIONS is provided to allow installation of a users own product extension into a Liberty server.

Service Support for administering Liberty using Admin Center

Available with APAR PH08321. The adminCenter-1.0 feature enables the Liberty Administrative Center, a web-based graphical interface for deploying, monitoring, and managing Liberty servers.

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JWT and OpenID Connect (OIDC) support in Liberty JVM server

JSON Web Token (JWT) support and OpenID Connect scenarios are now fully supported in CICS Liberty. You can generate and consume JWT by using all of the built-in Liberty capabilities, as well as using JWT as part of a larger enterprise authorisation mechanism, for example, OpenID Connect.

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Link to Liberty DPL subset relaxation

The DPL subset and SyncOnReturn restriction for Link To Liberty applications is removed. FULLAPI capabilities are available when linking to Liberty applications.

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Service REXX for CICS internal tracing, online help, and product documentation improvements

Available with APARS OA56111, OA56806 and OA56807. Support for REXX for CICS internal tracing and a new online help utility are now provided. To use the help utility, you must load the relevant data sets, as described in [Create the help files](#). The REXX for CICS Transaction Server product documentation is provided in this Knowledge Centre, and in the online help.

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Service New replication log record

Available with APAR PH09381. Replication logging in support of GDPS® Continuous Availability is enhanced to log a REDO record when an application issues an UNLOCK command following a read-

update command, or a series of write-massinsert commands. It allows replication products to cater more efficiently for non-RLS applications, which, in the absence of browse for update support, issue read-update requests against all records in a file, but update very few and unlock most records.

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Service Build support for other toolchains

Available through continuous delivery. Build toolchains such as Gradle and Maven are extremely popular for developing, building, and testing applications. To provide an enhanced experience for Java developers who are using such tools, CICS now offers JCICS and related artifacts through Maven Central.

With this enhancement, you can manage Java dependencies more easily, develop the applications in an integrated development environment (IDE) of your choice, and integrate the application build smoothly with popular automation tools such as Jenkins and Travis CI during development.

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Service New feature toggle to help you with RLS migration

Available with APAR PH07596. A new feature toggle `com.ibm.cics.rls.delete.ridfld` has been introduced to help you with RLS migration. When this feature is enabled, you can issue a **DELETE** command with the RIDFLD option for a single record without causing AFCG abends.

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Service Support for Java EE 8 Full Platform

Available with APAR PH15017. By using the embedded version of IBM WebSphere® Liberty (Liberty), CICS TS V5.5 supports applications that are written to the Java Enterprise Edition (EE) 8 Full Platform specification in integrated mode. Java EE 8 includes many new and enhanced APIs, such as JSON processing, RESTful web services, authentication by using custom identity stores, and JavaMail™.

Java EE 8 also provides new versions of features for JavaBean validation, servlet, JavaServer Faces and Contexts and Dependency Injection (CDI).

Java applications that are hosted in CICS TS are integrated with a CICS task by default and can use the JCICS API to call other CICS programs and services. This provides a powerful mechanism to modernize CICS applications by using the latest Java EE 8 features and capabilities.

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Service Support for Jakarta EE 8 Platform

Available with APAR PH19704. The CICS Liberty JVM server supports now supports the Jakarta Enterprise Edition (EE) 8. The Jakarta EE 8 full platform technologies and specifications are an evolution of Java EE 8, allowing developers and applications to easily transition from Java EE to Jakarta EE. The promise of Jakarta EE is a community-driven open source model, enjoying more frequent releases than Java EE, and evolving more quickly to address the needs of modern applications.

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Support for Spring Boot

The CICS Liberty JVM server supports Spring Boot applications using the Spring application programming model. Spring was originally designed to simplify Java Enterprise Edition (EE), using plain old Java objects

(POJOs) and dependency injection. It has since grown to extend and encompass many aspects of Java EE development.

Spring Boot builds on Spring by adding components to avoid complex configuration, reduce development time, and offer a simpler startup experience. Support is added for the Liberty features `springBoot-1.5` and `springBoot-2.0`, allowing Spring Boot JARs to be deployed directly to a Liberty JVM server. Spring Boot applications can run on CICS without modification. It also is possible to configure Spring Boot applications for integration with CICS transactions and security, and to call the CICS API using JCICS when built as a web application archive (WAR). A Spring Boot application can be deployed and managed using CICS bundles in the same way as can other CICS Liberty applications.

A Spring Boot application can use the annotation `@CICSProgram` to define a method as the target of a CICS program. This can be linked from COBOL or other non-Java CICS programs using the channel and container interface.

The LINK capability is available in CICS TS 5.5 for Spring Boot applications packaged as WAR or JAR files. It is not available in CICS TS 5.4 or 5.3

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Service Support for EXEC CICS LINK to a Spring Boot application running in a Liberty JVM server

Available with APAR PH14856. You can add the `@CICSProgram` annotation to a method on a Spring bean. When the application is started in Liberty, a CICS program definition is dynamically created. Then, the Spring Boot application can be invoked by any CICS program through an **EXEC CICS LINK** call.

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Service Improvement to CICS exception handling when a JVM server encounters a TCB failure

Available with APAR PH12280. CICS exception handling when a JVM server encounters a TCB failure has been changed to the following process to ensure that the JVM server is recycled.

1. CICS disables the JVMSERVER resource with the PHASEOUT option to allow existing work in the JVM to complete where possible and prevent new work from using the JVM.
2. If the PHASEOUT operation fails to disable the JVMSERVER within the interval specified by the `PURGE_ESCALATION_TIMEOUT` JVM server option, CICS escalates to the next disable action `PURGE` until the JVMSERVER is disabled.
3. If the `PURGE` operation fails to disable the JVMSERVER within the interval, CICS escalates to the next disable action `FORCEPURGE`.
4. If the `FORCEPURGE` operation fails to disable the JVMSERVER within the interval, CICS escalates to `KILL`.
5. After the JVMSERVER is successfully disabled, message DFHSJ1008 is issued.
6. CICS attempts to re-enable the resource to create a new JVM.

You can control the interval between the disable actions that CICS performs by setting the `PURGE_ESCALATION_TIMEOUT` JVM server option.

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Service SNI now supported in CICS TS communications with an HTTP server over TLS connections

Available with APAR PH20063. CICS TS now supports the use of the Server Name Indication (SNI) extension as defined in Internet Engineering Task Force RFC 6066. With this enhancement, CICS TS, when acting as an HTTP client, can use a TLS connection to a virtual host where the server supports multiple virtual hosts using a single IP address.

No configuration change is required in CICS TS. CICS TS supports SNI if it is supported by the HTTP server.

Service CICS capability of exploiting IBM z/OS Workload Interaction Correlator

Available with APAR PH16392.

IBM z/OS Workload Interaction Correlator (Correlator) is a priced feature that provides infrastructure for z/OS software to generate synchronized, standardized, concise, content-rich data with common context for automated analysis by an analytics engine such as the IBM z/OS Workload Interaction Navigator. You can use Correlator to generate standardized SMF records for CICS, making it easier to identify and correlate workload across your mainframe environment.

CICS uses the WIC IFAWIC service to register CICS regions for collecting data about transaction activities, and provides a WIC exit routine that SMF calls for WIC processing. The WIC exit routine aggregates and summarizes transaction activities from all registered CICS regions and records exceptional CICS regions into SMF type 98 subtype 1024 records.

Service Available with APAR PH30291, CICS-supplied Assembler copybook DFHWICCD is updated to enable IBM z/OS Workload Interaction Navigator with PTF UJ04388 to analyze multiple SMF files collected from multiple systems respectively and display the correlated anomalies across multiple systems for a single interval in one screen.

Hardware and system requirements: IBM z/OS Workload Interaction Correlator requires IBM z14 or z15 hardware and is provided in PTFs for APAR OA57165 for z/OS in V2R3 and V2R4.

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Service CICS-MQ trigger monitor and CICS-MQ bridge improvements

Available with APAR PH22136.

The CICS-MQ trigger monitor transaction CKTI now handles abends produced when starting user transactions. If an abend occurs when the CKTI transaction attempts to start the user transaction, rather than terminating, CKTI will now send the trigger message to the dead-letter queue, and trigger monitor processing continues.

Additionally, both the CICS-MQ trigger monitor transaction CKTI and the CICS-MQ bridge monitor transaction CKBR now handle temporary errors that occur when issuing MQOPEN and MQGET requests. Rather than terminating, CKTI and CKBR will retry every minute for up to an hour. If the error is not resolved after an hour, the monitor transactions will then terminate. This caters for errors caused by the loss of a coupling facility when the monitor transactions are processing shared queues. The IBM MQ queue manager can recover from a coupling facility failure, and when the connection is restored, bridge and trigger monitor processing will resume.

Service Support for passing XID to Db2

Available with APAR PH39766, a new feature toggle, `com.ibm.cics.db2.sharelocks={true|false}`, is provided to enable CICS to pass an XID to Db2 and instruct Db2 to share locks between threads that pass the same XID. Using the same XID, other threads that originate from other CICS regions or from other transaction managers such as IMS TM can access Db2 in the same global unit of work (UOW). The XID token is not used for recovery between CICS and Db2. Passing an XID avoids having to deal with UOW affinities.

For CICS to pass an XID to Db2, CICS first queries MVS RRS to determine if there is a global UOW with a matching LU6.2 UOWID. The query for a global UOW involves issuing an ATRQUERY request with a sysplex scope for systems within the same RRS logging group. This will have a performance impact in terms of CPU consumption. You should ensure READ access for the CICS user ID to the MVSADMIN.RRS.COMMANDS.gname.sysname resource or the MVSADMIN.RRS.COMMANDS resource in the FACILITY class. You should also ensure that auditing of successful access to RRS system management

functions is not enabled; otherwise, an excessive number of SMF 80 records will be produced. For more information, see [ATRQUERY – Obtain RRS Information in z/OS MVS Programming: Resource Recovery](#).

If the global UOW was initiated from outside CICS and is coordinated by MVS RRS, CICS will obtain the XID associated with the RRS Unit of Recovery and pass it to Db2.

If RRS is not involved in the UOW, CICS will generate an XID based on the data from the LU6.2 UOWID that is associated with the UOW. All CICS regions participating in the same UOW will generate the same XID from the same LU6.2 UOWID.

The passing of an XID involves a partial signon to Db2 for each UOW. The number of partial signons will increase if partial signons for each UOW were not previously necessary. If a partial signon for each UOW is already required as in the case of using ACCOUNTREC(UOW), the number of partial signons does not increase. A signon at the start of each UOW closes any cursors, so held cursors across syncpoints are not supported when the passing of an XID is enabled. Applications will have to reposition cursors after a syncpoint.

Service Improved usage of BAS data space storage for large CICSplex environments

Available with APAR PH19761. The CICSplex SM BAS component is now able to use all available BAS data space storage by spreading large resource deployment lists for BAS across multiple data spaces instead of being constrained to a single data space. This feature is controlled by the feature toggle `com.ibm.cics.cpsm.bas.largecicsplex`.

This feature is disabled by default, but you can opt into this feature by setting the feature toggle `com.ibm.cics.cpsm.bas.largecicsplex=true`.

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Service Enhanced adapter tracking for CICS Db2 applications

Available with APAR PH30252. The CICS Db2 attachment facility is enhanced to pass adapter data to Db2. If a CICS task that is accessing Db2 has adapter data in the CICS origin data, the adapter ID is passed as **appl - longname** and the adapter data is passed as an **accounting-string**. Db2 writes the data in its SMF accounting records and the data is also available online through the Db2 special registers CURRENT_CLIENT_APPLNAME and CURRENT_CLIENT_ACCTNG. This capability also requires Db2 12 with APAR PH31447 or higher.

With APAR PH49408, you can disable the passing of adapter origin data to Db2 by specifying the following feature toggle:

```
com.ibm.cics.db2.origindata=false
```

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Service Changes to CICSplex SM sysplex optimized workload routing behavior

With APAR PH30768, the default behavior of CICSplex SM workload management routing algorithms has been updated to increase the likelihood that work is routed to healthy, local target regions. This change applies only to the QUEUE and GOAL algorithms, not to the link neutral variants (LNQUEUE and LNGOAL).

Where a routing region might be subject to surges of extremely high frequency, short duration transactions, workload batching might occur. A new feature toggle, `com.ibm.cics.cpsm.wlm.surgeresist={true|false}`, has been introduced to mitigate these surges by reducing the likelihood that recently selected target regions are reselected. Enabling this feature toggle increases the average routing cost per transaction, but restores the routing behavior of CICSplex SM before APAR PH30768 is applied.

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Service Messages reporting changes to APPC and IRC log names

Available with APAR PH03691.

DFHRS2112 messages are issued when log name mismatches are detected for connections using the APPC and IRC protocols. The message explanation provides advice about how to resynchronize any outstanding units of work but it can be difficult to work out what caused the mismatch and how to prevent a recurrence. To help you diagnose log name mismatches, the following three new messages that report changes to log names are introduced:

- DFHRM0240 reports the local log name that is set during CICS initialization and sent to a remote system when CICS establishes an APPC or IRC connection.
- DFHRM0241 reports a log name that has been set for an APPC or IRC connection.
- DFHRM0242 reports a log name that has been deleted for an APPC or IRC connection.

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Service Enabling multiple client URIMAPs that point to the same endpoint

Available with APAR PH44683, multiple client URIMAPs that point to the same host, port and path can be installed and enabled in a CICS region. This enhancement removes the limitation that only one client URIMAP for an endpoint could be enabled in a CICS region. As best practice, always use a URIMAP by name.

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Service Prepare for a future release of CICS TS

Available with APAR PH54814 (supercedes APAR PH39798).

The DFHCSVC and DFHIRP modules for future CICS TS releases have been shipped as modules DFHNCSVC and DFHNIRP on current releases ahead of the general availability of the newest CICS TS release. If you wish to install the future release modules DFHCSVC and DFHIRP to fit in with your scheduled z/OS IPLs, follow the instruction [here](#).

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Service Default cipher file for outbound web requests

With APAR PH45703, a new feature toggle, `com.ibm.cics.web.defaultcipherfile={true|false}`, is provided to enable CICS to use a default set of ciphers from a cipher file called `defaultciphers.xml`, instead of the current default list of 2-digit ciphers (3538392F3233). This allows a greater set of ciphers to be used for outbound requests without having to create a URIMAP for each potential endpoint.

The use of a default cipher file applies to outbound HTTPS requests that are made using EXEC CICS WEB OPEN or EXEC CICS INVOKE SERVICE commands, where those commands do not already specify a set of ciphers to use through the CIPHERS or URIMAP parameter.

To use this capability, the feature toggle must be set to true and the `defaultciphers.xml` file must exist in the `USSCONFIG/security/ciphers` directory. A sample `defaultciphers.xml` file is supplied in the `USSHOME/security/ciphers` directory. Copy this file to the `USSCONFIG/security/ciphers` directory and customize it for your security requirements.

If the feature toggle is enabled but there is a problem with the `defaultciphers.xml` file, message DFHWB0112 is issued and CICS reverts to using the default list of 2-digit ciphers.

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Service Support for Java 11

APAR PH47221 adds support for Java 11 using IBM Semeru Runtime Certified Edition for z/OS. A minimum version of 11.0.17.0 is required. The CICS documentation will be updated to describe considerations for using Java 11.

Java 11 is not supported for use with:

- Axis2 JVM servers at CICS Transaction Server for z/OS, Version 5 Release 5 .
- SAML JVM servers at all CICS releases.

Java 8 continues to be supported.

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Service Support for Java 17

APAR PH55278 adds support for Java 17 IBM Semeru Runtime Certified Edition for z/OS. A minimum version of 17.0.7.0 is required.

Java 17 is not supported for use with:

- Axis2 JVM servers at CICS Transaction Server for z/OS, Version 5 Release 5 .
- SAML JVM servers at all CICS releases.

To enable Db2 type 2 connectivity when you are running Java 17, add `LIBPATH_SUFFIX=/usr/lpp/db2v12/jdbc/lib` to the JVM profile.

Java 8 and Java 11 continue to be supported.

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Service Key rings can be shared between regions in an easier way

Available with APAR PH49253, with the support of more acceptable formats of key ring names on the [KEYRING system initialization parameter](#), you can now use key rings that are not owned by the current region user ID. To share a key ring owned by one region user ID with another region, you need to grant that other region authority to use the key ring.

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Service Minimum key size can be set during TLS handshakes for increased key strength

APAR PH50175 required.

With the new feature toggle `com.ibm.cics.tls.minimumkeystrength` you can set a minimum key size for ECC, RSA, DSA, and Diffie-Hellman keys during TLS handshakes to increase your key strength.

This feature is also available in CICS TS 5.4 with APAR PH50175.

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Service HTTP strict transport security (HSTS) is supported

Available with APAR PH55369, HTTP strict transport security (HSTS) helps servers prevent man-in-the-middle attacks by instructing compliant user agents to only interact with the server through secure connections (HTTPS).

You can now configure a CICS server to use HSTS with a set of `com.ibm.cics.web.hsts` feature toggles.

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CICS documentation and other information

There are enhancements to the CICS content:

- CICS online documentation and IBM Documentation Offline are now automatically translated in various languages other than English: Brazilian Portuguese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Simplified Chinese, and Spanish. PDF documentation is not currently translated.

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Chapter 2. Changes to externals in this release

CICS Transaction Server for z/OS, Version 5 Release 5 changes a number of externals, including commands, transactions, resources, system initialization parameters, messages, trace and user exits.

For a summary of changes across all supported releases, see [Changes between releases](#) in the Upgrading information.

Table 6. Changes between releases. . These changes are not exclusive to each of the roles shown; some will be of interest across roles

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Changes to installing

- The Java components that were included within FMID JCI710D at CICS TS V5.4 are moved into the base FMID HCI7200.
- DFHALLOC, DFHINST1 and DFHINSTA jobs have been changed to allocate the following PDSs with BLKSIZE=0 rather than the previous BLKSIZE=400®:

ADFHCOB
ADFHC370
ADFHPL1
SDFHCOB
SDFHC370
SDFHPL1

- Service **APAR PH29332**: DFHEITAB and DFHEITBS modules are not LPA eligible.
- Service **APAR PH39798**: Support for installing maintenance-supplied newest release CICS Type 3 SVC and DFHIRP modules. See [Installing newest release CICS Type 3 SVC and DFHIRP modules supplied through maintenance](#).

Changes to the CICS API

<i>Table 7. Changes to EXEC CICS commands in this release</i>	
API	This release
ASSIGN	CHANGED: New parameter LOCALCCSID returning the fullword binary Coded Character Set Identifier (CCSID) used for the CICS region. New parameters TNADDR , TNIPFAMILY , and TNPORT , returning the IPv4 or IPv6 address and port of the TN3270 client.
CHANGE PASSWORD	Service CHANGED with APAR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APAR PH23078: New NOTAUTH with RESP2 value of 1, indicating that the PASSWORD field, the NEWPASSWORD field, or both are blank. • APAR PH31270: New NOTAUTH with RESP2 value of 17, indicating that the USERID is not authorized to use the application.
CHANGE PHRASE	Service CHANGED with APAR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APAR PH23078: New NOTAUTH with RESP2 value of 1, indicating that the PHRASE field, the NEWPHRASE field, or both are blank. • APAR PH31270: New NOTAUTH with RESP2 value of 17, indicating that the USERID is not authorized to use the application.
DELAY	CHANGED: New condition NORMAL with RESP2 value 23 to indicate that the DELAY request was canceled by another task that issued a CANCEL REQID command specifying the unique identifier used by the issuing task.
DELETE	THREADSAFE: The command is threadsafe if it refers to a coupling facility data table.
ENDBR	THREADSAFE: The command is threadsafe if it refers to a coupling facility data table.
FREEMAIN	CHANGED: New INVREQ with RESP2 value 3 to indicate that an attempt to release CICS-maintained storage has been rejected.
FREEMAIN64	CHANGED: New INVREQ with RESP2 value 3 to indicate that an attempt to release CICS-maintained storage has been rejected.
GETNEXT CONTAINER (CHANNEL)	CHANGED: A container performance improvement introduced in this release changes the order in which containers are returned. You should modify existing applications that reply on the order in which containers are returned, as instructed in Upgrading applications .

Table 7. Changes to **EXEC CICS** commands in this release (continued)

API	This release
<u>QUERY SECURITY</u>	<p>CHANGED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance improvement. The number of TCB switches has been reduced if more than one access level is specified on the command. • Extended with new option USERID to support querying whether a user ID other than the terminal user has access to specified resources.
<u>READ</u>	THREADSAFE: The command is threadsafe if it refers to a coupling facility data table.
<u>READNEXT</u>	THREADSAFE: The command is threadsafe if it refers to a coupling facility data table.
<u>READPREV</u>	THREADSAFE: The command is threadsafe if it refers to a coupling facility data table.
RECEIVE	CHANGED: The command behavior after a TERMERR condition is changed. Any action, other than a FREE, on the conversation that caused the TERMERR condition results in another TERMERR condition instead of an ATCV abend.
<u>RESETBR</u>	THREADSAFE: The command is threadsafe if it refers to a coupling facility data table.
<u>REWRITE</u>	THREADSAFE: The command is threadsafe if it refers to a coupling facility data table.
SEND	CHANGED: The command behavior after a TERMERR condition is changed. Any action, other than a FREE, on the conversation that caused the TERMERR condition results in another TERMERR condition instead of an ATCV abend.
<u>SPOOLWRITE</u>	CHANGED: New NOTAUTH with RESP2 value 1, issued when a surrogate security check failed on the user ID specified on the job card.
<u>START</u>	<p>CHANGED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New condition INVREQ with RESP2 value 400 to indicate that the a START request has been rejected because the threshold for an AID system rule has been exceeded. • If the transaction to be started is defined as dynamic, the distributed router will be invoked only if a valid distributed routing program name is specified. If omitted, the DSRTPGM system initialization parameter assumes a value of NONE by default, and the distributed router is not invoked; while in previous releases the START command invoked the IBM-supplied routing program DFHDSRP. • If the transaction is defined with DYNAMIC(YES), then it is eligible for dynamic routing without the need to specify ROUTABLE(YES).
<u>STARTBR</u>	THREADSAFE: The command is threadsafe if it refers to a coupling facility data table.
<u>STARTBROWSE CONTAINER (CHANNEL)</u>	CHANGED: A container performance improvement introduced in this release changes the order in which containers are returned. You should modify existing applications that rely on the order in which containers are returned, as instructed in Upgrading applications .

<i>Table 7. Changes to EXEC CICS commands in this release (continued)</i>	
API	This release
<u>VERIFY PASSWORD</u>	<p>CHANGED: New parameter GROUPID to support password verification against the group ID in addition to the user ID and password that are recorded by the external security manager.</p> <p>Service CHANGED with APAR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APAR PH23078: New NOTAUTH with RESP2 value of 1, indicating that the PASSWORD field is blank. • APAR PH31270: New NOTAUTH with RESP2 value of 17, indicating that the USERID is not authorized to use the application.
<u>VERIFY PHRASE</u>	<p>CHANGED: New parameter GROUPID to support password phrase verification against the group ID in addition to the user ID and password phrase that are recorded by the external security manager.</p> <p>Service CHANGED with APAR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APAR PH23078: New NOTAUTH with RESP2 value of 1, indicating that the PHRASE field is blank. • APAR PH31270: New NOTAUTH with RESP2 value of 17, indicating that the USERID is not authorized to use the application.
<u>WEB CONVERSE</u>	Service CHANGED (APAR PH25067): Enhanced to support the PATCH method.
<u>WEB SEND (Client)</u>	Service CHANGED (APAR PH25067): Enhanced to support the PATCH method.
<u>WRITE</u>	THREADSAFE: The command is threadsafe if it refers to a coupling facility data table.
<u>WRITEQ TD</u>	CHANGED: New NOTAUTH with RESP2 value of 102, indicating a surrogate security check failure.

Changes to resource definitions

<i>Table 8. Changes to resource definitions in this release</i>	
Resource	This release
<u>DB2CONN</u>	CHANGED: A command thread is now used by CICS when CICS attempts to cancel a Db2 thread as part of purge or forcepurge processing of a CICS task.
<u>TDQUEUE</u>	CHANGED: New attribute JOBUSERID specifies a user ID under which the JCL job submitted to the internal reader runs if the JCL includes a JOB card without specifying a USER parameter.
<u>TRANCLASS</u>	CHANGED: The allowable characters for the name of a transaction class is expanded to be the same as that supported for the name of a transaction.
<u>TRANSACTION</u>	CHANGED: The allowable characters for the transaction class attribute is expanded to be the same as that supported for the name of a transaction.
<u>URIMAP</u>	Service CHANGED (APAR PH44683): Added support for enabling multiple client URIMAPs that point to the same endpoint (that is, the same host, port and path) in a CICS region.

Changes to the CICS utilities

<i>Table 9. Changes to CICS-supplied utilities in this release</i>	
Utility	This release
DFH\$MOLS	CHANGED: New options URIMAP and WEBSERVC added to control statement RESOURCE.
DFHSTUP	CHANGED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New fields Urimap Resource Limit (MNGURIRL) and Webservice Resource Limit (MNGWEBRL) added to the Monitoring domain statistics. • DFHSTUP reports on the local system entry. • New field Peak aids in chain (A14EAHWM) added to the ISC/IRC system entry resource statistics. • New field Current[®] number of connections with pthreads (D2G_TCB_PROTECTED_CURRENT) added to the CICS Db2 global statistics. • New option POLICY, NODEJSAPP on SELECT TYPE and IGNORE TYPE control parameters.
DFH0STAT	CHANGED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFH0STAT reports on the local system entry. • New field Peak aids in chain (A14EAHWM) added to the Connections and Modenames report. • New field Current number of connections with pthreads (D2G_TCB_PROTECTED_CURRENT) added to the Db2 Connection report. • DFH0STAT reports on NODEJSAPP resources.

Changes to the CICS assistants

<i>Table 10. Changes to the CICS web services assistants, XML assistants, and JSON assistants in this release</i>	
Assistant	This release
<u>DFHJS2LS</u>	CHANGED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAPPING-LEVEL and MINIMUM-RUNTIME-LEVEL now accept 4.2 and 4.3. • New parameters: ADDITIONAL-PROPERTIES-DEFAULT, ADDITIONAL-PROPERTIES-MAX, and ADDITIONAL-PROPERTIES-SIZE. • JSON schema to high-level language mapping now supports oneOf, anyOf, allOf and not keywords.

Table 10. Changes to the CICS web services assistants, XML assistants, and JSON assistants in this release (continued)

Assistant	This release
DFHLS2JS	<p>CHANGED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAPPING-LEVEL and MINIMUM-RUNTIME-LEVEL now accept 4.2 and 4.3. • The TRUNCATE-NULL-ARRAY-VALUES parameter has a new option PACKEDZERO, which instructs the assistant to treat a positive signed packed decimal zero (0x0C), a negative signed packed decimal zero (0x0D), or an unsigned packed decimal zero (0x0F) as empty.
DFHLS2SC	<p>CHANGED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAPPING-LEVEL and MINIMUM-RUNTIME-LEVEL now accept 4.2 and 4.3. • The TRUNCATE-NULL-ARRAY-VALUES parameter has a new option PACKEDZERO, which instructs the assistant to treat a positive signed packed decimal zero (0x0C), a negative signed packed decimal zero (0x0D), or an unsigned packed decimal zero (0x0F) as empty.
DFHLS2WS	<p>CHANGED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAPPING-LEVEL and MINIMUM-RUNTIME-LEVEL now accept 4.2 and 4.3. • The TRUNCATE-NULL-ARRAY-VALUES parameter has a new option PACKEDZERO, which instructs the assistant to treat a positive signed packed decimal zero (0x0C), a negative signed packed decimal zero (0x0D), or an unsigned packed decimal zero (0x0F) as empty.
DFHSC2LS	<p>CHANGED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAPPING-LEVEL and MINIMUM-RUNTIME-LEVEL now accept 4.2 and 4.3. • New parameters: ADDITIONAL-PROPERTIES-DEFAULT, ADDITIONAL-PROPERTIES-MAX, and ADDITIONAL-PROPERTIES-SIZE.
DFHWS2LS	<p>CHANGED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAPPING-LEVEL and MINIMUM-RUNTIME-LEVEL now accept 4.2 and 4.3. • New parameters: ADDITIONAL-PROPERTIES-DEFAULT, ADDITIONAL-PROPERTIES-MAX, and ADDITIONAL-PROPERTIES-SIZE. • Service APAR PH21097: This web services assistant has been updated to set the required Java properties to support use of SAF keyrings. See this information for guidance on how to use SSL parameters SSL - KEYSTORE and SSL - TRUSTSTORE for DFHWS2LS.

Changes to messages and codes

<i>Table 11. Changes to messages and codes in this release</i>		
New messages	Changed messages	Removed messages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFH7281 indicates that a command has been found which has been disallowed by translator rule. • DFH7282 indicates that a command has been found which has been flagged as requiring a warning by a translator. • DFH7283 indicates that a command has been found which contains a keyword which has been disallowed by a translator rule. • DFH7284 indicates that a command has been found which contains a keyword which has been flagged as requiring a warning by a translator rule. • DFH7286 indicates that a command has been found which contains a keyword which has been disallowed by translator rule. • DFH7287 indicates that a command has been found which contains a keyword which has been flagged as requiring a warning by a translator rule. • DFH7289 indicates that a command has been found which contains a keyword which has been disallowed by IBM. • DFH7290 indicates that the translator has issued a message because a command was flagged for warning by a translator rule. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFHAM4852 now also warns against defining a resource with a name that starts EYU. • DFHCA4852 now also warns against defining a resource with a name that starts EYU. 	

Table 11. Changes to messages and codes in this release (continued)

New messages	Changed messages	Removed messages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFHFC6045 indicates that an invalid interval value was specified for transaction CFCT. • DFHFC6046 indicates that CICS has detected that a VSAM file that is defined with the LOGREPLICATE attribute was opened. • DFHMP2018 indicates that an invalid name or value was specified for a static data item in a policy rule. • DFHMP3013 indicates that a threshold specified in a system rule has been exceeded. • DFHMP3014 indicates that a threshold specified in a system rule deployed with a CICS platform has been exceeded. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFHH0002 includes new response code 0809, which indicates that surrogate user checking for spool jobs is disabled. • DFHIS1002 provides error code <i>X'errorcode</i>, indicating the exception trace point ID that uniquely identifies what the error is and where the error was detected. • DFHMP0002 is issued for errors that occurred in DFHMPST. • DFHMP2006 is issued also if an event name contains invalid characters. • DFHMP3009 emits application context information for programs or bundles when a program enable status rule, bundle available status rule, or bundle enable status rule is triggered for a program or bundle deployed with a CICS application. • DFHMP3010 emits application context information for programs or bundles when a program enable status rule, bundle available status rule, or bundle enable status rule is triggered for a program or bundle deployed with a CICS application. 	

Table 11. Changes to messages and codes in this release (continued)

New messages	Changed messages	Removed messages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service DFHMQ0126 (APAR PH22136) indicates that a temporary error occurred when a CKTI trigger monitor attempted to issue an MQOPEN of an initiation queue. The trigger monitor will retry in one minute. • Service DFHMQ0127 (APAR PH22136) indicates that a temporary error occurred when a CKTI trigger monitor attempted to issue an MQGET from an initiation queue. The trigger monitor will retry in one minute. • Service DFHMQ0128 (APAR PH22136) indicates that following a temporary error, a CKTI trigger monitor has resumed normal processing. • Service DFHMQ0795 (APAR PH15075) indicates that the CICS-MQ bridge has retrieved a message that has been previously marked and the mark browse interval has expired. • Service DFHMQ0796 (APAR PH22136) indicates that following a temporary error, a CKBR bridge monitor has resumed normal processing. • DFHRL2105 indicates that the deployment of a bundle cannot continue because an existing installed bundle has the same ID in the specified scope. 		

Table 11. Changes to messages and codes in this release (continued)

New messages	Changed messages	Removed messages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service DFHRM0240 (APAR PH03691) indicates the local log name that is set during CICS initialization and sent to a remote system when CICS establishes an APPC or IRC connection. • Service DFHRM0241 (APAR PH03691) indicates a log name that has been set for an APPC or IRC connection. • Service DFHRM0242 (APAR PH03691) indicates a log name that has been deleted for an APPC or IRC connection. • DFHRM0316 is issued by DFHRMUTL if it detects it is running on an unsupported operating system level for this release of CICS. • DFHRM0317 is issued by DFHRMUTL if it detects it is running on an unsupported hardware level for this release of CICS. • DFHSI1591 indicates that an attempt to attach transaction CFCT failed and that CICS is terminated with a dump. • DFHSJ0006 indicates that the initial pthread TCB for NODEJSAPP resource <i>nodejsapp</i> has abended unexpectedly. • Service DFHSJ0007 (APAR PH24443) indicates that an unexpected signal has been received by the JVM server. • Service DFHSJ0008 (APAR PH24443) indicates that the JVM server has unexpectedly terminated and is now in an unusable state. • Service DFHSJ0938 (APAR PH22887) indicates that the JVM server failed to start. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service DFHSJ1007 (APAR PH12280) is updated to reflect changed system action when CICS detects that an abend has left a JVM in an inconsistent state. • DFHSJ1201 now also applicable to NODEJSAPP resources. • DFHSJ1202 now also applicable to NODEJSAPP resources. 	

Table 11. Changes to messages and codes in this release (continued)

New messages	Changed messages	Removed messages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFHSJ1300 indicates that a NODEJSAPP has been created and is now in the ENABLING state. • DFHSJ1301 NODEJSAPP <i>nodejsapp</i> was not created. • DFHSJ1302 indicates that NODEJSAPP <i>nodejsapp</i> was not discarded. • DFHSJ1303 indicates that the state of a NODEJSAPP resource has been changed. • DFHSJ1304 E indicates that the processing for a NODEJSAPP resource has ended abnormally. • DFHSJ1305 E indicates that CICS has attempted to send a USS signal to a process, and has received an error response. • DFHSJ1306 E indicates that CICS cannot load or process the requested LE RUNOPTS module. • DFHSJ1307 I indicates that CICS has attempted to stop a NODEJSAPP process by sending it a SIGTERM signal and then waiting for it to end. • DFHSJ1308 I indicates that the processing for a NODEJSAPP resource has ended abnormally. 		

Table 11. Changes to messages and codes in this release (continued)

New messages	Changed messages	Removed messages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFHSJ1400 indicates that the Liberty JVM server failed to start because no default Liberty angel process is available. • DFHSJ1401 indicates that the Liberty JVM server failed to start because the named Liberty angel process is unavailable. • DFHSJ1402 indicates that no default Liberty angel process is available, and CICS will verify the availability of the Liberty angel process again in 30 seconds. After five retries, the operator is given the option to continue trying or to disable the JVMSERVER resource. • DFHSJ1403 indicates that the named Liberty angel process is unavailable, and CICS will verify the availability of the Liberty angel process again in 30 seconds. After five retries, the operator is given the option to continue trying or to disable the JVMSERVER resource. • DFHSJ1404 is issued after five unsuccessful attempts by CICS to verify that a running Liberty angel process is available for Liberty JVM server startup. It prompts the operator to decide whether to continue waiting for the Liberty angel process to be available or to disable the JVMSERVER resource. • DFHSJ1407 indicates that more than one user-agent allowlist file has been defined to the CMCI JVM server and the first file will be used. • DFHSJ1408 indicates that there is an issue with the user-agent allowlist file defined to the CMCI JVM server and no access to the CMCI is allowed. • DFHSJ1409 indicates that the current cache of allowlisted user-agent values will be deleted and the user-agent allowlist file will be reparsed following a create, modify, or delete operation to the file. 		

Table 11. Changes to messages and codes in this release (continued)

New messages	Changed messages	Removed messages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service DFHWP0112 (APAR PH45703) indicates that there was a problem processing the defaultciphers.xml file. • DFHWU4303 indicates that the level of CICS Explorer is not allowed to be connected to the CMCI. • DFHXM0612 indicates that an application entry point is unavailable because the specified transaction was deleted or replaced. • DFHXS1404 indicates that system initialization failed because the region user ID did not have authority to access one or more category 1 transactions at startup. • EYUBM0349W indicates that the specified resource definition for the named CICSplex cannot be found in the data repository. • Service EYUCP0208E (APAR PH17586) indicates that the delete and re-add of a CMAS failed. • EYUCS0109I indicates that the connection to the specified CMAS could not be completed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFHXS1113 also indicates category 1 transactions that the region user ID does not have authority to access at startup. • DFHXS1402 also indicates CICS regions that are not configured to support the Kerberos service. • EYUPN0005W text insert is now spelled DBCTL rather than DBCTRL when IMS DBCTL stall occurs. 	

Table 11. Changes to messages and codes in this release (continued)

New messages	Changed messages	Removed messages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EYUVS0215E indicates that an attempt to create the named JVM server failed. • EYUVS0216I indicates that the CMCI JVM server has been successfully installed. • EYUVS0218E indicates that the named CMCI JVM server has been installed but could not be enabled. • EYUVS0219I indicates that the named CMCI JVM server has been installed and enabled successfully for the CMCI. • EYUVS0220E indicates that an attempt to disable and discard an existing CMCI JVM server failed. • EYUVS0221E indicates that the resources required to run the GraphQL interface could not be installed. • EYUVS0222I indicates that the CICS GraphQL Interface has been successfully enabled. • EYUVS0223I indicates that the CICSplex SM WUI region is waiting for an installed CMCI JVM server to become enabled. • EYUXE0048E indicates that CMAS initialization is not supported on this operating system level. • EYUXE0049E indicates that CMAS initialization is not supported on this hardware level. 		

Table 12. Changes to abend codes in this release

New abend codes	Changed abend codes	Removed abend codes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMQO occurs when a user transaction attempts to invoke program DFHMQTSK. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANJ1 occurs when an attempt is made to run the CICS internal task CNJL as a user transaction. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANJ2 occurs when an unexpected error is encountered in the CNJL transaction. 		

Table 12. Changes to abend codes in this release (continued)

New abend codes	Changed abend codes	Removed abend codes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANJ3 occurs when an attempt is made to run the Node.js worker task CNJW as a user transaction. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANJ4 occurs when an unexpected error is encountered processing a local Node.js call to CICS. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service ARZR (APAR PH30791) occurs when a request stream task encountered a failure while trying to join with an existing target request stream task. 		

Changes to compiler and translator support

Table 13. Changes to compiler and translator support in this release

Compiler	This release
CICS translator	<p>WITHDRAWN: The CICS translator no longer inserts the COBOL LIB parameter into the CBL card when compiling COBOL programs.</p> <p>CHANGED: The CICS translator can now process the restricted commands parmlib member DFHAPIR, which contains rules that identify restricted CICS API and SPI commands. During translation, the CICS translator detects whether source programs are using any of the restricted commands and keywords, and will generate warning or error messages in case of violation.</p>

Changes to event processing adapters and formats

Table 14. Changes to event processing adapters and formats in this release

EP adapter or format	This release
CICS flattened event (CFE) format	NEW: count of the number of capture data items, EPFE-ITEMCOUNT , added to EPFE header.
CICS container-based event (CCE) format	NEW: count of the number of capture data items, EPFE-ITEMCOUNT , added to EPFE header.

Changes to SIT parameters

Table 15. Changes to system initialization parameters in this release

SIT	This release
GMTRAN	CHANGED: New options, EXIT or DISCONNECT, control whether to disconnect a terminal session when PF3 or PF15 is used. These options affect only the CICS-supplied sign-on transactions CESN or CESL.

<i>Table 15. Changes to system initialization parameters in this release (continued)</i>	
SIT	This release
<u>GNTRAN</u>	CHANGED: New KEEP DISCARD option, instructing CICS whether to attempt to keep a pseudo-conversation in use at a terminal that is the subject of a timeout sign-off, or to discard it.
<u>HPO</u>	CHANGED: This parameter can now be specified in the PARM parameter on an EXEC PGM=DFHSIP statement or in the SYSIN data set.
<u>KERBEROSUSER</u>	NEW: Specifies the user ID associated with the Kerberos service principal for the CICS region.
<u>KEYRING</u>	Service CHANGED (APAR PH49253): The parameter accepts more formats of key ring names, which allows you to specify key rings that are not owned by the region user ID.
<u>MINTLSLEVEL</u>	CHANGED: The default is changed to TLS12.
<u>PLTPI</u>	CHANGED: Allows specification of the full name of a program list table as an alternative to a suffix.
<u>PLTSD</u>	CHANGED: Allows specification of the full name of a program list table as an alternative to a suffix.
<u>USSHOME</u>	CHANGED: The NONE option is removed.

Changes to JVM system properties

<i>Table 16. Changes to JVM system properties in this release</i>	
Property	This release
<code>-Dcom.ibm.cics.jvmserver.wlp.security.subject.create={true false}</code>	Service NEW: Allows the user to turn off Java Subject creation when performing a LINK to Liberty.

Changes to JVM profiles

<i>Table 17. Changes to JVM profiles in this release</i>	
Option	This release
<u>com.ibm.cics.jvmserver.cmci.user.agent.allow.list</u>	NEW: Only for the CMCI JVM server. Specify the location of the client allowlist file and enable allowlist processing in the CMCI JVM server.
<u>com.ibm.cics.jvmserver.cmci.user.agent.allow.list.monitor.interval</u>	NEW: Only for the CMCI JVM server. Specify the interval of Liberty cache file monitoring checks performed by the CMCI JVM server.
<u>com.ibm.cics.jvmserver.cmci.user.agent.allow.list.reject.text</u>	NEW: Only for the CMCI JVM server. Specify a custom response message to return to the user when a request to connect to the CMCI is rejected because the system management client being used is not in the client allowlist.

<i>Table 17. Changes to JVM profiles in this release (continued)</i>	
Option	This release
<u>com.ibm.ws.zos.core.angelName</u>	CHANGED: Specify a named angel process for the Liberty JVM server to connect to upon startup.
<u>com.ibm.ws.zos.core.angelRequired</u>	NEW: Enforce the requirement to connect to the Liberty angel process when the Liberty JVM server is being enabled.
<u>PURGE_ESCALATION_TIMEOUT</u>	Service NEW (APAR PH12280), compatible with: All JVM Environments New JVM server option to specify the interval between the disable actions that CICS performs when a JVM server encounters a TCB failure.

Changes to control tables

<i>Table 18. Changes to resource definitions in this release</i>	
Resource	This release
DFHMCT	CHANGED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New option URIMAP available on DFHMCT TYPE=INITIAL, to set a limit for URIMAP transaction resource monitoring • New option WEBSERVC available on DFHMCT TYPE=INITIAL, to set a limit for WEBSERVICE transaction resource monitoring
DFHPLT	CHANGED: Assembled PLTs are no longer processed by CICS. Instead CICS reads the source of the tables from PARMLIB or DFHTABLE and uses it to control PLT processing. Ensure CICS has READ access to data sets in PARMLIB or DFHTABLE concatenations.
DFHXCPT	Service CHANGED with APAR: The EXCI SURROGCHK parameter has been removed. Surrogate checking is always done. Specifying SURROGCHK=YES in the EXCI options table, DFHXCPT, is accepted for compatibility.

Changes to CICS SPI

<i>Table 19. Changes to the system programming interface commands in this release</i>	
Command	This release
<u>EXTRACT STATISTICS</u>	CHANGED: new option NODEJSAPP
<u>INQUIRE ASSOCIATION</u>	Service CHANGED (APAR PH42306): Enhanced support for Liberty. The association data user ID value now reflects the final user ID value used in secure Liberty transactions, instead of the initial user ID.
<u>INQUIRE CFDTPOOL</u>	THREADSAFE

Table 19. Changes to the system programming interface commands in this release (continued)

Command	This release
<u>INQUIRE CONNECTION</u>	<p>CHANGED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CONNECTION(<i>data-value</i>) now accepts the name of the local system. • New option AIDCOUNT returns the current number of automatic initiator descriptors (AIDs) that are in the AID chain for the connection. • New CVDA value DYNAMIC added to options CHANGEAGENT and INSTALLAGENT. • New CVDA value NOTAPPLIC added to options ACCESSMETHOD, AUTOCONNECT and SERVSTATUS.
<u>INQUIRE FEATUREKEY</u>	<p>NEW: Retrieves the value of a feature toggle.</p>
<u>INQUIRE MONITOR</u>	<p>CHANGED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New option URIMAPLIMIT returns the maximum number of URIMAPs that are specified on the WEB OPEN URIMAP command for which CICS is to perform transaction resource monitoring. • New option WEBSERVLIMIT returns the maximum number of WEBSERVICES that are used for the INVOKE SERVICE command for which CICS is to perform transaction resource monitoring.
<u>INQUIRE NETNAME</u>	<p>CHANGED: New parameters TNADDR, TNIPFAMILY, and TNPORT, returning the IPv4 or IPv6 address and port of the TN3270 client.</p>
<u>INQUIRE NODEJSAPP</u>	<p>NEW: Retrieves information about Node.js applications that are running in a CICS region.</p>
<u>INQUIRE SYSTEM</u>	<p>CHANGED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New option AIDCOUNT returns the current number of automatic initiator descriptors (AIDs) that are in the AID chain for the local system. • New option LASTCOLDTIME, returning the date and time of the last cold start of the CICS system since the last initial start. • New option LASTEMERTIME, returning the date and time of the last emergency start of the CICS system since the last initial start. • New option LASTINITTIME, returning the date and time of the last initial start of the CICS system. • New option LASTWARMTIME, returning the date and time of the last warm start of the CICS system since the last initial start. • New option PLTPIUSR, returning the user ID applicable to PLTPI processing.
<u>INQUIRE TERMINAL</u>	<p>CHANGED: New parameters TNADDR, TNIPFAMILY, and TNPORT, returning the IPv4 or IPv6 address and port of the TN3270 client.</p>
<u>INQUIRE WEBSERVICE</u>	<p>CHANGED: MAPPINGLEVEL and MINRUNLEVEL now accept 4.2 and 4.3.</p>
<u>INQUIRE XMLTRANSFORM</u>	<p>CHANGED: MAPPINGLEVEL and MINRUNLEVEL now accept 4.2 and 4.3.</p>

<i>Table 19. Changes to the system programming interface commands in this release (continued)</i>	
Command	This release
<u>PERFORM SHUTDOWN</u>	CHANGED: New PLTNAME option allows specification of a full PLT name.
<u>PERFORM STATISTICS</u>	CHANGED: New option POLICY generates CICS policy rule statistics. New option NODEJSAPP generates statistics for NODEJSAPP resources.
<u>SET CONNECTION</u>	CHANGED: CONNECTION(<i>data-value</i>) now accepts the name of the local system.
<u>SET MONITOR</u>	CHANGED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New option URIMAPLIMIT sets the maximum number of URIMAPs that are specified on the WEB OPEN URIMAP command for which CICS is to perform transaction resource monitoring. • New option WEBSERVLIMIT sets the maximum number of WEBSERVICES that are used for the INVOKE SERVICE command for which CICS is to perform transaction resource monitoring.
<u>SET TASK</u>	CHANGED: CICS processing of a task purge is enhanced to ensure that a Db2 cancel thread command is issued to cancel a thread that is active in Db2 at the time the task that is using the thread is purged or forcepurged.

Changes to CICS EXCI

<i>Table 20. Changes to the external CICS interface (EXCI) commands in this release</i>	
Command	This release
<u>ENDBROWSE CONTAINER (EXCI)</u>	NEW: ends a browse of the containers that are associated with a channel.
<u>GETNEXT CONTAINER (EXCI)</u>	NEW: browses the containers that are associated with a channel.
<u>QUERY CHANNEL (EXCI)</u>	NEW: counts the number of containers that are in a channel.
<u>STARTBROWSE CONTAINER (EXCI)</u>	NEW: starts a browse of the containers that are associated with a channel.

Changes to XPI functions

<i>Table 21. Changes to XPI functions in this release</i>	
Command	This release
<u>Parameter domain XPI functions</u>	NEW: DFHPAIQX INQUIRE_FEATUREKEY inquires on the setting of a feature toggle.

Changes to CICS-supplied transactions

<i>Table 22. Changes to CICS-supplied transactions in this release</i>	
Transaction	This release
CDBE	NEW: CICS Db2 attachment facility shutdown force transaction (category 1)

Table 22. Changes to CICS-supplied transactions in this release (continued)

Transaction	This release
CDBF	CHANGED: Now a Category 2 transaction.
CDBP	NEW: CICS Db2 attachment facility shutdown quiesce transaction (category 1)
CDBQ	CHANGED: Now a Category 2 transaction.
<u>CEMN - CICS monitoring facility transaction</u>	CHANGED: Added options to set URIMAP and WEBSERVICE resource limits.

Table 22. Changes to CICS-supplied transactions in this release (continued)

Transaction	This release
<u>CEMT - main terminal</u>	<p>CHANGED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CEMT INQUIRE CONNECTION</u>: CONNECTION(<i>data-value</i>) now accepts the name of the local system. New option AIDCOUNT returns the current number of automatic initiator descriptors (AIDs) that are in the AID chain for the connection. • <u>CEMT INQUIRE MONITOR</u>: New option URIMAPLIMIT returns the maximum number of URIMAPs that are specified on the WEB OPEN URIMAP command for which CICS is to perform transaction resource monitoring. New option WEBSERVLIMIT returns the maximum number of WEBSERVICES that are used for the INVOKE SERVICE command for which CICS is to perform transaction resource monitoring. • <u>CEMT INQUIRE SYSTEM</u>: New option AIDCOUNT returns the current number of automatic initiator descriptors (AIDs) that are in the AID chain for the local system. New option PLTPIUSR, returning the user ID applicable to PLTPI processing. New option LASTCOLDTIME, returning the date and time of the last cold start of the CICS system since the last initial start. New option LASTEMERTIME, returning the date and time of the last emergency start of the CICS system since the last initial start. New option LASTINITTIME, returning the date and time of the last initial start of the CICS system. New option LASTWARMTIME, returning the date and time of the last warm start of the CICS system since the last initial start. • <u>CEMT PERFORM SHUTDOWN</u>: New PLTNAME option allows specification of a full PLT name. • <u>CEMT PERFORM STATISTICS</u>: New option POLICY generates CICS policy rule statistics. • <u>CEMT SET CONNECTION</u>: CONNECTION(<i>data-value</i>) now accepts the name of the local system. • <u>CEMT SET MONITOR</u>: New option URIMAPLIMIT sets the maximum number of URIMAPs that are specified on the WEB OPEN URIMAP command for which CICS is to perform transaction resource monitoring. New option WEBSERVLIMIT sets the maximum number of WEBSERVICES that are used for the INVOKE SERVICE command for which CICS is to perform transaction resource monitoring. • <u>CEMT SET TASK</u>: CICS processing of a task purge is enhanced to ensure that a Db2 cancel thread command is issued to cancel a thread that is active in Db2 at the time the task that is using the thread is purged or forcepurged. <p>NEW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CEMT INQUIRE NODEJSAPP</u>: retrieves information about the status of a Node.js application.
CFCT	NEW: Provides tie-up records for VSAM files to a replication log at specified intervals.
CKAM	CHANGED: Reacts to MXT conditions.

Table 22. Changes to CICS-supplied transactions in this release (continued)

Transaction	This release
CKBR	Service CHANGED (APAR PH22136) : CKBR now handles temporary errors that occur when issuing MQOPEN and MQGET requests. Rather than terminating, CKBR will retry every minute for up to an hour. If the error is not resolved after an hour, the monitor transaction will then terminate.
CKTI	Service CHANGED (APAR PH22136) : CKTI now handles abends produced when starting user transactions. If an abend occurs when the CKTI transaction attempts to start the user transaction, rather than terminating, CKTI will now send the trigger message to the dead-letter queue, and trigger monitor processing continues. CKTI now handles temporary errors that occur when issuing MQOPEN and MQGET requests. Rather than terminating, CKTI will retry every minute for up to an hour. If the error is not resolved after an hour, the monitor transaction will then terminate.
CNJL	NEW : Listens for Node.js related notifications.
CNJW	NEW : CICS pipeline Node.js inbound router.

Changes to CICS monitoring

Table 23. Changes to monitoring data in this release

Data	This release
DFHCICS group	Service CHANGED (APAR PH42306) : Field 089 (USERID) is changed for Liberty such that the user ID value now reflects the final user ID value used in secure Liberty transactions, instead of the initial user ID.
DFH SOCK group	NEW FIELDS : New field SOCONMSG indicates whether the task processed the first message for establishing a new connection for a client. You can use SOCONMSG to measure how often a new socket connection is created.
DFHWEBB group	NEW FIELDS : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New field WBURIOPN indicates the total elapsed time that the user task was processing WEB OPEN URIMAP requests that are issued by the user task. • New field WBURIRCV indicates the total elapsed time that the user task was processing WEB RECEIVE requests and the receiving side of WEB CONVERSE requests that are issued by the user task. • New field WBURISND indicates the total elapsed time that the user task was processing WEB SEND requests and the sending side of WEB CONVERSE requests that are issued by the user task. • New field NJSAPPNM.
DFHWEBC group	NEW GROUP : New field WBSVINVK indicates the total elapsed time that the user task was processing INVOKE SERVICE requests for WEBSERVICES.

Changes to statistics

<i>Table 24. Changes to statistics in this release</i>	
Statistics	This release
CICS Db2 statistics in Reference	CHANGED: New field Current number of connections with pthreads (D2G_TCB_PROTECTED_CURRENT), indicating the current number of connections that have protected threads.
ISC/IRC system entry statistics	CHANGED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automatic initiate descriptors statistics now report on the local system. Aids in chain (A14EALL) is changed from a half-word binary field to a full-word binary field. It is also moved and now follows field A14EMQPC in the statistics DSECT. New field Peak aids in chain (A14EAHWM), indicating the peak number of automatic initiate descriptors that were present in the AID chain at any one time.
Monitoring domain statistics	CHANGED: New fields Urimap Resource Limit (MNGURIRL) and Webservice Resource Limit (MNGWEBRL), indicating the maximum limit for URIMAP and WEBSERVICE transaction resource monitoring.
NODEJSAPP Statistics	NEW: Statistics for Node.js applications.
Policy statistics	NEW: Statistics are provided for CICS policy rules.
Transaction resource statistics	CHANGED: New field: Abend Count (XMRAENDC).

Changes to GLUEs and TRUEs

<i>Table 25. Changes to global user exits and task-related user exits in this release</i>	
Exit	This release
XDTAD	CHANGED: Exit programs must be made threadsafe and enabled at the exit point as threadsafe; otherwise, excessive TCB switching will occur for CFDT requests running on open TCBs.
XPCFTCH	CHANGED: New field on UEPPCDS parameter, PCUE_INVOKING_PROGRAM_NAME

Changes to user-replaceable programs

<i>Table 26. Changes to the user-replaceable programs in this release</i>	
Program	This release
DFHWBOPT	Service NEW (APAR PH16992): Handler program that can be invoked to process HTTP OPTIONS requests.

Changes to toggle-enabled features

<i>Table 27. Changes to toggle-enabled features in this release</i>	
Feature toggle	This release
com.ibm.cics.cmci.jvmserver={true false}	NEW: Allows you to set up the CMCI without the CMCI JVM server. See Setting up CMCI with CICSplex SM .

Table 27. Changes to toggle-enabled features in this release (continued)

Feature toggle	This release
com.ibm.cics.container.hash={ true false}	NEW: Allows you to revert to the ordering of returned containers that was provided before CICS TS 5.5.
com.ibm.cics.cpsm.bas.largecicsplex={true false }	Service NEW (APAR PH19761): Allows you to constrain large resource deployments lists for BAS to a single data space instead of spreading across multiple data spaces.
com.ibm.cics.cpsm.wlm.botrsupd.enabled={ true false}	Service NEW (APAR PH14812): Allows you to disable updates to the Coupling Facility when the task load falls below the lower tier threshold of the CICSplex SM tuning parameter, BOTRSUPD .
com.ibm.cics.cpsm.wlm.surgeresist={true false }	Service NEW (APAR PH30768): When applied to CICSplex SM WLM routing regions, this feature toggle takes effect for the QUEUE and GOAL WLM algorithms when using CICSplex SM sysplex optimized workload routing. It has no effect when applied to target regions. When the feature toggle is set to true, surges of extremely high frequency, short duration transactions can be mitigated by reducing the likelihood that recently selected target regions are reselected. Enabling this feature toggle increases the average routing cost per transaction, but restores the routing behavior of CICSplex SM before APAR PH30768 is applied. See Changes to CICSplex SM sysplex optimized workload routing behavior .
com.ibm.cics.db2.origindata={ true false}	Service NEW (APAR PH49408): Gives you the option to disable the passing of adapter origin data to Db2 for adapter tracking.
com.ibm.cics.db2.sharelocks={true false }	Service NEW (APAR PH31012): Enables CICS to pass an XID to Db2 and instruct Db2 to share locks between threads that pass the same XID. Using the same XID, other threads that originate from other CICS regions or from other transaction managers such as IMS TM can access Db2 in the same global unit of work (UOW).
com.ibm.cics.ds.freeussprocesses={ true false}	Service NEW (APAR PH27111): This feature toggle is intended for use only under guidance from IBM Support. Relates to the handling of USS processes.
com.ibm.cics.http.options.handler={program_name}	Service NEW (APAR PH16992): Allows you to specify the name of the HTTP Options handler program. See HTTP method reference for CICS web support .
com.ibm.cics.rls.delete.ridfld={true false }	Service NEW (APAR PH07596): Enables surrogate user checking for spool commands. See Surrogate user checking for spool commands in job submissions to the JES internal reader .

<i>Table 27. Changes to toggle-enabled features in this release (continued)</i>	
Feature toggle	This release
<code>com.ibm.cics.spool.defaultjobuser={<u>region</u> <u>task</u>}</code>	NEW: Allows you to change the default job user ID of a JOB card that is written using a SPOOLWRITE command without a USER parameter (the default is the CICS region ID) to be the signed-on user ID. See User ID used for JCL job submission when no job user ID is specified on the job card .
<code>com.ibm.cics.spool.surrogate.check={<u>true</u> <u>false</u>}</code>	NEW: Enables surrogate user checking for spool commands. See Surrogate user checking for spool commands in job submissions to the JES internal reader .
<code>com.ibm.cics.tls.minimumkeystrength={<u>1024</u> <u>2048</u>}</code>	Service NEW (APAR PH50175): Sets the minimum key size allowed during TLS handshakes.
<code>com.ibm.cics.web.defaultcipherfile={<u>true</u> <u>false</u>}</code>	Service NEW (APAR PH45703): Use defaultciphers.xml as a default set of ciphers for outbound web requests. See Default cipher file for outbound web requests .
<code>com.ibm.cics.web.hsts.includesubdomains.TCIPIS={<u>true</u> <u>false</u>}</code>	Service NEW (APAR PH55369): Controls whether to extend HTTP strict transport security (HSTS) to sub-domains of the specified TCIPSERVICE.
<code>com.ibm.cics.web.hsts.max-age.TCIPIS={<u>seconds</u> <u>-1</u>}</code>	Service NEW (APAR PH55369): Sets HSTS for an individual TCIPSERVICE to override the region wide setting.
<code>com.ibm.cics.web.hsts.includesubdomains={<u>true</u> <u>false</u>}</code>	Service NEW (APAR PH55369): Controls whether to extend HSTS to the sub-domains of the CICS server.
<code>com.ibm.cics.web.hsts.max-age=seconds</code>	Service NEW (APAR PH55369): Activates and sets HSTS for a CICS region.

Changes to CICSplex SM resource tables

<i>Table 28. Changes to the resource tables provided by CICSplex SM in this release</i>	
Resource table	This release
CICSRGN	CHANGED: New fields: AIDCOUNT, LASTCOLDDTIME, LASTEMERTIME, LASTINITTIME, LASTWARMTIME, and PLTPIUSR.
CONNECT	CHANGED: New fields: AIDHWM and AIDSF
DB2CONN	CHANGED: New field TCBPROTCUR, indicating the current number of connections that have protected threads.
FEATURE	NEW: Provides information about the feature toggles that are specified for the region.
HTASK	CHANGED: New field TMRNJAPN, indicating the Node.js application name from which the task was started.
MONITOR	CHANGED: New fields URIMAPLIMIT and WEBSERVLIMIT, indicating the maximum limit set for URIMAP and WEBSERVICE transaction resource monitoring

<i>Table 28. Changes to the resource tables provided by CICSplex SM in this release (continued)</i>	
Resource table	This release
NODEJSAP	NEW: Provides information about Node.js applications.
RULE	Service CHANGED (APAR PH07632): New values dbctlConnection, mqConnection and pipelineEnable added to RULETYPE field. Service CHANGED (APAR PH45119): Attributes COUNT and TIME are changed to indicate the values since the region started instead of within the current statistics interval. New resource table attributes COUNTSTAT and TIMESTAT are added to indicate the values within the current statistics interval.
TASK	CHANGED: New field TMRNJAPN, indicating the Node.js application name from which the task was started.
TDQDEF	CHANGED: New field JOBUSERID, specifying a default job user ID for jobs to the JES internal reader.
TERMNL	CHANGED: New fields: TNADDR, TNIPFAMILY, and TNPORT.

Changes to CICSplex SM WUI server initialization parameters

<i>Table 29. Changes to the WUI server initialization parameters used by CICSplex SM in this release</i>	
WUIPARM parameter	This release
TCPIPHOSTNAME	Service DEPRECATED (APAR PH47103): The hostname of the WUI server is the name of the host where the WUI is executing. It is no longer set by the TCPIPHOSTNAME WUI initialization parameter. The WUI uses relative URLs, and not embedded host names. TCPIPHOSTNAME is still required, but the value is ignored. This parameter is retrained for compatibility and will be removed in a later release.
TCPIPHTTTPHOST	Service DEPRECATED (APAR PH47103): The hostname of the WUI server is the name of the host where the WUI is executing. The WUI uses relative URLs, and not embedded host names. If a value is specified on TCPIPHTTTPHOST , it is ignored. This parameter is retrained for compatibility and will be removed in a later release.
TCPIPSSL	CHANGED: New value ATTLBSBASIC, to support Application Transparent Transport Layer Security (AT-TLS).

Changes to behavior of CICSplex SM

Removed support for CICS TS 4.2 or earlier

As of 5.5, CICSplex SM does not support CICS TS 4.2 or earlier.

Enhanced use of the regions z/OS WLM health value in CICSplex SM workload routing decisions

The z/OS WLM health value of a region is now a more effective factor in CICSplex SM workload routing decisions. When determining the target region to route workload to, CICSplex SM workload management assigns penalizing weights in the routing algorithm based on the actual health value of each region. The higher the health value, the lower the penalizing weight assigned, so a region with a

greater health value becomes more favorable as a target. In addition, a region with a health value of zero is now deemed as ineligible to receive work.

Record size increase of EYUHIST* data sets

The record size of EYUHIST* data sets has increased from RECORDSIZE(3536 3540) to RECORDSIZE(3620 3624). The EYUJHIST sample for creating and upgrading your CICSplex SM history data sets has been updated to reflect this change.

Service Changes to CICSplex SM sysplex optimized workload routing behavior

(APAR PH30768) The default behavior of CICSplex SM workload management routing algorithms has been updated to increase the likelihood that work is routed to healthy, local target regions. This change applies only to the QUEUE and GOAL algorithms, not to the link neutral variants (LNQUEUE and LNGOAL). See [Changes to CICSplex SM sysplex optimized workload routing behavior](#) for details.

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