Statement of general direction: IBM CICS Transaction Server for z/OS

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Overview

Product enhancements

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

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

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

Increased support

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

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

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Reference information

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http://www.ibm.com/software/htp/cics/tsserver/

Announcement countries

All European, Middle Eastern, and African countries.

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