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CICS TS V5.5 Performance Highlights

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Session abstract

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The CICS TS V5 releases include many performance improvements to increase horizontal and vertical scalability. This session highlights some of these enhancements, combining reductions in storage and CPU usage with extra monitoring data available for all types of applications. In this session, we look at recent improvements to MRO, web services, Java, zIIP eligibility, and even new commands, helping you save money and improve throughput.

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Measurement process



This section looks at how we assess the performance of the CICS product.



Measurement process

- Overnight automation on dedicated LPAR
 - Dedicated CPUs, CHPIDs, DASD
- 5 RMF intervals recorded
 - Various transaction rates
- Total CICS address space accumulated
 - Divided by transaction rate to give CPU/tran
- Average CPU/transaction over 5 intervals compared
- Any difference analysed using Hardware Instrumentation (HIS)



Hardware Instrumentation Service is a facility that has been available in IBM Z hardware for several generations.

It is a sampling process which allows detailed inspection of where CPU hot-spots lie when running a workload.



Environment for V5.5 performance measurement

- Hardware
 - z14 3906 model M04
 - LPAR with up to 32 dedicated CPs + 3 zIIPs
 - Separate LPAR for network driver with up to 8 dedicated CPs + 3 zIIPs
 - DASD DS8870
 - Internal Coupling Facility with ICP links
- Software
 - z/OS V2.3
 - Db2 V11
 - CICS TS V5.4 refresh November 2017
 - CICS TS V5.5 GA level



This is the environment we used to test the final build of the CICS TS V5.5 release.



Release to release comparisons (V5.5)



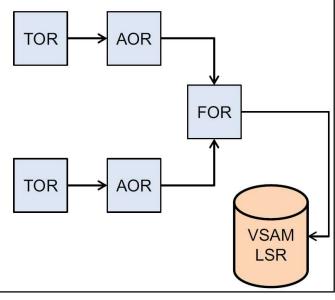
Many workloads are executed to ensure the performance of CICS is not degraded when upgrading from one release to another. In this case comparing v5.4 to v5.5.

It is very important that customers do not experience a reduction in performance, or an increase in CPU when upgrading to the latest release.



DSW static routing workload overview

- COBOL/VSAM
- Average of 6 file control requests per transaction
 - 69% Read, 10% Read for Update, 9% Update, 11% Add, 1% Delete
- All transactions statically routed from 2 TORs to 2 AORs
- File control requests function-shipped to 1 FOR
- Non-threadsafe workload





DSW – data system workload

A very old benchmark, but still represents a great number of applications found in production workloads.

The application only executes on the QR TCB and has minimal business logic, but exercises some of the core CICS functionality.



DSW workload V5.4 vs V5.5

ETR	CICS %	ms/tran		
4180.81	76.37%	0.183		
4938.15	89.21%	0.181		
6054.32	108.09%	0.179		
6582.22	116.78%	0.177		
7143.83	126.76%	0.177		

CICS TS V5.4 Average CPU / tran = 0.179ms

ETR	CICS %	ms/tran		
4180.34	73.22%	0.175		
4948.82	85.95%	0.174		
6057.17	103.90%	0.172		
6591.39	112.31%	0.170		
7151.20	121.70%	0.170		

CICS TS V5.5 Average CPU / tran = 0.172ms



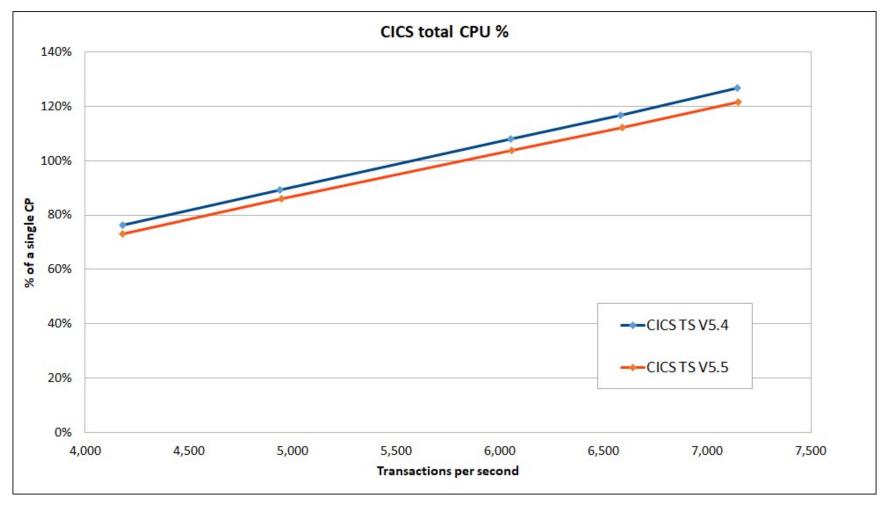
The table shows RMF data extracted from 5 different transactions rates for both CICS TS V5.4 and CICS TS V5.5.

A small performance improvement when averaged over the 5 intervals (7µs or 4%), however it's unlikely to translate into a major saving in a production environment.

Net takeaway is that V5.5 shows no performance regression when compared to V5.4 for this workload.



DSW workload V5.4 to V5.5



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The same data, but presented as a line chart.

The straight line indicates linear CPU usage as the workload increases, with V5.5 being slightly cheaper per transaction than V5.4 as we saw in the raw data.



RTW workload overview

- COBOL/DB2 threadsafe application
- 7 transaction types
- 20 database tables
- Average 200 DB2 calls per transaction
 - 54% select, 1% insert, 1% update, 1% delete
 - 8% open cursor, 27% fetch cursor, 8% close cursor



- RTW relational transactional workload
- This is a threadsafe application which exercises the CICS-Db2 interface.
- This workload is more heavyweight than the DSW (COBOL-VSAM) workload we saw earlier.



RTW workload V5.4 to V5.5

ETR	CICS %	ms/tran		
713.33	89.25%	1.251		
996.88	124.43%	1.248		
1417.03	177.47%	1.252		
1959.66	248.73%	1.269		
2401.43	309.99%	1.291		

CICS TS V5.4 Average CPU / tran = 1.262ms

ETR	CICS %	ms/tran		
713.41	88.59%	1.242		
997.00	123.74%	1.241		
1417.54	176.81%	1.247		
1960.32	248.39%	1.267		
2402.72	309.49%	1.288		

CICS TS V5.5 Average CPU / tran = 1.257ms



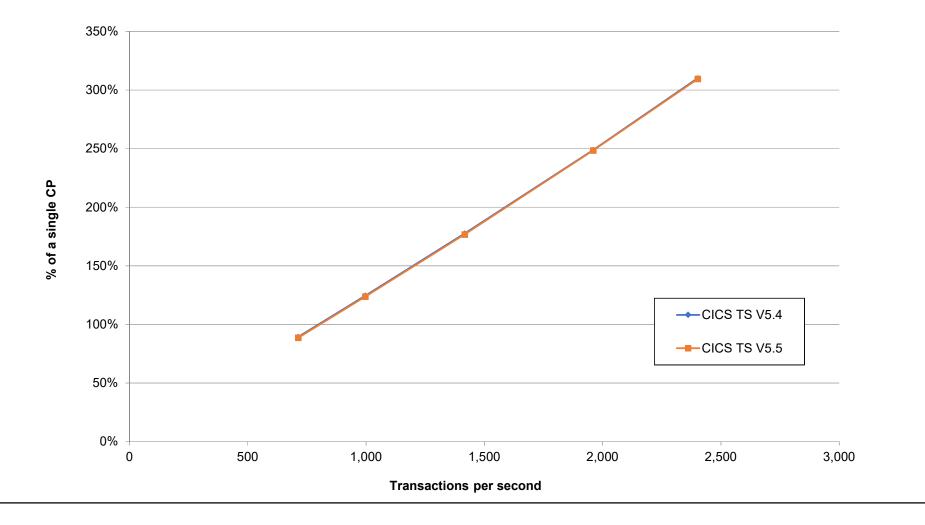
The table shows RMF data extracted from 5 different transactions rates for both CICS TS V5.4 and CICS TS V5.5.

Again, there is a slight performance improvement on a per-transaction basis. This is calculated as approximately the same gain as the DSW workload – here it is 5µs, but the relative size of that improvement is very small (less than 0.5%).

Net takeaway is that CICS TS V5.5 does not show performance degradation when compared to V5.4 for this workload.



RTW workload V5.4 to V5.5



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The CICS TS V5.4 and V5.5 plots appear as a single line as the performance is very close.





Java performance



This section looks at how to improve performance by upgrading the JVM runtime used by CICS for Java applications.



Java 8 required for CICS TS V5.5

IBM 64-bit SDK for z/OS,	CICS TS								
Java Technology Edition	V5.1	V5.2	V5.3	V5.4	V5.5	V5.6 open beta	Liberty <=19.0.0.2	19.0.0.3+	Comments
V7.0	×	~	~	~			◆		Out of service 30 Sep 2019
V7.1	~	~	~	~			~		Supported until 2022
V8.0	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	Supported until at least 2025

Java 8 recommended for CICS TS V5 all releases

Also see IBM FAQ to Oracle's Java Products Commercial Licensing



With the correct PTFs, all releases of CICS TS V5 support Java V8.



Java hardware exploitation

- Java 7.0 z196 and zEC12 exploitation
 - New instructions
 - Transactional execution
- Java 7.1 zEC12 exploitation
 - zEDC for zip acceleration
 - Increased zIIP offload from SR3 onwards
- Java 8.0 language improvements and z13 exploitation
 - SIMD instructions
 - SMT mode 2
 - Use of crypto acceleration
- Java 8.0 SR5 improved garbage collection and z14 exploitation



Each new release of the IBM Z hardware has an associated deliverable of the JVM for z/OS.

The latest release of the JVM can exploit the newer instructions found in the latest hardware, without an application change or even a recompilation of your Java applications.



Comparison of CPU for Java 8 vs Java 7

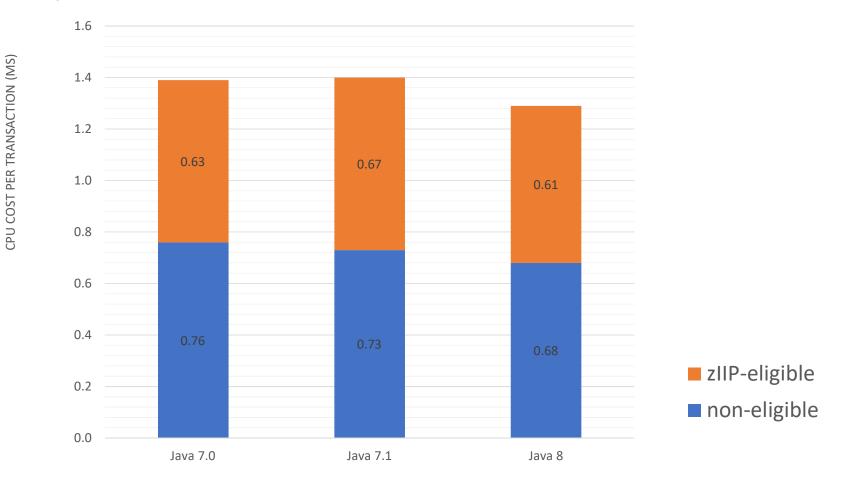




Chart uses an OSGi Java workload.

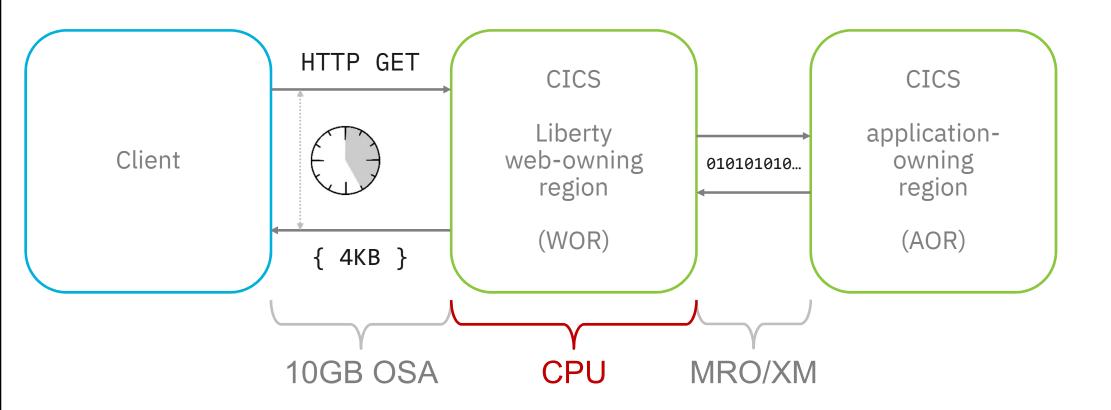
Several applications provide a mixture of operations, including JDBC access, VSAM access, string manipulation, and mathematical operations.

Overall CPU consumption of the Java 7.0 and 7.1 workloads are nearly identical, however a slightly larger fraction of the Java 7.1 workload is eligible for offload to a specialty engine.

The Java 8 runtime shows a clear overall reduction in CPU consumed, plus a reduction in cycles consumed on general-purpose processors.



SSL benchmark application configuration





The client performs an HTTP GET request for a resource in the Liberty web-owning region (WOR).

The WOR is running a simple JAX-RS application which then issues a link using the JCICS command to a program defined as remote in an application-owning region (AOR), connected using MRO/XM.

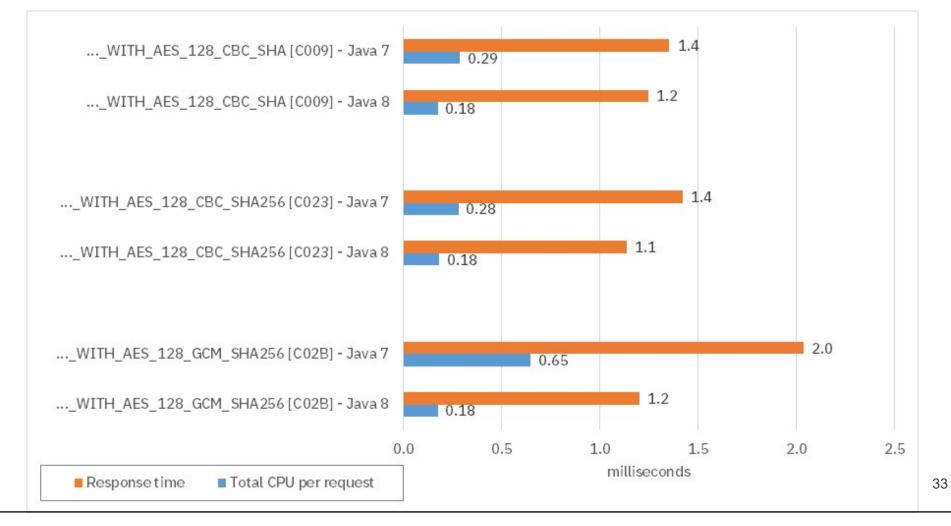
The application returns binary data to the WOR, which is then converted to 4KB of JSON data, and returned to the client.

The response time is measured at the client, and the CPU consumed is measured only in the WOR.

By using this configuration, we can split out the cost of the business logic from the cost of the data encryption.



SSL and Java



Each pair of horizontal bars represent the response time (orange) and CPU time (blue) for a given cipher suite with a specified level of the Java runtime.

For this case, the workload used persistent sessions therefore the first component of the cipher suite is irrelevant – only the block cipher and the message digest is shown. For completeness, the cipher suite number is also shown.

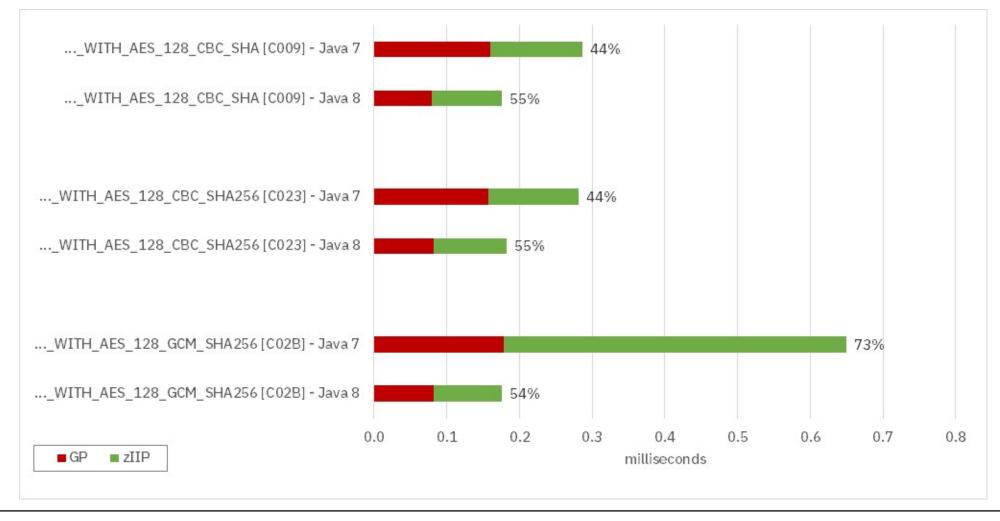
For the COO9 and CO23 ciphers, Java 8 shows a CPU and response time improvement – this is due to the Java runtime being able to take advantage of z14 hardware instructions that the Java 7 runtime could not, along with other JRE performance improvements.

For the CO2B cipher, there is a significant performance improvement – this is because Java 8 SR5 can use the new KMA instruction that specifically assists with cipher suites which use GCM.





SSL and zIIP eligibility





This chart uses the same cipher suite and Java runtime level combinations as previously, but this time looks purely at the CPU consumption.

Red is general-purpose CPU, while green is zIIP-eligible CPU.

For the C009 and C023 ciphers, not only is the CPU reduced overall, the fraction which is eligible for offload has increased (44% to 55%).

The C02B cipher is the one which uses the KMA instruction for GCM processing. In this situation, the CPU consumed has decreased significantly with the introduction of this new instruction. The zIIP-eligible fraction is reduced here (73% to 54%): this is because what was previously implemented in Java can now be handed to the hardware. There's simply less Java code being executed.



Multiple secure Liberty JVM servers

- CICS TS V5.5 enables multiple secured Liberty JVM servers in a single CICS region.
 - CICS TS V5.4 with APAR PI98174
- Our environment:
 - z/OS v2.3, Java 8.0 SR5
 - CICS TS V5.5 in development version
 - RMODE64 enabled
 - Compressed reference enabled.
 - Shared libraries disabled.

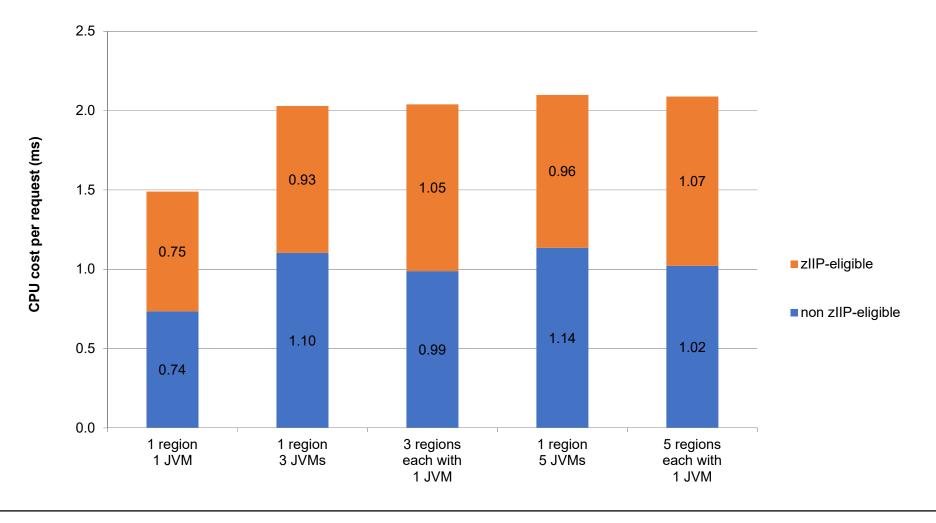


Disabling shared libraries so that any address space won't reserves an area of 31-bit virtual storage that is equal in size to the value of the z/OS SHRLIBRGNSIZE parameter, which is likely to increase the virtual storage footprint of each region.



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Multiple Liberty performance - CPU



The lowest CPU cost per request was provided by single JVM server in a single CICS region (configuration 1).

This is because the JVM in configuration 1 will process more requests than each individual JVM used in configurations 2 through 5. The more requests that are processed by a JVM, the more effectively the JIT compiler can optimize the code path, resulting in a lower CPU per request.

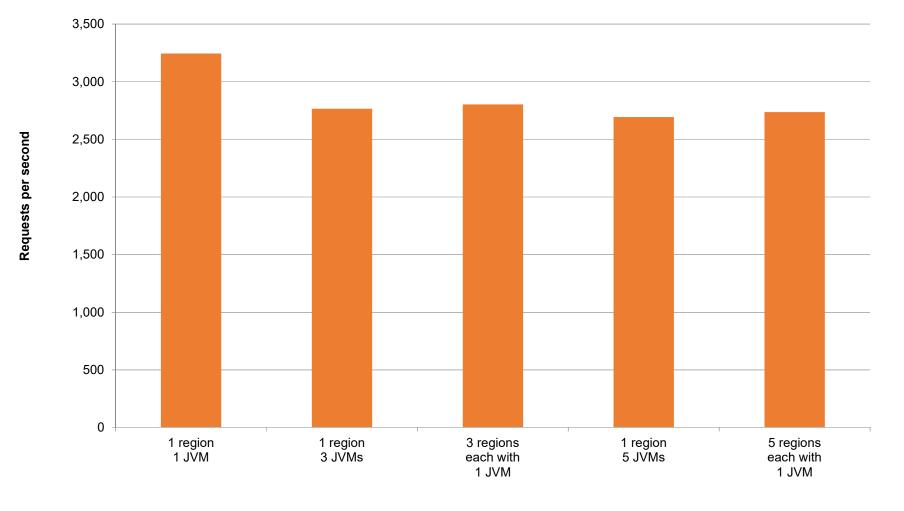
configuration 1 (one CICS region with one Liberty JVM server) had optimized a total of 7,079 Java methods.

Conversely, one of the JVMs in configuration 5 (five CICS regions each with one Liberty JVM server) had optimized only 1,362 Java methods.





Multiple Liberty performance - throughput



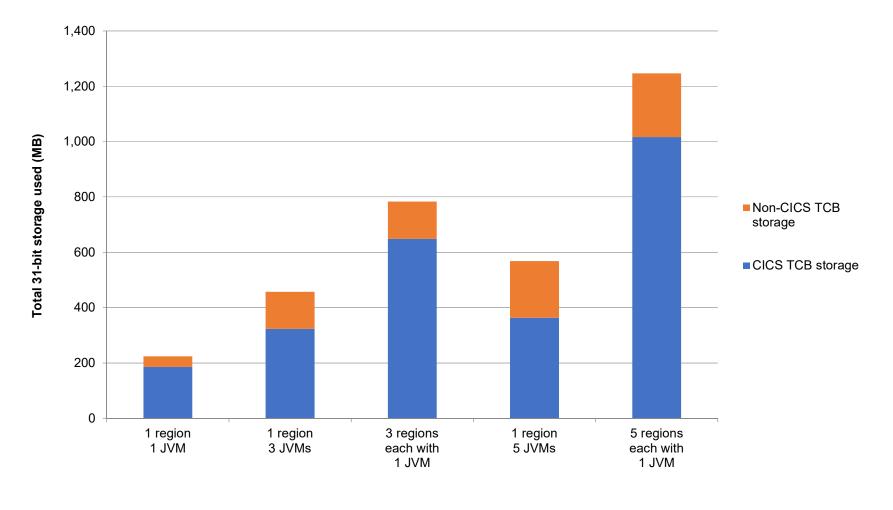
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This chart shows the throughput of the configurations, from client side point of view. As you can see, having multiple liberty server in one region doesn't increase the throughput. However you can get the isolation of java app and increase application availability by running them on multiple liberty servers in one region.



Multiple Liberty performance – 31-bit storage



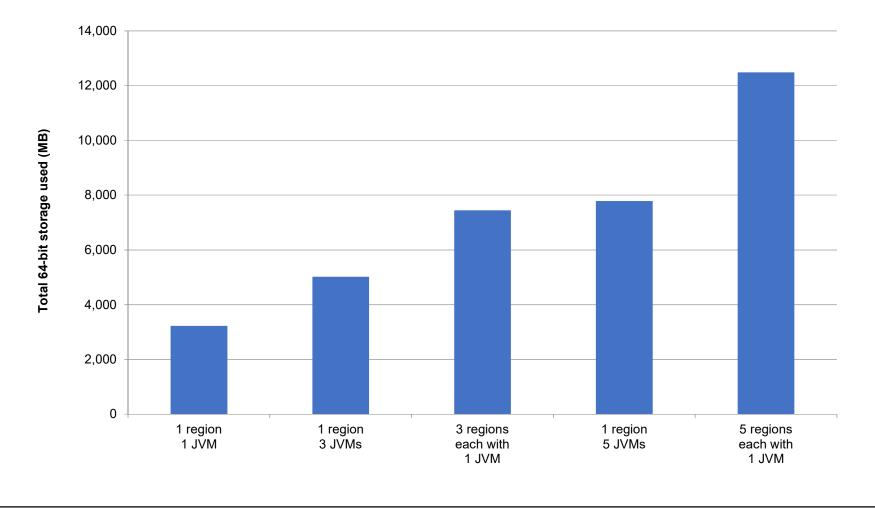


The amount of CICS TCB storage per CICS region is related to the number of concurrent tasks and TCBs used. To restrict the number of concurrent TCBs in a CICS region for a Java workload, use the THREADLIMIT attribute of the JVMSERVER resource definition.

The amount of non-CICS TCB storage that is used per CICS region is related to the number of JVM servers.



Multiple Liberty performance – 64-bit storage



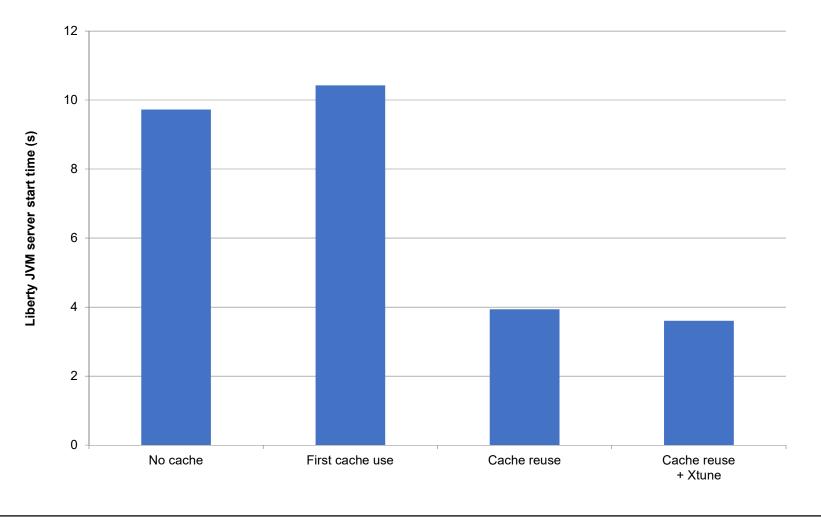
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Multiple JVMs in a single CICS region gives a reduction in overall 64-bit storage used. This is similar to 31-bit of storage usage.



Liberty JVM server start-up time -Xshareclasses





The class sharing feature (https://ibm.biz/BdzSkf) offers the transparent and dynamic sharing of data between multiple JVMs.

When enabled, JVMs use shared memory to obtain and store data, including information about: loaded classes, Ahead-Of-Time (AOT) compiled code, commonly used UTF-8 strings, and Java Archive (JAR) file indexes.

The first use of a shared class cache slightly increases startup times for both the Liberty JVM server and any applications. However, subsequent starts are significantly improved with shared class cache enabled.

The use of the -Xtune:virtualized JVM option further improves JVM and application startup time (https://ibm.biz/BdzSkv).



1.4 1.2 Application start time (s) 1.0 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 0.0 No cache First cache use Cache reuse Cache reuse + Xtune



None



Threadsafe improvements



To reduce TCB switching and contention on the QR TCB, the CICS development team are always looking for opportunities to make CICS API and SPI commands threadsafe.

This section covers the reasons why this is important, along with a summary of recent changes in the V5 releases.



Program concurrency recap

- We run CICS with STGPROT=YES
- My application ...
 - ... runs USER key
 - ... is threadsafe
 - ... makes DB2 calls
- How do I maximize time spent on an Open TCB?



A recap of the CONCURRENCY attribute for a PROGRAM resource.



CICS TS V4.1 TCB Switching

STGPROT	Exec key	CONCURRENCY	ΑΡΙ	Initial TCB	DB2 or MQ command	Threadsafe command	Non-threadsafe command
		QUASIRENT	CICS	QR	$QR \rightarrow L8 \rightarrow QR$	no change	no change
Yes/No	(any)	THREADSAFE		QR	L8	no change	QR
No	(any)	THREADSAFE	OPEN	L8	no change	no change	$L8 \rightarrow QR \rightarrow L8$
NO							
Yes	CICS	THREADSAFE	OPEN	L8	no change	no change	$L8 \rightarrow QR \rightarrow L8$
res			OPEN				
Yes	USER	THREADSAFE		L9	$L9 \rightarrow L8 \rightarrow L9$	no change	$L9 \rightarrow QR \rightarrow L9$
			OPEN				



A table showing the combinatorial effects of the STGPROT, EXECKEY, CONCURRENCY and API configuration options. This table is also presented in the CICS TS V5 Performance Report, IBM Redbooks publication SG24-8298.

https://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/sg248298.html?Open



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CICS TS V4.2+ TCB Switching

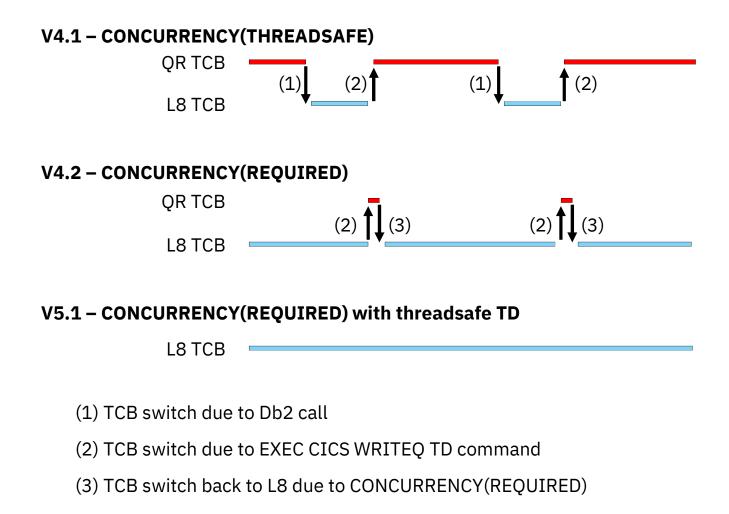
STGPROT	Exec key	CONCURRENCY	ΑΡΙ	Initial TCB	DB2 or MQ command	Threadsafe command	Non-threadsafe command
		QUASIRENT	CICS	QR	$QR \rightarrow L8 \rightarrow QR$	no change	no change
Yes/No	(any)	THREADSAFE		QR	L8	no change	QR
		REQUIRED		L8	no change	no change	$L8 \rightarrow QR \rightarrow L8$
No	(any)	THREADSAFE	OPEN	L8	no change	no change	$L8 \rightarrow QR \rightarrow L8$
NO		REQUIRED					
Yes	CICS	THREADSAFE	OPEN	L8	no change	no change	$L8 \rightarrow QR \rightarrow L8$
ies		REQUIRED				no change	LO 7 QK 7 LO
Yes	USER	THREADSAFE	OPEN	L9	L9 → L8 → L9		$L9 \rightarrow QR \rightarrow L9$
		REQUIRED				no change	L9 7 QK 7 L9



This page updates the table to include the CONCURRENCY(REQUIRED) option added in CICS TS V4.2.



Threadsafe Transient Data





Application is defined as API(CICSAPI) to avoid the use of API(OPENAPI).

Chart shows an application which alternately executes DB2 SQL calls and then WRITEQ TD commands.



Threadsafe Transient Data

V4.1

QR = 4.60ms L8 = 2.37ms 302 TCB switches

V4.2

QR = 0.21ms
L8 = 6.66ms
306 TCB switches

V5.1

QR = 0.03ms L8 = 6.17ms 8 TCB switches

		Avg	Avg	Avg	Avg	Avg	Avg	Avg
Tran	#Tasks	Response	User CPU	QR CPŪ	KY8 CPŪ	DSCHMDLY	TD Total	RMI DB2
		Time	Time	Time	Time	Count	Count	Time
TD01	5938	.011942	.006967	.004597	.002370) 302	150	.001626

		0	0	0	0	Avg	0	0
Tran	#Tasks	Response	User CPU	QR CPU	KY8 CPU	DSCHMDLY '	TD Total	RMI DB2
		Time	Time	Time	Time	Count	Count	Time
TDQ1	5992	.011393	.006875	.000212	.006663	306	150	.001420

Tran	# Tasks	0	Avg User CPU	0	0	0	0	0
		•	Time	-				
TDQ1	6000	.006805	.006195	.000026	.006169	8	150	.001147



Chart shows an extracts from CICS Performance Analyzer reports for each of the various CICS TS levels.

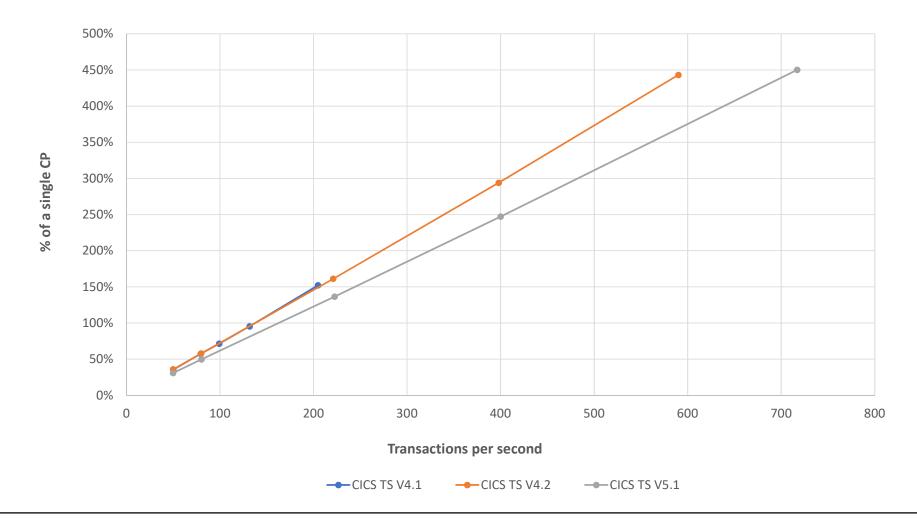
V4.1 shows a significant number of TCB switches, with a large fraction of CPU consumed on the QR TCB.

V4.2 introduced CONCURRENCY(REQUIRED), which does not reduce the TCB switches, but reduces significantly the amount of CPU time the application spends executing on the QR TCB.

V5.1 introduces threadsafe transient data, which removes the need to switch the QR TCB for the WRITEQ TD command.



Transient Data mixed with Db2





Note that the V4.1 line hits a limit around the 210 transactions per second mark. This is because each transaction costs around 4.60ms of CPU time on the QR TCB. Therefore, the maximum throughput for this transaction will be:

1000 ms / 4.60 ms/tran = 217 transactions per second.

The V4.2 and V5.1 lines do not see this limit as there is significantly less CPU time spent on the QR TCB.

The V5.1 line is slightly lower than the V4.2 line due to the reduction in CPU cost of the incurred TCB switches.



Threadsafe improvements (V5.5)

- Access to CFDTs is now threadsafe
 - No TCB switch for access
 - Syncpoint also can occur on Open TCB
 - Initial open and load occurs on QR TCB
- EXEC CICS QUERY SECURITY
 - Reduce number of TCB switches to RO
- With APAR PH05298 application running on an open TCB will not switch to CO TCB when it uses CICS auxiliary temporary storage, so save TCB switching.



Access to Coupling Facility data tables (CFDTs) is now threadsafe.

CFDTs can therefore be accessed by applications that run on open task control blocks (TCBs) without incurring a TCB switch. Syncpoint processing of CFDTs can also run on an open TCB. However, the opening and loading of a CFDT still occurs on a quasi-reentrant (QR) TCB.

In earlier releases, CICS required multiple TCB switches to complete the EXEC CICS QUERY SECURITY call, and these have been optimized to just a pair of switches to the RO TCB and back.



Coupling Facility Data Table workload

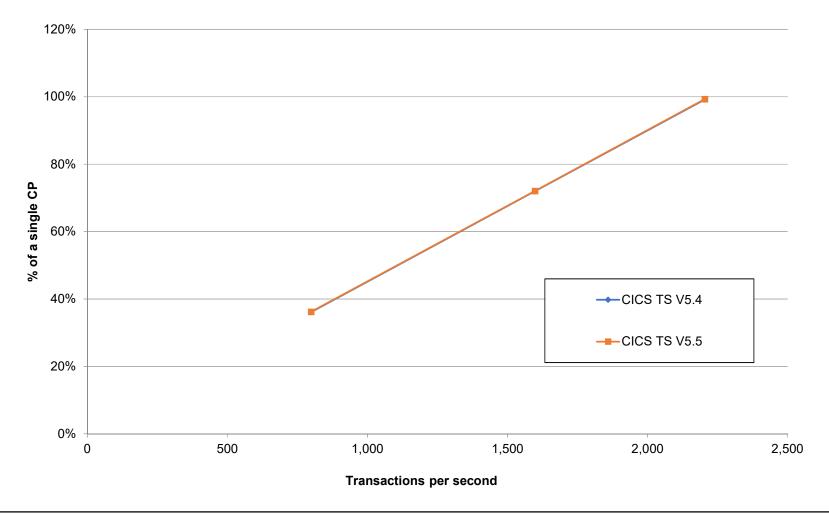
- Each transaction accesses 50 records
 - Read-only transactions 1 access per record
 - EXEC CICS READ
 - Update transactions 2 accesses per record
 - EXEC CICS READ UPDATE, EXEC CICS REWRITE
- Workload mix:
 - 70% read only transactions, 30% update transactions
- CF data table access mix (average 65 requests per transaction):
 - EXEC CICS READ 35 (54%)
 - EXEC CICS READ UPDATE 15 (23%)
 - EXEC CICS REWRITE 15 (23%)
- All reads use SHA-256 hash to validate correctness of record



A high level description of the performance test workload.



CFDT non-threadsafe workload



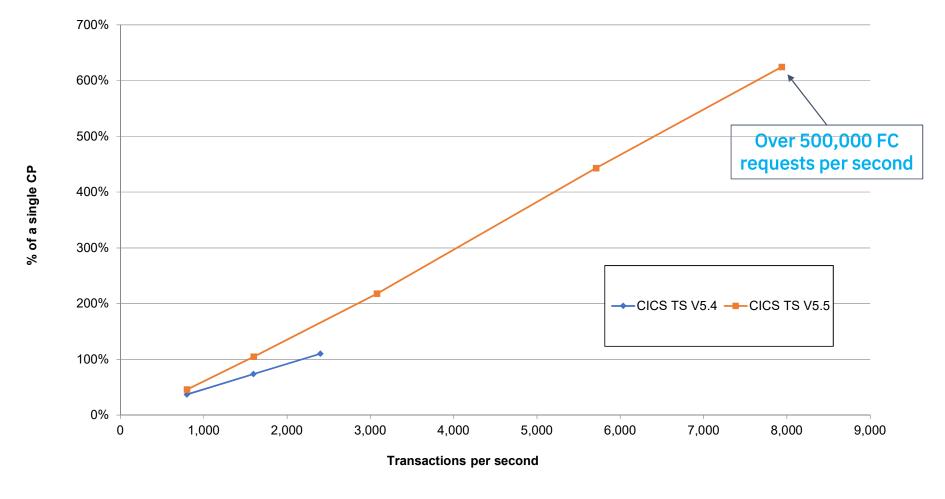


When making CFDT access threadsafe, we first need to verify that non-threadsafe applications do not suffer a performance overhead when upgrading to V5.5.

As shown on this chart, the performance for a non-threadsafe workload that uses coupling facility data tables is almost identical across the two releases.



CFDT threadsafe workload - CPU





Having established that non-threadsafe access is not degraded, we can now measure how well coupling facility data table access scales.

The workload is defined with CONCURRENCY (THREADSAFE) so it starts on L8 TCB at 5.4 and 5.5. V5.4 will immediately encounter a TCB switch to the QR TCB, but V5.5 will remain on the Open TCB throughout the application.

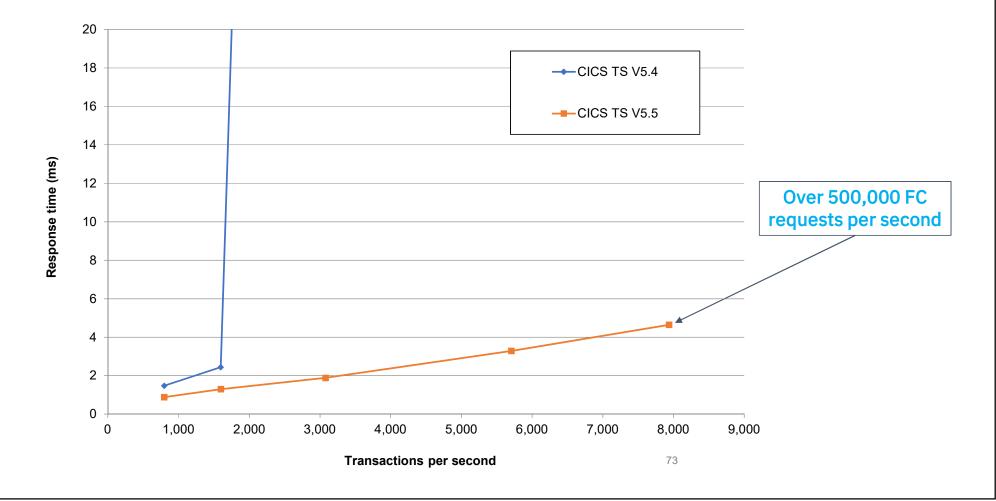
Clearly V5.5 shows much better scalability, but the V5.4 workload is limited by contention on the QR TCB.

Threadsafe access to the CFDT allows for much greater concurrency within CICS as each of the application tasks run on Open TCBs. This increase in concurrency will necessarily cause an increase in CPU cost per transaction due to the significantly increased number of concurrent TCBs executing within the z/OS LPAR. Therefore, the CPU per transaction results cannot be directly compared.

At the peak of 8,000 transactions per second a single CICS region is issuing over 500,000 file control requests per second. This workload alone drove our CF with 2 dedicated CPs to over 70% utilisation.



CFDT threadsafe workload – response time





CFDT response time chart shows that the V5.4 response time goes way off the chart because all requests are waiting for QR dispatch because the QR TCB is completely flat-out, while the V5.5 response time is not constrained by QR TCB time.

CICS statistics reports for CFDT workload

CICS 7.1.0 Statistics Utility Program

LSPAICH	ER STATISTIC	S							
CICS T	CB Mode Stat	 istics							
TCB Mode	< TCBs Atta Current		TCB Attaches	Attach Failures	MVS Waits	Accumulated Time in MVS wait	Accumulated Time Dispatched	Accumulated Time / TCB	
QR	1	1	0	0	0	00:00:00.00000	00:04:59.950288	00:04:44.466417	
R0 C0 	1 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	00:00:00.00000 00:00:00.000000	00:00:00.000000 00:00:00.000000	00:00:00.00000 00:00:00.00000	
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CICS T	CB Mode Stat	_ istics							

Report Date 11/04/2018 Report Time 15:52:46

Mode	Current	Peak	Attaches	Failures	Waits	Time in MVS wait	Time Dispatched	Time / TCB
QR	1	1	0	0	1093913	00:02:39.150139	00:02:20.802811	00:01:06.215230
RO	1	1	Θ	Θ	Θ	00:00:00.000000	00:00:00.00000	00:00:00.000000
CO	Θ	0	Θ	Θ	Θ	00:00:00.00000	00:00:00.000000	00:00:00.00000
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This shows the CICS dispatcher statistics from V5.4 and V5.5.

In the V5.4 report, the workload is constrained by the QR TCB as it is dispatched for over 99.9% of the 5 minute interval. The CICS region is at maximum capacity.

In the V5.5 report, the QR TCB is dispatched for less than 50% of the 5 minute interval.



Channels performance improvement

- CICS V5.5 improved performance for applications where many containers are stored in a single channel.
 - By using a hash table to access containers, rather than searching a list.
- This changes the order in which containers are returned when browsing a channel.
 - So the order in which containers are returned from EXEC CICS GETNEXT CONTAINER (CHANNEL) can be different
 - The CICS feature toggle com.ibm.cics.container.hash can be set to false to restore CICS to the previous behaviour.

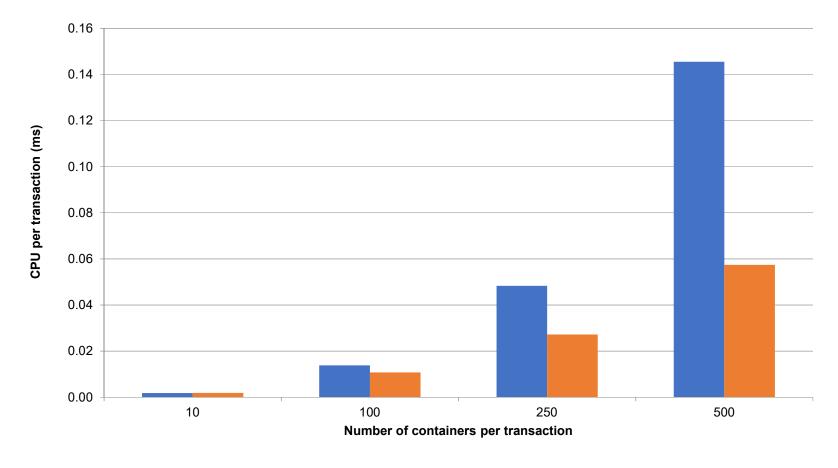


Improved performance for large number of containers on a channel

GET CONTAINER(NAME) searches a linked list for the container which impact performance for larger number of containers

v5.5 now use multiple shorter lists with a simple hash of the container name to select a list.





■ V5.4 implementation ■ V5.5 default implemention

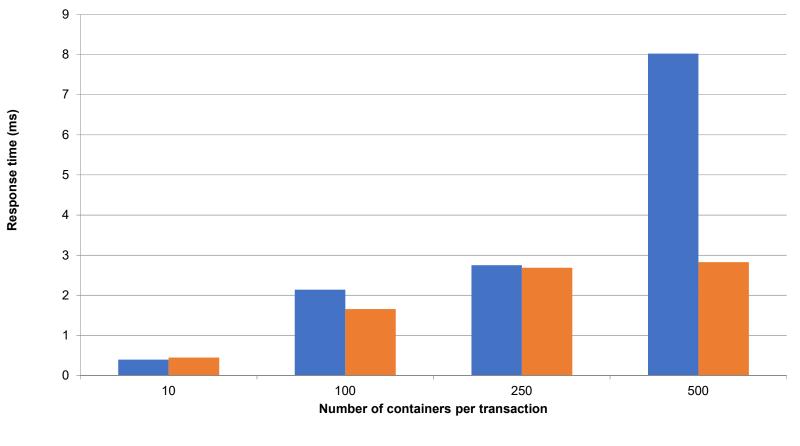


Containers are named blocks of data, designed for passing information between programs. Programs can pass any number of containers between each other. Containers are grouped in sets that are called *channels*. A channel is analogous to a parameter list. The CICS TS V5.5 release introduces a performance improvement which benefits applications where many containers are stored in a single channel.

CPU time for accessing larger number containers improved significantly.



Channels performance improvements – response time



■V5.4 implementation ■V5.5 default implemention

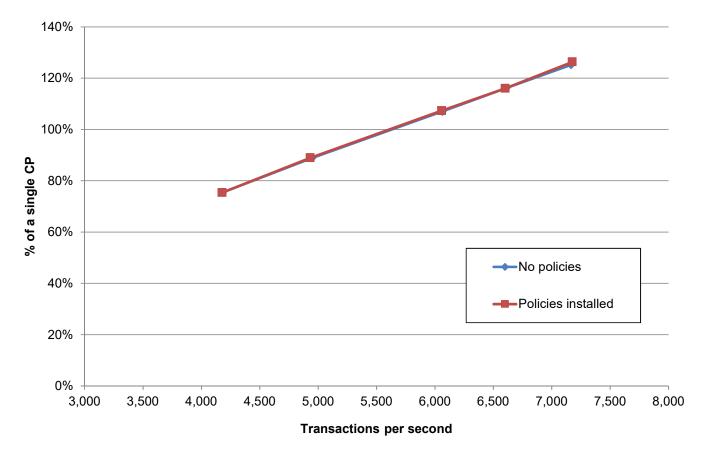


This chart shows the response time.



Policy performance impact

- To measure the overhead of enabling task rules
 - not to measure the overhead executing the action.
 - 19 task policies were installed but none is triggered.





The CPU per transaction is equivalent within measurable limits. CICS continues to scale linearly as the transaction rate increases.



CICS manages release of USS process

- CICS TS V5.5 now manages the release of USS (UNIX System Services) processes from X8, X9, L8, and L9 TCBs.
 - If applications running on open TCBs use USS APIs, then a USS process is associated with the open TCB.
- The performance overhead of this additional USS process management
 - A simple socket application with minimum business logic was used.
 - This overhead was measured to be approximately **410** µs of CPU per task.
 - ~ half of the CPU overhead occurs in the CICS address space, and the remainder occurs in the OMVS address space.
 - Of the CPU overhead in CICS, ~ half of that is observed in the CICS performance class monitoring records.



Installation of PIPELINE and WEBSERVICE resources will result in USS process being dubbed to TCB. Prior to this change, for L8, L9, X8 and X9 TCB the USS process remained with the TCB until the TCB terminated.

L8 mode TCBs are used by CONCURRENCY(THREADSAFE) and CONCURRENCY(REQUIRED). L8 mode TCBs are used for CICSKEY OPENAPI application programs. L9 mode TCBs are used for USERKEY OPENAPI application programs.

X8 and X9 run C and C++ programs compiled with the XPLINK option.X8 TCBs are used for programs in CICS key.X9 mode TCBs are used for programs in user key.



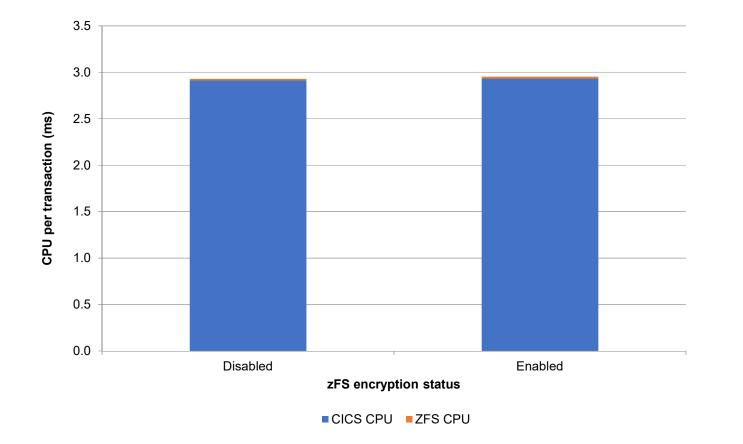
zFS encryption performance

- In z/OS V2.3 zFS added support for encrypting file system data using DFSMS access method encryption.
- A WebSphere Liberty workload was used to test the performance overhead using an encrypted zFS file system.
 - 1,650 requests per second
 - ~30 MB of zFS data with SJ=ALL trace.





zFS encryption performance – CPU per transaction

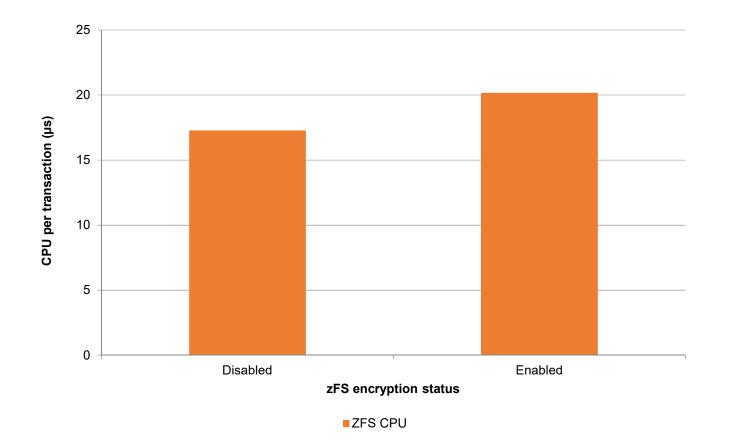




The CPU consumed by the ZFS address space is a very small fraction of the overall CPU consumption per request



zFS encryption performance – zFS CPU per transaction



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To more clearly demonstrate the difference in CPU attributed to the ZFS address space when enabling zFS encryption, only the ZFS address space data is plotted.

Although the zFS address space showed a significant relative increase in CPU cost per request (+17%), the overall total cost to the workload was negligible.



Improved instrumentation

Each release of CICS introduces additional areas of monitoring for performance analysis.





Resource class monitoring records (V5.5)

- New resource class monitoring records
 - Multiple resources per task
- URIMAP
 - Name, cipher, open / send / receive timings
- WEBSERVICE
 - Name, PIPELINE, INVOKE timings



Clients may now monitor, in real time, the URIMAPs and WEBSERVICEs that are opened or invoked by CICS TS as a web client. CICS TS 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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Monitoring and statistics (V5.5)

- Performance class
 - SSL cipher used for outbound requests
 - First message from a client (DFHSOCK)
 - Outbound web support in DFHWEBB and DFHWEBC groups

- Statistics
 - CICS policy rules
 - Transaction abend count
 - Peak aids in chain in ISC/IRC system entry

Policy name : file_v5	1
Policy user tag :	
Bundle name : PLCY5	1FC
Bundle directory : /u/ib	urnet/git/cics-perf-workload-dsw-lsr/bu
: ndles	/com.ibm.cics.perf.workload.dsw.lsr.pol
: icy.V5	1.file/
Rule name READ	
Rule type : filereq	uest
Rule subtype : read	
Action type : abend	
Action count : 0	
Action time :	97



Outbound SSL cipher

The SOCIPHER field in the DFHSOCK group now reflects the SSL cipher used on outbound requests, in addition to inbound requests.

First message from a client

The SOCONMSG field in the DFHSOCK group indicates whether the task processed the first message for establishing a new connection for a client. This field helps you measure how often a new socket connection is created.

Outbound web support

Three new fields have been added in DFHWEBB to provide information on timing for each of the following commands:

- WBURIOPN WEB OPEN URIMAP
- WBURIRCV WEB RECEIVE and the receive portion of WEB CONVERSE
- WBURISND WEB SEND and the send portion of WEB CONVERSE

CICS policy rules statistics

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.

Transaction abend count statistics

Statistics now displays the number of abends by transaction ID.



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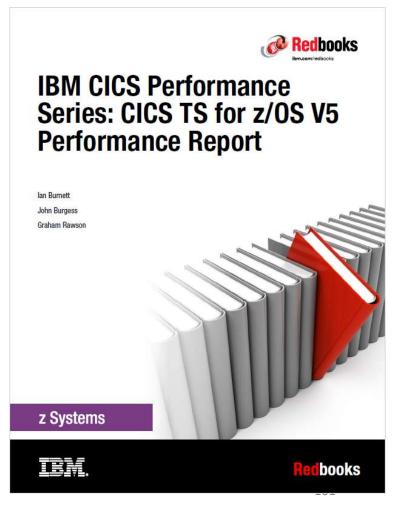
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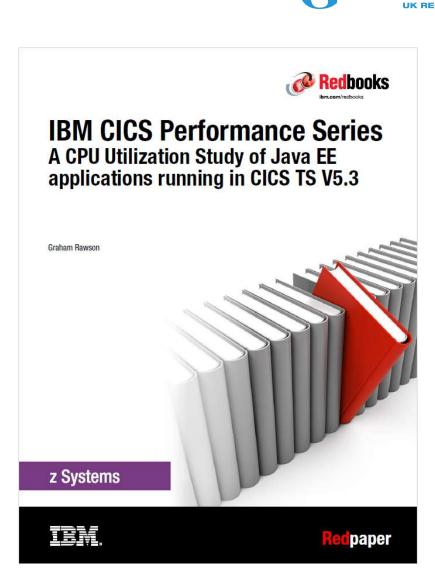


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