Easy to use interface to your CICS applications

CICS/Menu
Making it easy for your users to navigate through your CICS applications
What is CICS/Menu II?

CICS/Menu II provides end-users with a consistent, easy-to-use interface to your CICS applications.

This sample screen shows a sub-menu (nested) with the “User Info” pop-up active (PF2). The Logoff (PF5), Escape (PF6) and Select Menu (PF9) functions are optional by user group.
CICS/Menu II benefits and features

- **Reduces support time** servicing users accidentally left facing a blank screen or from forgotten (and sometimes cryptic) transaction ids
- **Reduces training time** by providing a consistent interface to your applications
- **Reduces end-user confusion** by providing menus that can be tailored to any individual requirements
- Presents a single, consistent point of entry for application users
- Prevents users from seeing a blank screen
- Easy menu building using color-coded item selection lists
- Allows unlimited nesting of menus
- Returns to the menu from which the application is selected
- Allows INPUTMSG data to be passed to applications
- Allows authorized users to enter transids from any menu screen
- Allows authorized users to escape to a blank screen
- Allows authorized users to logoff from CICS
- Allows authorized users to dynamically select and use any menu from a list
- Allows selective exclusion of users from automatic menu display
- Interfaces with MacKinney Systems’ CICS/SignOn to precheck transaction security
- Provides a user exit point before a menu is displayed to allow in-house security or additional tailoring of items
- Optionally omits displaying unauthorized items (must use CICS/SignOn interface or pre-display user exit)
- If using CICS/SignOn, no administration of users is required. Without CICS/SignOn, user administration is kept to a minimum by using Group profiles to define characteristics to be shared by users
- Allows detailed administration to be offloaded to department administrators for tailoring department menus and user lists
- Provides default profiles for unassigned users
- Supports conversational and pseudo-conversational applications on CICS releases from 2.3 and above on VSE and 3.3 and above on MVS
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Defining Menu Items

Before using CICS/Menu II, you must define items to the VSAM-based database. Only entry transactions that would normally be entered on a blank screen need be defined.

On the Item Update screen, define the transaction and the description the way it is to appear on the menu. Optionally, data to be received by the application can also be defined (i.e., Transaction: CEMT, Receive Data: INQ TAS).
Defining Menus

As many menus as needed can be defined to serve your users. To simplify administration, a default menu can be tailored for those users without an assigned menu. Two additional administrators authorized to make time changes for the specified menus can be designated.

Selecting items for a menu is done by entering an 'S' next to the item(s) to add. This screen shows transaction items, but menus can also be nested by adding menu items (PF9).
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On the Menu Update screen you can choose to add items (PF6), remove items (deselect by typing a “D” in the Seq. field) from the menu or change the (sequence) order of the items.
Defining Groups

With CICS/Menu II, all users end up belonging to a group, which is either an assigned group or the default group. Users can be assigned to groups by defining users in the Menu II administration database, by writing a user exit, or by taking advantage of the interface built-in to MacKinney Systems’ CICS/SignOn.

Groups determine which menu its members will initially see. Groups also determine menu privileges such as being allowed to enter transactions on the menu command line, being allowed to escape to a clear screen and being allowed to logoff of CICS.
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OPERATING SYSTEMS

MVS: CICS 4.1 or higher, including all releases of CICS Transaction Server.
VSE: CICS 2.3 or higher, including all releases of CICS Transaction Server.

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