

utomatically displays one or more screens of news when the user signs on to CICS (CSSN), or logs on to CICS (CSGM).

News can be set up to display at a future date (like a tickler file). News can also be assigned an expiration date by individual news item and/or by system default.

CICS/MORNINGNEWS

is totally menu driven and can interface with your installation's system menus.

Users can view their news any time throughout the day by entering the NEWS transaction.

A user's most current news is always displayed first. At that point the user can browse his other news by moving forward or backward sequentially through the news or he can view news directly by specifying the date to be viewed. The user can also go directly to the oldest or most current news.

Only authorized users can enter news. This can be controlled through normal CICS transaction security because the View, Add, and Update functions are separate transactions.

Designated administrators can be given full authorization for adding, updating, and purging news.

Only the author or an administrator can update existing news.

News can be sent to all CICS users, groups of users, or individual users. Route lists are supported to assist in routing news to frequently used sets of users.

News can be directed to specific users by operator id, user id, terminal id, or netname. News can also be directed to generic representations (i.e. ACCT****, all user ids with ACCT in the first four characters).

News can be sent to one CICS APPLID or all CICS systems where it is installed.

A terminal/netname exclusion list is supported to keep some devices from receiving news (console, printers, etc.).

An old news item can be replicated to create a new News item.

Old news can be purged automatically based on expiration date. Printing news items on the system printer is included. Printing can be selective by author, route to, and expiration date. These are batch functions.

On line Help screens are available to the user for each on line function. A full screen (19 X79) is available for each news item.

CICS/MORNING NEWS runs under CICS (1.7 and above) and installs as any other on line system. No special hooks into CICS are required.

If CICS/MESSAGE is installed, messages can automatically be loaded to the news file so users not logged on when messages were sent can view the messages later.

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