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Preface

What this book is about

This manual documents intended Programming Interfaces that allow the customer to write programs to obtain the services of Version 4 Release 1.

This manual gives information about CICS® shared data table services.

Who should read this book

This book is for anyone who is involved with CICS shared data tables in one or more of the following areas:

- Planning
 - Application programming
 - Resource definition
 - Customization
 - Operations
 - Problem determination
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What you need to know to understand this book

You need to have a good understanding of the area of CICS for which you are responsible.

You should understand how the following terms are used in this book:

Browse request

A STARTBR, RESETBR, ENDBR, READNEXT, or READPREV application programming command.

Gap

When records are omitted from a CICS-maintained data table but are present in the source data set, the range of omitted keys is referred to as a “gap” in the key sequence.

Imprecise key

A record key that is specified with the GENERIC or GTEQ option in an application programming command.

Precise key

A record key that is specified without the GENERIC or GTEQ option in an application programming command.

Update request

A WRITE, DELETE, READ UPDATE, or REWRITE application programming command.

Changes in CICS Transaction Server for z/OS, Version 4 Release 1

For information about changes that have been made in this release, please refer to *What's New* in the information center, or the following publications:

- *CICS Transaction Server for z/OS What's New*
- *CICS Transaction Server for z/OS Upgrading from CICS TS Version 3.2*
- *CICS Transaction Server for z/OS Upgrading from CICS TS Version 3.1*
- *CICS Transaction Server for z/OS Upgrading from CICS TS Version 2.3*

Chapter 1. Introduction to shared data tables

The CICS shared data table facility is an extension of the CICS file management services.

The concept of shared data tables

The concept of shared data tables is simple; it exploits the fact that it is more efficient:

- To use MVS™ cross-memory services instead of CICS function shipping to share a file of data between two or more CICS regions in the same MVS image.
- To access data from memory instead of from DASD.
- To access a file of data from memory using services integrated within CICS file management instead of using VSAM services and a local shared resource (LSR) pool.

Using shared data tables, all files that are defined as data tables can potentially be shared using cross-memory services; no changes are required to the file definitions for existing data tables.

The two versions of data tables are:

- Basic data tables support, supplied as part of CICS Transaction Server for z/OS®
- Shared data tables support, supplied as part of CICS Transaction Server for z/OS.

The use of cross-memory services is one of the major benefits of shared data tables. This improves the performance of applications that currently use function shipping and makes file sharing feasible for applications that cannot accept the performance overhead of function shipping.

The other major enhancement is that nearly all read requests are supported for use with data tables. This enhancement extends the use of data tables to applications that include:

- Browse requests
- Read requests that use an imprecise key

Description of data tables

A CICS file is a representation of a data set on DASD. If you specify that the file is to use data table services, CICS copies the contents of the data set into an MVS data space when the file is opened and uses that copy whenever possible.

Because of the way that the data table services access the records, they can be used only with a VSAM key-sequenced data set (KSDS). The KSDS is called the *source data set*. The copy in memory is called the *data table*. The process of copying the records is called *loading* the data table.

When the file is read by a CICS application, the record is normally retrieved from the data table. When the file is updated by a CICS application, the effect depends on the type of data table that you have defined for the file.

CICS data table services support two types of data table:

- CICS-maintained data table (CMT)
- User-maintained data table (UMT)

CICS-maintained data table

A CICS-maintained data table is a data table whose records are automatically reflected in the source data set; when you update the file, CICS changes both the source data set and the data table.

A CICS-maintained data table is easy to implement—you need to know little about the data table services, you do not need to change your existing application programs, and full recovery support of the file is retained. CICS-maintained data tables are discussed in more detail in Chapter 2, “CICS-maintained data tables,” on page 9. A data set being accessed in Record Level Sharing (RLS) mode cannot be used as the source for a CICS-maintained data table. The source data set must be accessed in non-RLS mode.

User-maintained data table

A user-maintained data table is a data table whose records are not automatically reflected in the source data set; when you update the file, CICS changes only the data table.

A user-maintained data table lets you optimize the benefits of using a data table by allowing you to eliminate activity on the source data set, for update requests as well as read requests.

A small number of file operations are not supported for user-maintained data tables. Thus, you might need to make minor changes to existing application programs. Also, recovery of the file is supported after a transaction failure, but not a system failure. User-maintained data tables are discussed in more detail in Chapter 3, “User-maintained data tables,” on page 11.

A base VSAM KSDS accessed in either non-RLS or RLS mode can be used as the source data set for a user-maintained data table. You might want to make an RLS-mode data set the source of a user-maintained data table if you have other file definitions that access the data set and the data set is updated by other CICS regions.

The data table sharing environment

The environment for sharing a data table is the same as for any file accessed in non-RLS mode: one CICS region owns the data table—this region is known as a *file-owning region* (FOR). Any other region that uses the data table is known as an *application-owning region* (AOR). In the FOR, the file is known as a *local file* and, in the AOR, the file is known as a *remote file*.

In the context of shared data tables, the FOR is also known as a *server* and the AOR is also known as a *requester*.

The same region can be both an FOR for some data tables and an AOR for others.

For information about these intercommunication concepts, see the *CICS Intercommunication Guide*.

Shared data tables support uses cross-region sharing wherever possible to provide access to data tables that are in the same MVS image as the requesting CICS region. This means that most read accesses within the same MVS image are satisfied by cross-region sharing using shared data tables services. If cross-region sharing is not possible for the request, function shipping is used. This means that update requests from CICS regions within the same MVS image and all requests from CICS regions in different MVS images use function shipping. “Application programming for a CICS-maintained data table” on page 23 and “Application programming for a user-maintained data table” on page 24 tell you when commands are satisfied by either cross-region sharing or function shipping.

Note: Similarly, XCF/MRO does not provide shared data table access between CICS regions in different MVS images.

Although shared data tables support is primarily intended for sharing data within an MVS image, the support may be extended to a sysplex environment for applications that require only read access to a shared user-maintained data table or can operate with data that might not be up-to-date. The data table must be replicated across each MVS region in the sysplex, and updated periodically. See Chapter 10, “Using shared data tables support in a sysplex,” on page 71.

The source data set for data tables

The source data set must be a base VSAM KSDS, not an alternate index. However, updates made to the KSDS via an alternate index are reflected in a CICS-maintained data table.

The VSAM definition of the KSDS supplies the values for maximum record length and key length.

For a user-maintained data table, the updates are not reflected in either the source data set or its alternate indexes. A user-maintained data table is entirely independent of its source data set after loading has completed.

Data spaces for data tables

The data table records are stored in one or more MVS data spaces, whether the data table is to be shared by more than one region or not. A separate set of data spaces is used for each CICS region. The initial set of data spaces, named DFHDT001 (for table entry descriptors), DFHDT002 (for index nodes), and DFHDT003 (for up to 2 GB of record data), are obtained when the first file that is defined as a data table is opened in the region. Additional data spaces from DFHDT004 upwards may be allocated as necessary for record data, up to a maximum of 100 data spaces per region. The data spaces are used by all the CICS data tables that are owned by that region, and are retained until the CICS region is shut down.

Each data space has a maximum size of 2 GB, so the maximum amount of data space storage which a CICS region could allocate (assuming sufficient operating system resources) is 200 GB. The MVS exit IEFUSI, which can be used to control the total amount of data space that a given address space may own, can reduce the maximum size to less than this amount, and even to less than 2 GB. Within this limit, CICS allocates data space storage in units of 16 MB, and then sub-allocates this storage to the data tables in increments of 32 KB for table entry descriptors or index nodes, and increments of 128 KB for record data. If a new storage increment

is needed for a data table but all the existing data space storage is already allocated to tables, CICS tries to extend the data space by 16 MB. If the data space is for record data but has already reached its maximum size of 2 GB, and the maximum number of data spaces has not been reached, then, instead of extending the existing data space, CICS creates a new data space which is treated as a logical extension of the existing set of data spaces. If CICS is unable to extend the data space for table entry descriptors or index nodes, because the data space has reached the maximum size of 2 GB, or CICS is unable to allocate any more data space storage because the total data space size set by the installation's IEFUSI exit has been reached, CICS notes that the data space is now full.

If a data space is full, any shared data table requests that need additional storage fail because of insufficient storage. For a CICS-maintained data table, this means that any future reads for the affected records (including any approximate reads near to that key) must access the VSAM data set, using function shipping if the request is not issued from the file-owning region. For a user-maintained data table, this means that the record cannot be written to the table. Chapter 5, "Application programming for data tables," on page 23 has information about the response returned in this situation.

CICS does not provide a facility for viewing the current total amount of allocated data space storage. However, CICS file control statistics can give an accurate indication of the storage allocated and used for each data table. In particular, the field A17DTALD contains the amount of data space storage (in KB) that is currently allocated to the table.

The data space storage that is used by the data table is freed when the file is closed in the FOR. This storage is made available for reuse in such a way that the integrity of any AOR that was using the data table is protected.

Global user exits for data tables

Three global user exits are provided to extend the normal processing done by data table services:

- XDTRD, to select the records that are copied to the data table during loading when the file is opened. For a user-maintained data table, it can also be used to modify the records.
- XDTAD, to select the records that are copied to the data table when new records are added to the file.
- XD TLC, to perform processing at the end of the loading operation.

Benefits of shared data tables

Shared data tables offer additional benefits:

- Very large reductions in path length can be achieved for remote accesses because function shipping is avoided for most read and browse requests.
- When cross-memory services are used, the requests are processed by the AOR, thus freeing the FOR to process other requests. This increases multiprocessor exploitation.
- Increased security of data is provided because the record information in shared data tables is stored outside the CICS region and is not included in CICS system dumps (either formatted or unformatted).

- For CICS-maintained data tables, all forms of non-update, keyed access (including browse requests and imprecise-key read requests) are processed by reference to the data table.
- For user-maintained data tables, all forms of non-update, keyed access (including browse requests and imprecise-key read requests) are supported.
- Any number of files referring to the same source data set that are open at the same time can retrieve data from the one CICS-maintained data table.
- An enhancement to the XDTRD user exit allows you to skip over a range of records while loading the data table.

Shared data table services and remote file access

This section illustrates the differences between using function shipping and using shared data table services to access a CICS file in another region.

Using function shipping

Figure 1 shows the use of function shipping to access a data set owned by another CICS region.

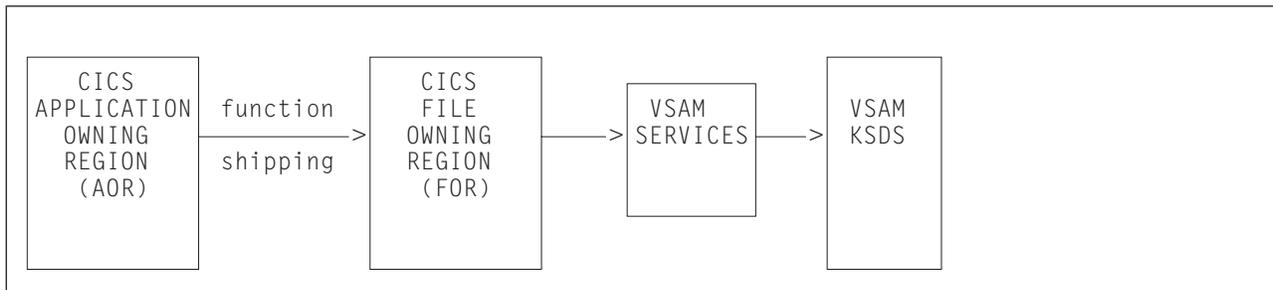


Figure 1. Data access using function shipping

Using shared data table services

Figure 2 on page 6 shows how a number of AOR's can use cross-memory services to execute reads or browses, using shared data table services in an FOR in order to access the data table. (Function shipping is used for update requests and for any request that needs to access the source data set, in the same way as shown in Figure 1.)

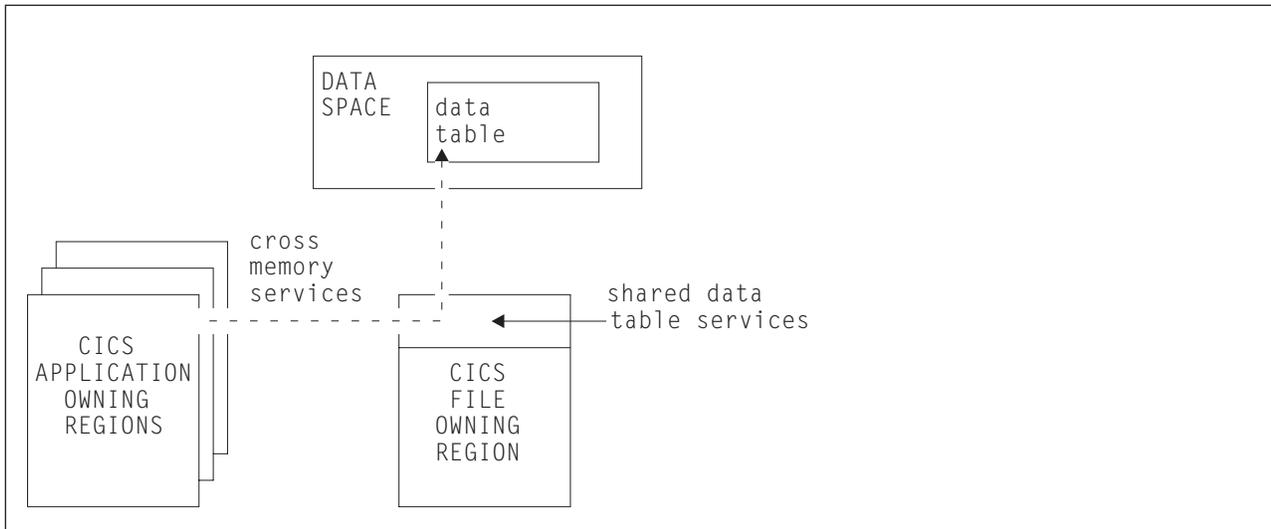


Figure 2. Data access using shared data table services. This diagram shows read-only access only.

How a data table is shared

Two operations, LOGON and CONNECT, establish a data table for sharing.

LOGON

When the first file that is defined as a data table is opened in an FOR, the FOR attempts to register itself as an shared data table server. This operation is performed automatically and is known as an **SDT LOGON**. The opening of the file can be caused by the FOR or by the AOR that first accesses the file.

Regardless of whether the LOGON is successful or not, the file is opened and the data table is loaded. If the LOGON is successful, all other CICS regions in the MVS operating system are notified that the data table is available.

If the LOGON fails because of a permanent condition (such as CICS not being defined as an MVS subsystem), no further LOGON attempts are made during the CICS run.

If the LOGON fails because of a potentially transient condition, another LOGON attempt is made the next time a file defined as a data table is opened. This type of condition includes:

- Failing a security check
- Failing to obtain storage
- Failing to load a program

When a region's LOGON requests are rejected because of a security check failure, security violation messages might be issued each time a file that is defined as a data table is opened.

After an FOR logs on successfully, it remains in that state for the rest of the CICS run; no more LOGON requests are issued.

CONNECT

When an AOR with shared data table support issues a read request (or starts a browse sequence) for a remote file, CICS attempts to establish a connection to a data table for that file. If the FOR is registered as a shared data table server, CICS establishes a cross-memory link from the AOR to the FOR (subject to security checks) and calls the shared data table server to ask whether there is an available data table for the file. If there is, a connection is made between the AOR and the data table. This operation is performed automatically, and is known as an **SDT CONNECT**.

If the **CONNECT** is successful, cross-memory services are used, whenever possible, to access the file while the connection exists.

If the **CONNECT** fails, the file request is function shipped exactly as it would have been if shared data table support were not available. The action taken for subsequent remote file requests depends on the type of failure as described below.

If the **CONNECT** fails because of a permanent condition (such as CICS not being defined as an MVS subsystem), no further **CONNECT** attempts are made during the CICS run.

If the **CONNECT** fails because of a potentially transient condition that is not under the control of the file owner, another **CONNECT** attempt is made for the next suitable request after about ten minutes have elapsed. This type of condition includes:

- Failing a security check
- Failing to obtain storage
- Failing to load a program

When a region's **CONNECT** requests are rejected because of a security check failure, the related security violation messages might be issued at 10-minute intervals.

If the **CONNECT** fails because of a potentially transient condition that is under the control of the file owner, another **CONNECT** attempt is made for the next suitable request following notification that at least one new file is available for shared access on the MVS system. This type of condition includes:

- File owner is not logged on as a server
- File is not associated with a data table
- File is disabled, although associated with a data table
- File is closed, although defined as a data table

After an AOR connects to a remote file successfully, it remains connected unless one of the following events occurs:

- The AOR deletes its remote file definition
In this event, the connection is broken immediately.

- The FOR closes or disables the file

In this event, the disconnection is scheduled at the next non-update request and is effected after all current browse sequences have terminated. See "Disconnection" on page 26.

If these events are later reversed, a valid connection is established in the same way as before.

Notification that a new file is available for shared access

When a data table is opened by an FOR, it becomes available for CONNECT attempts at the start of loading for a CICS-maintained data table, or at the completion of loading of a user-maintained data table. Other CICS regions are notified that a data table has become available. Notification is also made when a data table (or a file that uses a CICS-maintained data table) is enabled, having been previously disabled.

Security

To provide security for a data table when cross-memory services are used, shared data tables must ensure that:

- The FOR cannot be impersonated. This is prevented by checking at LOGON time that the FOR is allowed to log on with the specified generic *applid* of the CICS system.
- An AOR cannot gain access to data that it is not supposed to see. This is prevented by checking at CONNECT time that the AOR is allowed access to the FOR and, if file security is in force, that the AOR is allowed access to the requested file.

These security checks are performed by using the system authorization facility (SAF) to invoke the Resource Access Control Facility (RACF®) or an equivalent security manager.

Note: A region is still able to use data tables locally even if it does not have authority to act as a shared data table server.

Shared data table support reproduces the main characteristics of function-shipping security that operate at the region level, but the following differences should be noted:

- Shared data table support does not provide any mechanism for the FOR to perform security checks at the transaction level (the equivalent of ATTACHSEC(IDENTIFY) or ATTACHSEC(VERIFY)). Therefore, if you consider that the transaction-level checks performed by the AOR are inadequate for some files, you must ensure that those files are not associated with data tables in the FOR.
- Shared data table support does not support preset security.
- Shared data table support does not pass any installation parameter list (INSTLN) information to the security user exits.

For a description of the steps required to implement shared data table security, see *CICS RACF Security Guide*.

Chapter 2. CICS-maintained data tables

If a file is defined as a CICS-maintained data table (CMT), the source data set and the data table are treated by CICS as a single entity.

Treating the source data set and the data table as a single entity means that:

- Changes to the file are made to both the source data set and the data table.
- If another file is defined to use the same source data set, changes that are made by that file to the source data set are also made to the data table.
- If another file is defined to use the same source data set, records can be retrieved by that file from the data table.

Application programming for CICS-maintained data tables

All CICS file control commands can be used in applications that access a CICS-maintained data table. This means that the benefits of data tables can be obtained immediately without any changes to existing applications.

CICS uses the data table to perform most read requests. Other requests might need to access the source data set. See Chapter 5, “Application programming for data tables,” on page 23 for more information.

Resource definition for CICS-maintained data tables

You use the DEFINE FILE command to define a file as a CICS-maintained data table.

You can also change the definition of an existing file by the:

- EXEC CICS SET FILE command
- CEMT SET FILE command

Only the base VSAM cluster can have a CICS-maintained data table based on it. Read requests via alternate index paths do not use the data table, but changes to the source data set via alternate index paths are reflected in the data table. Note that the source data set for a CICS-maintained data table cannot be open in RLS access mode. Thus the file definition must specify RLSACCESS(NO), as should any other files associated with the same base data set.

After a file that is defined as a CICS-maintained data table has been opened, any other non-UMT file (whether defined as a CMT or not) that names the same source data set in its definition automatically uses the same data table. If any of these other files are defined as CMTs, message DFHFC0937 is issued to the console when they are opened. This is not an error situation; the files are opened and use the existing data table whenever possible.

Either fixed-or variable-length record format can be specified for a CICS-maintained data table. The maximum record length that is supported by shared data table support is 32KB. This length exceeds that supported by CICS file management, which thus imposes the actual limit. See the *CICS Application Programming Guide*. The maximum number of records that is supported is 16,777,215.

VSAM SHAREOPTION

If the source data set is allocated with DISP=SHR, there is a risk that it could be updated by a region other than the FOR. If this happened, the data table would no longer match the source data set. To minimize this risk, the VSAM cross-region SHAREOPTION should be set to 1 or 2.

- 1 means that either one region can have update access to the data set or many regions can have read-only access.
- 2 means that one region can have update access to the data set and, at the same time, many regions can have read-only access.

Regardless of the setting of DISP, a warning message is issued if the cross-region SHAREOPTION is 3 or 4, or if it is 2 but the CICS-maintained data table has read-only access (which means another region might be able to update the data set).

Data integrity

A file that uses a CICS-maintained data table can be defined as a recoverable resource. The source data set is recovered in the normal way after a system or transaction failure:

- After a system failure, the data table is reloaded from the recovered source data set when the file is reopened.
- After a transaction failure, changes that are made to the source data set by dynamic transaction backout are also made to the data table.

Automatic journaling is supported (in the same way as for any other file) for file operations that access the source data set. File operations that do not access the source data set are not journaled.

Operations with CICS-maintained data tables

CICS loads a data table by copying each record from the source data set when the file is opened. A global user exit, XDTRD, can be invoked for each record before it is copied. The user-written exit program can reject records that are not to be copied. If you are using this user exit, you should ensure that the user exit is activated before the file is opened.

Chapter 3. User-maintained data tables

If a file is defined as a user-maintained data table (UMT), the source data set and the data table are treated by CICS as separate entities.

After a user-maintained data table has been loaded, it is independent of its source data set; the source data set is not updated when the data table is updated. Therefore, a user-maintained data table is particularly suited to applications that make frequent updates to data of a transitory nature.

If the data table and source data set are updated separately, by defining them as different files, changes to one are not automatically reflected in the other.

Application programming for user-maintained data tables

If a request cannot be satisfied from a user-maintained data table, CICS does not access the source data set (as it would for a CICS-maintained data table); instead it returns an exceptional-condition response.

Records that were in the source data set when the data table was opened might be absent from the data table because they were not copied during loading. This could be due to suppression by the user exit XDTRD or some abnormal event such as the data table becoming full.

Some application programming requests are not supported for a user-maintained data table. They include, for example, read requests that use the UPDATE option with an imprecise key. You might need to change existing applications to avoid these requests or to handle the exceptional conditions returned by CICS. For more information, see “Application programming for a user-maintained data table” on page 24.

You can use the user exits in data table services to put only the records that you need to access in the data table; there is no possibility of the source data set being accessed for those that you do not load.

You can also use the user exit XDTRD to modify each record (by selecting, for example, only a subset of its fields) when it is loaded.

Resource definition for user-maintained data tables

You use the DEFINE FILE command to define a file as a user-maintained data table.

You can also change the definition of an existing file by the:

- EXEC CICS SET FILE command
- CEMT SET FILE command

The source data set for a user-maintained data table can be open in RLS access mode. You might want to make an RLS-mode data set the source of a user-maintained data table if you have other file definitions that access the data set and the data set is updated by other CICS regions.

You can load multiple user-maintained data tables from the same source data set by using a separate command or macro to define each data table and making all the definitions refer to that data set.

Although a data table must be loaded from a VSAM KSDS, an application can then copy records to a user-maintained data table from any data source that is accessible from the CICS address space. This could be an IMS™ or DB2® file. The KSDS that is used as the source data set for the data table can be empty; it is needed only to define the maximum record length and the key length and position.

Variable-length record format must be specified for a user-maintained data table. The maximum record length that is supported by shared data table support is 32KB. This length exceeds that supported by CICS file management, which imposes the actual limit. See the *CICS Application Programming Guide*. The maximum number of records supported is 16 777 215.

Data integrity

A user-maintained data table can be defined as a recoverable resource. Changes to the data table are not recorded in the system log, but they are held internally in CICS memory. Thus the data table can be recovered after a transaction failure (by dynamic backout) but not after a system failure. This is because the CICS Shared Data Table facility manages its own recovery and does not use the services of the log manager or the recovery manager. The exception is when changes are made to a recoverable data table as part of a distributed unit of work. In this case, as with other recoverable resources, a record of the link is written to the system log as part of the two-phase commit process. However, the changes themselves are not recorded in the system log.

After a system failure, the data table is reloaded from the source data set when the file is reopened. Remember that, at the time of failure, the contents of the source data set and data table would not have been the same unless you had ensured that:

- no change is made to either, or
- any change is made to both.

Automatic journaling is supported only for requests that access the source data set during loading. The records that are accessed by the loading process are journaled before user exit XDTRD, and the records that are accessed due to application requests are journaled after user exit XDTRD.

Operations with user-maintained data tables

Like a CICS-maintained data table, a user-maintained data table is loaded when the file is opened. However, unlike a CICS-maintained data table, the global user exit XDTRD can be used to both select *and modify* the records from the source data set that are included in the data table.

The user exit XDTAD can be used to select the records that are added to the table after initial loading. This user exit cannot modify the records because, as the records are written by the application, it is assumed that they are already in the format used in the data table.

If you are using these user exits, you should ensure that the user exits are activated before the file is opened.

Chapter 4. Planning to use data tables

The main reason for using data tables is to take advantage of their performance benefits.

Performance benefits of data tables

This section contains Diagnosis, Modification, or Tuning Information.

Performance of a CICS-maintained data table

If all the data and index records of a file are completely contained in an LSR pool, defining the file as a CICS-maintained data table does not reduce DASD I/O activity. There is, however, considerable potential for reduction in CPU consumption. Also, you might be able to reduce the number of buffers in the LSR pool.

If the file is not completely contained in an LSR pool, using a CICS-maintained data table could result in reductions in both DASD I/O activity and CPU consumption.

The saving of CPU consumption for a CICS-maintained data table, compared with a VSAM KSDS resident in a local shared resource (LSR) pool, depends on the application usage.

Performance of a user-maintained data table

After the loading of a user-maintained data table, DASD I/O activity is eliminated from all data table operations, so the saving of CPU consumption compared with a VSAM KSDS resident in an LSR pool is considerable.

Storage use

Shared data tables provide efficient use of data in memory. This means that considerable performance benefits are achieved at the cost of some additional use of storage.

This overview of the use of storage assumes that you understand the distinction between various types of storage, such as real and virtual storage, and address space and data space storage. Most of the storage used is data space storage, which is virtual storage separate from address space virtual storage.

Shared data tables use virtual storage as follows:

- Record data is stored in data spaces DFHDT003, DFHDT004, DFHDT005, and so on, with new data spaces being allocated as required. The total record data storage at loading time is basically the total size of all records (without keys, which are stored in table-entry storage) plus a small amount of control information. Data space storage is acquired in units of 16 MB, and allocated to individual tables in increments of 128 KB. Storage is then sub-allocated in page-aligned frames that are large enough to contain the maximum record length for the table. Data table frames are loosely equivalent to VSAM control intervals, and normally hold a set of records with similar keys. Where possible, each new record is stored in the same frame as the existing record with the closest lower key.

If many records are increased in length after loading, or new records are added randomly throughout a large part of the file, the amount of storage will be increased, possibly up to twice the original size.

- Table-entry descriptor storage is allocated from data space DFHDT001. It is allocated in increments of 32 KB.

There is one entry descriptor for each record in the table, plus one entry descriptor for each gap in the key sequence (where one or more records have been omitted from a CICS-maintained data table). The size of each entry is the keylength + 9 bytes, rounded up to the next multiple of 8 bytes.

- Index node storage is allocated from data space DFHDT002. It is allocated in increments of 32 KB.

The size of this area depends on the distribution and format of the key values as well as the actual number of records, as indicated in Table 1.

Table 1. Key distribution and format

Key distribution	Key format	Bytes per record
Dense (all keys are consecutive)	binary	5.1
	decimal	8.5
	alphabetic	19
Sparse (no keys are consecutive)	decimal	44
	alphabetic	51
Worst possible case	-	76

- ECSA storage is used for some small control blocks that need to be accessed by all regions that share data tables.

Converting a file into a shared data table could lead to an increased use of real storage, but the use of real storage for VSAM LSR buffers might be reduced if few updates are made. Also, an application that currently achieves high performance by replicating read-only tables in each CICS region might be able to make large storage savings by sharing a single copy of each table.

Once storage has been allocated to a data table, it remains allocated to that particular table until the table is closed. For example, if a data table grows to 1 GB and then all the records are deleted from the table, the table still owns 1 GB of data space storage. No other data table can use that storage until the owning data table is closed.

Free space within a data table is tracked and reused when appropriate. For example, when table entry descriptors or index nodes are no longer needed, they are added to a free chain for reuse within the same table. Similarly, when all records in a record data frame have been deleted the empty frame goes back on a free chain. When only some of the records in a frame have been deleted, the space is reused only if a new record happens to have a key which immediately follows another existing record in the same frame (or the previous frame, if there is no space in that frame). Unlike VSAM control intervals, records within a frame are not necessarily in key sequence, because they are located indirectly by means of descriptors; and records cannot be moved to consolidate free space, because this would not allow concurrent reading.

When records are allocated keys that are continuously increasing and being deleted in approximately the same sequence, space is normally reused very efficiently,

because new records normally fill up a frame before going on to the next; and old frames eventually become completely empty, allowing them to be reused. This is also the case for increasing keys within multiple separate ranges, provided that the ranges are large enough for whole frames to be freed. In this situation, the amount of storage allocated to data tables is close to the amount of storage in use.

When new data table applications are introduced, it can be helpful to monitor the storage allocated and storage in use for each data table, to ensure that sufficient operating system resources are available to support current and future usage. The readings for storage allocated show the storage owned by each data table, which will not be given up until the data table is deleted. The readings for storage in use show how much of the allocated storage is in use. The CICS sample statistics program DFH0STAT provides this information. DFH0STAT is described in the *CICS Performance Guide*.

Selecting files for use as data tables

It is not possible to lay down any exact rules about whether a file will benefit from conversion to a shared data table. There are many considerations, and an analysis of the potential uses of shared data tables support should be undertaken by someone who understands how the files are used by the various applications and the configuration of the CICS regions.

The following checklist gives some general guidance. Additional sources of information that could help you to select the files include:

- File statistics. “Using statistics to select data tables” on page 16 describes how you can use statistics information as one of the inputs to the selection task.
- The LSR pool statistics.
- Trace entries.
- Monitoring data.

However, the most beneficial input to the selection process is a thorough understanding of the applications and the way in which they use the files.

Checklist

If your installation is using data tables for the first time, the following checklist gives some general principles to help you select files for defining as data tables.

- You should consider using CICS-maintained data tables first, as these are easier to implement. If you use a CICS-maintained data table, no changes are required to the applications. If you use a user-maintained data table, some changes might be required.
- Use a CICS-maintained data table if you need to ensure the integrity of the data table across a CICS restart.
- Use a CICS-maintained data table if you require journaling of updates. If you require journaling of all access requests, the file is not suitable as a data table.
- The exec interface user exits XEIIIN and XEIIOUT, and the file control user exits XFCREQ and XFCREQC, are not invoked in the file-owning region if a request to access a data table is satisfied by cross-memory services. When selecting a file, you should ensure that successful operation of your application does not depend on any activity performed at these user exits.
- You should be aware of the security implications of sharing a data table, as described in “Security checking for data tables” on page 20.

- If a file is frequently accessed from another region, or if it is accessed by many other regions, or if the accesses are predominantly read requests, the benefits of making it a data table can be very large. Remember that the performance gain for a remote file is greater than for a local file (see “Performance benefits of data tables” on page 13).
- For a CICS-maintained data table, select files that have a reasonably high proportion of requests that only access the data table (see Chapter 5, “Application programming for data tables,” on page 23). From among those, select the files with the highest usage of these requests in order to maximize the performance gains.

Information on file usage can be found in the *CICS Performance Guide*. Not all read requests can take advantage of the data table, so you should check the data table information in the CICS statistics report afterwards to verify that the data table is being used effectively. See “Interpreting data table statistics” on page 51 for more information.

- For a user-maintained data table, select files that have a large proportion of update activity but do not require the updates to be recovered across a CICS restart (see “Data integrity” on page 12).
- Use performance measurements to estimate the approximate CPU savings, bearing in mind any forecasts for future usage.
- Select one or two files with the best estimates. Give preference to a small file over a large file when the estimated savings are similar, because a small file will probably use less real storage.
- Monitor your real storage consumption. If your system is already real-storage constrained, using a large data table could increase your page-in rates. This in turn could adversely affect CICS system performance. Use your normal performance tools, such as RMF™ (Version 5), to look at real-storage usage and paging rates.
- Consider reducing the number of buffers in the LSR pool because the use of data tables could reduce the number of times that the LSR pool is used.
- You can use the user exit XDTRD to select the records included in the data table. In addition, for a user-maintained data table, you can use the user exit XDTRD to modify the records. You can thus optimize the use of virtual and real storage by storing in the data table only the data that you need.
- A very large data table might require more data space storage than your usual region limit set by the MVS IEFUSI exit. In this case, you can either increase the limit by modifying the IEFUSI exit or use a CICS XDTRD global user exit program to suppress some records. The IEFUSI exit is described in the *z/OS MVS Installation Exits* manual (SA22-7593).

Using statistics to select data tables

This section covers just one of the possible inputs to the selection task—the information available from the file statistics.

If you need to share data between more than one MVS image, you should investigate using RLS mode to share the files. If, however, your sharing is confined to a single MVS image, you should consider which files have access patterns that make the use of shared data tables beneficial.

Figure 3 on page 17, Figure 4 on page 18, and Figure 5 on page 18 show some extracts from a hypothetical set of file statistics for files accessed in non-RLS mode that are used in the following discussion to demonstrate how CICS statistics can aid the selection process.

The statistics are displayed as they would be reported by the CICS offline formatting utility. Requested file statistics are shown, but Interval or End of Day statistics would be equally suitable. The section of File "Performance Information" statistics, which reports use of VSAM strings and buffers, is not shown here.

The numbers shown in the figures are purely for the purposes of illustration, and you should not expect the statistics at your installation to resemble them. Similarly, the configuration of CICS regions and files has been chosen to highlight certain points; it is not suggested that this is a typical or desirable configuration.

"Interpreting data table statistics" on page 51 discusses the statistics reported for files defined as data tables, which you can use to assess the benefits being obtained.

Requested Statistics Report Collection Date-Time 12/25/99-11:51:51 Last Reset 09:00:00 Applid CICFOR Jobname SDTGSTF1

FILES - Resource Information

File Name	Dataset Name Base Dataset Name (If Applicable)	Dataset Type	RLS File	DT Indicator	Time Opened	Time Closed	Remote Name	Remote Sysid	Lsrpool ID
APPLE	CIC01.CICOWN.APPLES	K	NO		07:44:12	OPEN			1
BANANA	CIC01.CICOWN.BANANAS	K	NO		09:45:08	OPEN			1
ORANGE	CIC01.CICOWN.CITRUS	K	NO		10:51:10	OPEN			2
PEAR	CIC01.CICOWN.PEARS	K	NO		07:30:14	OPEN			3

Requested Statistics Report Collection Date-Time 12/25/99-11:51:51 Last Reset 09:00:00 Applid CICFOR Jobname SDTGSTF1

FILES - Requests Information

File Name	Get Requests	Get Upd Requests	Browse Requests	Update Requests	Add Requests	Delete Requests	Brws Upd Requests	VSAM Data	EXCP Index	Requests	RLS req Timeouts
APPLE	2317265	1020	0	1019	21	1	0	11503	310	0	
BANANA	536452	1674	20344	1674	908	0	0	2651	70	0	
ORANGE	2069454	98560	17831	98327	4543	2563	0	8511	481	0	
PEAR	45871	65493	6512	65493	30109	362	0	3773	231	0	
TOTALS	4969042	166747	44687	166513	35581	2926	0			0	

Requested Statistics Report Collection Date-Time 12/25/99-11:51:51 Last Reset 09:00:00 Applid CICFOR Jobname SDTGSTF1

FILES - Data Table Requests Information

File Name	Close Type	Read Requests	Recs in Table	Adds from Reads	Add Requests	Adds rejected - Exit	Adds rejected - Table Full	Rewrite Requests	Delete Requests	Highest Table Size	Storage Alloc(K)
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DFHST0223 I There are no data table statistics to report.

Figure 3. CICFOR requested file statistics

Requested Statistics Report Collection Date-Time 12/25/99-11:51:38 Last Reset 09:00:00 Applid CICAOR1 Jobname SDTGSTA1

FILES - Resource Information

File Name	Dataset Name Base Dataset Name (If Applicable)	Dataset Type	RLS File	DT Indicator	Time Opened	Time Closed	Remote Name	Remote Sysid	Lsrpool ID
APPLE	REMOTE				CLOSED	CLOSED	APPLE	CIF1	N
BANANA	REMOTE				CLOSED	CLOSED	BANANA	CIF1	N
ORANGE	REMOTE				CLOSED	CLOSED	ORANGE	CIF1	N
ZUCCHINI	REMOTE				CLOSED	CLOSED	COURGETT	CIA2	N

Requested Statistics Report Collection Date-Time 12/25/99-11:51:38 Last Reset 09:00:00 Applid CICAOR1 Jobname SDTGSTA1

FILES - Requests Information

File Name	Get Requests	Get Upd Requests	Browse Requests	Update Requests	Add Requests	Delete Requests	Brws Upd Requests	VSAM Data	EXCP Data	Requests Index	RLS req Timeouts
APPLE	1158701	532	0	531	11	1	0	0	0	0	0
BANANA	305641	0	19067	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ORANGE	58709	32854	4265	32621	1018	1001	0	0	0	0	0
ZUCCHINI	78914	0	14765	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	1601965	33386	38097	33152	1029	1002	0	0	0	0	0

Requested Statistics Report Collection Date-Time 12/25/99-11:51:38 Last Reset 09:00:00 Applid CICAOR1 Jobname SDTGSTA1

FILES - Data Table Requests Information

File Name	Close Type	Read Requests	Recs ~ in Table	Adds from Reads	Add Requests	Adds rejected - Exit	Adds rejected - Table Full	Rewrite Requests	Delete Requests	Highest Table Size	Storage Alloc(K)
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DFHST0223 I There are no data table statistics to report.

Figure 4. CICAOR1 requested file statistics

Requested Statistics Report Collection Date-Time 12/25/99-11:49:31 Last Reset 09:00:00 Applid CICAOR2 Jobname SDTGSTA2

FILES - Resource Information

File Name	Dataset Name Base Dataset Name (If Applicable)	Dataset Type	RLS File	DT Indicator	Time Opened	Time Closed	Remote Name	Remote Sysid	Lsrpool ID
COURGETT	CIC02.CICOWN.COURGETT	K	NO		08:22:15	OPEN			1
LEMON	REMOTE		NO		CLOSED	CLOSED	ORANGE	CIF1	N

Requested Statistics Report Collection Date-Time 12/25/99-11:49:31 Last Reset 09:00:00 Applid CICAOR2 Jobname SDTGSTA2

FILES - Requests Information

File Name	Get Requests	Get Upd Requests	Browse Requests	Update Requests	Add Requests	Delete Requests	Brws Upd Requests	VSAM Data	EXCP Data	Requests Index	RLS req Timeouts
COURGETT	78914	27469	14765	27469	336472	0	0	8212	0	481	0
LEMON	2010745	65706	13566	65706	3525	1562	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	2089659	93175	28331	93175	339997	1562	0	0	0	0	0

Requested Statistics Report Collection Date-Time 12/25/99-11:49:31 Last Reset 09:00:00 Applid CICAOR2 Jobname SDTGSTA2

FILES - Data Table Requests Information

File Name	Close Type	Read Requests	Recs ~ in Table	Adds from Reads	Add Requests	Adds rejected - Exit	Adds rejected - Table Full	Rewrite Requests	Delete Requests	Highest Table Size	Storage Alloc(K)
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DFHST0223 I There are no data table statistics to report.

Figure 5. CICAOR2 requested file statistics

The examples use a hypothetical configuration of three CICS regions. Most of the files used by CICS applications are owned by the file-owning region CICFOR, and the applications mostly run in the application-owning regions CICAOR1 and CICAOR2. This discussion assumes that each of the data sets shown in the statistics reports is a VSAM base KSDS (as indicated by the Dataset Type of K), so any of them can be defined as data tables.

This section focuses on identifying candidates for defining as CICS-maintained data tables, because the decision to define a user-maintained data table is more likely to come from consideration of particular applications than from a study of file performance in general. Because of this focus, none of the statistics shown is for files accessed in RLS mode, because an RLS-mode data set cannot be the source for a CICS-maintained data table.

The statistics also show you which file names in one region are defined to access file names in another region. The *Remote Sysid* is the name given on the connection between the two regions. In the examples, the SYSID of CICFOR is CIF2 and that of CICAOR2 is CIA2.

A file with a high read-to-update ratio

The file APPLE is used by applications that run on the application-owning region CICAOR1. It is defined in CICAOR1 as a remote file, and the file definition points to the file APPLE owned by CICFOR. This file would benefit from being redefined in CICFOR as a CICS-maintained data table because it has a high ratio of remote reads (1158701 Get Requests in the time period covered by the reports) to remote updates (11 adds, 1 delete and 531 updates) as seen in Figure 4 on page 18.

See the *CICS Performance Guide* for guidance on the meanings of the “FILES - Requests Information” section of a statistics report.

A file with a high proportion of remote reads

The file BANANA is updated and read on CICFOR, but is also accessed by CICAOR1. Because all the remote accesses are reads and browses, with no updates, the applications running in CICAOR1 would probably see large benefits if BANANA was defined as a data table, and the applications on CICFOR would also benefit by reading from the local data table.

A file shared by several regions

From a study of the statistics in Figure 4 on page 18 it might appear that ORANGE is not an especially suitable data table candidate, as the numbers of remote retrievals from CICAOR1 (58709 Get Requests and 4265 Browse Requests) are relatively low. However, the remote file LEMON in CICAOR2 also points to ORANGE in CICFOR, so defining ORANGE in CICFOR as a shared CICS-maintained data table would probably benefit the performance of the applications in both AORs.

A good UMT candidate

The file COURGETT owned by CICAOR2 is accessed via the filename ZUCCHINI in CICAOR1. CICAOR1 only reads or browses the file; any updating is issued by the owning region. Also, it is known that these updates are relevant only to the day's CICS run and do not need to be retained permanently (in fact, they are deleted at shutdown). The file is therefore an excellent candidate for defining as a user-maintained data table. All the updates can then be made to the data table without any VSAM I/O activity, and all the remote retrievals can be made without function shipping.

A rather poor candidate

The file PEAR would probably not benefit much from shared data tables support because it is not accessed remotely and has many update and browse requests. Local browsing does not offer as much benefit as either local reading or any form of remote retrieval, because VSAM browsing (apart from processing of the STARTBR command) is very efficient. This analysis, of course, does not consider the relative importance of the various file accesses; the reading might be done by critical applications, but the time taken for updates might not be important.

Other possible candidates

The preceding examples illustrate only a small sample of the possible configurations and uses of files that could benefit from shared data tables support.

You could also use shared data tables support to avoid the need to duplicate files or data tables in each region. And, in addition to looking at existing files, you could consider moving files from an AOR to an FOR where this was not practical before because of the cost of file accesses using function shipping.

Security checking for data tables

The security checking that is performed by the shared data table LOGON and CONNECT operations is introduced in “How a data table is shared” on page 6. You should consider the implications of the security checks before sharing a file that is associated with a data table.

For information about implementing security checking for shared data tables, see the *CICS RACF Security Guide*.

LOGON security check

To minimize the risk that an application-owning region (AOR) might accept counterfeit data records from a file-owning region (FOR) that is in fact an impostor, LOGON processing includes a security check to verify that the FOR is authorized to act as a server with the specified application name. This check is never bypassed, even when SEC=NO is specified at system initialization.

CONNECT security checks

The security checks performed at CONNECT time provide two levels of security:

- **Bind security** allows an FOR that runs without CICS file security to be able to restrict shared access to selected AORs. (Running without file security minimizes run-time overheads and the number of security definitions.)
- **File security** can be activated in the FOR if you need a finer granularity of security checking. Shared data table support then implements those checks that apply to the AOR as a whole.

Shared data table support provides no way of implementing those security checks that an FOR makes at the transaction level when ATTACHSEC(IDENTIFY) or ATTACHSEC(VERIFY) is used with function shipping.

Shared data table support on different releases of CICS

To benefit from the cross-memory support provided by shared data tables, you must be running with shared data table support in both the requesting and serving CICS systems.

If only the requesting CICS system has shared data table support, there is no effect apart from the very small overhead of occasional attempts to determine whether the server system supports sharing. All requests continue to be function shipped.

If only the serving CICS system has shared data table support, all requests continue to be function shipped by the requester. The requester does, however, obtain the benefits of local data table accesses made by the server.

Preparing to use shared data tables support

About this task

To use shared data table support, you must perform the following tasks. Some of them will already have been done for an installation that currently uses function shipping and/or data tables.

- Either ensure that the following modules are in an authorized system library in the LNKLST of the MVS system, or move them into a library in the LPALST concatenation.
 - DFHDTSVC and DFHDTCV, because all regions using shared data tables must use the same level of SVC code.
 - DFHMVRMS, the RESMGR exit stub, because CICS JOBLIB/STEPLIB data sets are unavailable at end-of-memory.

The following modules are placed by the installation of CICS into the target library SDFHLINK, which is normally included in the LNKLST concatenation.

- If SDFHLINK is in the LNKLST concatenation, you should issue the operator command `MODIFY LLA,REFRESH` and wait for the confirmatory message `CSV210I LIBRARY LOOKASIDE REFRESHED` in order to make the modules available.
 - If SDFHLINK is not in the LNKLST concatenation, you should either copy the modules into a suitable library that is included and issue an LLA refresh, or copy the modules into a library in the LPALST concatenation and re-IPL the MVS system specifying CLPA.
- If any files in any AOR are to exploit sharing, make sure that CICS is defined as an MVS subsystem.
 - Define security authorization so that FORs can act as shared data table servers and AORs can access files owned by servers, depending on the level of security required. In a single MVS image:
 - Any number of FORs can act as shared data table servers
 - A single AOR can use any number of these FORs
 - A single FOR can serve any number of AORs
 - A region can act as an AOR for one data table and as an FOR for a different data table.
 - If two FORs should have the same APPLID, at any given time only one of these FORs is used as an shared data table server. However, there is nothing to prevent one FOR acting as an shared data table server and another FOR, with the same APPLID, being used for function shipped requests. You should check that your operational procedures do not allow this because there is a risk that data table requests that use shared data table services are not directed to the same region as requests that use function shipping.
 - Define those files in the FOR that are data tables as either CICS-maintained data tables or user-maintained data tables.
 - Create additional remote file definitions in the AOR if required. No changes are needed to existing remote file definitions.
 - For any AOR that is to share data tables, specify `ISC=YES` as a system initialization parameter and define MRO or ISC links to the relevant FORs.
 - Before using shared data tables you might need to change some of your JCL statements, modify your operational procedures, or increase the value of the `MAXUSER` MVS initialization parameter. For more information, see “MVS JCL requirements when using shared data tables” on page 50.

Load modules

Table 2 shows the load modules to be installed in your CICS region in order to use shared data tables.

Table 2. Load modules used by shared data table support

Load module	Load library	How loaded	Description
DFHDTINS	SDFHLOAD	CICS load above the 16 MB line	Initialization
DFHDT SVC	SDFHLINK	MVS LOAD above the 16 MB line from link-list	Performs all functions that need MVS authorization
DFHDTFOR	SDFHAUTH	MVS LOAD above the 16 MB line	Data table FOR module
DFHDTAM	SDFHAUTH	MVS LOAD into subpool 252 storage above the 16 MB line	Data table access manager. It includes code that is executed in cross-memory mode from an AOR
DFHDTAOR	SDFHAUTH	MVS LOAD above the 16 MB line	Data table AOR module
DFHDT CV	SDFHLINK	MVS LOAD into ECSA from link-list	Connection validation (AOR)
DFHDTXS	SDFHAUTH	MVS LOAD into ECSA	Connection security checking (FOR)
DFHMVRMS	SDFHLINK	MVS LOAD above the 16 MB line from link-list	Resource manager EOT/EOM interface code

Storage occupancy

The total size of the modules that occupy storage above the 16MB line is about 41KB. For modules that are in ECSA storage, about 1.5KB are required for each logged-on FOR, and about 0.5KB for each AOR.

The modules are all eligible for inclusion in the link pack area (LPA), but only DFHDTFOR, DFHDTAM, DFHDTAOR, and possibly DFHDT CV are used sufficiently frequently to be worth considering.

Chapter 5. Application programming for data tables

You access a data table with the same EXEC CICS file control commands that you use with any normal CICS file. These commands can be used fully with a CICS-maintained data table and, with some restrictions, a user-maintained data table.

For general information about using these commands, see the *CICS Application Programming Guide*; for programming information, see the *CICS Application Programming Reference*.

Application programming for a CICS-maintained data table

CICS handles a CICS-maintained data table and its source data set as a single entity. After the data table has been loaded, CICS automatically keeps the contents of the data table and the source data set consistent; any changes that an application makes to the file are reflected in both. In almost all situations, the use of a data table is transparent to the application programmer.

All file control commands and options can be used for a CICS-maintained data table. Some commands are performed by access only to the data table (using cross-memory services for shared files), some by access only to the source data set (using function shipping for shared files), and some by access to both.

The following commands usually access only the data table:

- READ commands without the UPDATE or RBA options
- STARTBR, RESETBR, READNEXT, and READPREV commands without the RBA option
- ENDBR command (unless the browse sequence has accessed the source data set)

The following commands access only the source data set:

- READ commands with the UPDATE or RBA options
- STARTBR, RESETBR, READNEXT, and READPREV commands with the RBA option
- ENDBR command for a browse sequence that has accessed the source data set

The following commands might access both the data table and the source data set:

- READ and browse commands (that would usually access only the data table) that find a gap in the key sequence of records in the data table. This gap might indicate that one or more records are missing from the data table because:
 - records have been suppressed by a user exit
 - the maximum number of records has been reached
 - insufficient virtual storage is available for the data table
 - some abnormal event has occurred
- READ, READNEXT, and READPREV commands for records that are currently being processed by a WRITE, REWRITE, or DELETE command. These commands need to first access the data table to determine that this situation exists.

- WRITE, REWRITE, and DELETE commands. These commands are always executed in the FOR, where they first update the source data set. If this is successful, a corresponding change to the data table is attempted using local shared data table services in the FOR. In the case of a WRITE command, the addition of the record to the data table might be rejected by the XDTAD user exit or might fail because the data table is full, or insufficient virtual storage is available.

Generic reads for a CICS-maintained data table

For applications that carry out generic reads, using the GENERIC option on the READ command, there is a difference in behavior for a CICS-maintained data table compared to a VSAM file. You might need to modify these applications when you convert a VSAM file to a CICS-maintained data table.

For a generic read of a VSAM file, if CICS returns a NOTFND condition because the record is not found in the table, the INTO() and RIDFLD() areas from the READ command are left unchanged. However, for a generic read of a CICS-maintained data table, if CICS returns a NOTFND condition, CICS clears the INTO() and RIDFLD() areas to ensure that an incorrect record is not returned.

This behavior optimizes performance for CICS-maintained data tables, but it means that applications can no longer depend on the original values in the INTO() and RIDFLD() areas being returned. If you have any applications that carry out generic reads, modify them as necessary to take appropriate action if a NOTFND condition is returned and the INTO() and RIDFLD() areas are cleared.

Using a CICS-maintained data table during loading

It is possible to use a CICS-maintained data table while it is being loaded. If the required record has already been loaded, processing the request is handled in the normal way. If the record has not yet been loaded, the following is done:

- For a READ command, the record is read from the source data set and returned to the application program. It is added to the data table when the normal loading sequence reaches it.
- For a WRITE command, the record is added to the source data set and the data table (if not suppressed by the user exit XDTAD).
- For a REWRITE or DELETE command, the change is applied to the source data set. This change is then reflected in the data table by the normal loading process.

Application programming for a user-maintained data table

CICS handles a user-maintained data table and its source data set as separate entities. When loading is complete, all file control commands that access the filename are performed only on the data table.

There are some restrictions on which commands and options can be used. There are also some exceptional conditions that are unique to user-maintained data tables. These restrictions and conditions are described below.

The following commands are not supported; they return the INVREQ condition and a value of 44 in the EIBRESP2 field:

- Commands with the RBA option
- WRITE commands with the MASSINSERT option

The following commands are supported (using cross-memory services for remote accesses):

- READ commands with neither the RBA option nor the UPDATE option. If the record does not exist in the data table, the NOTFND condition is returned.
- STARTBR, RESETBR, READNEXT, and READPREV commands without the RBA option.
- ENDBR commands.

The following commands are supported (using function shipping for remote requests):

- WRITE commands without the RBA or MASSINSERT options. The record is added to the data table (if not suppressed by the XDTAD user exit).

The NOSPACE condition is returned if:

- There is not enough data space storage to add the record to the data table.
- The data table already contains the maximum number of records that is specified in the file definition.

The SUPPRESSED condition is returned if the user exit XDTAD suppresses the addition of the record to the data table.

- REWRITE commands without the RBA option. The record is updated in the data table. The NOSPACE condition is returned if there is insufficient virtual storage for the updated record.
- DELETE commands without the RBA option. The record is deleted from the data table. The NOTFND condition is returned if the record does not exist in the data table. The NOSPACE condition is returned if the data table is recoverable and there is insufficient virtual storage for the information that CICS writes about the deleted record.

Using a user-maintained data table during loading

A user-maintained data table can be accessed only by the FOR during loading. All remote requests are function shipped to the FOR, which processes them in the same way as for a local request described below.

While a user-maintained data table is being loaded, you can use only non-update read requests with precise keys. If the record has already been loaded, processing the request is handled in the normal way. If the record has not yet been loaded, the record is read from the source data set and submitted to the user exit XDTRD (if activated):

- If it is not suppressed by XDTRD, the record is added to the data table and returned to the application program.
- If it is suppressed by XDTRD, the NOTFND condition is returned.

The LOADING condition is returned for other requests that would have been valid had loading been complete.

Use of cross-memory services for shared data tables

Cross-memory services are used to satisfy an application programming command when all the following conditions have been met:

- CICS must retrieve the SYSID of the target system from the file's resource definition in the AOR. This condition is met when the application programming

command either specifies no explicit SYSID, or specifies a SYSID the same as the AOR itself and the SYSID given in the file resource definition is the same as the FOR.

Within a single browse sequence, an application should not change between specifying an explicit SYSID and not specifying one, as this is likely to lead to unpredictable results.

- The serving system has logged on; that is, it has registered itself as a shared data table owner.
- The requesting system has connected to the server for the files specified on the application programming command.
- The file supports the requested function.

Note: Function shipping of a request might result in “daisy chaining”; that is, the request passes through one or more intermediate CICS nodes between the region issuing the request (an AOR) and the region owning the resource (the FOR). In such cases, use of shared data tables cross-memory services is limited to the final link (from the last intermediate system to the FOR).

Connection

Commands cannot use cross-memory services until the connection is made between the AOR and the remote data table. Also, if a browse sequence starts before the connection is made, all subsequent requests in the sequence use function shipping services. This is likely to occur if the connection cannot be established at the STARTBR command because the data table is not open, and the command causes the data table to be implicitly opened. The connection is then made on the next new request to the data table, but the original browse sequence continues to use function shipping services.

Disconnection

When a connection has been made, it remains in force until either the AOR deletes its remote file definition or the FOR closes or disables the file. The effects of close or disable are described below.

- If the FOR closes the file (with or without the FORCE option), disconnection is scheduled at the next non-update request that is issued for the file (that is, the next request to attempt to use cross-memory services to access the data table).

The disconnection takes place as soon as all outstanding browse sequences (if any) against the file have terminated. Each browse sequence terminates either at the next browse request (and the transaction is abended with code AFCH unless the request is an ENDBR command) or when the transaction terminates.

After the disconnection is scheduled, all requests (except any outstanding browse requests, as described above) are function shipped until a connection is re-established.

- If the FOR disables the file without the FORCE option, disconnection is scheduled at the next non-update READ or STARTBR command issued for the file, unless the FOR re-enables the file before then.

If scheduled, disconnection takes place as soon as all outstanding browse sequences (if any) against the file have ended. Such browse sequences continue normally; they are unaffected by the disabling unless a browse of the source data set is started in the FOR in order to satisfy a request in the browse sequence (see “Disabling a data table” on page 27).

- If the FOR disables the file with the FORCE option, the effect is the same as when a file is closed, except that if the FOR re-enables the file before the AOR

issues the next non-update request for the file, the disabling is not observed by the AOR and disconnection is not scheduled.

Differences between function shipping and cross-memory services

Note the following differences between the way requests are handled, depending on whether function shipping or cross-memory services are used to access the data table.

Closing a data table

When function shipping is used for a browse sequence of a remote file, the file cannot be closed (except by using the FORCE option) until after the browse sequence ends.

When cross-memory services are used, it is possible for the file to be closed during the browse sequence. In this case, the transaction is ended with abend code AFCH at the next request for that file. If your applications or operational procedures rely on the quiescing of browse activity either when closing a file or at the normal shutdown of an FOR, you should review them before using a shared data table for the file.

Disabling a data table

When function shipping is used for a browse sequence of a remote file, the browse sequence, once started, can continue normally even if the file is then disabled (unless the FORCE option is used).

When cross-memory services are used, the effect is the same unless, during the browse sequence, it is necessary to function ship a STARTBR command to the FOR. This can happen if, for example, a gap in a CICS-maintained data table makes it necessary to browse the VSAM source data set to retrieve records. The function-shipped STARTBR command fails if the file is then disabled by a request that was issued by the FOR after the browse sequence started in the AOR. In this case the browse sequence is unable to continue normally, so the transaction in the AOR is abended with code AFCH.

If the FORCE option is used with the disable request, all function-shipped browse requests are always terminated. If the file is re-enabled, it is possible for browse requests that use cross-memory services to continue unaffected. (For information about FORCE, see "Disconnection" on page 26).

User exits

For function-shipped requests, the exec interface user exits XEIIIN and XEIOUT, and the file control user exits XFCREQ and XFCREQC, are invoked in both the AOR and FOR.

For cross-memory requests, these user exits are invoked only in the AOR.

Security checking

For function-shipped requests, security checking in the FOR is invoked for the first request that refers to a given file in each unit of work. Thus transaction-level security checks can be performed in the FOR.

For cross-memory requests, security checking is invoked only at CONNECT time. Thus transaction-level security checks cannot be performed in the FOR.

Read request failure

If a read request using function shipping fails, the input area is unchanged.

If a read request using cross-memory services fails, there is a chance that the input area will be altered although no record was retrieved. You should not therefore rely on the input area being unchanged, although you can be sure that the key will not have been changed.

EXEC interface block

You might notice that read requests using cross-memory services return a value in the EIBRESP2 field. However, function-shipped requests do not, so your applications should not be dependent on this field being set by read requests.

Key length

For function-shipped requests, you must specify the correct key length in either the remote-file definition in the AOR or explicitly on the file request (to match the key length in the VSAM definition in the FOR). If you do not, the INVREQ condition is returned for any request that accesses the file. This applies to any file, not just the one that is defined as a data table.

For cross-memory requests, the key length in the AOR is not used; requests can complete successfully even if the key length is not specified in the AOR, or if the key length specified in the AOR does not match that in the FOR. However, your applications should not depend on this because some of the requests might be function shipped.

Differences between shared data tables services and VSAM

Because shared data table services replace VSAM for many data table requests, note the following differences in the way that certain requests are implemented.

Read while updating (different transactions)

In the case of a READ command for a data table record following a READ UPDATE issued for that record by *another* transaction and preceding the associated update request, when shared data table services are used the READ command is processed immediately.

When VSAM is used, the READ command waits until the update request is complete.

Read while updating (same transaction)

In the case of a READ command for a data table record following a READ UPDATE issued for that record by *the same* transaction and preceding the associated update request, when shared data table services are used the READ command is processed immediately.

When VSAM is used, the transaction incurs a deadlock abend AFCEG.

Delete during browse

When shared data table services are used for a STARTBR or RESETBR command for a data table record, it is possible for the record to be deleted before the associated READNEXT or READPREV command is issued. When VSAM is used, the record cannot be deleted before the associated READNEXT or READPREV command is issued.

Thus, when shared data table services are used, if a STARTBR or RESETBR command is issued with a key other than the special 'last record' key, X'FF....', and the record selected is deleted before the READNEXT command, the READNEXT command reads the succeeding record.

If there is no succeeding record, the ENDFILE condition is returned. If the EQUAL option was used on the STARTBR or RESETBR, the key of the record that is read might not match the key specified.

If a STARTBR or RESETBR command is issued with the special 'last record' key, and the selected record is deleted before the READPREV command, the READPREV command reads the preceding record, or returns the ENDFILE condition if there is none.

Write during browse

When shared data table services are used, if a browse reads to the end of a file, raising the ENDFILE condition, and a new record is then inserted beyond the end of the file, a subsequent READNEXT is able to read the new record.

When VSAM is used, the subsequent READNEXT may not be able to find the new record, but instead reports the ENDFILE condition again.

Delete while updating (same transaction)

When shared data table services are used for a DELETE command that specifies a RIDFLD for a data table record after a READ UPDATE has been issued for that record by the same transaction and before the associated update request, the DELETE command is processed successfully and the associated update request receives a NOTFND condition.

Chapter 6. Resource definition for data tables

About this task

You define a data table in the same way as a CICS file except that you need to specify in addition:

- The type of data table to be used
- The maximum number of records that can be held in the data table

Note: The VSAM KSDS definition supplies the maximum record length and the key length.

You can define a file as a data table by using the CEDA DEFINE FILE command, described in “Using the DEFINE FILE command to define data tables.”

Also, to change or check the data table attributes of an existing file you can use:

- EXEC CICS SET FILE and INQUIRE FILE commands (see “EXEC CICS commands for data tables” on page 34)
- CEMT SET FILE and INQUIRE FILE commands (see “CEMT commands for data tables” on page 35)

Using the DEFINE FILE command to define data tables

Use the DEFINE FILE command to define data tables. Full details of FILE definitions are given in the *CICS Resource Definition Guide*. Only the attributes that relate to data tables are described in this section.

TABLE({NO | CICS | USER | CF})

specify **TABLE(CICS)** to define the file as a CICS-maintained data table

specify **TABLE(USER)** to define the file as a user-maintained data table

If you do not specify the **TABLE** parameter, or specify **TABLE(NO)**, or **TABLE(CF)**, the file is not defined as a CICS shared data table.

Note: You can also specify **CFTABLE** to indicate a coupling facility data table.

MAXNUMRECS(NOLIMIT | number)

specifies the maximum number of records that can be contained in the data table, in the range 1 through 99999999. The default is that there is no limit on the maximum number of records.

FILE(name)

specifies the name of the file.

For a CICS-maintained data table, this name is used to refer to both the data table and the source data set, which are treated as a single entity by CICS.

For a user-maintained data table, this name is used to refer to only the data table.

DSNAME(name)

specifies the name of the VSAM KSDS used as the source data set. This must be a base data set, not a path or alternate index data set. If there is a path or alternate index associated with the source data set, any updates, for a CICS-maintained data table, made via the file are reflected in both the source

data set and its alternate indices. For a user-maintained data table, the updates are not reflected in either the source data set or its alternate indices. After loading has completed, a user-maintained data table is entirely independent of its source data set.

LSRPOOLID(number | 1)

specifies the number of the VSAM local shared resource (LSR) pool that is to be used by the data table. You must specify an LSRPOOL number, in the range 1 through 8. The default is **LSRPOOLID(1)**.

OPENTIME({FIRSTREF | STARTUP})

specifies when the file is to be opened, either on first reference or immediately after startup by the automatically-initiated transaction CSFU.

OPENTIME(FIRSTREF) is assumed by default.

Remember that the data table is loaded when the file is opened, so if you are using the user exit XDTRD, make sure that the user exit is activated before the file is opened (see “Activating user exits for data tables” on page 59).

RECORDFORMAT({V | F})

specifies the format of the records in the file—either **RECORDFORMAT(V)** for variable-length records or **RECORDFORMAT(F)** for fixed-length records.

RECORDFORMAT(V) is assumed by default. A user-maintained data table must have variable-length records.

ADD(NO | YES), BROWSE(NO | YES), DELETE(NO | YES), READ(YES | NO), and UPDATE(NO | YES)

specifies the file operations that can be requested for the data table.

RECOVERY({NONE | BACKOUTONLY | ALL})

specifies the type of recovery support that is required for the data table. The default is **RECOVERY(NONE)**.

For a user-maintained data table, only dynamic transaction backout is supported by CICS, so **RECOVERY(BACKOUTONLY)** and **RECOVERY(ALL)** have the same meaning.

For a CICS-maintained data table, the **RECOVERY** parameter applies to the source data set; it must be consistent with any other file definition for the same data set.

The recovery attributes of a user-maintained data table are totally independent of any recovery attributes that its source data set may have.

When you define a user-maintained data table, you specify its recovery attributes on the file definition by specifying either **RECOVERY(NONE)** if it is to be non-recoverable, or **RECOVERY(BACKOUTONLY | ALL)** if it is to be recoverable after a transaction failure.

The source data set for the user-maintained data table can be non-recoverable, recoverable for backout only (after both transaction and system failures), or forward recoverable, regardless of what you have specified for the user-maintained data table.

The source data set can acquire its recovery attributes in one of two ways:

1. By having the recovery attributes for the data set defined in the ICF catalog (this is possible in CICS Transaction Server for z/OS, Version 4 Release 1 for both RLS and non-RLS mode files.

- By using another file name to access the data set as an ordinary CICS file, with the recovery attributes specified in the file definition (this is only possible in CICS Transaction Server for z/OS, Version 4 Release 1 for non-RLS mode files).

Example of a CICS-maintained data table definition

The following example shows the definition of a CICS-maintained data table. Only the relevant parameters are shown.

```

File          ==> APPLE
Group         ==> FRUIT
Description   ==>
VSAM PARAMETERS
DSName       ==> CIC01.CICOWN.APPLES
Password     ==>                PASSWORD NOT SPECIFIED
RLSACCESS    ==> NO                YES|NO
Lsrpoolid    ==> 2                1-8 | None
READINTEG    ==> UNCOMMITTED      UNCOMMITTED|CONSISTENT|REPEATABLE
DSNSharing   ==> Allreqs          Allreqs | Modifyreqs
STRings      ==> 005              1 - 255
Nsrgroup     ==>
REMOTE ATTRIBUTES
REMOTESystem ==>
REMOTENAME   ==>
REMOTE AND CFDATATABLE PARAMETERS
RECORDSize   ==> 00080            1-32767
Keylength    ==> 006              1-255 (1-16 For CF Datatable)
INITIAL STATUS
STatus       ==> Enabled          Enabled | Disabled | Unenabled
Opentime     ==> Startup          Firstref | Startup
Disposition  ==> Share            Share | Old
BUFFERS
Databuffers  ==> 00002            2 - 32767
Indexbuffers ==> 00001            1 - 32767
DATATABLE PARAMETERS
TABLE        ==> CICS             No | Cics | User | CF
Maxnumrecs   ==> 1000000          Nolimit | 1-99999999
CFDATATABLE PARAMETERS
Cfdtpool     ==>
TABLEName    ==>
UPDATEModel  ==> Locking          Contention | Locking
LOad         ==> No                No | Yes
DATA FORMAT
RECORDFormat ==> F                V | F
OPERATIONS
Add          ==> Yes                No | Yes
BRowse      ==> No                No | Yes
DElete      ==> Yes                No | Yes
REAd        ==> Yes                Yes | No
Update      ==> Yes                No | Yes
AUTO JOURNALING
JOurnal     ==> No                No | 1 - 99
JNLRead     ==> None              None | Updateonly | Readonly | All
JNLSYNCRoad ==> No                No | Yes
JNLUpdate   ==> No                No | Yes
JNLAdd      ==> None              None | Before | After | All
JNLSYNCRite ==> Yes                Yes | No
RECOVERY PARAMETERS
RECOVery    ==> A11                None | Backoutonly | All
Fwdrecovlog ==> 10                 No | 1-99
BACKuptype  ==> STATic            STATic | DYNamic
SECURITY
RESsecnum   : 00                  0-24 | Public

```

Example of a user-maintained data table definition

The following example shows the definition of a user-maintained data table. Only the relevant parameters are shown.

```

File ==> COURGETT
Group ==> VEGS
Description ==>
VSAM PARAMETERS
DSName ==> CIC02.CICOWN.COURGETT
Password ==> PASSWORD NOT SPECIFIED
RLSACCESS ==> NO YES|NO
Lsrpoolid ==> 5 1-8 | None
READINTEG ==> UNCOMMITTED UNCOMMITTED|CONSISTENT|REPEATABLE
DSNSharing ==> Allreqs Allreqs | Modifyreqs
STRings ==> 005 1 - 255
Nsrgroup ==>
REMOTE ATTRIBUTES
REMOTESystem ==>
REMOTENAME ==>
REMOTE AND CFDATATABLE PARAMETERS
RECORDSize ==> 00080 1-32767
Keylength ==> 006 1-255 (1-16 For CF Datatable)
INITIAL STATUS
STatus ==> Enabled Enabled | Disabled | Unenabled
Opentime ==> Firstref Firstref | Startup
Disposition ==> Share Share | Old
BUFFERS
Databuffers ==> 00002 2 - 32767
Indexbuffers ==> 00001 1 - 32767
DATATABLE PARAMETERS
TABLE ==> User No | Cics | User | CF
Maxnumrecs ==> 2000000 Nolimit | 1-99999999
CFDATATABLE PARAMETERS
Cfdtpool ==>
TABLEName ==>
UPDATEModel ==> Locking Contention | Locking
LOad ==> No No | Yes
DATA FORMAT
RECORDFormat ==> V V | F
OPERATIONS
Add ==> Yes No | Yes
BRowse ==> Yes No | Yes
DElete ==> No No | Yes
REAd ==> Yes Yes | No
Update ==> Yes No | Yes
AUTO JOURNALING
JOurnal ==> No No | 1 - 99
JNLRead ==> None None | Updateonly | Readonly | All
JNLSYNRead ==> No No | Yes
JNLUpdate ==> No No | Yes
JNLAdd ==> None None | Before | After | All
JNLSYNWrite ==> Yes Yes | No
RECOVERY PARAMETERS
RECOVery ==> Backoutonly None | Backoutonly | All
Fwdrecovlog ==> No No | 1-99
BACKuptype ==> STAtic STAtic | DYNamic
SECURITY
RESsecnum : 00 0-24 | Public

```

EXEC CICS commands for data tables

This section contains General-use Programming Interface and Associated Guidance Information.

You can use the EXEC CICS SET FILE command to change the definition of an existing file and the EXEC CICS INQUIRE FILE command to check the definition

of an existing file. For programming information, including details of how to use these commands and the parameters described here, see *CICS System Programming Reference*. The parameters that are relevant to data tables are described below.

SET FILE

The following parameters are relevant to data tables; you can use them only when the file is closed and disabled. You can specify a data table attribute of a file in a CICS-value data area (cvda):

TABLE(cvda)

specify a cvda value of **CICSTABLE** to define the file as a CICS-maintained data table.

specify a cvda value of **USERTABLE** to define the file as a user-maintained data table.

specify a cvda value of **NOTTABLE** to indicate that the file is not a data table.

Note: You can also specify **CFTABLE** to indicate a coupling facility data table.

MAXNUMRECS(value)

specifies the maximum number of records that can be contained in the data table, in the range 1 through 99999999. The value of zero means no limit.

INQUIRE FILE

The following parameters are relevant to data tables. You can request that each data table attribute of a file is returned in a CICS-value data area (cvda) by specifying:

TABLE(cvda)

If the value **CICSTABLE** is returned, the file has been defined as a CICS-maintained data table.

If the value **USERTABLE** is returned, the file has been defined as a user-maintained data table.

If the value **CFTABLE** is returned, the file has been defined as a coupling facility data table.

If the value **NOTTABLE** is returned, the file is not currently defined as a data table.

If the value **NOTAPPLIC** is returned, the option is not applicable because the file is a remote file.

MAXNUMRECS(cvda)

The value returned indicates the maximum number of records that can be contained in the data table. The value of zero means no limit.

CEMT commands for data tables

You can use the CEMT SET FILE command to change the definition of an existing file, and the CEMT INQUIRE FILE command to check the definition of an existing file. Full details of how to use these commands, including the parameters described here, are given in *CICS Supplied Transactions*. The parameters that are relevant to data tables are described below.

SET FILE

The following parameters are relevant to data tables; you can use them only when the file is closed and disabled.

{CICSTABLE|USERTABLE|CFTABLE|NOTTABLE}

specify **CICSTABLE** to define the file as a CICS-maintained data table

specify **USERTABLE** to define the file as a user-maintained data table

Note: You can also specify **CFTABLE** to indicate a coupling facility data table.

specify **NOTTABLE** to indicate that the file is not a data table

MAXNUMRECS(value)

Specify the maximum number of records that can be contained in the data table, in the range 1 through 99999999. The value of zero means no limit.

INQUIRE FILE

The following parameters are relevant to data tables.

Data table

If the value **CICSTABLE** is returned, the file has been defined as a CICS-maintained data table.

If the value **USERTABLE** is returned, the file has been defined as a user-maintained data table.

If the value **CFTABLE** is returned, the file has been defined as a coupling facility data table.

If the value **NOTTABLE** is returned, the file is not currently defined as a data table.

MAXNUMRECS(value)

The value returned indicates the maximum number of records that can be contained in the data table. The value of zero means that there is no maximum limit.

Chapter 7. Customizing data tables using user exits

This section contains Product-sensitive Programming Interface and Associated Guidance Information.

This section describes the three global user exit points that are included in data table services. You can supply one or more assembler-language programs to be executed at each of these points in order to extend or modify the function provided by CICS.

The section is divided into:

- “Communicating between CICS and exit programs,” which provides general information.
- “XDTRD user exit” on page 39. XDTRD is invoked for each record that is read from the source data set (normally when the file is being loaded). You can choose whether to load the record into the data table or not. For a user-maintained data table, you can also modify the record.
- “XDTAD user exit” on page 40. XDTAD is invoked for each record that is added to the source data set. You can choose whether to add the record to the data table or not.
- “XDTLC user exit” on page 40. XDTLC is invoked when the loading of the data table is complete, whether successful or not.

In addition:

- The method of defining and activating the user exits is described in “Activating user exits for data tables” on page 59.
- Samples of exit programs are shown in “Sample user exit programs” on page 41.
- Programming information about global user exits and how to use them is given in the *CICS Customization Guide*.

Note: The exec interface user exits XEIIIN and XEIOUT, and the file control user exits XFCREQ and XFCREQC, are not invoked in the file-owning region if a request to access a data table is satisfied by cross-memory services.

Communicating between CICS and exit programs

A parameter list is used to pass information between CICS and the data table exit programs. In the CICSTS41.CICS.SDFHMAC library, CICS supplies a copybook named DFHXDTDS that contains a DSECT to define this parameter list. You should include a COPY DFHXDTDS statement in each of your exit programs. The DSECT is shown in Figure 6 on page 38.

The field names used in this DSECT are referenced in the user exit descriptions that follow the figure.

```

*****
*
* Data Table Parameter List for User Exits XDTRD, XDTAD and XDTLC.
*
* Some of the parameters are only used by one or two of the exits.
* This is indicated in the comments for those parameters.
* The comments also indicate whether the field is used for input
* (In), output (Out), or both (In/Out).
*
* This definition can be used by exit programs running on CICS
* regions which are at a level to support coupling facility data
* tables (CFDT), providing the UEPDTCFT flag is used to test
* whether the exit has been invoked from within coupling facility
* data tables support, and that parameters which are specific to
* CFDT support are only used when it is set. CFDT support will
* only be available to exit programs running on CICS regions at
* the CICS Transaction Server version 1 release 3 level or higher.
*
* This definition can be used by exit programs running on CICS
* regions which are at a level to support shared data tables (SDT),
* or which have SDT support installed, providing the UEPDTSDT flag
* is used to test whether the exit has been invoked from within
* shared data tables support, and that the parameters which are
* specific to SDT support are only used when it is set. SDT
* support will only be available to CICS regions running at the
* CICS/ESA version 4 release 1 level or higher (or running on
* CICS/ESA version 3 release 3 if the Shared Data Tables feature
* is installed).
*
* This definition can also be used by exit programs running on
* CICS regions which are not at a level to support either SDT or
* CFDT, indicated by both the UEPDTCFT and UEPDTSDT flags being
* off. In this case, only the parameters which relate to the
* basic data tables support can be used. Basic data tables
* support will only be available to CICS regions running on one
* of the following levels:
* - CICS/MVS version 2 (plus data tables SPE on some releases)
* - CICS/ESA version 3 releases 1 or 2
* - CICS/ESA version 3 release 3 if SDT feature is NOT installed
*
* Careful use of these flags, and of the parameters which relate
* to the various kinds of data tables support, should allow the
* same user exit program to be used for more than one kind of data
* table.
*

```

```

*****
DT_UE_PLIST_DSECT DSECT ,
DT_UE_PLIST DS 0XL84 Data Table User Exits X
Parameter List
UEPDNAM DS CL8 Data table name (In)
UEPDFTLG DS 0CL1 Flags (In):

```

```

*-----*
* The UEPDTSDT and UEPDTCFT flags indicate whether the
* exit has been invoked for shared data tables or for
* coupling facility data tables support. If neither is
* set, then the exit has been invoked under the basic
* data tables support which pre-dated shared data tables.
*
* The UEPDTCMT and UEPDTUMT flags are available only to
* exits which have been invoked by shared data tables
* support. They distinguish the two kinds of shared
* data table. Please note that on releases earlier than
* CICS Transaction Server 1.3, the UEPDTUMT flag is NOT
* available; on these releases, a user-maintained data
* table is implied by the UEPDTCMT flag being turned off.
*
* If the exit has been invoked by CFDT support, then the
* data table can only be a coupling facility data table,
* CICS TS for z/OS 1.3 Shared Data Tables Guide
* Identify the kind of
* data table when the exit has been invoked by coupling
* facility data tables support.
*
* The UEPDTCFT flag is available to exits which have

```

The user exits should set a return code in register 15. The return code values are supplied by the DFHUEXIT macro. The valid values for each user exit are given in the following descriptions.

If you want your exit programs still to work for basic data tables as well as for shared data tables, you can check UEPDTFLG to find out which version of data tables support invoked the exit program. For shared data tables, this flag byte also indicates which type of data table is being used and whether the exit program is being invoked during loading.

The exit program should use either the filename (field UEPDTNAM) or the name of the source data set (see fields UEPDTDSN and UEPDTDSL) to determine whether any action is to be taken for this file.

You can enable several exit programs at the same exit point, each of which, for example, takes action for a particular file or data set.

XDTRD user exit

The XDTRD user exit is invoked just before CICS attempts to add a record that has been retrieved from the source data set to the data table.

This normally occurs when the loading process retrieves a record during the sequential copying of the source data set. However, it can also occur when an application retrieves a record that is not in the data table and:

- for a user-maintained data table, loading is still in progress, or
- for a CICS-maintained data table, loading terminated before the end of the source data set was reached (because, for example, the data table was full).

The record retrieved from the source data set is passed as a parameter to the user exit program—see fields UEPDTRA and UEPDTRL. This program can choose (depending, for example, on the key value—see fields UEPDTKA and UEPDTKL) whether to include the record in the data table or not.

Alternatively, the exit program can request that all subsequent records up to a specified key are skipped—see field UEPDTSKA; these records are not passed to the exit program. This facility is available only during loading. You can specify the key as a complete key, or you can specify just the leading characters by padding the skip-key area with binary zeros.

The action required is indicated by setting the return code. Depending on the return code value, the following action is taken by CICS:

Table 3. Return codes for XDTRD user exit. A value of UERCPURG should be returned if the exit program has received a PURGED response to a call that it has issued.

Return code	Action
UERCDTAC	Include the record in the data table. This is the default if the exit is not activated.
UERCDTRJ	Do not include the record in the data table.
UERCDTOP	Skip over this record and the following records until a key is found that is equal to or greater than the key specified in the skip-key area.

For a user-maintained data table, the program can also modify the data in the record to reduce the storage needed for the data table. Application programs that

use the data table must be aware of any changes made to the record format by the exit program. If the record length is changed, the exit program must set the new length in the parameter list—see field UEPDTRL. The new length must not exceed the data buffer length—see field UEPDTRBL.

XDTAD user exit

The XDTAD user exit is invoked when a write request is issued to a data table.

- For a user-maintained data table, the user exit is invoked once—before the record is added to the data table.
- For a CICS-maintained data table, the user exit is invoked twice—before the record is added to the source data set and then again before the record is added to the data table.

The record written by the application is passed as a parameter to the user exit program—see fields UEPDTRA and UEPDTRL. This program can choose (depending on the key value, for example—see fields UEPDTKA and UEPDTKL) whether to include the record in the data table or not. This decision is indicated by setting the return code.

Depending on the return code value, the following action is taken by CICS:

Table 4. Return codes for XDTAD user exit. A value of UERCPURG should be returned if the exit program has received a PURGED response to a call that it has issued.

Return code	Action
UERCDTAC	Add the record to the data table. This is the default if the exit is not activated.
UERCDTRJ	Do not add the record to the data table.

The XDTAD exit must not modify the data in the record. If you used XDTRD to truncate the data records when the user-maintained data table was loaded, you must code your application so that it only tries to write records of the correct format for the data table.

XDTLC user exit

The XDTLC user exit is invoked at the completion of data table loading—whether successful or not. **The user exit is not invoked if the data table is closed for any reason before loading is complete.**

The exit program is informed if the loading did not complete successfully—see field UEPDTORC. This could occur, for example, if the maximum number of records was reached or there was insufficient virtual storage. In this case, the exit program can request that the file is closed immediately, by setting the return code.

Depending on the return code value, the following action is taken by CICS:

Table 5. Return codes for XDTLC user exit. A value of UERCPURG should be returned if the exit program has received a PURGED response to a call that it has issued.

Return code	Action
UERCDTOK	No action; the file remains open. This is the default if the exit is not activated.
UERCDTCL	Close the file.

Sample user exit programs

This information contains Product-sensitive Programming Interface and Associated Guidance Information.

This information describes, by means of samples of coding and data definition sequences, the conventions used in user exit programs that are used with shared data tables in:

- “Sample XDTRD exit program”
- “Sample XDTAD exit program” on page 43
- “Sample XD TLC exit program” on page 45

These samples are intended only as general guidance and do not define a programming interface.

The exit programs are supplied in the SDFHSAMP library.

Copybook DFHXDTDS defines the data tables user exit parameter list that is used in each of the following samples. DFHXDTDS is shown in Figure 6 on page 38.

Sample XDTRD exit program

```

      TITLE 'DFH$DTRD - Sample XDTRD Global User Exit Program'
*****
*
*   MODULE NAME = DFH$DTRD
*
*   DESCRIPTIVE NAME = %PRODUCT Data Tables Sample XDTRD Exit
*
*   STATUS = %JUPO
*
*   FUNCTION =
*       Sample Global User Exit Program to run at the XDTRD exit
*
*   The program selects records for inclusion in a data table.
*
* -----
*   NOTE that this program is only intended to DEMONSTRATE the use
*   of the data tables user exit XDTRD, and to show the sort of
*   information which can be obtained from the exit parameter list.
*   IT SHOULD BE TAILORED BEFORE BEING USED IN A PRODUCTION ENVIRONMENT
* -----
*
*   This global user exit program will be invoked, if enabled, when
*   a record which has been fetched from the source data set is about
*   to be added to the data table.
*
*   The program is intended for use in the following situations :
*
*   (1) on CICS systems that have only the original data table
*       support (ie.before shared data tables)
*   (2) on CICS systems that have shared data table support
*   (3) on CICS systems that have shared date table support AND
*       coupling facility data table support
*
*   Flags are passed in the data tables parameter list which may
*   be used to determine whether the exit has been invoked from
*   a system which supports shared data tables or coupling facility
*   data tables.
*
*   The purpose of the program is to demonstrate the use of the
*   option to optimise the data table load by skipping over ranges of
*   key values which are to be excluded from the table. This option
*   is only allowed for shared data tables and coupling facility
*   data tables but the program also illustrates that
*   individual records can be rejected when the exit
*   is not invoked by the data table loading transaction, or when
*   shared data tables support or coupling facility data table
*   support are not in use.
*
*   If the program has been invoked by shared data tables support
*   or coupling facility data table support then it checks
*   whether the source data set name passed to it is the one
*   defined by the constant EXITDSN. If so, and the exit has
*   been invoked from the loading transaction, then the skip-during-
*   load option will be used to skip (not attempt to load) any
*   records except those whose keys start with the two characters in
*   in EXITKEY.
*
*   If the program has not been invoked by shared data tables,
*   or coupling facility data tables, it uses the data
*   table name rather than the source DSname to check
*   whether this is the file from which records are to be rejected.
*   If the table name matches the constant EXITFILE then only records
*   whose keys start with the two characters in EXITKEY will be
*   accepted for inclusion in the table.
*
*   A number of the actions taken are for illustrative purposes only,
*   rather than being the recommended way in which to code an XDTRD
*   exit program - for example, the program demonstrates how the
*   keylength is passed to the exit table card to avoid having to know
*   the keylength of the source data set, whereas in practice this
*   might well be known; and the program chooses to reject any
*   records which are not presented to it by the loading transaction,
*   whereas it would be more realistic to accept all records in the

```

Sample XDTAD exit program

TITLE 'DFH\$DTAD - Sample XDTAD Global User Exit Program'

*
* MODULE NAME = DFH\$DTAD *
*
* DESCRIPTIVE NAME = %PRODUCT Data Tables Sample XDTAD Exit *
*
* STATUS = %JUPO *
*
* FUNCTION = *
* Sample Global User Exit Program to run at the XDTAD exit *
*
* The program selects records for inclusion in a data table. *
*

* NOTE that this program is only intended to DEMONSTRATE the use *
* of the data tables user exit XDTAD, and to show the sort of *
* information which can be obtained from the exit parameter list. *
* IT SHOULD BE TAILORED BEFORE BEING USED IN A PRODUCTION ENVIRONMENT *

*
* This global user exit program will be invoked, if enabled, when *
* a WRITE request is issued to a data table. *
*
* The program is intended for use in the following situations : *
*
* (1) on CICS systems that have only the original data table *
* support (ie.before shared data tables) *
* (2) on CICS systems that have shared data table support *
* (3) on CICS systems that have shared data table support AND *
* coupling facility data table support *
*
* Flags are passed in the data tables parameter list which may *
* be used to determine whether the exit has been invoked from *
* a system which supports shared data tables or coupling facility *
* data tables. *
*
* The purpose of the program is to demonstrate the use of the XDTAD *
* global user exit to select only certain records for inclusion in *
* a data table. In this example, the selection is made on the *
* basis of key values. If shared data tables support or *
* coupling facility data tables support is being used *
* and the source data set for the data table is that *
* specified by the constant EXITDSN, then the program will select *
* particular keys for inclusion in the data table, and reject *
* others. For all other source data sets, or if shared data table *
* support or coupling facility data table support is not in *
* use, then all records will be accepted. *
*
* The record selection is made on the basis of the value of the 6th *
* character in the record key. This is for illustrative purposes *
* only, as it is unlikely to be the criterion for selection in a *
* realistic environment. For example, for a shared CICS-maintained *
* data table, it might be desirable to select a group of records *
* which are known to be very frequently read by applications *
* running in other CICS regions in the MVS system. *
*
* The trace flag passed to the exit is set ON if File Control (FC) *
* level 1 tracing is enabled. *
*
* NOTES : *
* DEPENDENCIES = S/390 *
* DFH\$DTAD, or an exit program which is based on this *
* sample, must be defined on the CSD as a program *
* (with DATALOCATION(ANY)). *
* RESTRICTIONS = *
* This program is designed to run on CICS/ESA 3.3 or later *
* release. It requires the DFHXDTDS copybook to be *
* available at the time of installation. *
* REGISTER CONVENTIONS = see code *
* MODULE TYPE = Executable *
* PROCESSOR = Assembler *
* ATTRIBUTES = Read only AMODE 31 PMODE ANY *
*

*

Sample XDTLC exit program

```

      TITLE 'DFH$DTLC - Sample XDTLC Global User Exit Program'
*****
*
*   MODULE NAME = DFH$DTLC
*
*   DESCRIPTIVE NAME = %PRODUCT Data Tables Sample XDTLC Exit
*
*   STATUS = %JUPO
*
*   FUNCTION =
*       Sample Global User Exit Program to run at the XDTLC exit
*
*   The program rejects a data table if its load did not complete OK.
*
* -----
*   NOTE that this program is only intended to DEMONSTRATE the use
*   of the data tables user exit XDTLC, and to show the sort of
*   information which can be obtained from the exit parameter list.
* IT SHOULD BE TAILORED BEFORE BEING USED IN A PRODUCTION ENVIRONMENT
*   If this program is modified to accept a load that has failed
*   or reject a load that has been successful, it is the
*   responsibility of the program to issue a message indicating
*   what has happened. Any message output by CICS File Control will
*   only reflect what happened before modification of return codes
*   by the exit program.
* -----
*
*   This global user exit program will be invoked, if enabled, when
*   the load of a data table has completed.
*
*   The program is intended for use in the following situations :
*
*   (1) on CICS systems that have only the original data table
*       support (ie.before shared data tables)
*   (2) on CICS systems that have shared data table support
*   (3) on CICS systems that have shared date table support AND
*       coupling facility data table support
*
*   Flags are passed in the data tables parameter list which may
*   be used to determine whether the exit has been invoked from
*   a system which supports shared data tables or coupling facility
*   data tables.
*
*   The program will issue a user trace entry if tracing is enabled,
*   then check the setting of the load completion indicator.
*   If this shows that loading failed to complete successfully, then
*   the exit program will set a return code that rejects the table
*   by requesting that it be closed.
*
*   The trace flag passed to the exit is set ON if File Control (FC)
*   level 1 tracing is enabled.
*
*   NOTES :
*   DEPENDENCIES = S/390
*       DFH$DTLC, or an exit program which is based on this
*       sample, must be defined on the CSD as a program
*       (with DATALOCATION(ANY)).
*   RESTRICTIONS =
*       This program is designed to run on CICS/ESA 3.3 or later
*       release. It requires the DFHXDTDS copybook to be
*       available at assembly time.
*   REGISTER CONVENTIONS = see code
*   MODULE TYPE = Executable
*   PROCESSOR = Assembler
*   ATTRIBUTES = Read only, AMODE 31, RMODE ANY
*
* -----

```

Chapter 8. Operations with data tables

This section describes the operational aspects of data tables.

Opening a data table

A data table must be opened before it can be used by an application. This is done in the same way as for any CICS file, by one of the following methods:

- Automatically, by the CICS-supplied transaction CSFU, at the end of CICS startup, if the data table is defined with `OPENTIME(STARTUP)`.
- Explicitly by a CEMT or EXEC CICS request issued by the user.
- Implicitly, on first reference to the data table, if the data table is defined with `OPENTIME(FIRSTREF)`. The first remote access to a closed data table implicitly opens it.

All the rules and options for opening a CICS file also apply to a file that is defined as a data table. In addition, the loading of the data table is initiated.

For a large data table, loading could take a significant time. Chapter 5, “Application programming for data tables,” on page 23 discusses the application programming commands that can be used with a user-maintained data table, and the way that performance gains that can be achieved with a CICS-maintained data table are limited until loading is completed.

The following steps are done during the opening of the file:

1. The access method control block (ACB) for the VSAM source data set is opened under a separate MVS task control block (TCB). This step is the same as for any CICS file.
2. For the first data table used by a region, CICS:
 - creates MVS storage pools for use by shared data table support
 - creates an MVS data space for use by this region's data tables
 - attempts a LOGON operation as a server
3. A special CICS transaction, CFTL, is attached to load the data table into the data space.
4. The transaction that issued the request to open the data table can now continue processing.
5. CICS issues a message DFHFC0940 to indicate that loading has started. The message is sent to the CSFL transient data queue.
6. The transaction that loads the data table reads the source data set sequentially. Under the optional control of the user exit XDTRD, the transaction copies the records into data space storage.
7. CICS issues a message to indicate the result of the loading. The message number is:
 - if loading is successful—DFHFC0941
 - if loading fails—DFHFC0942, DFHFC0943, DFHFC0945, DFHFC0946, DFHFC0947, or DFHFC0948

The message is sent to the CSFL transient data queue. Also, if loading fails, the message is sent to the console. For descriptions of these messages, see *CICS Messages and Codes*.

8. When loading is complete (whether successful or not), the user exit XD TLC is invoked if it is active. If the loading was not completed successfully, the exit program can request that the data table is closed.
9. For a user-maintained data table, the ACB for the source data set is closed when loading is complete. The data set is deallocated if it was originally dynamically allocated and becomes available to other jobs, providing there are no other ACBs still open for it.

Note: During an emergency restart, any file that requires backout action is reopened. However, if the file is defined as a data table, loading is not initiated at that time; instead it is initiated by the CSFU transaction at the end of the emergency restart. This gives an opportunity for any user exits that control the copying of records to the data table during loading to be activated at any stage of PLTPI processing.

Closing a data table

A data table is closed in the same way as for any CICS file, by one of the following methods:

- explicitly, by a CEMT or EXEC CICS request issued by the user
- implicitly, when CICS is shutdown normally

All the rules and options for closing a CICS file also apply to a data table. In particular:

- The rules about the quiescing of current users of the file apply (except that the file can be closed even when a transaction that is running in an AOR is in the middle of a browse sequence).
- For a user-maintained data table, if the data table is defined as recoverable, all units of work that have changed the data table must complete before the data table can be closed.

The data space storage that is used for the data table records is freed as part of the close operation. If a file is reopened after it has been closed, the processing is the same as if the file had not been previously opened.

MVS JCL requirements when using shared data tables

Before using shared data tables, you might need to change some of your JCL statements, modify your operational procedures, or increase the value of the MAXUSER MVS initialization parameter. This is because MVS does not allow more than one step of a job to act as a shared data table server. If a second job step attempts to act as a shared data table server, CICS issues message DFHFC0405. Also, as job steps following the server step would also be unable to use cross-memory services with MRO, it is recommended that none of the job steps following the server step are another execution of CICS.

If a job that includes a shared data tables server step ends before all requester job steps that connected to this server have ended, the server address space is terminated by MVS. If the shared data table server is running under the control of a batch initiator rather than as a started task, a new initiator must be started when this situation occurs.

MVS terminates the batch initiator with the message *IEF355A INITIATOR TERMINATED, RESTART INITIATOR* because for integrity reasons MVS would otherwise have to restrict the functions that could be used by the next job that runs under that initiator, which might cause the job to fail. MVS does not allow a shared data table rserver's ASID to be re-used until after all requester job steps that connected to the server have ended.

Interpreting data table statistics

This section describes the statistics information that is produced by CICS to help you monitor the activity on your data tables.

You can use the information contained in a CICS statistics report to evaluate the benefits of using data table services. The information that is recorded for a data table under "Data Table Requests Information" is shown in Table 6.

Table 6. Data table statistics

Heading	Description
Close Type	Type of data table close (only appears in the statistics collected when a data table is closed).
Read Requests	Number of attempts to read records from the data table or, in the AOR statistics, the number of read requests that had to be function shipped.
Recs ~ in Table	Number of attempts to read records from a source data set because the record was not found in the data table. (For a user-maintained data table, this happens only during loading.)
Adds from Reads	Number of attempts to copy records from a source data set to the data table during loading process (including read requests from applications during loading).
Add Requests	Number of attempts to write records to the data table.
Adds rejected - Exit	Number of records suppressed by XDTRD and XDTAD user exits.
Adds rejected - Table Full	Number of records that were not included because the table was full.
Rewrite Requests	Number of attempts to rewrite records in the data table.
Delete Requests	Number of attempts to delete records from the data table.
Highest Table Size	Peak number of records held in the data table.
Storage Alloc(K)	Number of KB allocated to the data table.

The statistics for data tables are included in the FILES section of the statistics report. Four sections of FILE information are produced:

- The "FILES - Resource Information" shows information such as the filename, source data set name, data set type (which is always K for a data table, because the source must be a VSAM KSDS) and a DT indicator that is explained below.
- The "FILES - Requests Information" shows the statistics for accesses to the source data set. For a loaded user-maintained data table, this contains only zeros.
- The "FILES - Data Table Requests Information" shows statistics for accesses to the data table. The meanings of the column headings are given in Table 6.

- The “FILES - Performance Information” shows the use of VSAM strings and buffers, and is only of interest for a data table in that it relates to the source data set.

A request to a data table that is owned by another region is recorded in the statistics report for both the requesting and file-owning regions.

The DT Indicator is a single character that can have the values:

- T** The statistics report contains data table information because the file has been opened as a data table.
- R** The statistics report contains information for a remote file that has accessed a data table via shared data tables cross-memory services.
- S** The statistics report contains data table information for the accesses made by this file to an associated data table (that has the same source data set).
- X** The statistics report contains information for an alternate index file, and reports data table information for the update of the data table associated with a file in the same upgrade set.

The field is blank if data table statistics are not present for the file.

The Close Type is a single character that appears in the statistics only for the closing of a data table. The possible values indicate the type of close:

- C** Close of a CICS-maintained data table.
- P** Partial close of a CICS-maintained data table. There are still other files using the data table, so the data table itself has not been closed, only the file.
- S** Close of the source data set for a user-maintained data table. This happens at the end of the loading of the data table.
- U** Close of a user-maintained data table.

A total value for the storage allocated is not included in the TOTALS line.

The *CICS Operations and Utilities Guide* tells you how to obtain a statistics report using the statistics utility program DFHSTUP.

The *CICS Performance Guide* describes the data contained in a statistics report.

Sample data table statistics

Figure 10 on page 53, Figure 11 on page 53, and Figure 12 on page 54 show extracts from the file statistics for a hypothetical configuration similar to that discussed in “Using statistics to select data tables” on page 16, following conversion of the files into data tables. These figures are used to discuss how to interpret the information about data tables which is provided by the CICS statistics.

FILES - Resource Information

File Name	Dataset Name Base Dataset Name (If Applicable)	Dataset Type	RLS File	DT Indicator	Time Opened	Time Closed	Remote Name	Remote Sysid	Lsrpool ID
APPLE	CIC01.CICOWN.APPLES	K	NO	T	22:12:04	OPEN			1
BANANA	CIC01.CICOWN.BANANAS	K	NO	T	22:53:56	OPEN			1
ORANGE	CIC01.CICOWN.CITRUS	K	NO	T	20:51:25	OPEN			2
PLUM	CIC01.CICOWN.PLUMS	K	NO	T	21:30:10	OPEN			4
POTATO	CIC01.CICOWN.POTATOES	K	NO	T	20:30:10	OPEN			8
VICTORIA	CIC01.CICOWN.PLUMS	K	NO	S	21:56:23	OPEN			4

FILES - Requests Information

File Name	Get Requests	Get Upd Requests	Browse Requests	Update Requests	Add Requests	Delete Requests	Brws Upd Requests	VSAM Data	EXCP Index	Requests	RLS req Timeouts
APPLE	1	495	760001	495	12	0	0	14560	1321	0	0
BANANA	0	1803	48603	1803	951	0	0	8212	481	0	0
ORANGE	1087	102677	104	107897	4709	1880	0	25180	1947	0	0
PLUM	0	10	2001	0	20	10	0	580	3	0	0
POTATO	0	0	24173	0	0	0	0	4513	2	0	0
VICTORIA	0	3	0	0	5	3	0	5	1	0	0

TOTALS 1088 104988 834882 110195 5697 1893

FILES - Data Table Requests Information

File Name	Close Type	Read Requests	Recs in Table	Adds from Reads	Add Requests	Adds rejected - Exit	Adds rejected - Table Full	Rewrite Requests	Delete Requests	Highest Table Size	Storage Alloc(K)
APPLE		1105241	1	760000	12	0	0	495	0	760012	95104
BANANA		652195	0	48602	951	2	0	1803	0	49551	11200
ORANGE		1473	1191	0	4709	0	0	107897	1880	604167	266658
PLUM		227	1	2000	20	0	0	0	10	2025	256
POTATO		9670	24173	24165	0	0	24165	0	0	1000	1760
VICTORIA		3063	1	0	5	0	0	0	3	2025	256

TOTALS 1771869 25367 834767 5697 2 24165 110195 1893 760012

Figure 10. CICFOR requested file statistics

FILES - Resource Information

File Name	Dataset Name Base Dataset Name (If Applicable)	Dataset Type	RLS File	DT Indicator	Time Opened	Time Closed	Remote Name	Remote Sysid	Lsrpool ID
APPLE	REMOTE		NO	R	CLOSED	CLOSED	APPLE	CIF1	N
BANANA	REMOTE		NO	R	CLOSED	CLOSED	BANANA	CIF1	N
ORANGE	REMOTE		NO	R	CLOSED	CLOSED	ORANGE	CIF1	N
POTATO	REMOTE		NO	R	CLOSED	CLOSED	POTATO	CIF1	N
ZUCCHINI	REMOTE		NO	R	CLOSED	CLOSED	COURGETT	CIA2	N

FILES - Requests Information

File Name	Get Requests	Get Upd Requests	Browse Requests	Update Requests	Add Requests	Delete Requests	Brws Upd Requests	VSAM Data	EXCP Index	Requests	RLS req Timeouts
APPLE	1	520	0	520	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
BANANA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ORANGE	214	38735	14	37105	1311	630	0	0	0	0	0
POTATO	0	0	24173	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ZUCCHINI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

TOTALS 215 39255 24187 38625 1316 630 0 0 0 0

FILES - Data Table Requests Information

File Name	Close Type	Read Requests	Recs in Table	Adds from Reads	Add Requests	Adds rejected - Exit	Adds rejected - Table Full	Rewrite Requests	Delete Requests	Highest Table Size	Storage Alloc(K)
APPLE		1304214	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BANANA		441349	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ORANGE		63384	228	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
POTATO		4835	24173	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ZUCCHINI		97867	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

TOTALS 1911649 24401 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Figure 11. CICAOR1 requested file statistics

FILES - Resource Information

File Name	Dataset Name Base Dataset Name (If Applicable)	Dataset Type	RLS File	DT Indicator	Time Opened	Time Closed	Remote Name	Remote Sysid	Lsrpool ID
COURGETT	CIC02.CICOWN.COURGETT	K	NO	T	22:35:02	OPEN			1
LEMON	REMOTE		NO	R	CLOSED	CLOSED	ORANGE	CIF1	N

FILES - Requests Information

File Name	Get Requests	Get Upd Requests	Browse Requests	Update Requests	Add Requests	Delete Requests	Brws Upd Requests	VSAM EXCP Data	Requests Index	RLS req Timeouts
COURGETT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LEMON	946	63942	299	70792	3398	1250	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	946	63942	299	70792	3398	1250	0	0	0	0

FILES - Data Table Requests Information

File Name	Close Type	Read Requests	Recs ~ in Table	Adds from Reads	Add Requests	Adds rejected - Exit	Adds rejected - Table Full	Rewrite Requests	Delete Requests	Highest Table Size	Storage Alloc(K)
COURGETT		27656	0	0	386590	0	0	27656	0	101232	16160
LEMON		3240872	1245	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		3268528	1245	0	386590	0	0	27656	0	101232	0

Figure 12. CICAOR2 requested file statistics

The main changes that are seen in the statistics when a file is redefined as a data table are:

- Values appear in the owning region showing the activity of loading the data table.
- Except during loading, the counts of *Get Requests* and *Browse Requests* in the “FILES - Requests Information” statistics for the owning region are much reduced (often to zero), because such requests can now be satisfied from the data table using cross memory services, so they appear in only the requesting regions.
- After the initial load, data table statistics for update requests appear in both the owning and requesting regions showing the use of the data table.
- The *Recs ~ in Table* figure indicates the degree to which benefit from shared data tables support has been prevented. In an AOR it shows how many retrieval requests have had to be function shipped. In an FOR it shows how many records have had to be fetched from the source data set.

You should use the statistics to get an overall feel for the behavior of your data tables, rather than attempt to explain the individual values.

The examples demonstrate a number of points about the statistics. These points are discussed in the rest of this section.

Normal loading

Adds from Reads usually shows the number of attempts to add a record during loading. If loading has completed, but the load failed to read to the end of the source data set, the count for a CICS-maintained data table might also show attempts to add records that have been read from the source data set because they were not originally loaded. Because the loading process involves browsing the source data set until the end of the file, the number of Browse Requests (in the “FILES - Requests Information”) equals Adds from Reads + 1 if loading completed successfully and there have been no other browses on the source data set. The statistics for APPLE in Figure 10 on page 53 illustrate this point.

In the CICFOR statistics shown, APPLE, BANANA, and PLUM were opened after the last statistics reset, but ORANGE and POTATO were opened before, so the latter do not display the load-time statistics. It is generally better to assess statistics from a time interval that has not been distorted by loading, but you should remember that the loading process incurs an overhead that has to be recovered by the number of data table accesses.

Optimization of loading

The statistics for BANANA in the example in Figure 10 on page 53 indicate that only a range of key values, from the middle of the source data set, is required in the data table. Here, the XDTRD exit (described in “XDTRD user exit” on page 39) has been used to skip over any keys that are not in this range.

Adds rejected - Exit shows the number of times the exit returned a non-zero return code, and is 2 in this case: 1 for when the first record in the source data set was presented, and the exit requested the load to skip on to the first key in the desired range, and 1 for when the first key beyond this range was presented, and the exit requested the load to skip over all remaining records to the end of the source data set.

In a case like this, you would usually use the XDTAD exit to reject any records that are written with keys outside the desired range. Then the number of *Adds rejected - Exit* would include the number of such records that had been written to the file.

The number of *Adds from Reads* contains the number of records that were loaded into the data table plus the two that were rejected. As for all the file and data table statistics, this figure shows the number of attempted, rather than the number of successful, writes.

Loading a user-maintained data table

When the loading of a user-maintained data table completes, the source data set is closed and an unsolicited statistics record is written that reports the number of records that are browsed from the source and written to the data table (or rejected by the XDTRD exit). Therefore, these figures do not appear in any later statistics reports such as that for COURGETT in Figure 12 on page 54. A *Close Type* of *S* identifies such statistics.

Implicit open from the requesting region

If the file is not open in the FOR when the AOR issues the first read to it, no connection exists and the read is function shipped. This appears as one file *Get Request* in the AOR statistics. The implicit open and subsequent loading of the data table is triggered in the FOR.

This first read attempt from the new data table is counted in the *Read Requests* in the FOR data table statistics, but as the record is not found in the data table at this stage, it is added to the count of *Recs \bar{n} in Table* (which records the number of times a record could not be obtained from the data table). The record is fetched from VSAM, so the number of file *Get Requests* is incremented by 1. The statistics from CICAOR1 and CICFOR for APPLE illustrate this point.

Update requests

All update requests (writes, rewrites, and deletes) are processed by the owning region, which also controls loading and other maintenance of the data table. Because of this, the data table statistics of *Adds from Reads*, *Add Requests*, *Adds*

rejected, *Rewrite Requests*, *Delete Requests*, *Highest Table Size*, and *Storage Alloc* are always zero on the remote requesting regions.

Updates are always reflected in both the data table and the source data set for a CICS-maintained data table, so matching numbers are often seen in the file statistics and the data table statistics for *Add Requests* and *Delete Requests*, and also for *Update Requests* in the file statistics compared with *Rewrite Requests* in the data table statistics. The statistics for APPLE and ORANGE illustrate this point.

These numbers might not match if not all records in the source data set are loaded into the data table, or if some error occurs when the source data set is updated. For example, an attempt to write a record with a duplicate key to the source data set is counted in the file *Add Requests* but no attempt is made to write the record to the data table, so the count of data table *Add Requests* is less.

In the case of a user-maintained data table, access after loading is complete is always to the data table, so the line of file statistics always contains zeros. The statistics for COURGETT in Figure 12 on page 54 illustrate this point.

Data table high water mark

The *Highest Table Size* shows the largest number of records that was present in the data table at any one time. For APPLE, from which no records have been deleted, this is the number of records originally loaded, plus the number of data table *Add Requests*. For BANANA, the XDTRD user exit accepts only records that are of interest during loading, and XDTAD performs the same task when records are written; so the number is given by *Adds from Reads* plus *Add Requests* minus *Adds rejected* - *Exit*.

Total storage allocated

Storage Alloc gives the number of Kilobytes that have been allocated to the data table.

Reading and browsing

The number of data table *Read Requests* includes browses that are satisfied by the data table. Thus for ORANGE in Figure 11 on page 53 and LEMON in Figure 12 on page 54 file *Browse Requests* are very small (and in most cases they would be zero). But the number of data table *Read Requests* is of a similar magnitude to the total number of *Get* and *Browse* requests that were made before conversion of the file to a data table.

Failure to access records via the data table

The set of figures for ORANGE and LEMON show an effect that is sometimes seen when there is much update activity on a CICS-maintained data table. In this case, some of the read requests from remote regions might find that the record in the data table is being updated, so these requests are function shipped to the FOR.

For example, LEMON shows 1245 *Recs ~ in Table*, of which 946 are *Get Requests* and 299 are *Browse Requests*. The function-shipped reads and browses attempt to access the data table in CICFOR (as shown by the 1473 *Read Requests* for ORANGE), by which time some of the reads can be satisfied from the data table, but the remainder use the source data set (as shown by the number under *Recs ~ in Table*).

POTATO shows what can happen if an unsuitable choice of candidate is made. Because the data table size specified in the file definition is much less than the number of records in the source data set, only a small part of the file is loaded.

However, the file is accessed remotely by an application that browses many records that lie beyond those that were loaded.

All those browse requests have to be function shipped to CICFOR (as shown by the high number of *Recs \neg in Table* seen in Figure 11 on page 53 for that file) and then, on CICFOR, the source data set has to be accessed (as shown by the number of *Browse Requests* in Figure 10 on page 53) is made to add the records to the data table (see count of *Adds from Reads*) but as the data table is still at its maximum number of records, they have to be rejected (see *Adds rejected - Table Full*). Incidentally, the statistics record that contains the loading figures for the file includes 1 under *Adds rejected - Table Full* for the record that caused the load to terminate because the data table had reached its maximum size.

The values of *Read Requests*, *Recs \neg in Table*, *Browse Requests*, *Adds from Reads*, and *Adds rejected - Table Full* are not all equal (as might have been expected) because some browses reach the end of the source data set (in which case there is no record to attempt to add to the data table) and also because often no attempt is made to access the data table when browsing over a range of records that is known to be missing from the data table.

Although this is an extreme example, it does illustrate the importance in certain situations of having a good understanding of the applications. A user exit should have been used to select the range of records on which most of the browsing occurs.

Multiple files with a single source

The file VICTORIA in CICFOR is included to show that when a second file is defined with the same source data set as a file that is open as a data table (PLUM), it can take advantage of the data table for non-update reads and browses (regardless of which file is opened first). In the Resource Information for VICTORIA, a *DT Indicator of 5* means that the line of data table statistics shows how the data table has been used by this associated file; for example, 3063 reads or browses have been satisfied from the data table.

The same *Storage Alloc* and *Highest Table Size* statistics are reported for both PLUM and VICTORIA because the data table is associated with both files. Therefore the data table *TOTALS* line does not include a value for the total storage allocated. The load-time statistics are reported only for the file that initiated the data table; that is the file whose open caused the current instance of the data table to be built.

Additional statistics fields

Some additional statistics about shared data tables are collected when file statistics are gathered, but they are not formatted in a statistics report. You can write a program to extract these additional statistics from the statistics record.

For programming information about CICS statistics, see the *CICS Customization Guide*.

This section describes the fields that are related to shared data tables and are part of the DFHA17 statistics record but are not displayed in a statistics report.

A17_DT_SIZE_CURRENT

This is a fullword at offset 160 (X'A0'). It contains the current count of records in the data table.

A17_DT_IN_USE_TOTAL

This is a fullword at offset 168 (X'A8'). It contains the total amount of storage (in KB) currently in use for the data table.

A17_DT_ALLOC_ENTRY

This is a fullword at offset 172 (X'AC'). It contains the amount of storage (in KB) currently allocated from data space DFHDT001 to hold table entries for this data table.

A17_DT_IN_USE_ENTRY

This is a fullword at offset 176 (X'B0'). It contains the amount of storage (in KB) in data space DFHDT001 currently being used by table entries for this data table.

A17_DT_ALLOC_INDEX

This is a fullword at offset 180 (X'B4'). It contains the amount of storage (in KB) currently allocated from data space DFHDT002 to hold the index for this data table.

A17_DT_IN_USE_INDEX

This is a fullword at offset 184 (X'B8'). It contains the amount of storage (in KB) in data space DFHDT002 currently being used by the index for this data table.

A17_DT_ALLOC_DATA

This is a fullword at offset 188 (X'BC'). It contains the amount of data space storage (in KB) currently allocated for the data portion of the records in this data table.

A17_DT_IN_USE_DATA

This is a fullword at offset 192 (X'C0'). It contains the amount of data space storage (in KB) currently being used to hold record data for this data table.

A17_DT_REREADS

This is a fullword at offset 196 (X'C4'). It contains a count of the number of times a read from a requesting region has retrieved a part of the data table section of the request processing because the data table changed in some way after the start of that section.

These fields are also displayed in the X'0B22' exit trace for a statistics call among the fourteen statistics fullwords, which are (in the order they appear in the trace):

```
Adds from Reads during load
Adds rejected - Exit during load
Adds rejected - Table Full during load
Highest Table Size
Current record count
Storage Alloc (K) or Total storage allocated
Total storage in-use
Entry storage allocated
Entry storage in-use
Index storage allocated
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Index storage in-use
Data storage allocated
Data storage in-use
Rereads

Because these are internal fields, the traced values do not always correspond exactly to those in a statistics record.

Activating user exits for data tables

To activate the data table user exits, you need to perform the following steps:

1. Decide which user exits you want to use. A description of each user exit is included in Chapter 7, “Customizing data tables using user exits,” on page 37.
2. Write the user exit programs. Examples are included in “Sample user exit programs” on page 41.
3. Define the user exit programs to CICS, using the CEDA DEFINE PROGRAM command as described in the *CICS Resource Definition Guide*.
4. Activate the user exits, using the EXEC CICS ENABLE command as described in the *CICS System Programming Reference*. If required, you can later deactivate the user exits using the EXEC CICS DISABLE command.

Unless you control the opening of a data table explicitly, with a CEMT or EXEC CICS command, you should probably activate the user exits during CICS startup. Otherwise the loading of the data table might begin before the user exits are activated. To activate the user exits during startup, you need to:

1. Write one or more program list table postinitialization (PLTPI) programs that include the EXEC CICS ENABLE commands to activate the user exits (for programming information about PLTPI programs, see the *CICS Customization Guide*).
2. Define a program list table (PLT) with an entry for each of those PLTPI programs, as described in the *CICS Resource Definition Guide*.
3. Specify the **PLTPI=suffix** parameter for system initialization, as described in the *CICS System Definition Guide*. Use the suffix of the PLT that was defined in the previous step. This causes the PLTPI programs to be executed in the second stage of initialization, before any files are opened.

You can use PLT shutdown (PLTSD) programs in a similar way to disable the user exits during CICS shutdown.

Chapter 9. Problem determination for data tables

Use the trace and dump information that is produced by CICS to help you determine the cause of a problem with data tables.

Explanations of the diagnostic messages and abend codes produced by shared data tables are contained in *CICS Messages and Codes*.

Trace information for data table services

The trace table produced by CICS helps you determine the cause of a problem. It shows the flow of control through the CICS modules. This section describes the entries included in the trace table by data table services. For information on the contents of the trace table and how to obtain it, see the *CICS Problem Determination Guide*.

There are two types of trace points:

- Entry and exit trace points for each of the services provided by shared data table support. File control level-2 tracing must be enabled to obtain these trace points.
- Exception trace points.

Entry and exit trace points

The following entry and exit trace points are provided by shared data table services:

- 0B13** Entry to Remote Read service
- 0B14** Exit from Remote Read service
- 0B1B** Entry to Initialize Data Table Support service
- 0B1C** Exit from Initialize Data Table Support service
- 0B1D** Entry to Logon service
- 0B1E** Exit from Logon service
- 0B1F** Entry to Load service
- 0B20** Exit from Load service
- 0B21** Entry to Open, Close, Set Enablement and Statistics services
- 0B22** Exit from Open, Close, Set Enablement and Statistics services
- 0B23** Entry to local read services
- 0B24** Exit from local read services
- 0B25** Entry to update (add record, add, replace, delete) services
- 0B26** Exit from update services
- 0B2D** Entry to Connect and Disconnect services
- 0B2E** Exit from Connect and Disconnect services

The format of each of these trace points is described in the *CICS Problem Determination Guide*.

Function and qualifier flags

Each entry and exit trace point contains a function field, and most of them contain a qualifier flags field. The function field is a byte that identifies the function that was being performed; the qualifier flags field is a byte that contains flags that qualify some of the functions. The values of these fields are:

Table 7. Function and qualifier flags and values

Function	Qualifier flags
X'00' Initialize	X'00' as shared data table server X'80' as shared data table requester
X'02' Add entry from source	X'00' add issued as a result of a data set to table read request X'40' add issued by load transaction
X'03' Write entry to table	X'00' completed write X'80' pre-write for CMT
X'04' Rewrite entry in table	X'00' completed rewrite X'80' pre-rewrite for CMT
X'05' Delete entry in table	X'00' completed delete X'80' pre-delete for CMT
X'06' Commit user-maintained data table updates made by this unit of work	
X'07' Roll back user-maintained data table updates made by this unit of work	
X'08' Load data table (on exit trace only)	X'00' load OK X'80' source file is empty
X'09' Point at a record	X'80' equal match X'40' greater than match X'20' less than match (the above can be in various combinations) X'10' test if data table is enabled
X'0A' Retrieve record by key	X'80' equal match X'40' greater than match X'20' less than match (the above can be in various combinations) X'10' test if data table is enabled
X'0B' Retrieve record by token	X'80' equal match (internal fastpath for a sequence of records) X'40' greater than match X'20' less than match (the above can be in various combinations) X'10' test if data table is enabled
X'0C' Logon as a server	
X'0E' Open a data table	
X'0F' Close a data table	
X'10' Collect statistics	

Table 7. Function and qualifier flags and values (continued)

Function	Qualifier flags
X'11' Set enablement state	X'00' enable data table X'80' disable data table X'40' force disablement (always combined with disable)
X'15' Connect to a shared data table	
X'16' Break connection to a shared data table	
X'17' Process the completion of loading	

Response codes

Each exit trace point contains a two-byte response-code and reason-code field. The first byte is the response code, for which the possible values are:

- X'01' Successful
- X'02' Exception
- X'03' Disaster
- X'04' Invalid
- X'06' Purged

Reason codes

Each exit trace point contains a two-byte response-code and reason-code field. The second byte is the reason code, for which the possible values are given below. This reason code might have accompanying error code information. The error code is a four-byte field that is also reported in either an error message or an exception trace point. The possible values are described in *CICS Messages and Codes*, "Analyzing errors from the data tables SVC" on page 65, and "Analyzing errors from data tables cross-memory services" on page 68.

- X'01' Record not in data table
- X'02' Duplicate (record already in data table)
- X'03' Data table full (already contains the maximum number of records)
- X'04' Record rejected by user exit
- X'05' Failed to get storage
- X'06' Record not in data table (and table is known to be complete)
- X'07' Data table service failed
- X'08' Not authorized to connect to file
- X'09' Resource is not a data table
- X'0A' Remote system has not logged on as a server
- X'0B' Load request failed
- X'0C' Data table is disabled
- X'0D' Add request (from DASD) deliberately not processed
- X'0E' Record too long
- X'0F' Data table token invalid

- X'10' Record not in data table (but might be in source data set)
- X'11' Data table not closed as other files are still using it
- X'12' Reserved
- X'13' Record is in data table but not currently valid
- X'14' File cannot be closed as it is disabled
- X'15' Protocol error
- X'16' CICS is not an MVS subsystem
- X'17' Not authorized to connect to this file
- X'18' CICS cannot use cross-memory services
- X'19' Interface parameter block format not recognized

UMT and other flags

This flag byte is included in the entry trace point on OPEN. The significant bits at open time are:

- B'1.....'**
CICS-maintained data table
- B'01.....'**
Recoverable user-maintained data table
- B'00.....'**
Nonrecoverable user-maintained data table

Exception trace points

The following exception trace points are provided by shared data table services:

- AP 0B0A**
Unrecognized function on call to DFHDTRF
- AP 0B0B**
Unrecognized function on call to DFHDTRR
- AP 0B0C**
Unrecognized function on call to DFHDTUP
- AP 0B0D**
Unrecognized function on call to DFHDTST
- AP 0B0E**
Unrecognized function on call to DFHDTSS
- AP 0B0F**
Unrecognized function on call to DFHDTRC
- AP 0B10**
Error on initializing record management
- AP 0B11**
Error on record manager OPEN
- AP 0B12**
Error on record manager CLOSE
- AP 0B15**
Unexpected error on call to retrieval PC

- AP 0B19**
Error calling data tables SVC when initializing as server
- AP 0B1A**
Error calling data tables SVC when initializing as requestor
- AP 0B27**
CLOSE could not find table block
- AP 0B28**
CLOSE could not find file block
- AP 0B29**
Error calling data tables SVC when logging on as server
- AP 0B2A**
Error calling data tables SVC when connecting or disconnecting
- AP 0B2B**
XDTRD exit returned invalid record length (that is, it changed the length for a CMT, or increased the length for a UMT)
- AP 0B2C**
Connect index exceeds maximum supported size
- AP 0B2F**
Disastrous error when acquiring storage to pass parameters to loading transaction

The format of each of these trace points is described in the *CICS Problem Determination Guide*.

Analyzing errors from the data tables SVC

Following an error from a call to the data tables SVC, an exception trace point is always made, including an error code field to identify the reason for the error. These trace points are AP 0B12, 0B19, 0B1A, 0B29 and 0B2A. There are three categories of SVC error:

1. Conditions that are expected to occur, such as the remote file on a connect attempt not being a data table, or the remote system not having logged on as a shared data tables server. CICS takes the appropriate action for such conditions, and no diagnostic information is needed.
2. Errors that could be caused by problems in the environment that might be possible to correct. For these errors, a message is issued with the reason code for the error. The explanation of the reason code is included in the explanation of the message in *CICS Messages and Codes*.
3. Errors that indicate some sort of logic problem, or a misuse of the routines, possibly in an attempt to circumvent integrity or security checks. These errors are treated by CICS file control as disastrous errors, resulting in a system dump (if you have enabled such dumping) and, in most cases, in the transaction being abended with an AFCZ ABEND. For these, the value of the response and reason field is normally X'0215'.

Error codes

This section explains the error codes for the third category of errors that is described above. These error codes are seen only in the exception trace entry. The format of the error code is X'ffaaaaa', where *ff* identifies the type of failure, and

aaaaaa is additional information provided for some of the failures. The possible values of *ff* for each trace point are described below.

Values for all trace points

The following error codes can occur for the 0B12, 0B19, 0B1A, 0B29, and 0B2A exception trace points:

- X'01' A function was specified that requires the caller to be authorized via the CICS AFCB (authorized function control block), but the caller was not authorized.
- X'0A' The caller passed an invalid function code.
- X'0B' The caller specified an invalid format of SVC call.
- X'0C' An invalid parameter list address was passed to the SVC.
- X'0D' A function was specified that requires the value passed in register 1 to be 0, but it was not. The additional information contains the low-order three bytes of the value passed.
- X'12' A function was specified that requires the caller to be in Key 0 supervisor state, but the caller was not.

Values for 0B12 trace point

The 0B12 exception trace point is issued if an error is returned by the SVC on adding or deleting an access list entry when a shared data table is being closed. In addition to the errors that can occur at all trace points, the following are possible:

- X'02' Shared data table services have not yet initialized (an anchor block for the region has not been created).
- X'0E' The specified data space STOKEN is invalid or the caller is not authorized to use it.
- X'0F' The CICS region has not completed initialization as a server.
- X'13' An attempt to delete an access list entry failed because the specified entry was not created by the data tables SVC.

All other errors result in a message being issued that contains the error code.

Values for 0B19 trace point

The 0B19 exception trace point is issued if an error is returned by the SVC on initializing as a shared data table server. In addition to the errors that can occur at all trace points, the following are possible:

- X'02' An attempt is being made to add an access list entry before the CICS region has performed shared data table initialization (an anchor block for the region has not yet been created).
- X'0E' The specified data space STOKEN is invalid or the caller is not authorized to use it.
- X'0F' An attempt was being made to add an access list entry before the CICS region had completed server initialization.

All other errors result in a message being issued that contains the error code.

Values for 0B1A trace point

The 0B1A exception trace point is issued if an error is returned by the SVC on initializing a shared data table requester. In addition to the errors that can occur at all trace points, the following is possible:

X'05' The CICS region has already initialized as a shared data table requester, but is now running under a different request block from when it originally initialized.

All other errors result in a message being issued that contains the error code.

Values for 0B29 trace point

The 0B29 exception trace point is issued if an error is returned by the SVC on logging on as a shared data table server. In addition to the errors that can occur at all trace points, the following are possible:

X'02' The CICS region that is attempting to register (logon) as a server has not yet been initialized (an anchor block for the region has not been created).

X'04' This CICS region has already registered (logged on) as a shared data tables server.

X'0F' The CICS region has not completed server initialization.

X'14' The AFCS anchor block does not exist.

X'15' The CICS security block does not exist.

X'16' Either the caller is not running in a user protection key (its PSW key is less than 8), or the caller's TCB does not normally execute in a user protection key (TCBPKF is less than 8).

All other errors result in a message being issued that contains the error code.

Values for 0B2A trace point

If the function code field contains X'15', the 0B2A exception trace point indicates an error on CONNECT (that is, on attempting to establish a connection to a remote file). In addition to the errors that can occur at all trace points, the following are possible:

X'02' Shared data table services have not yet initialized (an anchor block for the region has not been created).

X'03' The requesting region has not completed initialization as a shared data tables requester.

X'05' The CICS region is running under a different request block (RB) from when it initialized as a data table requester. The additional information part of the error code contains the RB address the call was made under.

X'72' The LINK to the user-replaceable DFHACEE module to find the home address space's security userid has failed. The additional information part of the error code contains two bytes of the ABEND code from the LINK. The response and reason field accompanying this error is X'020B'.

All other errors result in a message being issued that contains the error code.

If the function code field contains X'16', the 0B2A exception trace point indicates an error on DISCONNECT (that is, on attempting to break the connection to a remote file). In addition to the errors that can occur at all trace points, the following are possible:

- X'02' Shared data table services have not yet initialized (an anchor block for the region has not been created).
- X'03' The requesting region has not completed initialization as a shared data tables requester.
- X'05' The CICS region is running under a different request block (RB) from when it initialized as a data table requester. The additional information part of the error code contains the RB address the call was made under.
- X'07' The caller has supplied an invalid index into the vector of file connections. The additional information part of the error code contains the low-order three bytes of the caller's index.
- X'10' The specified connection was broken previously and no longer exists. The additional information part of the error code contains the low-order three bytes of the caller's index into the vector of file connections.

All other errors result in a message being issued that contains the error code.

Analyzing errors from data tables cross-memory services

Following an unexpected error from data tables cross-memory services, an X'0B15' **exception trace entry** is made. This includes the response and reason codes and an error code field identifying the cause of the error. Such errors are all caused by a corruption of the routines or the system, or by a possible misuse of the routines.

For a response and reason of X'0215', the format of the error code is X'ffaaaaaa', where *ff* identifies the type of failure and *aaaaaa* is additional information provided for some of the failures. The possible values of *ff* are:

- X'01' An attempt to locate the CICS AFCB (authorized function control block) made by either the cross-memory retrieval routine or the connect vector lookup routine has failed.
- X'02' The requesting CICS region has not yet performed shared data tables initialization (an anchor block for the region has not yet been created and set up).
- X'03' The requesting region has not completed initialization as a shared data tables requester.
- X'05' The retrieval request was issued under a request block different from the one that performed initialization as an shared data table requester.
- X'06' The connect vector entry for the remote file does not contain the correct linkage index.
- X'07' The index of the connect vector entry for the remote file is beyond the end of the connect vector.
- X'08' The connect vector entry for the remote file is not marked as being in use.
- X'09' The cross-memory retrieval routine has not been called via the correct mechanism.

A response and reason of X'0400' means that the function code passed to the record management code running in the server region was an unrecognized value.

Dump information for data tables

Information relevant to data tables is included in a CICS system dump to help you determine the cause of a problem. For information on the contents of dumps and how to obtain them, see *CICS Problem Determination Guide*.

The major control blocks that are used by shared data table support are included in the FILE CONTROL area of a formatted dump of the file-owning region. These control blocks are named:

Data Table Global Area.

This is also known as the *shared data table header block*, so it uses the eye-catcher DFHDTHEADER.

Data Table Base Area.

This is also known as the *shared data table block*, so it uses the eye-catcher DFHDTTABLE.

Data Table Path Area.

This is also known as the *shared data table file block*, so it uses the eye-catcher DFHDTFILE.

These control blocks are described in the DTLPS topic in the *CICS Supplementary Data Areas* manual. The data table contents are not included in the CICS system dump because the data space storage in which the data table resides is not part of the CICS address space. The table entries reside in data space DFHDT001, the index nodes in DFHDT002, and the record data in data spaces DFHDT003, DFHDT004, DFHDT005, and so on, with new data spaces being added as required. If you want to see the contents of the data table, ask the system operator to use the MVS DUMP command to request a dump of the appropriate data space owned by the appropriate CICS startup job.

The operator command DISPLAY J,CICS-startup-jobname shows information about a CICS job, including the DSPNAMES of data spaces that it owns. To dump the contents of data space DFHDT003, you can use the MVS DUMP command as follows:

1. Enter
DUMP COMM=(title for your dump)
2. This generates an MVS console message
* id IEE094D SPECIFY OPERAND(S) FOR DUMP COMMAND
3. Reply to the message with
REPLY id, DSPNAME='jobname'.DFHDT003

and the data space storage is dumped.

Note: It is possible, using the following asterisk notation, to dump the contents of *all* the data spaces owned by CICS:

```
REPLY id, DSPNAME='jobname'.DFHDT*
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However, this should be used with care, because if there are many data spaces the dump data set could be huge.

4. Use DISPLAY DUMP,TITLE to see which SYS1.DUMPnn data set has been used.

Chapter 10. Using shared data tables support in a sysplex

This section discusses the use of shared data tables support in a sysplex environment under these headings:

- “Overview of shared data tables support in a sysplex”
- “How to refresh replicated user-maintained data tables” on page 72
- “Example program for refreshing a user-maintained data table” on page 74
- “Source code for the example program to refresh a replicated user-maintained data table” on page 76

This section should be of particular interest to you if you are currently using user-maintained data tables in a single-MVS environment, but are planning to move to a sysplex. It might also be helpful if you already have a sysplex, because it can show you how to exploit shared data tables support in that environment.

Overview of shared data tables support in a sysplex

A shared data table can exploit shared data tables support only within a single MVS image. However, you can extend the use of shared data tables to a sysplex environment for an application that requires only read access to a shared user-maintained data table, or for one that does not require that changes are seen immediately.

Note that a shared data table can be shared using function shipping across MVS images.

You can replicate a user-maintained data table across the sysplex, with one data table per MVS. You must have one shared data table server region in each MVS image, each owning a user-maintained data table that can be accessed using shared data table by any of the other CICS regions within that MVS. These other regions require remote file definitions that refer to the user-maintained data table in their server region. Each user-maintained data table (UMT) must have the same source data set, and this data set must be readable by all of the shared data table server regions. If the access is read-only, with the data never being updated, this will in effect provide a shared user-maintained data table in a sysplex.

If, as is probably more likely, the underlying data changes from time to time, but it is not necessary to reflect such changes immediately in the UMTs, you may periodically perform some processing to refresh the contents of the UMTs so that they are updated to match the underlying data without the need to close and then reload the UMTs. Changes are applied to the source data set, rather than to the user-maintained data table, using CICS applications that refer to the data set by a non-data table file definition, or using batch programs. An example application program (see Figure 13 on page 77) illustrates how the UMTs can be refreshed to reflect the current contents of the source data set. The program would run on each MVS image and update the UMT in that image. Such a program could be run at regular times during the day, or at user request. It would be most efficient to run it in the shared data table server regions, to avoid function shipping updates to the UMT.

If it is critical that the CICS regions in all the MVS images in the sysplex are synchronized in their view of the data, the transactions that read the data must be stopped while the refresh programs run, and restarted only after the programs have completed on all MVS systems.

This technique is appropriate only for user-maintained data tables because:

- Where read-only access is required, a user-maintained data table is the usual choice.
- It would not be possible with a CICS-maintained data table to apply updates to the source data set while leaving the tables unaffected.
- Any update made to the source data set would be reflected only in the table on the system on which the update was made.

Figure 13 on page 77 shows an example COBOL application program that demonstrates how you can refresh the replicated UMTs.

How to refresh replicated user-maintained data tables

The following steps describe how to set up an environment to refresh replicated UMTs. In practice, you may already have some of this in place. For example, you may already have files defined as data tables. The steps described here assume that you already have a sysplex environment.

1. Select a file that is appropriate.

As an illustration, consider an application that checks credit card numbers against a list of stolen credit cards, and requires rapid access to this list. The list is updated periodically with new batches of numbers of stolen cards. The application accesses records in a VSAM KSDS data set named PRODN.SOURCEDS using a filename UMTNAME. The application runs in a sysplex consisting of two MVS images. CICS regions CICS1A, CICS1B, and CICS1C run in the first image, and CICS2A, CICS2B and CICS2C run in the second.

2. Set up file definitions:

- In each MVS in the sysplex, select a CICS region to be the shared data table server for this file. Within this region, define the filename by which your applications read the data as a user-maintained data table, with the data set name as that containing the source data.

In this illustration, CICS1A and CICS2A are set up as the server regions, and files are defined to them called UMTNAME. The file definitions specify DSNNAME as PRODN.SOURCEDS, TABLE as USER, and allowed operations of YES for READ, BROWSE, ADD, DELETE and UPDATE (because this file definition is used both for reading the data and for updating the UMT when it is refreshed).

- For all the other regions in the sysplex, define the filename by which the applications read the data as a remote file with the REMOTESYSTEM as the shared data table server region in the same MVS, and the REMOTENAME as the name of the UMT in that region.

So, in this illustration, files called UMTNAME would be defined in CICS1B and CICS1C with the REMOTESYSTEM as the sysid for CICS1A and the REMOTENAME as UMTNAME, this time with READ and BROWSE as the only allowed operations, because there is no need for the UMT to be updated through these remote definitions. Similar file definitions are set up in CICS2B and CICS2C, but for these CICS2A is the remote system.

- In each shared data table server region, set up a file definition that can be used to read the source data set when the UMTs are refreshed.
In this illustration, files named SOURCEDS are defined to CICS1A and CICS2A, with the DSNAMES as PRODN.SOURCEDS, TABLE as NO, and allowing only READ and BROWSE operations.

- In one region in the sysplex (which has access to the source data set), define a file that is used to apply updates to the source. The file definition could be the same as that used by the refresh program to read the source data set, but in this case it would need to allow both reading and updating operations. You might, if you prefer, decide to update the data set using a batch program, in which case this CICS file definition would not be needed.
This illustration uses the same file definition as is used in refreshing the UMTs. In this case, one of the regions would need to define SOURCEDS as allowing all file operations.

3. Set up the source data set so that it can be accessed by all applications that need to read or update it.

If you have DFSMS/MVS version 1 release 3, you can access the data set from any CICS region for reading or updating by specifying RLSACCESS(Yes) in the file definitions. Note that, if you use RLS access mode, unless the data set is non-recoverable, you cannot apply the updates to it from a batch program (because only CICS can open a recoverable data set for update in RLS mode).

If you are at an earlier release of DFSMS/MVS, you can set up the data set SHAREOPTIONS so that it can be updated by the program that applies updates to the source, and read by all others. Alternatively, you can set up the data set so that it can be updated only when it is not being read, and ensure that its opening is serialized. For the shareoptions to operate throughout the sysplex, you must use GRS (Global Resource Serialization).

In this illustration, if RLS is not available, define PRODN.SOURCEDS either with:

- SHR(2), so that it can be updated by the region that runs the program that applies changes to the data set and at the same time read by all the refresh programs,

or

- SHR(1), and normally have it open to the program that applies changes; then, when it is to be refreshed, close that access to it, and, on each server region in turn, open it, run the refresh program, and close disable it to allow the next region to open it.

4. Modify the example program so that it names your files for the UMT and the source data set, and so that the data definitions match the layout of your records. Define the program and transaction in your server regions.

The file names in the illustration are the same as those in the program (UMTNAME and SOURCEDS). Define the program and a transaction to run it in CICS1A and CICS2A.

5. You should now be ready to start using the replicated UMTs.
6. Prime the source data set with its initial contents.
7. Open the UMTs in the shared data table server regions, to cause the contents of the source data set to be loaded into each one.
8. Start up the applications in all regions in the sysplex. They will all be able to access the data using data table sharing.

The applications running in MVS 1 will access the data through the UMT in CICS1A, and those running in MVS 2 will access it through the UMT in CICS2A.

9. When new data arrives, update the source data set.

In this illustration, the data is updated by file SOURCEDS.

10. When you want the applications to access the new data, run the transactions in each server region that will read the source data set and the UMT, and refresh the latter to be in step with the former. Providing your applications are not invalidated if the data seen on one MVS is slightly different from that seen on another, you do not have to stop them running while you do the refresh.

Example program for refreshing a user-maintained data table

To help you write your own program, Figure 13 on page 77 shows an example of a COBOL program that demonstrates how to refresh a UMT while it is still open, to match the source data set.

If updates are applied frequently to the source data set, and could be applied while the refresh program is running, this could mean that the source data set is never exactly reflected by the UMT, because the record being processed or records already processed could be changed. This means that the program has to be tolerant to the possibility of the records changing. The program is also written to allow for the possibility that the UMT itself is updated by other programs, although you are not recommended to operate in this way (that is, the only program that updates the UMT should be the refresh program).

Setting up and executing the example program

Edit the program, according to the comments in the example, to match the format of the records being updated. 'UMTNAME' and 'SOURCEDS' should be renamed to match your file definitions.

Translate, compile and link the program using a COBOL compiler.

Define the program to CICS, and define a transaction to the program. Define the file (UMTNAME) to point to the UMT, and give it a source data set from which to load when first opened. Define the other file (SOURCEDS) to point directly to the source data set the UMT is defined to load from.

Each sysplex should have one CICS region where the UMT that is to be refreshed resides. In these regions, the definitions needed to run the refresh transaction must be installed. In all other regions in the sysplex, the UMT should be defined as a remote file, pointing to the UMT in the UMT-owning region. It is not necessary to run the refresh transaction on the regions that have the UMT defined as remote.

The update strategy used will depend on the way the source data set is set up. If the source data set is set up as RLS, all UMTs can be refreshed at the same time. Any updates to the source data set could also be applied. If the data set has the SHAREOPTIONS set so that it can be read by multiple systems at any one time, then, as with RLS, a simultaneous refresh can also occur. Otherwise, when the source data set is updated, the file that is used to read the source data set for refreshing would need to be closed and disabled on each system for the duration of the update. If all the UMTs are refreshed serially, the source data set could be opened and closed to each UMT-owning region in turn when needed for update.

How the example program operates

First, the environment is initialized. A check is made that the UMT file is local and is already open. If the UMT file is remote, the program issues a message and ends. If the UMT file is not open, the program opens it and ends (because opening the UMT will load the latest data from the source data set without the need to perform any more processing). A check is also made that the source file is local; if it is remote, the program issues a message and ends. The file that directly accesses the UMT's source data set is opened. Start browse operations are then performed on both files to allow the program to step through them both sequentially.

If the environment is set up without error, the update of the UMT starts. This involves the retrieval and comparison of pairs of records, one from the UMT and one from the base data set.

The records retrieved are compared:

- If the records are equal, the flags are set to read the next record from the UMT and the data set.
- If the UMT has a greater key than the data set, there is a record in the data set that must be added to the UMT.
- If the data set has a greater key than the UMT, there is an extra record in the UMT that must be removed.
- If the keys are equal, but the records are different, the UMT should be updated with the record in the data set.

If a record must be added to the UMT, a write operation is performed.

- If the write operation succeeds, the program goes on to process the next pair of records.
- If the write operation fails because of a record that has been inserted by another transaction between the read and the write operation performed by the program, an attempt is made to delete the record and write it again.
- If the second attempt fails, the program processes the next pair of records.
- When the next pair of records is processed, the current UMT record is compared with the next record in the data set to check for further UMT record omissions.

If a record must be deleted from the UMT, a delete operation is performed.

- If the delete operation succeeds, the program goes on to process the next pair of records.
- If the delete operation fails because the record has already been deleted between the read and delete operations, the program continues to process the next pair of records.
- When the next pair of records is processed, the current data set record is compared with the next record in the UMT to check for further records that should not be in the UMT.

If a record must be updated in the UMT, a read for update operation is performed, to get a lock on the record.

- If this is a success, the updated record is rewritten to the UMT, and the program goes on to process the next pair of records.
- If the operation fails because another transaction has deleted the record, a write operation is performed to put it back in.
- If the write operation fails, the program continues to process the next pair of records.

- When the next pair of records is processed, new records are read from both the UMT and the data set.

When the end of both files has been reached, and there are no more records left to process, the program performs end browses on both the data set and the UMT and returns. Note that the example does not close the file that directly accesses the data set. If the data set cannot operate for update in a shared environment, the file that accesses it should be set to CLOSED DISABLED to allow it to be updated.

The program traps any unexpected errors and issues an error message on the screen. Only the first operation on the UMT is checked (either the delete, write or read/rewrite operations). If that fails with a return code that could be caused by a record being changed after it was originally read, one final attempt is made to correct the record, but this attempt is not checked. This is to prevent the program entering a loop state.

There are further comments in the code.

Source code for the example program to refresh a replicated user-maintained data table

CBL XOPTS(SP)

*
* PROGRAM NAME : UMTUPDT COBOL *
*
* DESCRIPTIVE NAME : CICS application to dynamically update a *
* UMT with the current contents of a dataset. *
*

*
* OVERVIEW *
*
* This program demonstrates how to update a user maintained *
* table (UMT) to match the data in the source dataset it was *
* loaded from when opened, while it remains in use by one *
* (or more) CICS systems. It can be used to update a UMT that *
* is replicated in different sysplexes so that they all match *
* the source dataset. It should be run on the FOR. *
*

*
* REQUIREMENTS *
*
* This program should be translated, compiled and linked as a *
* CICS COBOL program, and defined to CICS. A transaction name *
* should be defined to this program. A UMT file, currently *
* called UMTNAME, is used to access the UMT, and a source *
* dataset file, currently called SOURCEDDS, is used to directly *
* access the dataset the UMT is loaded from. These definitions *
* must be installed only in the region in which the UMT resides *
* (the FOR). Any regions in the same sysplex that use the UMT *
* remotely do not need to run any update process. *
*

*
* DESCRIPTION *
*
* The program will first initialize the two files that are *
* needed, and start browsing them from the beginning. *
* Opening the UMT will cause it to be loaded if it isn't open. *
* If it is not open and the UMT is loaded, the operation of the *
* program is effectively redundant and the update code will *
* not be run. The program will also check for a remote system *
* name. If one is present for either file, then the program *
* will not run. This is to prevent function shipping occurring *
* which would obviously degrade performance. *
*
* The program will continuously read a pair of records from the *
* two files and compare them, adding, deleting or updating any *
* records in the UMT that don't match the source dataset. *
*

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* The keys of the pair of records are compared. If the key to *
* the UMT and the key to the source dataset are equal, and the *
* records match, then no update is required. If both keys are *
* equal, but the records are different, then the record in the *
* source dataset is used to update the UMT. If the key in the *
* UMT is greater than the key in the source dataset, then the *
* record(s) in the source dataset are written to the UMT until *
* the keys become equal or the UMT key becomes less than the *
* source dataset key. If the UMT key is less than the source *
* dataset key, then the record(s) in the UMT are removed until *
* the keys become equal, or the UMT key is greater than the *
* source dataset. This continues until the end of both files *
* is reached, or an unexpected error occurs. *
*
* Any errors that are unexpected are reported to the screen, *
* and operation of the program stops. Some errors are trapped, *
* and a further attempt will be made to update the UMT. If *
* this attempt fails, no further action is taken on these. Using shared data tables support in a sysplex *
* records, and the program will continue to process the next *
* pair. *
*

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- using a 3270 emulator as an MVS system console

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