IBM Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS

CICS Administration and User's Guide

Version 5.1

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Before using this information and the product it supports, read the information in *Notices* on page 115.

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Chapter 1

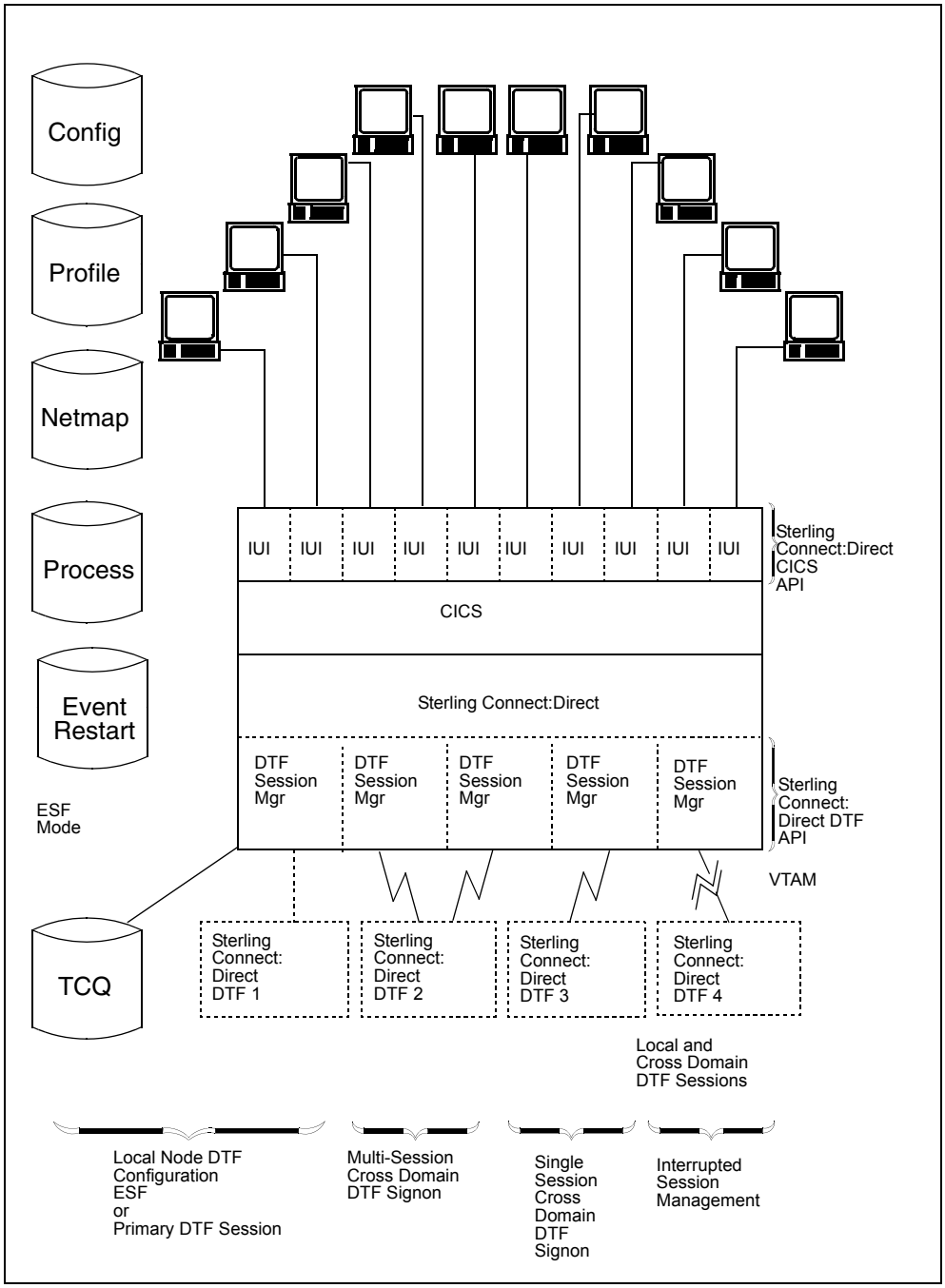
About the CICS Interface

The Customer Information Control System (CICS) Interface provides a number of components that enable users and applications to access, control, and transfer data across networks. The major components, as illustrated on page 8, include:

Component	Description
Interactive User Interface (IUI)	Enables users to transfer files, initiate applications, and monitor activity in a user-friendly environment.
Application Program Interface (API)	Enables the IUI and CICS Administration to communicate to the Data Transmission Facility (DTF) through the session manager. The API interprets the commands, but it is the responsibility of the session manager to establish communication sessions and perform standard session management functions.
Data Transmission Facility (DTF)	Controls information distribution to other nodes in the network. In a Sterling Connect:Direct/Plex environment, the Sterling Connect:Direct/Manager and Sterling Connect:Direct/Servers form the DTF.
Extended Submit Feature (ESF) Mode	Enables users to submit data for transmission even if the DTF is not active. Sterling Connect:Direct requests sent to an inactive node are routed to the sending Transmission Control Queue (TCQ) until the inactive node is initiated.

Components of the CICS Interface

The IBM® Sterling Connect:Direct® for z/OS® installation offers an optional selection to use the CICS interface. The following figure illustrates a CICS implementation.



Understanding the Screen Conventions

This section describes the conventions for the CICS Interface. The screens are based on the standard IBM 3270 Model 2 display. Use a terminal or terminal emulator that can handle the 3270 Model 2 mode.

The CICS Interface has the following screen conventions to help you input data and navigate within the system:

- All variable data is highlighted.
- Variable fields contain underscore characters to indicate the size of each field.
- Required fields are highlighted and optional fields are displayed at normal intensity.
- Each screen in the User System contains information fields of various widths and attributes for user data and for system-displayed data.

Understanding the System Fields

As you perform your user activities, the CICS Interface displays several system fields with current information about your data, updates of system information, and responses to your Processes. The system fields include the following:

Field	Description
DATE	The 8-character DATE field contains the system date expressed as month, day, and year (MM/DD/YY) and occurs in the upper right corner of the screen.
TIME	The 8-character TIME field contains the system time expressed as hours, minutes, and seconds (HH:MM:SS) and occurs in the upper right corner of the screen.
ESF MODE	The 8-character ESF MODE field occurs in the upper right corner of the screen, and contains the ESF MODE flag in the event that the DTF is not working, and you are working under ESF. If the field contains the flag ESF MODE, you are working under ESF; if the field is blank, you are working with the DTF. A blank field indicates normal operation.
NODE	The 16-character NODE field, displayed in the upper right corner of the screen, contains the name of your connected node.
MESSAGE	The 75-character MESSAGE field occurs near the bottom of the screen. It contains the system messages associated with the success or failure of your CICS Interface activities. CICS Interface messages that can occur during normal operations are listed in Appendix A, *CICS Messages and Problem Isolation*. **Note:** Some messages issued by the CICS Interface are actually Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS messages (inquire with your administrator about the Sterling Connect:Direct message file, or select option MD from the PRIMARY MENU to exercise the MESSAGE DISPLAY screen features, or select **PF2** to view the LAST MESSAGE screen).

Using PF Keys

For those screens that have programmable function (PF) keys defined, you can select standard PF keys to assist you in the performance of CICS Interface activities, while you are at the current screen. You cannot redefine PF keys.

The following table describes the function of each PF key.

Keys	Function
PF3	Exits the current screen, and takes you to the previous screen
PF5	Adds an entry to the list on the screen
PF6	Deletes an entry from the list on the screen
PF7	Scrolls backward through the list of available data on the screen
PF8	Scrolls forward through the list of available data on the screen
PF9	Applies updates to screen information
PF10	Scrolls to the left on the screen
PF11	Scrolls to the right on the screen
ENTER	Refreshes screen data or processes a line command
CLEAR	Resets the data on the screen to default values

About This Guide

The *IBM Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS CICS Administration and User's Guide* is for programmers and network operations staff who use the CICS interface to maintain Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS

This document assumes knowledge of the IBM z/OS operating system and CICS/TS. If you are not familiar with the IBM z/OS operating system or CICS/TS, refer to the IBM library of manuals.

The following tables directs you to information to perform the tasks documented in this guide.

Task	For More Information, See
Navigating through the menu structure to perform administrative task.	Chapter 3, *Using the Administration System*
Maintaining the control record, DTF node records, and network node records in the configuration file using the configuration screens	Chapter 4, *Maintaining Configuration Information*
Using the interface control screen and the operations of the interface	Chapter 5, *Working with the Administration Interface*

Task	For More Information, See
Viewing node status, controlling accessible nodes, and the work queue display	Chapter 6, *Viewing Node Status*
Maintaining signon defaults and updating user signon records and	Chapter 7, *Maintaining Signon Defaults*
Monitoring user status	Chapter 8, *Viewing User Status*
Signing on to multiple Sterling Connect:Direct DTFs from a single CICS Interface IUI, signing on to a single Sterling Connect:Direct DTF from multiple CICS Interface IUI facilities, performing an immediate or controlled shutdown, accessing accounting and logging information, using the Extended Submit Facility (ESF), specifying Sterling Connect:Direct signon parameters, and understanding CICS Interface data sets	Chapter 9, *Operational Considerations*
Using the API driver screen and the sample API program supported by Sterling Connect:Direct Event Services Support (ESS) for interface communication with user-written CICS automation applications.	See the *Using ESS with the CICS API* chapter in the *IBM Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS Facilities Guide*
Understanding CICS messages	Appendix A, *CICS Messages and Problem Isolation*
Signing on and signing off and the primary options available	Chapter 10, *Signing On and Off of CICS*
Copying files	Chapter 11, *Copying a File Using CICS*
Submitting an existing Process through the CICS Interface	Chapter 12, *Building, Modifying, and Submitting Processes through CICS*
Viewing information about submitted Processes using the SELECT PROCESS screen	Chapter 13, *Selecting a Process through CICS*
Viewing Process statistics using the SELECT STATISTICS screen	Chapter 14, *Selecting Statistics through CICS*
Viewing messages using the MESSAGE DISPLAY and LAST MESSAGE screens	Chapter 15, *Displaying CICS Messages*
Displaying the functions you are authorized to use using the USER INQUIRY screen	Chapter 16, *Displaying Your CICS User Profile*
Understanding CICS messages	Appendix A, *CICS Messages and Problem Isolation*

Chapter 2

Configuring the CICS Interface

You can configure the CICS Interface to meet the needs of your unique environment. Configuring the CICS interface includes the following tasks:

- Activate the CICS Component - Optional
- Build the CICS Configuration File through ISPF
- Load Sterling Connect:Direct CICS Option into the CICS System Definition
- Customize the CICS Interface
- Tune the CICS Interface

Activate the CICS Component - Optional

Activation of the CICS Component of Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS requires additional items to be updated. An overview is presented followed by a task checklist.

CICS Customization Overview

To run the CICS Component, Sterling Connect:Direct contains code that runs as an exit in CICS/TS to handle the data movement between CICS and Sterling Connect:Direct. To perform the install, several transactions must be defined. These transactions are in the RDO source provided. The default transaction codes start with "DGA".

The interface between CICS and Sterling Connect:Direct can start up during the CICS start, or it may be manually activated after CICS is running. If you want the interface to start up automatically, you must modify the CICS PLTPI. If you want the interface to shut down automatically, you must customize the CICS PLTSD.

If you want to process Event Data within CICS, you must customize and install DGAQ247. You may also need to customize DGAQ249 and DGAQM98. Please refer to *Using ESS with the CICS API* in the *IBM Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS Facilities Guide*. If you do not want to use them, you can remove these entries from DGACCSD.

DGAQ249 reads Event Records out of the TDQ. If you need to add logic to DGAQ249 to do more than just read some records, you must customize it. Otherwise, you can remove its entries from DGACCSD.

You must define a few files, including the CONFIG file, which is handled with a REXX exec.

The CICS component has a set of transaction codes that you can accept as they are, or you may set your own. The CICS component uses the following default transaction codes:

Transaction Code	Description
DGA	User Transaction
DGAA	Administrator Transaction
DGAE	Event Services
DGAI	Initial Startup
DGAM	API Monitor
DGAN	User ESS Process Interface
DGAP	Printer Driver Transaction
DGAT	User Read/Process ESS

CICS Customization Checklist

- Customize the RDO source.

  The members to be customized are located in $CD.SDGACNTL.

Member	Description
DGACCSD	RDO source containing the Transactions, Program, File, Mapset, TDQ, and List definitions
DGACBCKO	RDO source to remove prior release(s)
DGACBACK	RDO source to back out the 5.1 release

- If you plan to migrate to this release from a prior release, review the *IBM Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS Release Notes* for migration instructions. See *Build the CICS Configuration File through ISPF* on page 14 for the panels that the REXX will display.

Build the CICS Configuration File through ISPF

Execute the CONFIG file REXX from a TSO/ISPF session, using option 6 from the ISPF Command Shell.

```
EX '$CD.SDGAISPC(DGA#CONF)' '$CD'
```

$CD is the High Level Qualifier from the SMP/E install.

To install the CICS feature, complete the following CICS panels:

- Configuration File - Control Parameter Record Creation
- CICS DTF Record Creation
- Configuration File - Network Record Creation

See Chapter 4, *Maintaining Configuration Information*, for detailed information on the field descriptions for this series of CICS-related panels. You can also use the CICS Administration System later to modify the configuration information entered during the installation process.

You can use the following **PF** keys on the CICS screens.

PF Key	Function
Enter	Continue with the installation.
PF3	Return to the previous menu.
PF5	Terminate the installation.

1. Define the appropriate fields in the CICS Feature CONFIGURATION FILE - CONTROL PARAMETER RECORD CREATION panel and press **Enter**.

```
-------------       Connect:Direct CICS Feature         ------  DATE-yyyy/mm/dd
      CONFIGURATION FILE - CONTROL PARAMETER RECORD CREATION    TIME-hh:mm
CMD ==>
THIS PANEL IS USED TO GENERATE THE CONTROL.PARMS INFORMATION FOR USE
BY Connect:Direct CICS.
AUTO.SIGNON                           Y            Y OR N
SIGNON.REENTRY                        N            Y OR N
CONNECT:DIRECT.EQ.CICSID              Y            Y OR N
SKIP.SIGNON.PANEL                     N            Y OR N
CICS.TRANSACTION.CODE (MONITOR)       DGAM
CICS.TRANSACTION.CODE (STARTUP)       DGAI
CICS.TRANSACTION.CODE (PRINT)         DGAP
CICS.TRANSACTION.CODE (ESO)           DGAE
CST.RETRY.INTERVAL                    000500       HHMMSS
SESSION.RETRY.INTERVAL                0100           MMSS
ESF.RETRY.INTERVAL                    001500       HHMMSS
WORK.RETRY.INTERVAL                   0015           MMSS
MONITOR.INTERVAL                      30               SS
INACTIVE.INTERVAL                     003000       HHMMSS
MAX.SIGNON                            0100
MAX.TASKS                             02            01-99
STORAGE.SUBPOOL                       127          002-127
MENU OPTIONS: CF Y  SB Y  SS Y  SP Y  SD Y  SN Y  MD Y      Y OR N
```

2. Define the appropriate fields in the CICS Feature - CICS DTF RECORD CREATION menu and press **Enter**. You must enter a DTF NODE NAME.

```
-------------       Connect:Direct CICS Feature         ------- DATE-yyyy/mm/dd
                      CICS DTF RECORD CREATION                  TIME=hh:mm
CMD ==>

THIS PANEL ALLOWS YOU TO GENERATE A CONNECT:DIRECT CICS IUI.NODE
RECORD TO BE USED TO INITIALLY LOAD THE CONFIGURATION FILE.
THIS RECORD CAN BE UPDATED ONLINE USING THE 'DGAA' TRANSACTION.

PARAMETER                       VALUE
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DTF NODE NAME                    CD.DEV______
NETMAP DDNAME                    NETFINP_
DUMMY ID FOR DTF SIGNON          CICSUSER
SUPPRESS CONNECTION AT STARTUP   Y                 Y OR N
ESF SIGNON ALLOWED               Y                 Y OR N
MAXIMUM WORKER SUBTASKS          04
ENTRIES IN WORK QUEUE            050
OUTPUT RECORD LIMIT              01000
SLOW RESPONSE NOTIFICATION       0030              MMSS
```

3. Define the appropriate fields in the CICS Feature CONFIGURATION FILE - NETWORK RECORD CREATION menu and press **Enter**. You must enter information for at least one network node record.

```
-------------       Connect:Direct CICS Feature         ------- DATE-yyyy/mm/dd
            CONFIGURATION FILE - NETWORK RECORD CREATION         TIME-hh:mm
CMD ==>

THIS PANEL ALLOWS YOU TO GENERATE UP TO TEN NETWORK.NODE RECORDS
TO BE USED TO INITIALLY LOAD THE CONFIGURATION FILE.  THESE
RECORDS CAN BE UPDATED ONLINE USING THE 'DGAA' TRANSACTION.

      NODE NAME              NODE DESCRIPTION           NODE TYPE
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  ________________      ________________________________      __
  ________________      ________________________________      __
  ________________      ________________________________      __
  ________________      ________________________________      __
  ________________      ________________________________      __
  ________________      ________________________________      __
  ________________      ________________________________      __
  ________________      ________________________________      __
  ________________      ________________________________      __
  ________________      ________________________________      __
VALID NODE TYPES VALUES: 1=OS/390  2=VM  3=VSE  4=VMS  5=TANDEM 6=WIN95
                         7=OS/2 8=OS/400 9=UNIX 10=NETWARE 11=WINDOWS
                         12=MSP 13=MVS
```

Edit, customize, and submit member DGAJCICS in the $*CD*.SDGAJCL data set. This job loads the CICS Configuration dataset using the data collected from the execution of DGA#CONF.

Load Sterling Connect:Direct CICS Option into the CICS System Definition

Use the following procedure to load the Sterling Connect:Direct CICS option into the CICS system definition:

1. Edit, customize and submit $CD.SDGAJCL(DGAJCSDL).

   This JOB creates and loads the CICS CONFIGuration data set using the data collected during the execution of DGA#CONF.

   This JOB also installs the DGACCSD contents into your CICS CSD.

2. If you plan to upgrade from a prior release of Sterling Connect:Direct, review *Upgrading to Sterling Connect:Direct Version 5.1* in the *IBM Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS Release Notes*.

3. Edit, customize and submit $CD.SDGAJCL(DGAJCSDO).

   This JOB uninstalls the prior Sterling Connect:Direct CICS feature from your CICS CSD.

4. If you need ESS processing, you must customize DGAQ247. You must also customize DGAQM98, depending on changes to DGAQ247, and, possibly, DGAQ249. These are located in $CD.SDGASAMP. Refer to *Using ESS with the CICS API* in the *IBM Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS Facilities Guide*.

5. If you customized ESS:

   a. Customize, edit and run DGAXASMB to Assemble DGAQM98.

   b. Customize, edit and run DGAXASMC for DGAQ247 or DGAQ249, or both.

6. Modify the CICS startup JCL/JOB for the CICS that uses the CSD where the RDO source was installed based on the information in $CD.SDGASAMP(DGAXCJCL).

7. Bring up CICS and verify the install by performing the procedure in *Starting the Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS CICS Interface* on page 19.

Customize the CICS Interface

Customizing the CICS interface consists of the following tasks:

- Customizing and Installing the Sterling Connect:Direct CICS Resource Definition Source
- Modifying Your CICS Startup
- Starting the Sterling Connect:Direct CICS Interface

Customize and Install the Sterling Connect:Direct CICS Resource Definition Source

All program, transaction, file, and associated definitions are provided in $*CD*.SDGACNTL(DGACCSD). DGACCSD contains Resource Definition source code, which you may need to customize to meet your site's needs.

Caution: If the CICS option was installed in a release prior to IBM Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS version 5.1, you must back out of the previous Resource Definition CSD source code by using the JCL in $CD.SDGAJCL(DGAJCSD) prior to running the $*CD*.SDGAJCL(DGAJCSDL) job referred to in the following procedure.

To customize and install the Sterling Connect:Direct CICS resource definition source:

1. Review the source (DGACCSD). Use the GROUP and LIST names provided or change them in order to have unique names, if necessary.
2. Update the FILE definitions if any files have different High Level Qualifiers than what were specified in the ISPF panels.

   For each Sterling Connect:Direct DTF that your CICS system will have an IUI with, you must have a File definition statement that points to the network map used by that Sterling Connect:Direct DTF. To tell the IUI what FILE definition CICS is using for the network map, the FILE name (DDName) must match the NETMAP DDName entered in the DTF NODE CONFIGURATION record for that Sterling Connect:Direct DTF.
3. (Optional step) If you want to initialize Sterling Connect:Direct during CICS startup or add Sterling Connect:Direct CICS interface shutdown to the CICS shutdown, review *$CD.*SDGASAMP(DGAXPLT). This member contains macro source and instructions for the CICS systems programmer to build or update PLTPI and PLTSD entries.

   Note: To make the IUI available immediately upon CICS startup, you must use the LIST name in the SIP GRPLIST (keyword) parameter list.
4. Verify that the JOB and PARM information is correct in *$CD.*SDGAJCL(DGAJCSDL).
5. Shut down all CICS transaction servers.
6. Run the *$CD.*SDGAJCL(DGAJCSDL) job.

Modifying Your CICS Startup

To modify your CICS startup:

1. Review the *$CD.*DGASAMP(DGAXCJCL) member for a list of DD statements and their purposes. Copy the applicable DD statements from DGAXCJCL to your CICS startup JCL (PROC or JOB).

   Note: Any DD that is normally controlled by RDO should not be replicated in the JCL.
2. Modify any of the copied DD statements to use the correct High Level Qualifiers for dataset names as needed.
3. For any additional customization that may be required, see the *Using ESS with the CICS API* chapter in the *IBM Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS Facilities Guide.*
4. Submit your CICS JCL for execution.

Starting the Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS CICS Interface

Perform this task only if Sterling Connect:Direct CICS is not part of the Program Load Table (PLT) initialization.

After starting CICS, start the Sterling Connect:Direct CICS interface as follows:

1. Type the DGAA transaction code, and press **Enter**.
2. Select option **I** from the PRIMARY MENU and press **Enter** to go to the INTERFACE screen.
3. From the INTERFACE screen, select option **A**, and press **Enter**. When the message INTERFACE HAS BEEN STARTED is displayed, press **Enter** to refresh the status information, and wait until ACTIVE is displayed in the INTERFACE STATUS field, and a transaction number is displayed in the MONITOR TASK NUMBER field.
4. Press **PF3** to return to the PRIMARY MENU, select option **N** on the PRIMARY MENU, and press **Enter** to go to the NODE STATUS screen.
5. On the NODE STATUS screen, for each node you want to activate, select the line command **A** in the field to the far left of each NODE STATUS line. When the date and time are displayed under the SESSION DATE/TIME heading, the node is activated.

   Note: The node may already be active if the message SUPPRESS CONNECTION AT STARTUP = N is displayed on the DTF NODE screen during the installation procedures.

6. Press **PF3** several times to exit the DGAA transaction, and then sign on to Sterling Connect:Direct using the DGA transaction code.

Tune the CICS Interface

Tune Sterling Connect:Direct CICS interface to enhance performance. Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS CICS interface exits are not "threadsafe" and may cause performance issues if this application is not isolated to a non-threadsafe AOR.

Actual resource usage varies according to the implemented configuration, including the number of DTF nodes that can be signed on to by the CICS interface, the number of subtasks defined per node, and other considerations, such as the types of commands executed.

You may want to tune your Sterling Connect:Direct system, based upon guidelines provided to assist you in estimating the impact of Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS on your CICS online environment for the file I/O buffers, auxiliary or main temporary storage, and transaction priorities and class assignments

File I/O Buffers

You can reduce file I/O buffers to correspondingly lighten the load on your virtual and real storage, but at the expense of increasing disk I/O activity. The configuration and user profile datasets are type VSAM and can participate in Local Shared Resource (LSR) buffer pools, designated for light-to-medium usage datasets.

Auxiliary or Main Temporary Storage

You can choose main or auxiliary temporary storage as a trade off between using more real storage (main) and increasing disk I/O activity (auxiliary). The CICS interface makes heavy use of temporary storage, especially during SELECT PROCESS and SELECT STATISTICS operations.

CICS Dynamic Storage Area (DSA) Usage

The CICS interface uses the CICS DSA as follows:

- Approximately 1 KB is used by the CICS Task Control global exit.
- Approximately 10–20 KB is used for transaction-related storage and temporary storage records by the DGA and DGAA transactions.

In addition, the SELECT PROCESS (SP) and SELECT STATISTICS (SS) functions are heavy users of CICS Temporary Storage. Results returned by these functions are written to Temporary Storage as a series of 300-byte records.

Parameters are provided on the DTF NODE configuration screen of the DGAA transaction (OUTPUT RECORD LIMIT) and on the IUI.NODE statement of the Sterling Connect:Direct CICS Configuration Load program (TDLIMIT) to limit the amount of data returned by these commands.

Above-the-Line Storage

Non-CICS storage above the 16-megabyte line is used by the CICS interface as follows:

- Approximately 340 KB is used for Sterling Connect:Direct API programs.
- The CICS interface signon table, node table, and subtask tables are allocated above the line, with the total amount required calculated as follows.

```
36 + (18*(T+W)) + (304*S) + (224*N) + (144*T)
```

The following table describes the variables in the preceding example:

Variable	Description
T	The sum of the maximum subtask per node values or all nodes eligible to be signed on to by the CICS interface (MAXIMUM WORKER SUBTASKS on the DTF NODE configuration screen or VTAM.SESSIONS on the IUI.NODE parameter of the CICS interface Configuration Load program).
W	The total number of entries in the WORK QUEUE for all DTF nodes.
S	The value of the MAX.SIGNON parameter of the Configuration Parameters screen or CONTROL.PARMS statement of the Configuration Load program.
N	The number of nodes eligible to be signed on to by the CICS interface (the number of DTF.NODE records defined in the CICS interface configuration file).

Transaction Priorities and Class Assignments

If you find that heavy usage of the CICS interface is causing resource shortages in CICS, you may want to consider imposing transaction class limits on the Sterling Connect:Direct transaction. You can impose class limits by first assigning a transaction class to the transaction, and then placing a limit on the number of transactions in that class. You may also want to assign the Sterling Connect:Direct transaction to a lower priority than those of other tasks in your system to increase system throughput.

Chapter 3

Using the Administration System

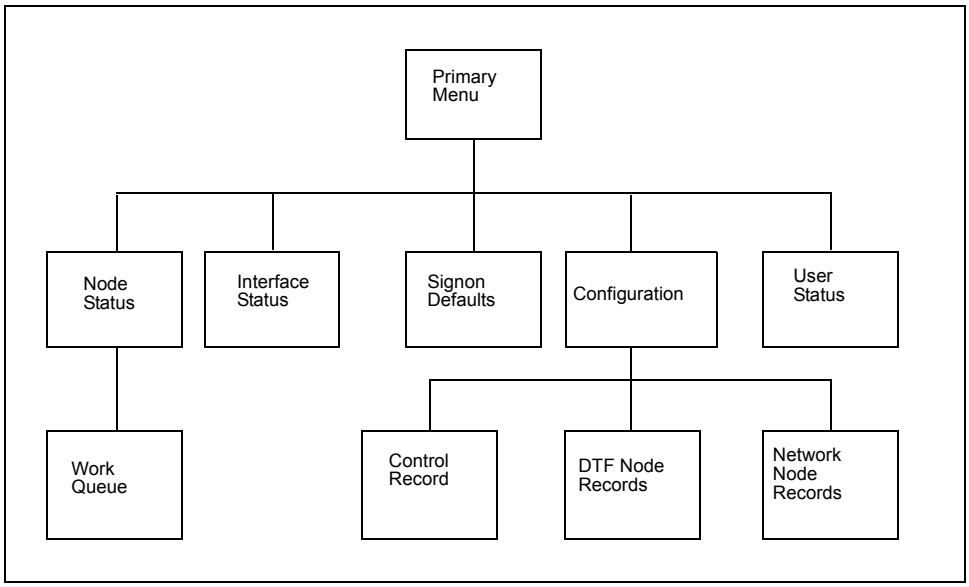
The Administration System helps you configure and control the interface. Tasks you perform while using this system include:

- Configuring Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS to provide functionality to users while maintaining optimum performance
- Defining Sterling Connect:Direct DTFs to which Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS submits requests
- Activating and deactivating the Sterling Connect:Direct interface
- Activating and deactivating the interface with specific Sterling Connect:Direct DTFs
- Adding, modifying, and deleting default user signon characteristics
- Monitoring user activity and intervening if those activities compromise Sterling Connect:Direct or the CICS environment

The system guides you through a series of menus, prompts you for input, and performs the requested function. If errors occur during the processing of your request, the system informs you of the cause of the error and, in some cases, suggests remedial action.

Structure of the Administration System

The menu structure of the Administration System follows.



By typing the correct data in the Administration menus and screens, perform the following tasks:

- Check and control user status (USER STATUS)
- Add, update, and delete user signon characteristics (SIGNON DEFAULTS)
- Activate and deactivate the Sterling Connect:Direct DTF-to-CICS Interface (INTERFACE)
- Monitor and control node status (NODE STATUS)
- Monitor and control the work queue (WORK QUEUE)
- Modify the global control parameters (CONTROL RECORD)
- Add, delete or modify any DTF node parameters (DTF NODE RECORDS)
- Add, delete or modify any network node configurations (NETWORK NODE RECORDS)

Using the Administration System

In order to use the Administration System, both CICS and Sterling Connect:Direct must be installed and working on your mainframe. Display the IBM Sterling Connect:Direct Administration Primary Menu by using the DGAA transaction.

Using the Administration Primary Menu

The IBM Sterling Connect:Direct ADMINISTRATION PRIMARY MENU is the root of the administration menu hierarchy and is the access key to all the other features of the Sterling Connect:Direct Administration System. Following is an example of the Administration Primary Menu.

```
                        IBM Sterling Connect:Direct ADMINISTRATION       10:17:29
                                    PRIMARY MENU
OPTION ==> _


                              C ... CONFIGURATION
                              I ... INTERFACE STATUS
                              N ... NODE STATUS
                              S ... SIGNON DEFAULTS
                              U ... USER STATUS

                                    To restrict U :

                                    CICS USERID  ==> _______________
                                    CICS TERMID  ==> _____
                                Connect:Direct NODE ==> ________________________
PF keys:  3 Exit
```

Entry Fields

The following table describes each option.

Option	Description
C	Select this option to maintain CICS Interface configuration information.
I	Selecting this option takes you to the INTERFACE STATUS menu. If you need to activate or deactivate the Sterling Connect:Direct interface, select this option.
N	Selecting this option takes you to the NODE STATUS menu. If you need to view the status of nodes that users of the CICS Interface can sign on to, and information about the sessions and tasks under the node, select this option.
S	Selecting this option takes you to the SIGNON DEFAULTS menu. If you need to maintain user signon default information, select this option.
U	Selecting this option takes you to the USER STATUS menu. If the you need to check on a particular userid and the Sterling Connect:Direct activities associated with that userid, or if you need to cancel a user task or signon, select this option.

The following fields are not required under option **U**, but use them to limit the scope of the display:

Field	Description
CICS USERID	This 8-character field contains the Sterling Connect:Direct CICS signon ID.
CICS TERMID	This 4-character field contains a valid terminal ID.
Connect:Direct NODE	This 16-character field contains a valid Sterling Connect:Direct node name.

Chapter 4

Maintaining Configuration Information

The CICS Interface provides a variety of configuration options to allow you to define the resources that can be accessed, limit the scope of functions provided to users, and optimize the performance of the system. All CICS Interface configuration information is contained in a single file (CONFIG), which is defined and initially loaded at installation.

Configuration Categories

The configuration parameters are divided into the following categories:

- Control Record
- DTF Node Records
- Network Node Records

Control Record

The Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS Control Record contains information defining the operational characteristics of the Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS system. This information includes flags that activate or deactivate system-wide features of the CICS Interface and parameters that govern the performance of the system.

The Control Record is initially loaded during the installation process. The CICS Interface online administration facilities allow you to modify the contents of this record only. Any modifications performed while the CICS Interface is active are immediately reflected in the execution environment.

DTF Node Records

A CICS Interface user has the ability to access multiple Sterling Connect:Direct DTFs for the purpose of copying files from that node to other nodes, submitting Processes, and gathering and reporting on statistical information.

The DTF Node Records contain information identifying any node eligible to be signed on to by the CICS Interface and defining the rules governing access to that node (such as ESF access, output limits, and so forth).

Note: One DTF Node Record is required for each Sterling Connect:Direct DTF to which the CICS Interface can sign on directly. The first of these records is defined and loaded at product installation.

Understanding Subtasks

Sterling Connect:Direct DTF node information describes each DTF node available to the CICS Interface. At the startup of the Interface, a subtask called CST (controller subtask) is attached by CICS. The CST in turn attaches other subtasks, called WSTs (worker subtasks).

WSTs establish and manage a VTAM session with a DTF, passing Sterling Connect:Direct commands, and receiving returned information. One WST communicates with only one DTF, but multiple WSTs can communicate with one DTF.

Network Node Records

To facilitate the task of copying files from one node to another, the CICS Interface provides a means of predefining frequently used nodes, relieving you of the need to know specific information about nodes to be accessed. Nodes defined in Network Node Records display as a numbered list in the COPY FILE BETWEEN NODES screen. You can select nodes by number and provide only that information relating to the file to be sent or received.

Accessing the Administration Configuration Screen

To access the Connect:Direct ADMINISTRATION CONFIGURATION screen, select option **C** from the PRIMARY MENU (DGAA transaction). The CONFIGURATION screen enables you to display and maintain the Control Record, DTF Node Records, and the Network Node Records. Following is an example of the screen.

```
                      CONNECT:DIRECT ADMINISTRATION                  10:25:28
                             CONFIGURATION
OPTION ==> _




                          C ... CONTROL RECORD
                          D ... DTF NODE RECORDS
                          N ... NETWORK NODE RECORDS




PF keys:  3 Exit
```

Entry Fields

The following table describes each configuration option.

Option	Description
C	Selecting this option, and pressing Enter takes you to the CONTROL RECORD screen. If you need to update the CONTROL RECORD with information affecting the operating characteristics of the CICS Interface, select this option.
D	Selecting this option, and pressing Enter takes you to the DTF NODE RECORDS screen. If you need to view the characteristics of a DTF NODE, such as node name, number of worker subtasks, and entries in the work queue, select this option.
N	Selecting this option, and pressing Enter takes you to the NETWORK NODE RECORDS screen. If you need to view the characteristics of a NETWORK NODE, such as node name, node description, and node type, select this option.

Updating the Control Record

To access the Connect:Direct ADMINISTRATION CONTROL RECORD UPDATE screen select option **C** from the CONFIGURATION screen, and press **Enter**. Only one CONTROL RECORD exists for the CICS Interface system. This control record contains global configuration parameters. Following is an example of the screen.

```
                  CONNECT:DIRECT ADMINISTRATION        16:13:15
                     CONTROL RECORD UPDATE

AUTO.SIGNON ............................  Y         Y OR N
SIGNON.REENTRY .........................  N         Y OR N
CONNECT:DIRECT.EQ.CICSID ...............  Y         Y OR N
SKIP.SIGNON.PANEL ......................  N         Y OR N
CICS.TRANSACTION.CODE (MONITOR) ........  DGADM
CICS.TRANSACTION.CODE (STARTUP) ........  DGAI
CICS.TRANSACTION.CODE (PRINT) ..........  DGAP
CICS.TRANSACTION.CODE (ESS) ............  DGAE
CST.RETRY.INTERVAL .....................  000500    HHMMSS
SESSION.RETRY.INTERVAL .................  0100      MMSS
ESF.RETRY.INTERVAL .....................  001500    HHMMSS
WORK.RETRY.INTERVAL ....................  0015      MMSS
MONITOR.INTERVAL .......................  30        SS
INACTIVE.INTERVAL ......................  003000    HHMMSS
MAX.SIGNON .............................  0100
MAX.TASKS ..............................  02        01-99
STORAGE.SUBPOOL ........................  127       002-127

MENU OPTIONS:
 CF Y  SB Y  SS Y  SP Y  SD Y  SN Y  MD Y          Y OR N

PF keys:  3 Exit   9 Update   Enter Edit   Clear Reset
```

Entry Fields

The entry fields are:

Field	Description
AUTO.SIGNON	Specifies whether Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS automatically signs you on if a signon defaults record is defined with a CICS userid matching the userid that you specify at CICS signon. The signon defaults record for that CICS user must specify a valid Sterling Connect:Direct userid, password and DTF node name. If you specify **Y**, auto-signon is used if the required information is available; if you specify **N**, auto-signon is not used. The default is **Y**.
SIGNON.REENTRY	Specifies whether the CICS Interface remembers that a CICS user previously signed on to the IUI. If this feature is enabled, the user is able to exit the Sterling Connect:Direct CICS Interface to perform another CICS function and reenter without signing on again. Signon reentry is not performed for a user who signs off CICS itself and then signs back on again to CICS. Signon reentry is only in effect after the first signon to the Sterling Connect:Direct CICS Interface. If you specify Y, signon reentry is performed when appropriate; if you specify N, signon reentry is not performed. The default is N.
CONNECT:DIRECT.EQ.CICSID	Specifies whether the CICS Interface denies a signon attempt if the Sterling Connect:Direct userid does not match the CICS userid specified at CICS signon. If you specify **Y**, a signon is rejected if the IDs do not match; if you specify **N**, no check takes place. The default is **Y**.
SKIP.SIGNON.PANEL	Specifies an optional CICS signon interface that does not require you to retype a userid and password. Validity of this approach depends upon a secure environment existing prior to you selecting the CICS Interface; in other words, userid and password validation by a security subsystem (CA-ACF2, RACF, and so forth) upon original signon to the system. Enable this option by typing Y for this parameter on the Control Record Update screen. The control record can also be set during installation by typing SKIP.SIGNON.PANEL=Y on the CONFIGURATION FILE - CONTROL PARAMETER RECORD screen. The default is **N**.
CICS.TRANSACTION.CODE (MONITOR)	Specifies the 1-4 character transaction codes to be used for the CICS Interface monitor transaction. The monitor transaction scans for pending requests from users and for completed work by Sterling Connect:Direct. If the MONITOR TRANSACTION CODE is not specified during installation, it defaults to DGAM. If you change this parameter, you must also change the supplied transaction definition.
CICS.TRANSACTION.CODE (STARTUP)	Specifies the 1-4 character transaction codes to be used for the CICS Interface start transaction. If you use the startup PLT to activate the CICS Interface at CICS initialization, this transaction is submitted to run immediately following the completion of CICS initialization processing. If you do not specify the STARTUP TRANSACTION CODE parameter during installation, it defaults to DGAI. If you change this parameter, you must also change the supplied transaction definition.

Field	Description
CICS.TRANSACTION.CODE (PRINT)	Specifies the 1-4 character transaction codes to be used for the CICS Interface print transaction. This transaction is attached to the CICS printer in response to CICS print requests. If the PRINTER TRANSACTION CODE parameter is not specified during installation, it defaults to DGAP. If you change this parameter, you must also change the supplied transaction definition. Print requests are handled by writing print lines to the CICS Transient Data Area (TDA). When the data is ready for output, a transaction sends the data to the CICS printer specified in the SIGNON DEFAULTS.
CICS.TRANSACTION.CODE (ESS)	Specifies the 1-4 character transaction code to be used for the Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS Event Services Support. If this parameter is not specified during installation, it defaults to DGAE. If you change this parameter, you must also change the supplied transaction definition.
CST.RETRY.INTERVAL	Specifies the time interval (in hours, minutes and seconds) between attempts to restart an ABEND of CST (controller subtask). The controller subtask is an operating system subtask responsible for monitoring the worker subtasks responsible for interaction with active Sterling Connect:Direct DTFs defined in DTF Node Records (that is, DTFs to which CICS users can sign on). The default is 000500 (5 minutes).
SESSION.RETRY.INTERVAL	Specifies the time interval (in minutes and seconds) between attempts to establish a VTAM session with a DTF defined in a DTF Node Record (that is, a DTF to which CICS users can sign on directly). The default is 100 (1 minute).
ESF.RETRY.INTERVAL	Defines the time interval (in hours, minutes and seconds) between attempts to establish a primary session with a Sterling Connect:Direct DTF when, during a prior attempt, the DTF is not active and the node is activated in ESF mode. A node is activated in ESF mode only if the DTF it defines supports ESF. The default is 001500 (15 minutes).
WORK.RETRY.INTERVAL	Specifies the time interval (in minutes and seconds) between the time a unit of work is submitted but cannot be placed in the work queue for a particular node and the time that unit of work is cancelled. The size of the work queue for a particular node is governed by the ENTRIES IN WORK QUEUE parameter in the DTF Node Record. The default is 0015 (15 seconds).
MONITOR.INTERVAL	Contains the time interval, expressed as seconds, between scans for work by the monitor transaction. This parameter is a 2-character field. The monitor watches all Processes, queues, tasks, and task lengths, and regulates the flow of tasks in the system to ensure that any particular task does not seize the computer resources. When all Processes and tasks are completed or pending action by the DTF, the monitor waits for the specified interval before rescanning the work queue. The default is 30 (seconds).
INACTIVE.INTERVAL	Specifies the amount of time (in hours, minutes and seconds) that a worker subtask (WST) is allowed to be inactive before it is detached by the controller subtask (CST). The default is 003000 (30 minutes).

Field	Description
MAX.SIGNON	Contains the maximum number of CICS users and reflects the relative size of the signon table file. This parameter is a 4-character field. The default is 100 entries.
MAX.TASKS	Contains the maximum number of simultaneous subtasks that can be attached in the CICS address space. This parameter is a 2-character field. Specify this field as the total of the worker subtask counts for all DTF Node Records defined to the CICS Interface. The default is **2**.
STORAGE.SUBPOOL	Contains the number of the operating system storage subpool from which the CICS Interface acquires operating system storage. This parameter is a 3-character field. Numbers 002-127 are user-defined (numbers 000, 001, 128-255 are system-defined) areas of storage related to each other usually by the requirements of your session. DTF keeps track of all storage for a given user Process and task. The default is subpool 127.

Menu Options

The following options contain a **Y** or **N** which enables or disables the options on the PRIMARY MENU of the general user. You can use these Y/N flags to determine the level of functionality to be provided by Sterling Connect:Direct.

These options affect all users of Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS. If you want to limit the functionality available to specific users, you must use either the authorization functions of Sterling Connect:Direct (select only the appropriate options when defining that user in the Sterling Connect:Direct Authorization File) or the Sterling Connect:Direct Security exit (set an Authorization Bit Mask to allow or restrict the appropriate options).

Option	Description
CF	Contains the toggle to turn off the COPY FILE option on the PRIMARY MENU. The field is one character long; Y permits you to copy files; N denies permission.
SB	Contains the toggle to turn off the SUBMIT PROCESS option on the PRIMARY MENU. The field is one character long; Y permits you to submit Processes; N denies permission.
SS	Contains the toggle to turn off the SELECT STATISTICS option on the PRIMARY MENU. The field is one character long; Y permits you to select statistics; N denies permission.
SP	Toggle to turn off the SELECT PROCESS option on the PRIMARY MENU. The field is one character long; **Y** permits you to select Processes; **N** denies permission.
SD	Contains the toggle to turn off the SIGNON DEFAULTS option on the PRIMARY MENU. The field is one character long with a **Y** or **N**; **Y** grants permission to change default signon options; **N** denies permission.
SN	Contains the toggle to turn off the CHANGE SIGNON option on the PRIMARY MENU. The field is one character long with a **Y** or **N**; **Y** grants permission; **N** does not.
MD	Contains the toggle to turn off the MESSAGE DISPLAY option on the PRIMARY MENU. The field is one character long with a **Y** or **N**; **Y** grants permission to use this option; **N** does not.

Updating DTF Node Records

The Connect:Direct ADMINISTRATION DTF NODE RECORDS screen is accessed by selecting option **C** on the PRIMARY MENU, then by selecting option **D** on the CONFIGURATION screen, and pressing **Enter**. One DTF node record exists for each DTF node which Sterling Connect:Direct users can sign on to directly. Following is an example of the screen.

Note: Changes made to the DTF node record parameters are immediately reflected in the active system.

```
                          CONNECT:DIRECT ADMINISTRATION              16:17:53
                               DTF NODE RECORDS

DTF NODE NAME                    ________________
NETMAP DDNAME                    ________
DUMMY ID FOR DTF SIGNON          ________
SUPPRESS CONNECTION AT STARTUP   _                Y OR N
ESF SIGNON ALLOWED               _                Y OR N
MAXIMUM WORKER SUBTASKS          __
ENTRIES IN WORK QUEUE            ___
OUTPUT RECORD LIMIT              _____
SLOW RESPONSE NOTIFICATION       ____             MMSS




PF keys:  3 Exit   5 Add   6 Delete   7 Prev   8 Next   9 Update
          Enter Read/Edit   Clear Reset
```

Entry Fields

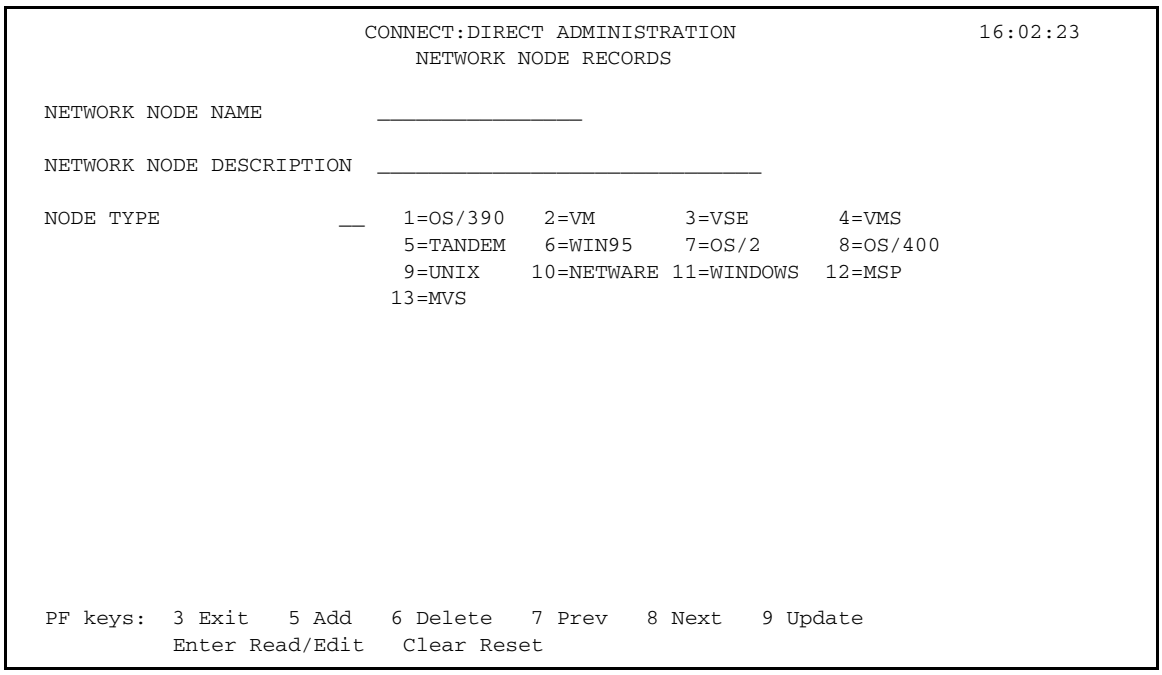
The following table describes the Entry fields:

Field	Description
DTF NODE NAME	Contains the name of a DTF node. This is a 16-character field.
NETMAP DDNAME	Specifies the DDNAME of the Sterling Connect:Direct network map file to be used when initiating a signon to this node. The network map must have an adjacent node definition for this node, but need not be exactly the same network map file the node is using. You must code this value; no default is available. **Note:** The NETMAP DDNAME is defined to CICS using RDO and is the FILENAME used by CICS. You must have one network map file for each node and you must have the DTF node record for each node you want to sign on to.
DUMMY ID FOR DTF SIGNON	Specifies the Sterling Connect:Direct userid to be used to initially establish the VTAM session with the DTF. Multiple CICS userids are required if a DTF can have multiple CICS Interface systems signed on concurrently. If you are using the DGASECUR macro to define your Sterling Connect:Direct security exit, this parameter must match the CICS parameter coded for that macro. You must code this value; no default is available.

Field	Description
SUPPRESS CONNECTION AT STARTUP	Contains the toggle for startup connections. This is a 1-character field. If the field contains **Y**, the connection between the specified DTF node and the Sterling Connect:Direct system is suppressed when the Sterling Connect:Direct software is started. If the field contains **N**, then the connection is made. The default is **Y**.
ESF SIGNON ALLOWED	Specifies whether the Extended Submit Facility is to be supported for this node by Sterling Connect:Direct. The DTF identified in this record must support ESF in order to sign on in ESF mode using Sterling Connect:Direct. The default is **N**.
MAXIMUM WORKER SUBTASKS	Specifies the maximum number of WSTs (worker subtasks) to be used for this node. Define one WST per parallel session defined for this node. Do not exceed the MAX TASKS value in the Control Record with the total number of worker subtasks defined for all DTF NODE records in the system. The default is **2**.
ENTRIES IN WORK QUEUE	Specifies the maximum number of actual requests to be allowed on the pending work queue for this node. An excessive value here could result in an inordinate response time for terminal users. During installation, the default is the MAXIMUM WORKER SUBTASKS specification.
OUTPUT RECORD LIMIT	Specifies the upper limit on the number of lines of output that are accepted in response to a SELECT PROCESS or SELECT STATISTICS command. Output from these commands is stored in CICS temporary storage until viewed or explicitly deleted. The default is a limit of 800 80-byte records.
SLOW RESPONSE NOTIFICATION	Contains the time interval, expressed as minutes and seconds, after which Sterling Connect:Direct notifies you of potential problems with slow response. This is a 4-character field. The default is 0200 (2 minutes).

Updating Network Node Records

To access the Connect:Direct ADMINISTRATION NETWORK NODE RECORDS screen, select option **C** from the PRIMARY MENU, select option **N** from the CONFIGURATION screen, and press **Enter**. The screen fields are scrollable, and allow you to view the contents of the network node records. Following is an example of the screen.



Because you can type the node name and environment on the COPY FILE BETWEEN NODES screen, it is not required that you define every node participating in a COPYFILE on the NETWORK NODE RECORDS screen.

Note: Changes made to the Network Node Record parameters are immediately reflected in the active system.

Entry Fields

The following table describes the entry fields.

Field	Description
NETWORK NODE NAME	(16-character field) contains the name of the node.
NETWORK NODE DESCRIPTION	(30-character field) contains a description of the node.

Field	Description
NODE TYPE	(1-character field) contains the environment number. Valid environment numbers are as follows: **1** for OS/390 **2** for VM **3** for VSE **4** for VMS **5** for TANDEM **6** for WIN95 **7** for OS/2 **8** for OS/400 **9** for UNIX **10** for NETWARE **11** for WINDOWS **13** for MVS

Chapter 5

Working with the Administration Interface

Accessing the Administration Interface

To access the Sterling Connect:Direct ADMINISTRATION INTERFACE screen, select option **I** from the PRIMARY MENU and press **Enter**.

```
            IBM STERLING CONNECT:DIRECT ADMINISTRATION                  10:30:37
                          INTERFACE
    OPTION ==>                                          CONNECT:DIRECT VER VV
                                                                       REL RR
                                                                       MOD MM


                          A ... ACTIVATE INTERFACE
                          M ... START MONITOR
                          I ... SHUTDOWN INTERFACE (IMMEDIATE)
                          S ... SHUTDOWN INTERFACE (NORMAL)


          INTERFACE STATUS      ACTIVE
          PENDING REQUEST       NONE
          MONITOR TASK NUMBER   25
          ACTIVE TASKS          0


 PF keys:   3 Exit   ENTER Refresh/Process
```

The INTERFACE screen is the key to activating, monitoring, and shutting down the CICS Interface between CICS and the active Sterling Connect:Direct DTF nodes. From the INTERFACE screen, you can manually initialize and terminate the operating system subtasks that perform the interaction with Sterling Connect:Direct.

Entry Fields

The following table describes each option for the INTERFACE screen.

Options	Description
A	Selecting this option, and pressing Enter activates the interface and automatically starts the monitor transaction.
M	Selecting this option, and pressing Enter starts the monitor transaction. Only use this option in the event of a monitor transaction ABEND.
I	Selecting this option, and pressing Enter performs an immediate (hard) shutdown of the interface. All Sterling Connect:Direct user sessions are terminated, regardless of status.
S	Selecting this option, and pressing Enter, performs a normal (soft) shutdown of the interface. All Sterling Connect:Direct user sessions are allowed to complete execution.

System Fields

The following table describes the System fields:

Field	Description
VER	(2-character field) contains the version number of the CICS Interface software.
REL	(2-character field) contains the release number of the CICS Interface software.
MOD	(2-character field) contains the modification number of the CICS Interface software.
INTERFACE STATUS	(21-character field) contains ACTIVE or INACTIVE, depending upon the state of the interface. The field contains ACTIVE if the interface is active and changes to INACTIVE if the interface is deactivated.
PENDING REQUEST	(18-character field) contains either NONE, if no activate or shutdown request is pending, or the type of request being processed.
MONITOR TASK NUMBER	(11-character field) contains the number of the monitor transaction or a message such as NOT RUNNING, if the interface is not active.
ACTIVE TASKS	(2-character field) contains the number of the active tasks.

Operating the CICS Interface

In order for the CICS user interface to perform its function, a connection must exist between it and a Sterling Connect:Direct DTF. This facility can be local (within the same VTAM domain) or remote (residing in another domain).

This connection is accomplished using operating system subtasks that are attached in the CICS address space at the CICS Interface startup. The subtasks perform two types of functions:

- One or more Worker Subtasks (WSTs) are attached for each active link to a Sterling Connect:Direct DTF. These subtasks are responsible for establishing a link to the DTF, passing commands to it, and receiving any results.
- A single Controller Subtask (CST) is created to monitor the work of all WSTs in the system and perform communications functions with the user interface portion of CICS.

Initialization of the CICS Interface invokes programs that perform the following functions:

- Acquires CICS Interface work areas, such as the signon table and work queue areas
- Enables a task control global exit point and its associated global work area
- Reads the configuration information from the configuration file and places that information in the global work area
- Attaches the CST subtask
- Checks for any DTF nodes that are to be activated at initialization and passes information to the CST task to allow it to create the appropriate WSTs and establish the link with the DTF.

Note: The CICS Interface module is also available for the interface autostart at CICS startup. When the module is in the PLTPI, you can start CICS without starting the interface by including a special DD card in the CICS startup JCL deck: **//NDMINIT DD DUMMY**. If present, NDMINIT will not start the interface as part of CICS initialization. The interface can then be started manually.

Monitor Transaction

In addition to these operating system subtasks, a CICS monitor transaction is created to accept input from the user interface, pass it to the CST, and route the output to the appropriate user. This transaction is also responsible for detecting a loss of the CST subtask due to an error condition and performing a restart. The monitor transaction is activated at the CICS Interface startup and remains in the system for the life of the online region. Monitor activities include the following:

- Restarting the interface in case of an ABEND
- Watching for DTF requests which are taking too long
- Forcing retry of requests still in the queue
- Forcing retry of DTF node session establishment
- Attempting to switch from ESF to primary (DTF connected) mode
- Clearing non-terminal signon table entries, at end of transaction
- Clearing signon table entries in case of ABENDs

Interface Tasks

Although CICS runs a number of subtasks (such as journaling and VSAM handling), CICS can be regarded as a single task. All CICS transactions that can generate Sterling Connect:Direct requests run from this single CICS task. The CICS Interface runs as a set of separate tasks in the CICS

address space. At the startup of the CICS Interface, a subtask called CST (controller subtask) is attached by CICS.

Interface Startup

This isolates CICS from all the non-CICS work involved in communicating to the Sterling Connect:Direct DTF through the Sterling Connect:Direct API. A CICS Interface monitor transaction is also invoked as part of interface startup to support and monitor interface operation.

The CST in turn attaches other subtasks, called WSTs (worker subtasks), organized by node. The WSTs establish and manage the DTF sessions, passing Sterling Connect:Direct commands, and receiving returned information. The CST controls traffic between all CICS Interface transactions and each WST.

Interface Subtask Management

Each WST handles requests for CICS users through the CST. One WST communicates with only one DTF, but multiple WSTs can communicate with one DTF. The DTF-connected WSTs are not associated with any particular CICS transactions. The various Sterling Connect:Direct requests generated by CICS Interface users are handled by any of the multiple WSTs which are for a particular DTF node. The CST oversees all the WSTs, and is responsible for coordinating work generated by CICS transactions.

One WST is attached per node at the CICS Interface startup, as defined in the CONFIGURATION file. Additional WSTs for a node are attached as needed, based on concurrent CICS Interface user demand. The maximum number of WSTs (tasks) attached globally for the interface and per DTF node is defined with CONFIGURATION control and DTF node parameters. The DTF node connection limit is edited to be no larger than the number of CICS interactive applications specified in the Network Map for that node.

When an attached WST becomes inactive (is not used for any requests) for a period of time, it is detached by CST. The inactive interval is defined with a CONFIGURATION control option. You can suppress WST activation by DTF node with a CONFIGURATION DTF node parameter.

Interface Request Management

CICS user requests are placed on a work queue with one queue per node. The one or more WSTs attached per node dispatch work from the queue. Maximum queue length by node is defined with a CONFIGURATION DTF node parameter which defines the number of queue entries.

When WST (session limit) is reached and additional WSTs cannot be attached to dispatch work from the queue, requests remain on the work queue until a WST becomes available. When the number of allowed WSTs for a given node is held to a minimum, yet user activity for the given node is high, increase the number of queue entries.

Work queue size is also affected by the CONFIGURATION control option worker retry interval which defines the time elapsed between attempts to obtain a free WST to dispatch work present on the work queue. Sterling Connect:Direct user requests are rejected with a DTF busy message, when a DTF node queue reaches its maximum allowed number of entries.

The CONFIGURATION DTF node parameter defines worry time. A message is written to the log when a request to that node takes longer than the specified amount of time. No action is taken by the CICS Interface to automatically abort any requests which take too long.

The CICS Interface also has one system queue for system commands (for example, SHUTDOWN and QUIESCE) to dispatch system requests. You cannot adjust the system queue size.

Interface VTAM Session

In cases where a WST/DTF VTAM session is active, but becomes inactive, the CICS Interface quiesces the node. Pending requests are allowed to complete, even though they can fail. The number of WSTs for the node is reduced to one.

At this point, if the WST is in session with a local DTF, and ESF mode is allowed, the WST switches to ESF mode. An ESF MODE message is displayed to IUI users, stating that a Sterling Connect:Direct session error occurred, but ESF MODE is available. Under ESF operation, only the SUBMIT options are displayed on the PRIMARY MENU.

ESF mode operation is enabled for the entire interface through a CONFIGURATION control parameter; ESF mode operation is enabled for each user through a user profile parameter. When a WST fails to establish or drops a DTF session, and ESF is not allowed, then the WST remains attached, but all user requests for the node are rejected.

The WST periodically tries to establish or re-establish (retry) a session with the associated DTF. The CONFIGURATION control parameter session retry interval defines the time lapsed between retries for session connection. An additional CONFIGURATION control parameter, the ESF session retry interval, defines the time elapsed between retries of a dummy DTF session to check if ESF mode has returned to primary mode.

Chapter 6

Viewing Node Status

Accessing the Node Status

To access the Connect:Direct ADMINISTRATION NODE STATUS screen, select option **N** from the ADMINISTRATION PRIMARY MENU and press **Enter**. The Node Status screen enables you to check the status of all DTF nodes eligible for access by the CICS Interface, and you can selectively activate, deactivate, and view pending work for all DTF nodes. Following is an example of the Node Status screen.

```
                    CONNECT:DIRECT ADMINISTRATION                  10:30:37
                          NODE STATUS

                   CICS    ADMIN    SESS  SESSION DATE/TIME      MAX  CURR   CURR
  DTF NODE NAME    STATUS  REQUEST  TYPE  OR SESSION MSGID     TASKS  TASKS  WORK
  -------------    ------  -------  ----  -----------------    -----  -----  ----
_ NODE1            INACT            NONE                         3      0     0
_ NODE2            ACTIVE           PRIM  06/19/1998 09:57:18    2      1     0









Line commands:  A  Activate (start first task)  I  Shut immediate
                W  Work queue display           S  Shut normal

PF keys:   3 Exit   ENTER Refresh/Line cmd
```

Press **PF7** and **PF8** to scroll backward and forward, respectively, through the list of DTF nodes connected to the Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS session.

Line Commands

The CICS user interface provides the ability to log on to any Sterling Connect:Direct DTF in your network and perform Sterling Connect:Direct operations using that node as your Process primary node. DTFs to be accessed must be identified in DTF Node Records in the configuration file along with the configuration parameters to be used when communicating with that node.

Line commands are as follows:

Line command	Description
A	Type this option in the field to the left of the DTF node name and press **Enter** to activate the node.
W	Type this option and press **Enter**, to access the WORK QUEUE screen, if work for this node is being processed. See page 5-3 for how to use the WORK QUEUE screen.
I	Type this option and press **Enter** to perform an immediate (hard) shutdown of the node. All Processes for this node are forced to stop, regardless of status.
S	Type this option and press **Enter** to perform a normal (soft) shutdown of the node. All Processes for this node are allowed to complete execution.

System Fields

The system fields follow:

Field	Description
DTF NODE NAME	(16-character field) contains the DTF node name as typed in the DTF Node Record.
CICS STATUS	(6-character field) contains the status of the node, such as ACTIVE and INACT. **ACTIVE** - The node is activated, either by the CICS Interface initialization or manually. **INACT** - The node is not active.
ADMIN REQUEST	This 8-character field contains the type of administrative request affecting the status of the node, such as ACTIVATE, SHUTIMM, or SHUTNORM. **ACTIVATE** - The node is activated. **SHUTNORM** - A normal shutdown of the node is requested, and the node is quiescing. **SHUTIMM** - An immediate shutdown of the node is requested, and the link with that DTF is being terminated.
SESS TYPE	This 4-character field contains the type of session held with this DTF node, as follows: **NONE** - No session currently exists with this DTF node. **PRIM** - The CICS Interface is currently in session with the DTF node. **ESF** - The DTF is not active, but supports the Extended Submit Facility. The CICS Interface is accepting requests allowed in ESF mode.
SESSION DATE/TIME	This 17-character field contains either the date and time that the connection to this DTF is activated, or the MSGID of the last message issued for this DTF node during activation or deactivation.
MAX TASKS	This 5-character field contains the maximum number of subtasks that are attached to Process requests directed at this node.
CURR TASKS	This 5-character field contains the current number of subtasks attached to Process requests directed at this node.
CURR WORK	This 5-character field contains the number of subtasks currently processing requests directed at this node.

Viewing the Work Queue

The Sterling Connect:Direct Work Queue is defined for each node to dispatch Sterling Connect:Direct requests and responses. The DTF node configuration file contains information required by the CICS Interface to manage the DTF VTAM or ESF sessions. Each WST uses the standard Sterling Connect:Direct API to manage the DTF or ESF session.

To access the Connect:Direct ADMINISTRATION WORK QUEUE screen, select option **W** from the NODE STATUS screen and press **Enter**.

The WORK QUEUE screen fields contain the data describing the tasks in the work queue for each CICS user on a Sterling Connect:Direct DTF node. Following is an example of the screen.

```
                      CONNECT:DIRECT ADMINISTRATION                  10:30:37
                         WORK QUEUE - NODE "nodename"             Page 01 of 01

                     CICS   LAST    CURR        REQUEST                    WORK
CICS ID   USERID     TERM   TASK#   CMD        DATE/TIME          TD CTR   TASK
-------   --------   ----   -----   ---   -----------------       ------   ----
ID1       ID1        M064   00271    SB   06/21/1998 11:47:13    00282    0346




PF keys:    3 Exit    7 Bwd    8 Fwd    12 Node USER STATUS    ENTER Refresh
```

Scroll backward using **PF7** and forward using **PF8** to view the entries. Press **PF12** to view to the USER STATUS screen, and then press **PF3** to get back to the WORK QUEUE screen.

System Fields

System fields are as follows:

Field	Description
NODE	(16-character field) contains the node name associated with the work queue data.
Page XX of YY	(13-character field) contains the number of the current page for the work queue list.
CICS ID	(8-character field) contains the CICS userid of the user submitting the work.
USERID	(8-character field) contains the CICS userid of the user submitting the work.
CICS TERM	(4-character field) contains the terminal ID from which the work is submitted.
LAST TASK#	(5-character field) contains the transaction number of the task submitting this request.
CURR CMD	(2-character field) contains the representation of the current command executed by the task (for example, CF, SB, SS).

Field	Description
REQUEST DATE/TIME	(17-character field) contains the date and time the work is submitted.
TD CTR	(5-character field) contains the number of bytes (counted by the transient data counter) indicating how much data is written by the exit module for a transaction.
WORK TASK	(4-character field) contains the number of the work task.

Chapter 7

Maintaining Signon Defaults

Sterling Connect:Direct enables you to set default CICS signon information. This information is not required but it can make Sterling Connect:Direct easier to use.

How Sterling Connect:Direct Uses Signon Defaults

The system automatically uses a CICS userid to read the profile dataset when a transaction is entered. If it finds a profile record, Sterling Connect:Direct uses the record's information to control what the user can do.

If the user's signon defaults record includes a userid and password, Sterling Connect:Direct automatically signs on the user. If the signon defaults record does not include a userid and password, Sterling Connect:Direct prompts the user for a userid and password before allowing access.

After accessing Sterling Connect:Direct, you can change your own signon defaults using the **SD** function.

Accessing the Signon Defaults Screen

To access the Connect:Direct Administration Signon Defaults screen select option **S** from the Administration Primary Menu and press **Enter**. The screen is shown in the following figure.

```
                        CONNECT:DIRECT ADMINISTRATION           14:59:46
                                SIGNON DEFAULTS

CICS USERID              ==>  ________

**Connect:Direct**
 USERID  ==> ____________________________________________________________________
 PASSWORD==>

DEFAULT NODE             ==>  ________________
ESF MODE ALLOWED         ==>  _   Y OR N
UPPER CASE PRINT         ==>  _   Y OR N
CICS PRINTER             ==>  ____
PNODE ACCT DATA          ==>  ____________________________________________________
SNODE ACCT DATA          ==>  ____________________________________________________

Do you want all commands for this session to be CASE sensitive? ==>  NO_



PF keys:  3 Exit   5 Add   6 Delete   7 Prev   8 Next   9 Update
          Enter Read/Edit   Clear Reset
```

Entry Fields

The following table describes the entry fields.

Field	Description
CICS USERID	(8-character field) is the acceptable userid for the CICS signon.
USERID	(64-character field) is the acceptable userid for the Sterling Connect:Direct signon.
PASSWORD	(64-character field) is the valid password associated with the Sterling Connect:Direct userid.
DEFAULT NODE	(16-character field) is the name of the default Sterling Connect:Direct node. The user is automatically signed on to this node if it is active, or is denied access if it is not active.
ESF MODE ALLOWED	(1-character field) is the permission for use of the ESF. If the field contains **Y**, permission is allowed. If the field contains **N**, permission is denied.
UPPER CASE PRINT	(1-character field) is the switch for upper case printing. If the field contains **Y**, all printed output is upper case. If the field contains **N**, the printed output is upper and lower case.
CICS PRINTER	(4-character field) is the designation for the CICS printer used for print requests from this user.
PNODE ACCT DATA	(50-character field) is the primary node accounting data for allocation of budget to CPU time, I/O, and other computer resources.
SNODE ACCT DATA	(50-character field) is the secondary node accounting data for allocation of budget to users for CPU, I/O, and computer resource time.

System Fields

The following table describes the system field.

Field	Description
PASSWORD MESSAGE	(44-character field) indicates whether the user's signon defaults record has a password. This field is displayed to the right of the PASSWORD field.

Chapter 8

Viewing User Status

Periodically view the status of a user to determine:

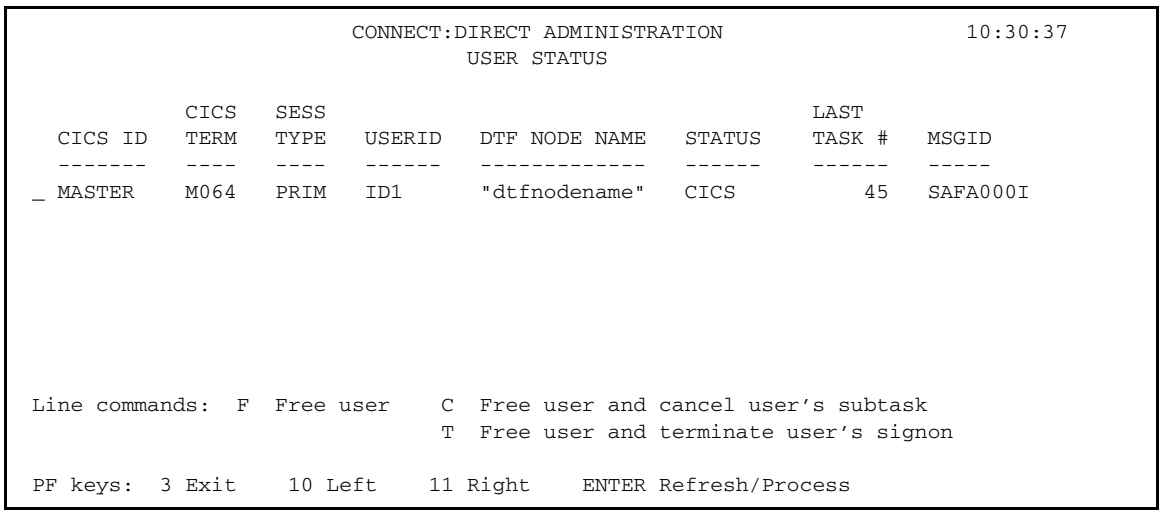
- User access to a resource
- Actions users are performing while using a resource
- Resolve problems encountered by users

Sterling Connect:Direct provides the user status function for you to view information about users of the system and, if necessary, intervene to resolve error situations. You can either view all users of the system, a single user (optionally qualified by CICS userid or terminal ID) or a group of users (optionally qualified by Sterling Connect:Direct DTF node).

Accessing the User Status Screen

To access the Connect:Direct ADMINISTRATION USER STATUS screen from the PRIMARY MENU, select option **U** and press **Enter**. You have the option, while on the PRIMARY MENU screen, to restrict the scope of the status display. Restrict the scope by specifying the CICS userid, terminal ID and Sterling Connect:Direct node that you want to display on the USER STATUS screen. To see all signed-on users, do not restrict your selection.

Following is an example of the USER STATUS screen.



Options

You normally select the following options in the underscore field to the left of the CICS userid, when a user security violation or resource allocation is abused:

Option	Description
F	Selecting this option frees any user from use of the CICS Interface system.
C	Selecting this option frees any user from use of the CICS Interface system, and cancels that user's subtask.
T	Selecting this option frees any user from use of the CICS Interface system, and terminates that user's signon.

System Fields

The following table describes the systems fields:

Field	Description
CICS ID	(8-character field) contains the CICS userid of all currently signed-on users.
CICS TERM	(4-character field) contains the CICS terminal ID of all currently signed-on users.
SESS TYPE	(4-character field) contains the session type (PRIM or NONE).
USERID	(8-character field) contains the Sterling Connect:Direct userid of all currently signed-on users.
DTF NODE NAME	(16-character field) contains the DTF node name the user is signed on to.
STATUS	(7-character field) contains the STATUS of a user.
LAST TASK #	contains the last task number of a user Process.

Field	Description
MSGID	contains the message ID of the last message for a given user.

If you press **PF11** to scroll right on the screen, the following fields are displayed:

Field	Description
TD CTR	(5-character field) contains the number of bytes (counted by the transient data counter) indicating how much data is written by the exit module for a transaction.
LAST SIGNON	contains the time of the last signon.
LAST REQUEST	contains the time of the last request.

Chapter 9

Operational Considerations

Signing On to Multiple DTFs from a Single IUI

Use the Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS IUI to sign on to multiple Sterling Connect:Direct DTFs on either local or remote processors. To take advantage of this facility, consider the following:

- Provide VTAM access to the DTF you want to sign on to. For local DTFs (within the control of the same VTAM subsystem), you must provide IUI APPLIDs that may be used by ISPF or CICS IUI facilities. If the DTF facilities are located on remote processors, you must define the IUI APPLIDs for those DTFs to the local VTAM subsystem as cross-domain resources.
- For each DTF you want to access through the CICS IUI, you must define a DTF Node Record for that facility in your CICS configuration file. You can define the DTF Node Record by using the configuration update facilities of the **DGAA** transaction.
- The DTF node record in your configuration file must include the DD name of a Network Map file in order to communicate with the remote Sterling Connect:Direct DTF. This Network map must have the remote DTF defined as an adjacent node.

Note: All DTF nodes do not have to use the same Network Map file; for instance, if you want to communicate with two DTFs with different Network Map contents, you can specify an alternate Network Map in the CICS JCL (or using the RDO) and in the DTF node record in order to communicate with the second DTF, as long as that DTF is defined as an adjacent node in the Network Map.

- All Processes to be submitted to a remote DTF facility must reside in the Process library (DD name DMPUBLIB) defined for your CICS system.

Signing On to a Single DTF from Multiple IUI Facilities

Not only can you sign on to multiple DTF facilities from a single CICS IUI, but you can also sign on to a DTF from multiple CICS IUI systems. To sign on to a DTF from multiple CICS IUI systems, note the following:

- If you are using the DGASECUR macro to generate your DTF security exit and provide a value for the CICSID keyword at exit generation, all CICS systems accessing that DTF must specify the same CICSID in their signon requests as specified in the CICSID keyword. The password for the CICS signon to a DTF is always CICSIUI.

  If the CICSID keyword is not specified in the DGASECUR macro, no checking of CICSIDs for CICS signon requests are performed in the signon exit; however, the CICSID value with a password of CICSIUI are passed to your security facility (if available) or to the Sterling Connect:Direct Authorization Facility for validation. The CICSID to be used when signing on to a particular DTF is specified in the CICS DTF NODE configuration record for that DTF.

  The CICSID equals the userid that is specified on the DTF NODE RECORDS SCREEN. If you let CICSID default at installation time, the value is CICSUSER. For example, CICSID=CICSUSER.

  Reassemble the supplied security exit for the value to take effect.
- If you do not want to use the DGASECUR macro to generate your DTF security exit, you can recognize the Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS dummy signon by checking the password, which is always CICSIUI. When a dummy signon is received from Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS, your security exit returns an Authorization Bit Mask (ABM) of binary zeros.
- To implement the CICS IUI on a base Sterling Connect:Direct that has Stage 2 security turned on, modify the supplied security exit. The exit to be modified depends on which security product is running on the system.

Performing an Immediate or Uncontrolled Shutdown

The CICS IUI facility provides two facilities for orderly termination of the interface, as follows:

- Termination is performed automatically by the CICS monitor transaction upon detection of a normal termination of CICS (through a CEMT PERFORM SHUTDOWN command) when the PLTSD in use specifies the Sterling Connect:Direct for CICS shutdown program.
- You can terminate the interface manually by using the DGAA transaction.

If you perform an immediate CICS shutdown (through the CEMT PERFORM SHUTDOWN IMMEDIATE command) or if CICS terminates abnormally, you may receive system A03 ABENDs from the z/OS interface. The ABENDs are generated as a result of region termination without detaching all the operating system subtasks created by the CICS IUI facility.

In order to avoid the additional ABENDs, you must terminate the CICS IUI facility manually, through the DGAA transaction, before you issue the CEMT PERFORM SHUTDOWN IMMEDIATE command.

Restarting Task ABENDS

Administrative options exist to either quiesce (allowing pending requests to complete) or immediately shut down a specific node or the entire CICS Interface. After the shutdown has completed, another administrative option enables you to restart the CICS Interface.

In case the entire CICS Interface ABENDs, CICS is notified. The abnormal termination is recorded in the CICS CWA. When the CICS Interface monitor transaction detects that the interface failed, tries to automatically restart the interface. Users with requests to the interface when it crashed are freed by the CICS Interface monitor and the users are sent a message explaining the problem.

If a WST ABENDs, then the CST is notified. If any request from a CICS user is pending, CST fills in the return code and message for the user, informing the user that the command might have failed. If the failing WST is the only one running for a node, CST attempts to reattach the WST.

Accessing Accounting and Logging Information

Sterling Connect:Direct accounting is accomplished by the DTF. Accounting and statistics are gathered accurately as the DTF enables the userid to be extracted from the UICB for each Sterling Connect:Direct command entered.

CICS logging is accomplished in the background of CICS operations, but does not record all CICS events and does not duplicate any other Sterling Connect:Direct logs. Some events also display on the system console, where major CICS events and errors are reported, such as the following:

- Interface startup
- CST attach
- WST attach
- Node signon of dummy CICS ID
- WST session failure
- WST detach
- CST detach
- CST termination
- Administrative commands affecting sessions and requests
- Return information for CICS users who issue a request and then abnormally exit CICS without waiting for the response

Using the Extended Submit Facility (ESF)

ESF mode is invoked when an active Sterling Connect:Direct DTF session fails or when session establishment fails. In order for Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS to activate ESF, you must install the ESF option on the local DTF and you must enable the option in the configuration file.

The user must also include the parameter ESF=YES in the SIGNON command. In ESF mode, a node is available for use only for SUBMIT commands which the user writes directly to the local DTF TCQ file. ESF SUBMIT requests can be issued only by those users who specify ESF as a profile (signon defaults) option.

Specifying Sterling Connect:Direct Signon Parameters

Four parameters in the Sterling Connect:Direct SIGNON command explicitly support the CICS IUI as follows:

Parameter	Description
TYPE=CICS	Enables a SIGNON command to be embedded in the middle of an API session. This parameter serves no other function and is invalid for a normal signon.
TDEXIT=modname	Enables specification of the exit to receive control for temporary data set I/O. This parameter is mutually exclusive with the TMPDD, TMPDSN, UNIT, and VOLSER parameters. This exit is called for OPENs, CLOSEs, and WRITEs to the temporary data set.
TDLIMIT=nnnnn	Restricts the number of Sterling Connect:Direct statistics. Data is returned from the DTF for the IUI Select Statistics (SS) function. The Sterling Connect:Direct API SIGNON (used by CICS WSTs to connect to a Sterling Connect:Direct DTF) includes a LIMIT= PARAMETER RECORDS returned by the DTF. The DTF truncates data sent to the Sterling Connect:Direct WST API and appends a final record indicating that excessive output is truncated.
NETDD=ddname	Enables a SIGNON command to specify the DDNAME of a Sterling Connect:Direct Netmap data set which is already allocated.

Understanding Sterling Connect:Direct CICS Data

This section lists files and other data used by Sterling Connect:Direct DTF and CICS.

Sterling Connect:Direct DTF and CICS Data

The following data, *accessed in read-only mode under CICS*, is used by Sterling Connect:Direct DTF and the CICS Interface:

Data	Description
NETMAP (DDN=NETFINP)	At least one netmap file exists for each CICS region. The file is defined as a CICS file. It is updated in batch and contains all Sterling Connect:Direct nodes available to this CICS environment. Some of the information for the network Sterling Connect:Direct nodes is also contained in the Configuration File along with additional fields that you can update.
PROCESS (DDN=DMPUBLIB)	One DD name exists for each CICS region. Several files can be concatenated. *It is not defined as a CICS file*. It is allocated by CICS and used at the subtask level by the Sterling Connect:Direct API only. If necessary, you can dynamically allocate and deallocate it using CICS transaction DGAN.
MESSAGE (DDN=NDMMSG)	One file exists for each system. It is defined as a CICS file and is allocated and opened by CICS. It is updated in batch using the Sterling Connect:Direct message load utility.
TCQ	One Transmission Control Queue (TCQ) file exists for each Sterling Connect:Direct node. *It is not defined as a CICS file.* It holds submit (ESF) requests when Sterling Connect:Direct DTF is down. It is used at the subtask level by the Sterling Connect:Direct API only. It is allocated by CICS and opened by a subtask. If necessary, you can dynamically allocate and deallocate it using the CICS transaction DGAN.
RPLERRCK (DDNAME)	*It is not defined as a CICS file nor is it in the RDO*. It contains VTAM errors written to a sequential file by the Sterling Connect:Direct interface and is defined as SYSOUT.
EVENT RESTART (DDN=NDMEVNT)	One file exists for each CICS region. It is defined as a CICS file, and is allocated and opened by CICS. It is updated by the Event Services Support, and is used for restarting ESS.
Trace Files	Several files within the Sterling Connect:Direct API are dedicated to system trace functions, but are not explicitly used by the CICS Interface. The Sterling Connect:Direct API design enables trace data to be written when they are available. To capture trace data, add the appropriate DD name statements to the CICS startup JCL. The files must be present at CICS initialization. **Note:** Do not dynamically allocate trace files after CICS initializes. Each Sterling Connect:Direct API (one per WST) writes trace data to these files when present. An example is NDMCMDS, which you can use to view all commands submitted to the API.

Sterling Connect:Direct CICS Data Sets

The following data sets, used only by Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS, are for the CICS Interface environment and are updated under CICS:

Data Set	Description
CONFIGURATION	One file exists for each CICS region. It is defined as a CICS file. You can update it online through administrator functions. It is a VSAM KSDS file. It contains all Sterling Connect:Direct nodes available to this Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS environment as does NETMAP, but CONFIGURATION contains system parameters that control the Sterling Connect:Direct CICS API environment.

Data Set	Description
USER PROFILE (SIGNON DEFAULTS)	One file exists for each CICS region. It is defined as a CICS file that is a VSAM KSDS file with the CICS userid as key. Update it using the signon defaults function and use it to set up auto-signon to Sterling Connect:Direct.

Temporary Data Set

The Sterling Connect:Direct API TDEXIT parameter configures the routing of Sterling Connect:Direct statistics records to CICS Temporary Storage. CICS Temporary Storage, containing the data, is retained until the user exits the SELECT STATISTICS screen. CICS Temporary Storage containing the data is then deleted.

Chapter 10

Signing On and Off of CICS

Signing On

In order to use the CICS Interface, you must first sign on. You must install both CICS and Sterling Connect:Direct and they must be working on your mainframe. You must also be using an IBM 3270 terminal or equivalent. Sign on as follows:

1. Sign on to CICS using the CESN transaction (if needed).
2. Sign on to Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS, using the DGA transaction.
3. Complete the prompted signon information.

The IBM Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS SIGNON screen shows prompts for your userid, password, and node name. Following is an example.

```
                      IBM Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS            10:13:12
                                  SIGNON


USER ID   ==> ____________________________________________________________________
PASSWORD  ==>
NODE NAME ==> ________________


Do you want all commands for this session to be CASE sensitive? ==>  NO

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PF keys:  1  Help    3  Exit
```

The SIGNON screen is the first screen displayed, unless you are authorized for auto-signon or auto-resignon. Type the userid, password, and node name information on this screen. After you have successfully signed on, you see the PRIMARY MENU screen, described on page 63.

Entry Fields

The following table describes the entry fields for the IBM Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS SIGNON screen:

Field	Description
USER ID	Following the USERID prompt, type in your userid. The 64-character field contains the acceptable Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS password for the CICS Interface. The CICS Interface administrator has an option to force your Sterling Connect:Direct userid to be the same as the CICS userid. This option supports security systems designed to use a single ID per user. When this option is set, the CICS Interface fills the signon screen with the CICS userid. The signon USERID field is then protected from update.
PASSWORD	Following the PASSWORD prompt, type in your password. The 64-character field contains the acceptable Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS password for the CICS interface. The field is darkened to maintain security.
NODE NAME	Following the NODE NAME prompt, type in the name of the Sterling Connect:Direct node to which you want to sign on. Include the name of the 16-character field of an active node.
Do you want all commands for this session to be CASE Sensitive?	Following this question, indicate whether you want to allow mixed case input. This option is available as a session default, and you can specify the option during signon. You can override the specified default on commands that apply to userid, password, and data set name. When you submit commands and specify YES, Sterling Connect:Direct includes the CASE=YES parameter with your command. **Note:** Terminals used for Sterling Connect:Direct's CICS interface must be defined with UCTRAN(NO) if mixed case data is required.

Auto-Signon

If you are authorized for auto-signon, the SIGNON screen is displayed with an IN PROGRESS message. Sterling Connect:Direct uses information stored in your user profile to complete the signon process. If you are not authorized for auto-signon or your user profile does not contain signon information, you must sign on to Sterling Connect:Direct manually.

Note: Sterling Connect:Direct uses the CICS userid key to access profile information even when the CICS userid does not equal the Sterling Connect:Direct userid.

Auto-ReSignon

If configured for resignon, the CICS Interface automatically resigns on those returning to CICS, after exiting CICS to use other CICS transactions. Resignon is canceled when you sign off CICS.

Note: When you attempt to reenter the CICS IUI, your userid and password are reverified by the DTF.

STATUS ALERT Screen

If you attempt to use the CICS Interface without first signing on to CICS, you see the Connect:Direct STATUS ALERT screen.

The STATUS ALERT MESSAGE displayed near the center of the screen indicates a failure of your SIGNON attempt. If you encounter this screen, press **PF3** to go to a blank screen with the message DGA TRANSACTION ENDED in the upper left corner. At this point, sign on to CICS and then type in the DGA transaction, followed by **Enter** to go to the PRIMARY MENU.

Note: If the signon transaction at your site is defined with CICS security or with RACF, CA-ACF2, or CA-TOP SECRET security, messages are displayed from the appropriate security facilities instead of the STATUS ALERT screen messages.

If the CICS Interface is not active, the STATUS ALERT screen is displayed with a message indicating that the interface is not active. In this case, you must activate the CICS Interface using the DGAA transaction. In addition, if your node is not active to the CICS Interface, either through the interface or through the node, you cannot sign on to that node. Ask your administrator to activate your session, your interface, or your node. See the *IBM Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS Administration Guide.*

Using the Primary Menu

The IBM Sterling Connect:Direct PRIMARY MENU is the root menu of the menu hierarchy and is the access key to all other features of the CICS Interface.

The PRIMARY MENU contains a list of authorized IUI functions based on your Sterling Connect:Direct function authorization. Your administrator can globally restrict these IUI functions in the system Configuration file, so some options may not be available to you. In addition, under ESF operation, the options are restricted to submit and utility options only. Following is an example of the IBM Sterling Connect:Direct PRIMARY MENU.

```
                IBM STERLING CONNECT:DIRECT PRIMARY MENU          15:52:53
                                                                 node.name

OPTION ==> __


                          CF  COPY FILE
                          SB  SUBMIT PROCESS

                          SP  SELECT PROCESS
                          SS  SELECT STATISTICS

                          MD  MESSAGE DISPLAY
                          SD  SIGNON DEFAULTS
                          SN  CHANGE SIGNON



SAFA000I - Connect:Direct signon process completed.
PF keys:  1 Help   2 Msg   3 Exit   6 Id
```

The 2-character OPTION field contains your option selection as follows.

Option	Screen Accessed
CF	COPY FILE BETWEEN NODES
SB	SUBMIT PROCESS
SP	SELECT PROCESS
SS	SELECT STATISTICS
MD	MESSAGE DISPLAY
SD	SIGNON DEFAULTS
SN	SIGNON

Press **Enter** after making your selection. Options CF, SB, SP, SS, and SD are described in the chapters that follow. Options SD and SN are described in this chapter.

Using the SN Option for Multiple Terminal Signon

The signon SN option also displays the signon screen. You can sign on to a Sterling Connect:Direct node using signon information other than that specified in your user profile. You can sign on as you want, without updating your user profile.

By using the SN signon option, you can sign on to multiple Sterling Connect:Direct nodes, by signing on to multiple CICS terminals. This is a convenience, not a multiple signon.

If you sign on to multiple terminals, only the latest DTF signon authorization rules apply. The latest authorization rules are used for all terminals where you previously signed on.

Updating your Signon Defaults

You can use the CICS IUI Signon Defaults (SD) menu option to type your signon defaults, which are stored as part of your user profile and used for subsequent CICS IUI access.

The administrator can also assign your user profile information. If you are authorized for auto-signon, you can bypass the IBM Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS SIGNON screen by providing signon defaults.

Note: User profile information is keyed by CICS userid.

Use the SIGNON DEFAULTS screen to update your Sterling Connect:Direct password, default node, ESF mode allowance, uppercase printing, CICS session printer, and sending and receiving

node accounting information. To access the SIGNON DEFAULTS screen, select option **SD** on the PRIMARY MENU and press **Enter**. Following is an example.

```
                              SIGNON DEFAULTS                      11:51:48
                                                                 node.name

CICS USERID             ==>   ________

**CONNECT:DIRECT**
 USERID  ==> XXXXX1
 PASSWORD==>

DEFAULT NODE            ==>   NODE.NAME
ESF MODE ALLOWED        ==>   Y   Y OR N
UPPER CASE PRINT        ==>   Y   Y OR N
CICS PRINTER            ==>   LPT1
PNODE ACCT DATA         ==>   ________________________________________________
SNODE ACCT DATA         ==>   ________________________________________________

Do you want all commands for this session to be CASE sensitive? ==>  NO



PF keys:  1 Help   2 Msg   3 Exit   4 Menu   6 Id   9  Update   Enter Edit
          Clear Reset
```

When you type in your Sterling Connect:Direct userid and password and press **Enter**, then your current information is displayed. Use the **ARROW**, **TAB**, and **RETURN** keys to move the cursor to the field you want to change. You can modify any field and press **PF9** to update the file.

System Fields

The following table describes the system field:

Field	Description
CICS USERID	This 8-character field contains your CICS userid. The signon defaults are keyed by CICS userid. If you have a CICS userid is shared, then your update to the signon defaults affect all users of that userid.

Entry Fields

Entry fields are:

Field	Description
CONNECT:DIRECT USERID	This 64-character field contains your Sterling Connect:Direct userid. This field is required.
CONNECT:DIRECT PASSWORD	This 64-character field contains your Sterling Connect:Direct password for the Sterling Connect:Direct session. The field is darkened to maintain security.
DEFAULT NODE	This 16-character field contains the name of your default node.

Field	Description
UPPER CASE PRINT	This 1-character field contains the **Y** or **N** toggle to force uppercase printing on the CICS printer. **Y** means that all of the printed reports and summary table printouts from this user are in uppercase.
CICS PRINTER	This 4-character field contains the designation for the printer connected to your environment.
PNODE ACCT DATA	This 50-character field contains your accounting data for the primary node. You can use it for your cost billing for CPU, I/O, and system resource time, materials, and personnel.
SNODE ACCT DATA	This 50-character field contains your accounting data for the secondary node. You can use it for your cost billing for CPU, I/O, and system resource time, materials, and personnel.

Using the ESF Session Mode Option

ESF MODE enables you to continue to submit processes when an active Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS DTF session fails or when session establishment fails. The ESF MODE interface differs from the primary node in that the PRIMARY MENU only displays the SUBMIT options. You must install the ESF option on the local DTF and you must enable the ESF option in the Configuration file.

Note: In ESF MODE, the local node is available for use only through SUBMIT commands.

ESF SUBMIT requests can only be issued by those who have the ESF specified as a profile (SIGNON DEFAULTS) option.

Note: This option is restricted to the local node. The administrator can globally disallow it.

ESF MODE operation is toggled on for the entire Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS interface through an administrator parameter. ESF MODE operation is also toggled on for each user through a user profile parameter.

For the non-terminal user of the interface, the switch to primary mode (DTF MODE) is attempted until that task completes. This limitation prevents having to abort the non-terminal processing (which could not continue in primary mode without another signon).

ESF Session Signon

The following section describes how Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS notifies users of an ESF session signon and outlines the changes to the user interface after an ESF session signon.

ESF Session Notification

After you signon to ESF mode, Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS notifies users that the session is in ESF mode in the following ways:

- a message is displayed on all user screens that the session is in ESF mode
- when a node session switches from ESF to primary mode, or from primary mode to ESF mode, all terminal users of that node are notified on their next IUI access

DTF Notification

Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS periodically attempts to establish or reestablish a failed DTF session. When ESF mode switches back to primary mode, Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS prompts you for primary mode signon.

Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS displays a special screen informing IUI users that the DTF has become active or inactive. This screen gives you the option either to exit Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS or to resignon in ESF mode.

Signing Off

The signoff sequence is as follows:

1. Press **PF3** repeatedly until you reach the PRIMARY MENU or press **PF4** once from your current screen to go to the PRIMARY MENU.
2. Press **PF3** again, and you see a blank screen with the message -- DGA TRANSACTION ENDED -- in the upper left corner.
3. Type CESF LOGOFF and press **Enter**.

Chapter 11

Copying a File Using CICS

Use the COPY FILE BETWEEN NODES screen to specify general information for your COPY operation, such as the sending and receiving nodes and the start time and start date. To copy a file between nodes the following must be true:

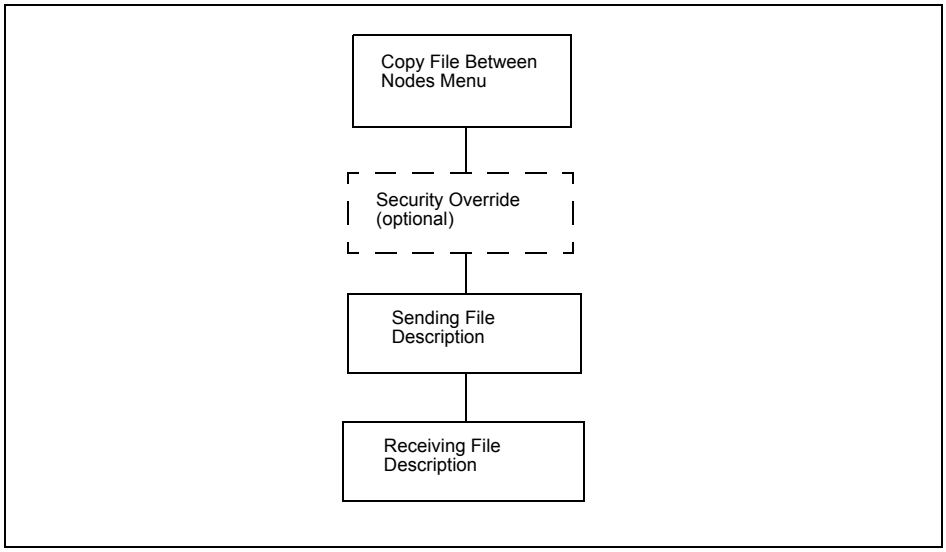
- You must be authorized to perform COPY Processes on both nodes
- You must have access to the appropriate files on both nodes
- Both nodes must be active
- All interfaces must be started

Understanding the Copy Files Menus

The Copy File menus are a series of panels that collect information used for copying files between nodes. You can use the following four screens to build a COPY Process:

Screen Name	Description
COPY FILE BETWEEN NODES Menu	Specifies the sending and receiving nodes of the COPY and the submission parameters for your COPY Process.
Security Override Menu	Collects information about userid, password, and accounting data. This optional panel is displayed only if you request it on the first panel.
SENDING FILE Menu	Collects information for the Process variables for the sending file.
RECEIVING FILE Menu	Collects the information for the Process variables for the receiving file.

The relationship of these four panels is illustrated in the following diagram.



Generating a Copy File from Sterling Connect:Direct for CICS

To generate a copy file from the CICS interface, complete the following steps:

1. To access the COPY FILE BETWEEN NODES first screen, select option **CF** on the PRIMARY MENU and press **ENTER**.

```
                        COPY FILE BETWEEN NODES                 15:34:14
                                                              node.name

                     NODE NAME              DESCRIPTION
                01   MSDOS.NODE         -   MS-DOS NODE
                02   MVS.NODE           -   MVS NODE
                03   NETWARE.NODE       -   NETWARE NODE
                04   OS2.NODE           -   OS/2 NODE
                05   OS400.NODE         -   OS/400 NODE
                06   VSE.NODE           -   VSE DTF
                07   TANDEM.NODE        -   TANDEM NODE
                08   UNIX.NODE          -   UNIX NODE
                09   VM.NODE            -   VM NODE
                10   VMS.NODE           -   VMS NODE
                11   WINDOWS.NT.NODE    -   WINDOWS NT NODE
                12   OS/390.NODE        -   OS/390 NODE

SENDING NODE NUMBER  => __   or NODE NAME=> ________________   ENV=> ________
RECEIVING NODE NUMBER=> __   or NODE NAME=> ________________   ENV=> ________



PF   keys:  1 Help   2 Msg   3 Exit   4 Menu   6 Id   7 Bwd   8 Fwd
```

The top half of the COPY FILE screen presents a scrollable list of all the Sterling Connect:Direct nodes that can participate in a COPY FILE Process (as defined in the CONFIGURATION file by the administrator). The list consists of a symbolic node name, a descriptive node name, and a node selection number.

2. Specify the copy file sending and receiving nodes by selecting the corresponding node selection numbers. If you do not see the node that you need, press **PF8** to scroll the data forward in the list and press **PF7** to scroll the data backward.

   When specifying a sending or a receiving node, you have two options:

   - You can use the number from the scrollable list
   - You can use the node name and the environment

Note: If you do not provide this information, the default is the node that you are currently signed on to.

The ENV field is updated automatically when you type the node number or node name from the scrollable list, but you *must* fill in the ENV field manually if the node name is not in the list.

The current node (as determined from the Network Map) is highlighted in the list and you must select it as the sending or receiving default node. You can save the node choice numbers and display them again the next time you enter this screen.

If the COPYFILE node is not listed, then you must type both the copy node names and environment types.

Note: The nodes in the scrollable list must be added using the DGAA transaction.

The following table defines each entry field.

Entry Field	Description
SENDING NODE NUMBER	This 2-character field contains the sending node number. In the scrollable field to the left of the node name field are listed the associated node numbers. If you specify neither, the sending node defaults to the node you are signed on to. When you identify the sending node and press **ENTER**, the environment field is filled with the appropriate sending node.
SENDING NODE NAME	This 16-character field contains the sending node name.
SENDING ENV	This 8-character field contains the sending environment. If you do not select from the list, you must specify the environment. Valid sending environments for Sterling Connect:Direct for CICS are OS/390, VSE, VM, VMS, Tandem, OS/400, UNIX, and Windows (for Windows NT).
RECEIVING NODE NUMBER	This 2-character field contains the receiving node number. In the scrollable table to the left of the node name field the associated node numbers are listed. If you specify neither, the receiving node defaults to the node that you are signed on to. When you identify the receiving node and press **ENTER**, the environment field is filled with the appropriate receiving node.

Entry Field	Description
RECEIVING NODE NAME	This 16-character field contains the receiving node name.
RECEIVING ENV	This 8-character field names the receiving environment. Valid receiving environments for Sterling Connect:Direct for CICS are OS/390, VSE, VM, VMS, Tandem, OS/400, UNIX, and Windows (for Windows NT).

After the successful submission of the COPY FILE Process, this first screen in the panel series is redisplayed and a PROCESS NUMBER message is displayed. The PROCESS NUMBER message contains the number assigned to your Process by Sterling Connect:Direct.

3. After you provide the sending and receiving node names, press **ENTER**.

```
                          COPY FILE BETWEEN NODES                 15:36:47
                                                               node.name

SENDING NODE NUMBER  => VSE.NODE      ENV=> VSE
RECEIVING NODE NUMBER=> OS390.NODE    ENV=> OS390

NEW PROCESS NAME=>  COPYCF__
CLASS            =>  ___       (NUMERIC)
HOLD             =>  N         (Y, N, or C-Call)
PRIORITY         =>  __        (RANGE: 0 to 15)
REQUEUE          =>  N         (Y or N)
RETAIN on TCQ    =>  N         (Y, N, OR I-Initial)
START DATE       =>  _________          START TIME=> __________ (HH:MM:SSXM)
CHECKPOINT       =>  _______   (BYTE INTERVAL - nK|nM)
PLEXCLASS        =>  _________  _________  (PNODE SNODE)
COMPRESS         =>  N____      (Y, N, E-Extended, X'xx', or C'c')
OVERRIDE SECURITY=>  N         (Y or N)

Do you want values for this copy to be CASE sensitive? ==>  NO



PF keys:  1 Help   2 Msg   3 Exit   4 Menu   6 Id
```

With the second COPY FILE BETWEEN NODES screen you can specify the parameters of the copy. The following table describes the system fields for this screen. The system fields contain information specified from the previous menu.

System Fields	Description
SENDING NODE NUMBER AND NAME	This dual field contains the sending node name and environment that you provided in the previous screen.
RECEIVING NODE NUMBER AND NAME	This dual field contains the receiving node name and environment that you provided in the previous screen.

The system fields only display the information from the previous menu. Listed underneath the system fields are all of the parameters you can specify for the copy.

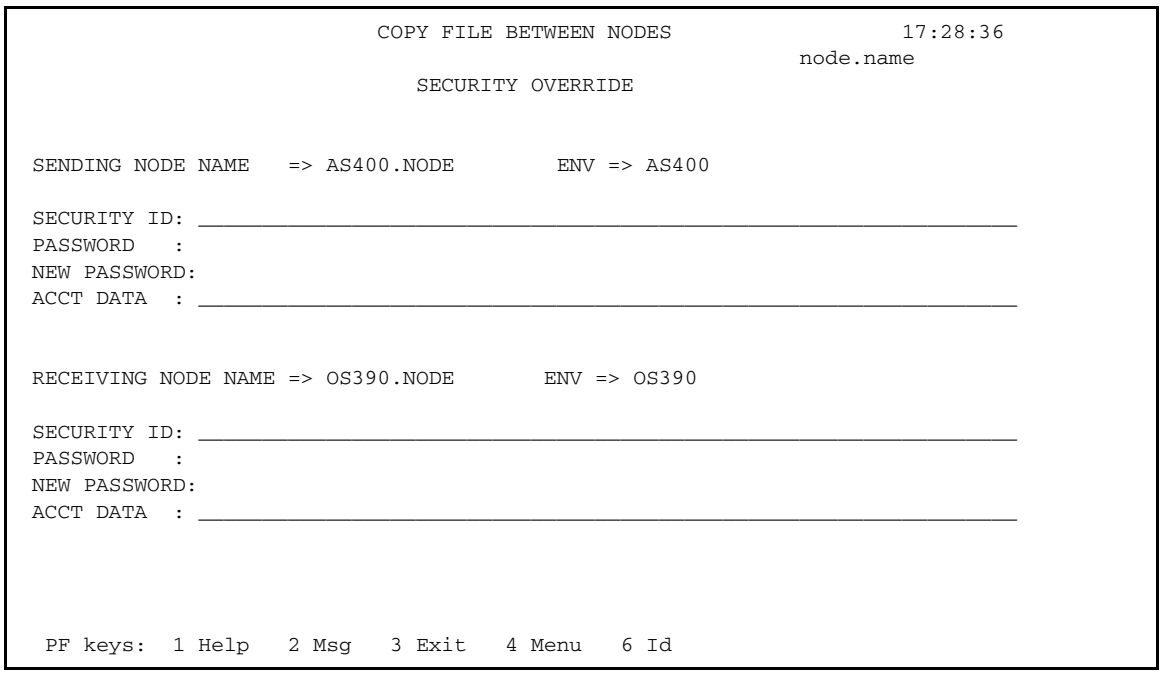
The following table describes each of the parameters you can specify for the copy.

Parameter	Description
NEW PROCESS NAME	This 8-character field contains your selection for a new unique Process name to be assigned to the COPY operation.
HOLD	This 1-character field contains the Y, N, or C toggle for a Process to be kept in the HOLD queue. This field is optional. **Y** (yes) holds the Process until it is deleted or released **N** (no) does not hold the Process (default) **C** (call) holds the Process in the Wait queue until the secondary node requests work. If the Process consumes computer resources during periods of heavy system use, you can place the Process temporarily in the Hold queue, and release it during a time of infrequent use.
PRIORITY	This 2-character field contains the priority number for Process execution. This field is optional. Valid priority numbers range from 0-15 (highest).
REQUEUE	This optional field specifies whether a copy step requeues if the Process terminates abnormally.
RETAIN on TCQ	This 1-character field contains the Y, N, or I toggle to keep a copy of a Process in a queue after execution. Filling this field is optional. **Y** (yes) keeps the Process in the queue after execution **N** (no) deletes the Process after execution **I** (initialize) schedules the Process for execution every time Sterling Connect:Direct is initialized
START DATE	This field contains the starting date for the copy operation expressed as month, day, and year. If you leave this field blank, the Process takes place on the current date. Fill in this field if you want to start the Process at some future time.
START TIME	This 10-character field contains the starting time for the copy operation expressed as hours, minutes, and seconds, AM or PM (HH:MM:SSXM). The default is a 24-hour clock. If a 12-hour clock is used, the AM or PM is required. The starting time works in conjunction with the starting date, but the field is optional. If you do not specify a time and the date is the current day, the Process begins immediately. If the date is set for a future date and the START TIME is not specified, the Process begins at 12:00 AM. The START TIME field is optional. Use this field if you want to start the Process at some future time.
CHECKPOINT	The CHECKPOINT field specifies the byte interval for checkpoint support, which enables restart of interrupted transmissions at the last valid transmission point. This feature avoids the need to restart transmission from the beginning. K denotes thousands; M denotes millions. A checkpoint value of zero stops automatic checkpointing.

Parameter	Description
PLEXCLASS	The PLEXCLASS field specifies the class that directs the Process to only certain servers in a Sterling Connect:Direct/Plex. Only use this parameter in a Sterling Connect:Direct/Plex. Each server in a Sterling Connect:Direct/Plex can be designated to support only certain PLEXCLASSes through the CDPLEX.PLEXCLASSES initialization parameter. Processes can then be limited to only those servers by specifying the PLEXCLASS in the Process definition. The PNODE class controls which Sterling Connect:Direct/Server runs the Process. The SNODE class controls what other node is used with the Process. The PNODE class and SNODE class are each 1–8 characters long. Use an asterisk (*) to indicate that the Process can run on any server with an asterisk designated in the CDPLEX.PLEXCLASSES initialization parameter. If no PLEXCLASS is specified, the Process runs on any Sterling Connect:Direct/Server that supports PLEXCLASS. If a Process must run on a specific Sterling Connect:Direct/Server, specify the Sterling Connect:Direct/Server name in this field. The Process runs only on that server.
COMPRESS	The COMPRESS field specifies that Sterling Connect:Direct is to compress the data. This feature reduces the amount of data transmitted as the file copies from one node to another. Sterling Connect:Direct automatically decompresses the file at its destination. The default subparameter for the COMPRESS parameter is PRIMEchar=X'40'.
OVERRIDE SECURITY	If you want to type security information such as userid and password, type a Y at the OVERRIDE SECURITY prompt. Sterling Connect:Direct displays the SECURITY OVERRIDE screen. See page 74 for an example.
CASE Sensitive	Following this question, indicate whether you want to allow mixed case input. This option is available as a session default, and you can specify the option during signon. You can override the specified default on commands that apply to userid, password, and data set name. When you submit commands with YES specified, Sterling Connect:Direct includes the CASE=YES parameter with your command.

CICS only interprets mixed case data if your terminal is defined to accept it. The CICS RDO or CEDA definition must be defined with UCTRAN=NO for mixed case data to be input to Sterling Connect:Direct from a CICS terminal.

If you typed a **Y** at the Override Security prompt on the COPY FILE BETWEEN NODES screen, Sterling Connect:Direct displays the SECURITY OVERRIDE screen.



The screen contains entry fields for both the sending and receiving nodes. The following table described each entry field.

Entry Field	Description
SECURITY USERID	This optional field specifies the 1-64 character security ID that passes to a security exit.
PASSWORD	This optional field specifies the 1-64 character current security password to pass to a security exit.
NEW PASSWORD	This optional field specifies the new 1-64 character security password to be passed to a security exit. The exit can change the current password to this value.
ACCT DATA	This optional field specifies accounting data to be passed to the security exit.

4. Specify the Sending Environment and Node Name. The values you place in the Sending Node Name fields and the corresponding Environment fields determine which Sending and Receiving screens display to complete your COPY statement.

The SENDING FILE menu differs according to your environment. For example, the following figure shows the Sending File screen for z/OS.

```
                    COPYFILE - SENDING FILE (z/OS)            17:28:36
                                                             node.name
NODE NAME:   ___________________

SENDING DSNAME     =>  ____________________________________________
UNIT               => (____________________________________)
VOLUME             => (_____________________________________________________)

SYSOPTS            =>  " ____________________________________________________
                         ____________________________________________________
                         ____________________________________________________
                         ____________________________________________________
                         ____________________________________________________"
PDS ONLY:
SELECTION CRITERIA => ____________________________________
                   => ____________________________________
                   => ____________________________________
                   => ____________________________________
REPLACE            => N (Y OR N)


PF keys:  1 Help   2 Msg   3 Exit   4 Menu   6 Id
```

The valid Environment values for sending COPY files are: OS/390, OS/400, WIN95, VM, VMS, VOS, VSE, TANDEM, and UNIX.

Note: For a complete description of the valid parameters of a COPY Statement and examples, see the IBM Sterling Connect:Direct Processes Web site.

a. Fill in the appropriate values for the SENDING FILE screen.

Note: Use the **PF1** key to obtain Help on the field content of the different screens.

b. When you finish typing the values on the SENDING FILE screen, press **PF3** to return to the COPY FILE menu.

5. Specify the Receiving Environment and Node Name.

   The values you place in the Receiving Environment and Node Name fields determine which Receiving File screen is displayed. The RECEIVING FILE menu differs according to your environment.

For example, this display illustrates the Receiving File screen for z/OS.

```
                    COPYFILE - RECEIVING FILE (z/OS)            17:28:36
                                                              node.name
NODE NAME           =>

RECEIVING DSNAME    =>   ____________________________________________

DISP     =>  ( NEW , CATLG )
UNIT     =>  ( ________________________________ )
VOLUME   =>  ( ____________________________________________________ )
DCB      =>  ( ____________________________________________________________ )
LABEL    =>  ( ________________________________ )
SPACE    =>  ( ________________________________ )

TYPEKEY  =>    ________

SYSOPTS   =>  " ____________________________________________________
                ____________________________________________________
                ____________________________________________________
                ____________________________________________________
                ____________________________________________________"

PF keys:  1 Help   2 Msg   3 Exit   4 Menu   6 Id
```

a. Fill in the appropriate values for the SENDING FILE screen.

Note: Use the **PF1** key to obtain Help on the field content of the different screens.

b. When you finish typing the values on the RECEIVING FILE screen, press **PF3** to return to the COPY FILE menu.

Copying a File from Your Node to Your Node

Use Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS CICS to copy a file from your node back to your node, by performing the following tasks:

1. Select option **CF** from the PRIMARY MENU and press **ENTER** to display the COPY FILE BETWEEN NODES screen.

Note: You are signed on to a z/OS node for this example. Ensure that your node name is in the node list at the top of the screen. If it does not display, ask the administrator to start your node on the network. Alternatively, you can type in your node number, node name, and environment directly.

2. Type in your node number in the SENDING NODE NUMBER field.
3. Type in your node number in the RECEIVING NODE NUMBER field and press **ENTER**.
4. Ensure that all your entries are correct and press **ENTER**.
5. Assuming the sending file is cataloged, on the COPYFILE - SENDING FILE (z/OS) screen, type in the SENDING DSNAME and press **ENTER**.

6. On the COPYFILE - RECEIVING FILE (z/OS screen, type in the RECEIVING DSNAME and press **ENTER**.
7. When the Process is submitted to Sterling Connect:Direct, the COPY FILE BETWEEN NODES screen with the PROCESS NUMBER message is displayed. This number indicates the number assigned to your Process.
8. Press **PF4** to go to the PRIMARY MENU.
9. Select option **SP** to go to the SELECT PROCESS screen to check on the status of your Process.
10. On the SELECT PROCESS screen select option **O** for OPERATOR TABLE, select **A** for all queues, type in the PROCESS NUMBER you observed from the COPY FILE BETWEEN NODES screen, and press **ENTER** to display the status.

Chapter 12

Building, Modifying, and Submitting Processes through CICS

Use the SUBMIT PROCESS screen to execute a Process by identifying the Process name, secondary node, times and dates, priority, requeue, class, hold and retain status, and symbolic parameters. The Process is located in the local node Sterling Connect:Direct Process library.

You can specify symbolic parameters before you submit the Process to the Sterling Connect:Direct DTF for execution. The IUI then submits the Sterling Connect:Direct COPY Process to the connected Sterling Connect:Direct DTF (the DTF specified on the Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS CICS signon). A PROCESS SUBMITTED message is returned after the Process is successfully submitted to the DTF.

To access the SUBMIT PROCESS screen, select option **SB** on the PRIMARY MENU screen and press **Enter**. Following is an example.

```
                            SUBMIT PROCESS                        11:24:50
                                                                 node.name

PROCESS NAME         ==>  ________

SECONDARY NODE       ==>  ________________
HOLD PROCESS         ==>  _         (Y=YES, N=NO, C=CALL)
REQUEUE PROCESS      ==>  _         (Y=YES, N=NO)
RETAIN PROCESS       ==>  _         (Y=YES, N=NO, I=INIT)
PRIORITY             ==>  __
CLASS                ==>  ___
START DATE           ==>  __________   TIME ==>  __________
NEW PROCESS NAME     ==>  ________
PLEXCLASS            ==>  ________  ________  (PNODE SNODE)
SYMBOLIC PARAMETERS ==>  ____________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________

OVERRIDE SECURITY=>  N       (Y or N)

Do you want values for this process to be CASE sensitive? ==>  NO

PF keys:  1 Help   2 Msg   3 Exit   4 Menu   6 Id
```

Entry Fields

The following table describes the Entry fields:

Field	Description
PROCESS NAME	8-character field contains the name of the Process to be submitted. Field is required.
SECONDARY NODE	This 16-character field contains the name of the secondary node (destination node) to which the Process is to be submitted. This field is optional. The value defaults to the SNODE specified in the Process.
HOLD PROCESS	This 1-character field contains the **Y**, **N**, or **C** toggle for a Process to be kept in the HOLD queue. This field is optional. ◆ **Y** (yes) holds the Process until it is deleted or released. ◆ **N** (no) does not hold the Process. This value is the default. ◆ **C** (call) holds the Process in the Wait queue until the secondary node requests work. If the Process consumes computer resources during periods of heavy system use, you can place the Process temporarily in the Hold queue, and release it during a time of infrequent use.
REQUEUE PROCESS	This optional field specifies whether a copy step requeues if the Process terminates abnormally.
RETAIN PROCESS	This 1-character field contains the **Y**, **N**, or **I** toggle to keep a copy of a Process in a queue after execution. This field is optional. ◆ **Y** (yes) keeps the Process in the queue after execution. ◆ **N** (no) deletes the Process after execution. ◆ **I** (initialize) schedules the Process for execution every time Sterling Connect:Direct is initialized.
PRIORITY	This 2-character field contains the priority number for Process execution. This field is optional. Valid priority numbers range from 0–15 (highest).
CLASS	This 3-character field contains the Process class assignment for a submitted Process. Filling the field is optional. Acceptable values range from 1–255.
TIME	This 10-character field contains the start time expressed as hours, minutes, and seconds AM or PM (HH:MM:SSXM). This field is optional. Enter the start time on the basis of a 12- or 24-hour clock. If AM or PM is not used, the default is a 24-hour clock (2:00 PM or 14:00).
NEW PROCESS NAME	8-character field contains a new name for a submitted Process. This field is optional.

Field	Description
PLEXCLASS = (pnode class, snode class)	Specifies the class that directs the Process to only certain servers in a Sterling Connect:Direct/Plex. This parameter is only used in a Sterling Connect:Direct/Plex. Each server in a Sterling Connect:Direct/Plex can be designated to support only certain PLEXCLASSes through the CDPLEX.PLEXCLASSES initialization parameter. Processes can then be limited to only those servers by specifying the PLEXCLASS in the Process definition. The PNODE class controls which Sterling Connect:Direct/Server runs the Process. The SNODE class controls what other node is used with the Process. The PNODE class and SNODE class are each 1-8 characters long. Use an asterisk (*) to indicate that the Process can run on any server with an asterisk designated in the CDPLEX.PLEXCLASSES initialization parameter. If no PLEXCLASS is specified, the Process runs on any Sterling Connect:Direct/Server that supports PLEXCLASS. If a Process must run on a specific Sterling Connect:Direct/Server, specify the Sterling Connect:Direct/Server name in this field. The Process runs only on that server.
SYMBOLIC PARAMETERS	This 2-line field contains the symbolic parameters that you want substituted for the items in the SUBMIT PROCESS operation. This field is optional. Enter the symbolics as follows: &PARAMETER=SUBSTITUTION, and so forth. You can specify as many symbolic parameters as fit on the lines provided. Each must be separated by at least one space.
SECURITY OVERRIDE	This optional field is for PNODE and SNODE security checking. Type a **Y** or **N**. You can check or modify security information on PNODE or SNODE on the Submit Process screen. Refer to *Overriding Security* on page 82.
CASE Sensitive	Following this question, indicate whether you want to allow mixed case input. This option is available as a session default, and you can specify the option during signon. You can override the specified default on commands that apply to userid, password, and data set name. When you submit commands with YES specified, Sterling Connect:Direct includes the CASE=YES parameter with your command. **Note**: CICS only interprets mixed case data if your terminal is defined to accept it. The CICS TCT MACRO or RDO TYPETERM definition must be defined with UCTRAN=NO for mixed case data to be input to Sterling Connect:Direct from a CICS terminal.

System Fields

The following table describes the System field.

Field	Description
PROCESS NUMBER *number*	This 21-character field contains the PROCESS NUMBER *number* message after the successful completion of a SUBMIT PROCESS task, where *number* is the system-generated Process number.

Overriding Security

The security override panel provides the opportunity to check or modify PNODE and SNODE security. This panel is displayed when you specify yes for the OVERRIDE SECURITY prompt of the SUBMIT PROCESS screen.

```
                                SUBMIT PROCESS                        11:38:25
                                                                   node.name
                              SECURITY OVERRIDE


<<PNODE>>

SECURITY ID:  ____________________________________________________________
PASSWORD   :
NEW PASSWRD:
ACCT DATA  :  ____________________________________________________________


<<SNODE>>

SECURITY ID:  ____________________________________________________________
PASSWORD   :
NEW PASSWRD:
ACCT DATA  :  ____________________________________________________________



PF keys:  1 Help   2 Msg   3 Exit   4 Menu   6 Id
```

Entry Fields

The SUBMIT PROCESS SECURITY OVERRIDE screen contains the following entry fields, one set for the PNODE and one for the SNODE:

Field	Description
SECURITY USERID	This optional field specifies the 1–64 character security ID that passes to a security exit.
PASSWORD	This optional field specifies the 1–64 character current security password to pass to a security exit.
NEW PASSWORD	This optional field specifies the new 1–64 character security password to be passed to a security exit. The exit changes the current password to this value.
ACCT DATA	This optional field specifies accounting data to be passed to the security exit.

Chapter 13

Selecting a Process through CICS

Determining the Status of a Submitted Process

This section describes how to access and use the SELECT PROCESS screen to view information about your Processes.

Accessing the SELECT PROCESS Screen

To access the SELECT PROCESS screen, select option **SP** on the PRIMARY MENU and press **Enter**.

Following is an example of the SELECT PROCESS screen.

```
                              SELECT PROCESS                    11:39:56
                                                              node.name
OPTION ==> O       (O - OPERATOR TABLE    P - PRINT REPORT)

 QUEUE  ==> _   (A-ALL,W-WAIT,E-EXECUTE,H-HOLD,T-TIMER)

PROCESS NUMBERS:  ==> _______      ==> _______      ==> _______      ==> _______
PROCESS NAMES:    ==> _________    ==> _________    ==> _________    ==> _________
SERVER NAMES:     ==> _________    ==> _________    ==> _________    ==> _________

  STATUS:          (HO,HR,HI,HE,HC,HP,HS,RH,RA,WC,H,R,W)
    ==> __          ==> __          ==> __          ==> __
  DESTINATION NODES:
     ==> _________________          ==> _________________
     ==> _________________          ==> _________________
  USER ID:         NODE ID:
     ==>.node1
                    ==> node.name
     ==> ____________________________________________________________________
                    ==> _________________
Do you want values for this command to be CASE sensitive? ==> NO

PF keys:  1 Help   2 Msg   3 Exit   4 Menu   6 Id
```

Understanding the Entry Fields

The following table describes the entry fields on the SELECT PROCESS screen:

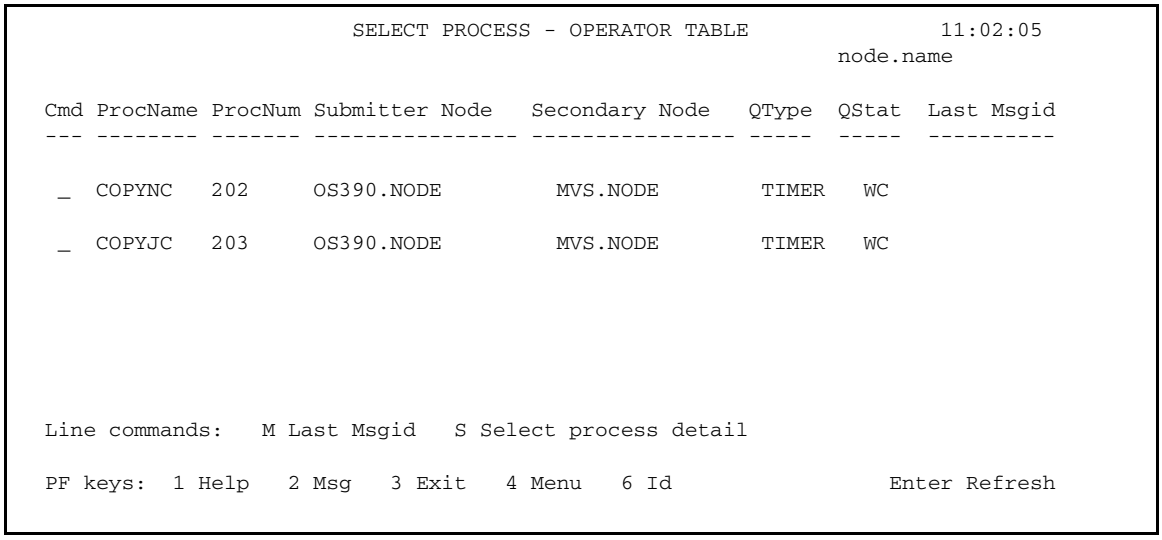
Field	Description
OPTION	This 1-character field contains the SELECT PROCESS screen option of your choice, as follows: Type **P** to prints a report on your default printer (defined in your signon defaults). Type **O** (alphabetic, not zero) to access the SELECT PROCESS - OPERATOR TABLE screen and create a 1-line summary of each selected Process.
QUEUE	This 1-character field contains your selection of the Process queues for display: **A** (to select all queues), **W** (for the Wait queue), **E** (for the execution queue), **H** (for the Hold queue), or **T** (for the Timer queue). This field is optional.
PROCESS NUMBERS	These four fields of six characters each contain the numbers of Processes to be selected. The field is optional. If you select nothing, all Processes in the selected queue are displayed.
PROCESS NAMES	These four fields of eight characters each contain the names of Processes to be selected. The field is optional. If you select nothing, all Processes in the selected queue are displayed.
SERVER NAMES	These four fields contain the Sterling Connect:Direct/Server names to select Processes from. The server name is a 1–8 character name assigned to each server in a Sterling Connect:Direct/Plex through the CDPLEX.SERVER initialization parameter. This field only applies to a Sterling Connect:Direct/Plex.
STATUS	This optional field indicates specific queue status selection by use of the following characters: **HO**, held by operator. The Process was submitted without hold specified and later was changed with the CHANGE PROCESS command. **HR**, held retain. The Process was submitted with RETAIN=YES specified. **HI**, held initially. The Process was submitted with HOLD=YES specified. **HE**, held in error. The Process was submitted, but the submitter is not defined on the SNODE. **HC**, held for call. The Process was submitted with HOLD=CALL specified. A session started from the other node causes this Process to be put on the wait queue in WC status. **HP**, held Process error. An error occurred during initiation of Process execution. This condition can occur if the session is lost before any Process Statements begin to execute. **HS**, held for suspension. The operator issued a SUSPEND PROCESS command. The Process can be released later. **RH**, restart Held. A checkpointed Process was executing when an error such as a lost session or an I/O error occurred. This enables the copy to be restarted when the session is lost and reestablished. **RA**, held for restart allocation error. During Process execution, an allocation error occurred matching those specified in the initialization parameters. This status enables the Process to be restarted after the allocation problem is resolved.

Field	Description
STATUS	**WC**, wait for connection. Session establishment attempted, including retries if specified, and failed. This Process is put on the wait queue and processed if a session with that node is established later. It can also be released by the operator. **WT**, wait for transport. The transport protocol is not available. The Process runs as soon as the transport protocol is available. **WX**, wait for server. The Process is waiting for an eligible Sterling Connect:Direct/Server to become available. The Process runs as soon as an eligible Sterling Connect:Direct/Server is available. An eligible Sterling Connect:Direct/Server is an active server that supports the Process PLEXCLASS and the transport protocol (SNA, TCP, UDT, or CTCA). The transport protocol must also be available on the server for it to be eligible. **H**, all Held Processes. This selection enables you to view a list of all held Processes from the Select Process screen. **R**, all restarted Processes. This selection enables you to view a list of all restarted Processes from the Select Process screen. **W**, all waiting Processes. This selection enables you to view a list of all waiting Processes from the Select Process screen.
DESTINATION NODES	This optional field indicates the destination site identifier (NODE NAME).
USER ID	This optional field is an alphanumeric userid corresponding to a selected Process.
NODE ID	This optional field identifies the submitter node corresponding to a selected Process. NODE ID is required if USER ID is specified.
Do you want values for this command to be CASE Sensitive?	Following this question, indicate whether you want to allow mixed case input. This option is available as a session default, and you can specify the option during signon. You can override the specified default on commands that apply to userid, password, and data set name. When you submit commands and specify YES, Sterling Connect:Direct includes the CASE=YES parameter with your command. **Note:** CICS only interprets mixed case data if your terminal is defined to accept it. The CICS RDO TYPETERM definition must be defined with UCTRAN(NO) for mixed case data to be input to Sterling Connect:Direct from a CICS terminal.

Viewing Summary Information

You can use the SELECT PROCESS - OPERATOR TABLE screen to view summary information about Processes pending or executing, including name, number, sending and receiving nodes, queue type and status, and last message received.

To access the SELECT PROCESS - OPERATOR TABLE screen, select option **O** (alphabetic, not zero) on the SELECT PROCESS screen and press **Enter**. Following is an example of the SELECT PROCESS - OPERATOR TABLE screen.



Understanding the Entry Fields

A description the entry field on the SELECT PROCESS - OPERATOR TABLE screen follows:

Field	Description
CMD	This 1-character field contains your line command options as follows: ◆ **M** - Selecting this option in the CMD field and pressing **Enter** displays the text of the last message received for this Process. ◆ **S** - Selecting this option in the CMD field, and pressing **Enter**, takes you to the SELECT PROCESS -- PROCESS DETAIL screen.

Understanding the System Fields

A description of each of the system fields on the SELECT PROCESS - OPERATOR TABLE screen follows:

Field	Description
PAGE XXXX OF YYYY	This 17-character field contains the current page number XXXX out of YYYY total pages of SELECT PROCESS -- OPERATOR TABLE data.
PROCNAME	This 9-character field contains the Process name.
PROCNUM	This 6-character field contains the Process number.
SUBMITTER NODE	This 16-character field contains the node name of the primary node.
SECONDARY NODE	This 16-character field contains the node name of the secondary node.

Field	Description
QTYPE	This 5-character field contains the type of queue: **EXEC** - Process is currently executing **HOLD** - Process is held **WAIT** - Process is waiting for execution **TIMER** - Process is to execute at a given time
QSTAT	This 2-character field contains the current status of the queue: **EX** - currently executing **HC** - is held for call **HE** - held in error **HI** - held initially **HO** - held by the operator **HP** - an error occurred during initiation of Process execution **HR -** submitted with RETAIN=YES **HS** - is held for suspension **RA** - is held for restart allocation error **RH** - is held for restart **RS** - is being restarted **WA** - is awaiting acknowledgement **WC** - is awaiting connection **WR** - is awaiting restart **WS** - is awaiting the designated start time **WT** - is awaiting transport protocol **WX** - is awaiting an eligible Sterling Connect:Direct/Server
LAST MSGID	This 8-character field contains the designation of the last message received for Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS operations.

Viewing Process Detail

You can use the SELECT PROCESS - PROCESS DETAIL screen to view detailed information about pending or executing Processes selectively, by choosing any one of the Process details, such as name, number, queueing priority, schedule time, retain status, I/O bytes, and so forth.

To access the SELECT PROCESS - PROCESS DETAIL screen, select option **S** on the SELECT PROCESS -- OPERATOR TABLE screen and press **Enter**. Following is an example.

```
                          SELECT PROCESS - PROCESS DETAIL                 11:21:16
OPTION ==> S (M or S)                                                  node.name
  Options: M - Last Msgid; S - Select process detail                RECEIVING SIDE
 Process Name   => SEQ001     Number    => 3                Step   => STEP1
 Other Node     => SC.SC1.SWOOD2                           Status => EX
 Commid         => 26221;10.20.129.168                     Queue  => EXEC
 Function       => COPY       Sub State =>                State  => FILE I/O
 Server Name    => SDWSERV1   PLEXCLASS => ( *               )
 Submitter      => SC.SC1.SWOOD1
 Userid         => SYS002
 Scheduled Time =>            Date      =>                Day    =>
 Queueing Prty  => 10         Class     => 1              Retain => NO
 Submitted Class=> NONE       Max Class => NONE           Sess.Id=> PNOD
 Session restrt => 0          Dyn restrt=> 0              RouteID=>
 Last Msgid     =>            Last RC   => 00000000       RetProc=>

 Sending File   => CSDQA1.TESTFILE.BENCH.M10
 Receiving File => SWOOD1.TEMPM10
 Volume seq no. => 1          Volser    => USER28         TTRN   => 000B0100
 Blks           => 23         Recs      => 0              RUs    =>
 I/O bytes      => 642,160                                Member =>
 VTAM bytes     => 436,224                    Compression Factor =>

 PF keys:  1 Help   2 Msg   3 Exit   4 Menu   6 Id   Enter Refresh
```

Understanding the Entry Fields

The following table describes the entry field for the SELECT PROCESS - PROCESS DETAIL screen:

Field	Description
OPTION	This 1-character field contains your selected options **M** or **S**, as follows: ◆ Select the **M** option and press **Enter** to display the text of the last message received for this Process. ◆ Select the **S** option and press **Enter** to refresh the PROCESS DETAIL parameters.

Understanding the System Fields

The following table describes system fields for the SELECT PROCESS - PROCESS DETAIL screen:

Field	Description
SIDE	This 14-character field contains the message SENDING SIDE if the PROCESS DETAIL parameters are from the sender and the message RECEIVING SIDE if the PROCESS DETAIL parameters are from the receiver. The field occurs in the upper right corner below the NODE field.
PROCESS NAME	This 8-character field contains the name of the selected Process.
NUMBER	This 6-character field contains the Process number.
STEP	This 8-character field contains the name of the currently executing step of the selected Process.
OTHER NODE	This 16-character field contains the name of the node identified as the destination of the Process.
STATUS	This 2-character field contains the status of the selected Process: **EX** - currently executing **HC** - is held for call **HE** - held in error **HI** - held initially **HO** - held by the operator **HP** - an error occurred during initiation of Process execution **HR** - submitted with RETAIN=YES **HS** - is held for suspension **RA** - is held for restart allocation error **RH** - is held for restart **RS** - is being restarted **WA** - is awaiting acknowledgement **WC** - is awaiting connection **WR** - is awaiting restart **WS** - is awaiting the designated start time **WT** - is awaiting transport protocol **WX** - is awaiting an eligible Sterling Connect:Direct/Server
COMMID	This 46-character field contains the SNA VTAM APPLID (application identification) of the destination Sterling Connect:Direct node. If the destination node is TCP/IP, this field contains the port and IP address of the remote node in the format *port_number;IP_address*.
QUEUE	This 5-character field contains the name of the queue where the selected Process resides: WAIT, TIMER, EXEC, or HOLD.
FUNCTION	This 8-character field contains the name of the function being performed by the Process.
SUB STATE	This 12-character field contains the name of the current session macro in execution.

Field	Description
STATE	This 8-character field contains the current state of the Process.
SERVER NAME	The name of the Sterling Connect:Direct/Server where the Process runs. This field only applies to a Sterling Connect:Direct/Plex.
PLEXCLASS	The class that directs the Process to only certain servers in a Sterling Connect:Direct/Plex. This field only applies to a Sterling Connect:Direct/Plex.
SUBMITTER	This 16-character field contains the name of the submitting node.
USERID	This 8-character field contains the userid that submitted the Process.
SCHEDULED TIME	This 8-character field contains the time when the Process is scheduled to execute.
DATE	This 8-character field contains the date when the Process is scheduled to execute.
DAY	This 10-character field contains the name of the day when the Process is scheduled to execute.
QUEUEING PRTY	This 3-character field contains the queueing priority of the selected Process. The range of priorities is 0–15 (highest).
CLASS	This 4-character field contains the class or parallel session used.
RETAIN	This 4-character field contains YES or NO to indicate the retain status.
SUBMITTED CLASS	This 4-character field contains the submitted class.
MAX CLASS	This 4-character field contains the maximum number of parallel sessions allowed.
SESS. ID	This 4-character field contains the session ID (P for SNA primary and S for SNA secondary).
SESSION RESTRT	This 3-character field contains the number of consecutive session attempt failures.
DYN RESTRT	This 3-character field contains the number of failed attempts to perform a copy to an unavailable file.
ROUTEID	This 8-character field contains the userid to notify upon completion of a step or Process.
LAST MSGID	This 8-character field contains the last message number received by this Process. Selecting option **M** displays the text of the message.
LAST RC	This 8-character field contains the last step return code, if the Process went into execution.
RETPROC	The retained Process number.
SENDING FILE	This 44-character field contains the name of the sending file.
RECEIVING FILE	This 44-character field contains the name of the receiving file.
VOLUME SEQ NO	This 3-character field contains the volume sequence number.
VOLSER	This 6-character field contains the volume serial number.

Field	Description
TTRN	This 8-character field contains the TTR address (disk) or relative block (tape) currently accessed.
BLKS	This 9-character field contains the number of blocks sent or received.
RECS	This 14-character field contains the number of records sent or received as a result of the Process.
RUS	This 9-character field contains the number of request units sent or received.
I/O BYTES	This 22-character field contains the number of bytes read or written from external storage.
MEMBER	This 8-character field contains the name of the copied member during a PDS copy operation.
VTAM BYTES	This 22-character field contains the number of bytes transmitted.
COMPRESSION FACTOR	This 6-character field contains the percentage of savings from the use of data compression from a copy Process.

Chapter 14

Selecting Statistics through CICS

Use the SELECT STATISTICS screen to view Process statistics, by choosing any combination of Process names, numbers, start and stop times and dates, and condition codes. Process statistics summarize the Sterling Connect:Direct Process execution event log information for a DTF.

Viewing Process Statistics

To access the SELECT STATISTICS screen, select option **SS** on the PRIMARY MENU and press **ENTER**. Following is an example.

```
                          SELECT STATISTICS                      11:34:47
                                                               node.name
OPTION ==> _

PROCESS NUMBERS:
     ==> _______          ==> _______         ==> _______      ==> _______
PROCESS NAMES:
     ==> _________        ==> _________       ==> _________    ==> _________

START DATE             ==> _________
START TIME             ==> _____________    (HH:MM:SSXM)
STOP DATE              ==> _________
STOP TIME              ==> _____________    (HH:MM:SSXM)
CONDITION CODE         ==> __ ___________
EXCLUDE MEMBER RECS    ==> N               (Y OR N)
EXCLUDE WTO RECS       ==> Y               (Y OR N)

OPTIONS: S ... SUMMARY TABLE
         P ... PRINT REPORT


PF keys:  1 Help   2 Msg   3 Exit   4 Menu   6 Id
```

Understanding the Entry Fields

The following table describes the entry fields for the SELECT STATISTICS screen:

Field	Description
OPTION	This 1-character field contains the **S** or **P** option as follows: ◆ Type **S** to access the SELECT STATISTICS - SUMMARY TABLE screen where a summary of Process statistics are displayed. ◆ Type **P** to generate a printed report of the Process statistics on the printer (defined in your signon defaults).
PROCESS NUMBERS	These four fields of eight characters each contain the numbers of Processes selected for statistical information. You can type one to four Process numbers for statistics selection.
PROCESS NAMES	These four fields of eight characters each contain the names of Processes selected for statistical information. You can type one to four Process names for statistics selection.
START DATE	This 8-character field specifies the date from which the statistics records are selected. You can specify the day (D), month (M), and year (Y). To specify the order of a Gregorian day, month, and year, you *must* define the DATEFORM initialization parameter. If you do not specify the DATEFORM parameter, Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS defaults to MDY date format. After you have specified the order in the DATEFORM initialization parameters, you can use the following formats according to the order you selected: **DATEFORM=MDY** specifies the use of the following formats: mmddyy *or* mmddyyyy mm/dd/yy *or* mm/dd/yyyy mm.dd.yy *or* mm.dd.yyyy **DATEFORM=DMY** specifies the use of the following formats: ddmmyy *or* ddmmyyyy dd/mm/yy *or* dd/mm/yyyy dd.mm.yy *or* dd.mm.yyyy **DATEFORM=YMD** specifies the use of the following formats: yymmdd *or* yyyymmdd yy/mm/dd *or* yyyy/mm/dd yy.mm.dd *or* yyyy.mm.dd **DATEFORM=YDM** specifies the use of the following formats: yyddmm *or* yyyyddmm yy/dd/mm *or* yyyy/dd/mm yy.dd.mm *or* yyyy.dd.mm Sterling Connect:Direct processes Julian dates the same as previous releases. The following formats are valid: yyddd *or* yyyyddd yy/ddd *or* yyyy/ddd yy.ddd *or* yyyy.ddd

Field	Description
START TIME	This 10-character field contains the start date expressed as hours, minutes, and seconds, and AM or PM (HH:MM:SSXM). You can specify either a 12-hour or 24-hour time or the words NOON or MIDNIGHT. If you use 12-hour time, designate AM or PM; if you do not, Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS CICS assumes a 24-hour time format. Processes that started after the time specified are selected for reporting.
STOP DATE	This 8-character field specifies the date from which the statistics records are selected. Specify the day (D), month (M), and year (Y). To specify the order of a Gregorian day, month, and year, you *must* define the DATEFORM initialization parameter. If you do not specify the DATEFORM parameter, Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS defaults to MDY date format. After you have specified the order, you can specify formats. See the START DATE field for a description of the formats that you can use.
STOP TIME	This 10-character field contains the stop date expressed as hours, minutes, and seconds AM or PM (HH:MM:SSXM). You can specify either a 12-hour or 24-hour time or the words NOON or MIDNIGHT. If you use 12-hour time, designate AM or PM; if you do not, Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS CICS assumes a 24-hour time format. Processes that started before the time specified are selected for reporting.
CONDITION CODE	This dual field contains the condition code for the selected Process; the first 2-character field contains a logical operator (LT, LE, GT, GE, NE, or EQ); and the second 8-character field contains the condition code to be checked. If a condition code is specified, all Processes terminating with the specified code are selected for reporting.
EXCLUDE MEMBER RECS	This 1-character field contains the Y or N toggle to include or omit member records from PDS copy statistical information.
EXCLUDE WTO RECS	This 1-character field contains the Y or N to include or omit Write To Operator records in the displayed statistical information. If you do not want WTO records to be displayed, select **Y**; if you do, select **N**.

Viewing Statistics Summary Information

Use the SELECT STATISTICS - SUMMARY TABLE screen to view a list of Process statistics, including function type, Process name and number, sending and receiving nodes, last message received, end time and date, and the return code.

To access the SELECT STATISTICS - SUMMARY TABLE screen, select option **S** on the SELECT STATISTICS screen, and press **ENTER**. Following is an example.

```
                      SELECT STATISTICS - SUMMARY TABLE              17:36:45
                                                                   node.name
Cmd Function ProcName ProcNum  Submitter Node   Secondary Node   Last Msgid RC
(M)   Submitter P/Snode End date  End time
--- ------------------------------------------------------------------------
 _  SUB-CMD  COPYNC   0        OS390.NODE       OS390.NODE       SPQL001I   0C
      OPER      PNODE   05/05/1998  12:37:46
 _  SUB-CMD  FROMMVS  0        OS390.NOD        OS390.NODEE      SPQL001I   0C
      OPER      PNODE   05/05/1998  12:40:06
 _  SUB-CMD  FROMMVS  0        OS390.NOD        OS390.NODEE      SPQL001I   0C
      SCIVSE5   PNODE   05/05/1998  12:44:19
 _  SUB-CMD  FROMMVS  1        OS390.NOD        OS390.NODEE      SSPA001I   00
      SCIVSE5   PNODE   05/05/1998  12:59:05
 _  PROC-END FROMMVS  1        OS390.NOD        OS390.NODEE      ACF01012   0C
      SCIVSE5   PNODE   05/05/1998  12:59:20
 _  SUB-CMD  FROMMVS  2        OS390.NOD        OS390.NODEE      SSPA001I   00
      SCIVSE5   PNODE   05/05/1998  13:03:55
 _  COPY-END FROMMVS  2        OS390.NOD        OS390.NODEE      SCPA000I   00
      SCIVSE5   PNODE   05/05/1998  13:04:35
 _  PROC-END FROMMVS  2        OS390.NOD        OS390.NODEE      SVTM100I   00
      SCIVSE5   PNODE   05/05/1998  13:04:35
                                                              Page 1    of 42
SOPS000I - Select Statistics command successfully completed.

PF keys:  1 Help   2 Msg   3 Exit   4 Menu   6 Id           8 Fwd
```

Understanding the Entry Fields

The following table describes the entry field for the SELECT STATISTICS - SUMMARY TABLE:

Field	Description
CMD	Select **M** in this 1-character field, and press **ENTER** to go to the LAST MESSAGE screen and display the text of the last message received by the Process.

Understanding the System Fields

The following table describes the system fields for the SELECT STATISTICS - SUMMARY TABLE:

Field	Description
PAGE	17-character field contains the current page number and total pages of SELECT STATISTICS - SUMMARY TABLE data.
FUNCTION	9-character field contains the function designation for Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS Process statistics.
PROCNAME	This 8-character field contains the Process name.
PROCNUM	This 6-character field contains the Process number.
SUBMITTER NODE	This 16-character field contains the node name of the primary node.

Field	Description
SECONDARY NODE	This 16-character field contains the node name of the secondary node.
LAST MSGID	This 8-character field contains the designation of the last message received by the Process.
RC	This 2-character field contains a system-generated return code as a result of the success or failure of your Process, as follows: ◆ **00** - Processes that completed successfully ◆ **04** - Processes that completed successfully and have one minor error such as an incorrect file disposition ◆ **08** - Processes that did not complete successfully but that have several errors ◆ **12** - Processes with major errors
SUBMITTER	This 8-character field contains the userid of the submitted Process.
P/SNODE	This 5-character field contains the primary or secondary node name designation, either PNODE or SNODE.
END DATE	This 8-character field contains the ending date of the displayed Process, expressed as month, day, and year (MM/DD/YY).
END TIME	This 8-character field contains the ending time of the displayed Process, expressed as hours, minutes, and seconds (HH:MM:SS).

Chapter 15

Displaying CICS Messages

Use the MESSAGE DISPLAY screen to view the contents of a message, the software module producing the message, some details of system action, and suggested response on your part.

Note: The CICS Interface messages use the prefix SCCS to distinguish them from non-CICS Sterling Connect:Direct messages.

Displaying Product Messages

To access the MESSAGE DISPLAY screen, select option **MD** on the PRIMARY MENU screen and press **ENTER**. The MD option is completed as part of CICS transaction processing and does not require access to the Sterling Connect:Direct DTF API. Following is an example.

```
                              MESSAGE DISPLAY                    06:15:43
                                                              node.name

   MESSAGE ID  ==> __________
    MODULE ID  ==>

SHORT TEXT==>

LONG TEXT==>
      ==>
      ==>
      ==>
      ==>
      ==>
      ==>
      ==>
      ==>
      ==>

PF keys:  1 Help   2 Msg   3 Exit   4 Menu   6 Id
```

Understanding the Entry Fields

The following table describes the entry field for the MESSAGE DISPLAY screen:

Field	Description
MESSAGE ID	This 8-character field contains the message identification.

Understanding the System Fields

The following table describes the system fields for the MESSAGE DISPLAY screen:

Field	Description
MODULE ID	64-character field contains the name of the software module that produced the message.
SHORT TEXT	64-character field contains the short version of the message as it is displayed when sent.
LONG TEXT	Fields of twelve 64-character lines contain the long version of the message, with further descriptions of system action and suggested responses.

Displaying the Last Message

Use the LAST MESSAGE screen to recall and view the contents of the last message received during your Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS CICS activities, the software module producing the message, some details of system action, and suggested response on your part.

Accessing the LAST MESSAGE Screen

To access the LAST MESSAGE screen you have the following two options:

- Select M in the CMD field of the SELECT STATISTICS -- SUMMARY TABLE screen, and press **ENTER**. The M command is completed as part of CICS transaction processing and does not require access to the Sterling Connect:Direct DTF API.
- Press **PF2** from any screen that defines **PF2**, except from the PRIMARY MENU where **PF2** is not displayed. The last message may have nothing to do with the current screen activities, when you press **PF2**.

Following is an example of the LAST MESSAGE screen.

```
                              LAST MESSAGE                          06:15:43
                                                                 node.name

   MESSAGE ID  ==> SAFA000I
    MODULE ID  ==> DMSGNON

SHORT TEXT==> Connect:Direct signon process completed.

 LONG TEXT==> Connect:Direct signon processing completed. The user
         ==> record was found on the Authorization Data Set. The user
         ==> supplied password was valid.
         ==>
         ==>
         ==>
         ==> SYSTEM ACTION: Return to invoker with RC=0.
         ==>
         ==>
         ==> RESPONSE: NONE.
         ==>
         ==>

PF keys:   3 Exit   4 Menu
```

Understanding the System Fields

The following table describes the system fields for the LAST MESSAGE screen:

Field	Description
HEADER	This 41-character field contains the system-generated message identification information and occurs right below the screen title. The HEADER field works in conjunction with the SELECT STATISTICS - SUMMARY TABLE screen and displays the current screen upon the selection of the line command **M** in the CMD field.
MESSAGE ID	This 8-character field contains the message identification number.
MODULE ID	This 64-character field contains the name of the software module issuing the message.
SHORT TEXT	This 64-character field contains the short version of the message as it is displayed when sent.
LONG TEXT	This field of 12 lines of 64 characters contains the long version of the message, with further descriptions of system action and suggested responses.

Chapter 16

Displaying Your CICS User Profile

Accessing the User Profile

To access the USER INQUIRY screen, press **PF6** from any screen that defines **PF6**, except from the PRIMARY MENU, where **PF6** is not displayed. Following is an example of the USER INQUIRY screen.

```
                              USER INQUIRY                   17:45:32
                                                          node.name


CICS USERID             ==>  SYSA        CONNECT:DIRECT VERSION   ==>  VV
CONNECT:DIRECT USERID   ==>  SYSA        CONNECT:DIRECT RELEASE   ==>  RR
CICS LUNAME             ==>  BAN06061    CONNECT:DIRECT MOD-LEVEL ==>  MM
CICS TERMID             ==>  6061
CONNECT:DIRECT NODE     ==>  CD.ESA13

                         PRIMARY MENU OPTION           AUTH?
                         ---------------------         -----
                         CF  COPY FILE                  YES
                         SB  SUBMIT PROCESS             YES
                         SP  SELECT PROCESS             YES
                         SS  SELECT STATISTICS          YES
                         MD  MESSAGE DISPLAY            YES
                         SD  SIGNON DEFAULTS            YES
                         SN  CHANGE SIGNON              YES


PF keys:  3 Exit   4 Menu
```

System Fields

The following table describes the system fields:

Field	Description
CICS USERID	This 8-character field contains your CICS userid.

Field	Description
CONNECT:DIRECT USERID	This 8-character field contains your Sterling Connect:Direct userid.
CICS LUNAME	This 8-character field contains your CICS logical unit name (netname).
CICS TERMID	This 4-character field contains your CICS terminal designation.
CONNECT:DIRECT NODE	This 16-character field contains the name of the Sterling Connect:Direct node to which you are currently signed on.
CONNECT:DIRECT VERSION	This 2-character field contains the version number of the CICS Interface software you are using.
CONNECT:DIRECT RELEASE	This 3-character field contains the release number of the CICS Interface software you are using.
CONNECT:DIRECT MOD-LEVEL	This 3-character field contains the modification level number for the CICS Interface software you are using.
COPYFILE	This 3-character field contains YES or NO to show your authorization to perform a COPY operation.
SUBMIT PROCESS	This 3-character field contains YES or NO to show your authorization to submit a Process.
SELECT PROCESS	This 3-character field contains YES or NO to show your authorization to select a Process.
SELECT STATISTICS	This 3-character field contains YES or NO to show your authorization to select statistics.
MESSAGE DISPLAY	This 3-character field contains YES or NO to show your authorization to display messages.
SIGNON DEFAULTS	This 3-character field contains YES or NO to show your authorization to update your signon defaults record.
SIGNON	This 3-character field contains YES or NO to show your authorization to change your signon.

Appendix A

CICS Messages and Problem Isolation

This appendix contains the following two sections:

- Messages that can occur during your CICS Interface operations
- Basic troubleshooting tips for general software problems

Product Messages

This section contains messages from the system software arranged in alphabetical order.

Activate rejected, node is already active - *node name*
This message is displayed if you select option A in the field beside an active node.

All values reset from config file
This message is displayed if you press **Clear**.

All values reset from signon defaults file
This message is displayed if you press CLEAR on the SIGNON DEFAULTS screen.

A printer must be specified in your Signon Defaults in order to use 'P'
This message is displayed if you forgot to type in a printer ID, before you selected option **P**, and then pressed **Enter**.

Auto-return in progress...
This message is displayed after you exited the Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS CICS program, and retyped the Sterling Connect:Direct transaction. The automatic return feature must be enabled before any use, however.

CICS USERID required
This message is displayed if you pressed **Enter** with a blank screen present or with no CICS USERID entry present.

Control record successfully updated
This message is displayed after an edit session when you press **PF9**.

DTF NODE NAME required
This message is displayed if you pressed **Enter**, or **PF5**, or **PF6**, with a blank screen.

End of file
This message is displayed when you scroll forward to the bottom of the file through repeated use of the **PF8** key.

End of file; values read from config file
This message is displayed when you scroll forward to the end of file and then press **PF8**.

End of file; values read from signon defaults file
This message is displayed if you press **PF8** repeatedly and attempt to access data beyond the end of file.

End of node list
This message is displayed if you press **PF8** while you are at the bottom of the available node list.

FILENAME and FILETYPE are required
This message is displayed if you pressed **Enter** on a blank screen, without typing the filename and type of file.

First page
This message is displayed if you press **PF7** repeatedly on a screen with more than one page and attempt to go up past the first page.

Immediate shutdown rejected; interface is shut.
This message is displayed if option I is already selected, and the interface is already inactive.

Immediate shutdown started
This message is displayed if you select option **I**. The INTERFACE STATUS field changes to INACTIVE.

Interface has been started
This message is displayed if you select option **A** and press **Enter**.

Interface is already active
This message is displayed if you select option **A**, and the interface is already active or in the process of starting**.**

Interface must be active to start monitor.
This message is displayed if you select option **M**, and the interface is not active. You must select option **A** before option **M**.

Last Msgid field is blank
This message is displayed if you select the **M** option, and press **Enter**, with the LAST MSGID field blank.

Last page
This message is displayed if you press **PF8** repeatedly on a screen with more than one page and attempt to go down past the last page.

Left page
This message is displayed if you repeatedly press **PF10** and attempt to access data past the left edge of the screen.

Line command invalid
This message is displayed if you select a different line command other than those defined and press **Enter**.

M and S are the only valid line commands
This message is displayed, if you select a line command other than those defined in the CMD field and press **Enter**.

M is the only valid line command
This message is displayed if you type in a character other than M in the command line and press **Enter**.

Monitor has been started.
This message is displayed if you select option **M**.

Monitor is already running.
This message is displayed if option **M** is already selected and you select option **M** again.

MYNODE.OS.USERID NODE invalid
This message is displayed if the node name you typed in is not authorized for signon.

NETWORK NODE NAME required
This message is displayed if you press **Enter**, or **PF5**, or **PF6**, with a blank screen present or with the NETWORK NODE NAME field entry blank.

Network node successfully added - *node name*
This message is displayed when the DTF NODE RECORDS screen has your correct data in the fields, and you press **PF5**.

Network node successfully deleted - *node name*
This message is displayed when the DTF NODE RECORDS screen has your correct data in the fields, and you press **PF6**.

No active work queue entries for node *node name*
This message is displayed if you select option **W**, and no active subtasks are in the work queue.

Node activation started, node *node name*
This message is displayed if you select option **A** in the field beside an inactive node.

Node has been restarted - *node name*
This message is displayed in the STATUS ALERT MESSAGE field when the NETWORK NODE RECORDS have been updated to activate a node.

NODE invalid
This message is displayed if the node name you typed in is not authorized for signon.

NODE NUMBER invalid
This message is displayed if you typed in a node number that is not in the list of available nodes and pressed **Enter**.

NODE NUMBER or NODE NAME required
This message is displayed if you press **Enter**, with nothing typed in.

NODE required
This message is displayed if you pressed **Enter** on a blank screen without typing in a node name.

NODE TYPE invalid
This message is displayed if the DTF NODE NAME contains an unacceptable naming convention.

No help available
This message is displayed if you press **PF1** while at a screen with no online help facilities available.

No password is currently on file
This message is displayed in the Sterling Connect:Direct PASSWORD field if you typed an unacceptable or blank Sterling Connect:Direct PASSWORD.

Normal shutdown rejected; interface is inactive.
This message is displayed if already select option **S**, and you select option **S** again.

Normal shutdown started
This message is displayed if you select option **S**, press **Enter**. If you press **Enter** again, the MONITOR TASK NUMBER field changes to NOT RUNNING.

No signed-on users
This message is displayed if the administrative user selected line command **T** from the USER STATUS and pressed **Enter**, thereby terminating the administrative user session. This message is also displayed if you type **U** from the PRIMARY MENU and no signed-on users of Sterling Connect:Direct exist.

No users meeting selection criteria
This message is displayed if a CICS userid is typed in the CICS USERID field that did not match those users logged on. First, check the USER STATUS screen to see who is logged on for a match.

OPTION invalid
This message is displayed if you type in an option other than those defined on the PRIMARY MENU.

OPTION required
This message is displayed if you press **Enter**, without typing in an option.

Password is on file, but not displayed
This message is displayed if you type a Sterling Connect:Direct password that is already in the SIGNON DEFAULT record.

Password is present
This message is displayed if the PASSWORD field on the SIGNON DEFAULTS screen is filled with your password. The PASSWORD field is darkened to maintain security.

Password is absent
This message is displayed if you have not typed your PASSWORD in the field on the SIGNON DEFAULTS screen. As soon as you type the password, the rest of the required data, and press **Enter**, the message changes to PASSWORD IS PRESENT.

Past end of file - 'Prev' not available
This message is displayed when you scroll backward to the top of the file and then press **PF7**.

PF key invalid
This message is displayed in the MESSAGE field if you pressed a PF key other than those defined on the screen.

Press Enter to continue
This message is displayed if you typed in all required data correctly and pressed **Enter**. This message indicates your chance to abort the COPY file Process.

PROCESS NAME required
This message is displayed if you pressed **Enter** without typing in the Process name.

PROCESS NUMBER *number*
This message is displayed after a successful execution of a COPY file Process, where *number* is the system-generated Process number.

Record cannot be deleted, it is not on file
This message is displayed if you type in the DTF NODE NAME and then press **PF6**. No match exists between the DTF NODE NAME and those specified in the configuration file, and therefore the record cannot be deleted.

Record cannot be updated, it is not on file
This message is displayed if you type in the DTF NODE NAME and then press **PF9**. No match exists between the DTF NODE NAME and those specified in the configuration file, and therefore the record cannot be updated.

Record not found; hit any key when ready.
This message is displayed if you type in the DTF NODE NAME and press **Enter**, but no match exists in the DTF NODE RECORDS screen.

Right page
This message is displayed if you repeatedly press **PF11** and attempt to access data past the right edge of the screen.

SAFA000I - Connect:Direct signon process completed.
This message is displayed if you signed on successfully.

SCBI190I - Process specified not in process library.
This message is displayed if you typed in a Process name that is not recognized by the system, and pressed **Enter**. Check the contents of your PROCESS.LIB to determine those available.

SCIA011I - Connect:Direct/DTF not active. Extended Submit Facility now available.
This message is displayed if the DTF is not working under Sterling Connect:Direct. ESF is a substitute for the DTF in this case, but is limited to one Process per user.

SCCS002I - No room available on work queue for this node. The Connect:Direct for CICS work queue for this DTF node is full.
This message is displayed when the work queue reaches its maximum capacity of tasks. Try your request again at a lower usage time.

SCCS003I - Connect:Direct for CICS monitor is not active.
This message is displayed when the DGAM transaction is not running.

SCCS007I - DTF node not active to Connect:Direct for CICS.
This message is displayed if the node name you typed in is not active in the Sterling Connect:Direct system.

SCCS007I - DTF node not active to Connect:Direct CICS.
This message is displayed if the node name you typed in is not active in the Sterling Connect:Direct system. If you are an administrator, check the NODE STATUS screen.

SCCS008I - Connect:Direct for CICS signon failure.
This message is displayed when a system logic error prevented your Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS CICS signon.

SCCS009I - Connect:Direct for CICS connection to DTF node is being shut.
This message is displayed when the logical connection from Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS CICS to the DTF node is being shut down.

SCCS010I - Connect:Direct for CICS has been shut down.
This message is displayed when the Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS CICS interface has been shut down by a system administrator, without waiting for active requests to complete execution.

SCCS011I - Connect:Direct for CICS subtask has been shut.
This message is displayed when the Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS CICS subtask assigned to process your request has been shut down, without waiting for active requests to complete execution.

SCCS013I - Copyfile successfully submitted.
This message is displayed if you typed in all the required data on the SENDING FILE screen and the RECEIVING FILE screen, and pressed **Enter**. You are returned to the COPYFILE screen from the RECEIVING FILE screen. The message is displayed only when a COPY file Process successfully completes under DTF.

SCCS014I - Output limit has been exceeded.
This message is displayed if the total number of lines returned to the DTF node exceeded the limit defined for the node during a SELECT operation.

SCCS016I - Connect:Direct for CICS connection to DTF node is being shut.
This message is displayed when the logical connection from Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS CICS to the DTF node is being shut down.

SCCS018I - Request could not be assigned to a subtask.
This message is displayed if you typed in incorrect data or unknown data. The system could not place the signon request in the work queue assigned to the DTF node for the length of time required to complete the signon process. Number of maximum users was exceeded, or incorrect entries in the SIGNON DEFAULTS record caused the failure.

SCCS023I - DTF node now available in ESF mode only.
This message is displayed if the DTF is down.

SENDING DSNAME required
This message is displayed if you pressed **Enter**, without typed a filename.

Sending or receiving node must equal current node - MYNODE.OS.USERID
This message is displayed if you typed in a different node number from yours in the sending number field and pressed **Enter**.

SESF000I - Process successfully submitted via ESF.
This message is displayed if you typed in all the required data on the SENDING FILE screen and the RECEIVING FILE screen and pressed **Enter**. You are returned to the COPYFILE screen from the RECEIVING FILE screen. The message is displayed only when you complete successfully a COPY file Process under ESF (when DTF is not working).

Shut immediate started, node *node name*
This message is displayed if you select option **I**, and you press **Enter** on an active node.

Shut normal started, node *node name*
This message is displayed if you select option **N**, and you press **Enter**, on an active node. The STATUS field changes to INACT, and the REQUEST field changes to SHUTNORM.

Shut rejected; node already inactive - *node name*
This message is displayed if you select option **S** and you press **Enter** on an inactive node.

Signon Defaults successfully updated - *userid*
This message is displayed if you press **PF9** while at the SIGNON DEFAULTS screen.

SOPA000I - Select process command was successful.
This message is displayed if you select option S and press **Enter**.

SOPA006I - No process(es) found matching the search criteria.
This message is displayed if you typed in values on the SELECT PROCESS screen, pressed **Enter**, and no match was found.

SOPA011I - One or more processes SELECTed.
This message is displayed if you press **Enter** without selecting a line command option.

SOPS000I - Select Statistics command successfully completed.
This message is displayed if you type in the correct data on the SELECT STATISTICS screen and press **Enter**.

SOPS006I - No statistics were found matching the criteria specified.
This message is displayed if you type in the correct data on the SELECT STATISTICS screen and press **Enter**, but there was no Process data in Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS CICS that matched your data.

START DATE invalid
This message is displayed if you typed in a start date that is unrecognizable by Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS CICS.

Start of file
This message is displayed if you scroll back to the top of the file through repeated use of the **PF7** key.

Start of file; values read from config file
This message is displayed when the you press **PF7** repeatedly to get to the top of the configuration file, then **PF8**, and then **PF7**.

Start of file; values read from signon defaults file
This message is displayed if you press **PF7** repeatedly and attempt to access data before the beginning of the file.

Start of node list
This message is displayed if you press **PF7** while you are already at the top of the available node list.

START TIME invalid
This message is displayed if you pressed **Enter**, with nothing typed in on the screen, or if you typed in a start time that is unrecognizable by Sterling Connect:Direct for z/OS CICS and pressed **Enter**.

UNSUPPORTED FUNCTION
This message is displayed if the CICS Interface is not started or if you typed in a command unknown to the system.

User does not have active work
This message is displayed if you select line commands **F** or **C** and no active subtask exists in the USER STATUS.

USS Command Completed Successfully
This message is displayed when the CICS signon is successful.

Value must be numeric if typed
This message is displayed if you typed in other characters than 0 to 9 and pressed **Enter**.

**Values read from config file * * * * *
This message is displayed if you press **PF9**. The screen is updated with the values recorded in the configuration file.

Note: The following message begins with a variable field and can change as the node names are changed.

***node name* not NETWORK NODE IN NETMAP specified**
This message is displayed if you type in the DTF NODE NAME and then press **PF5**. No match exists between the DTF NODE NAME and those specified in the NETMAP.

You must sign on to CICS before using Connect:Direct for CICS
This message is displayed in the STATUS ALERT MESSAGE field if you attempted to sign on to Sterling Connect:Direct before CICS.

Problem Isolation

This section contains suggested solutions to software problems.

DTF Busy Message

The terminal is clocked when you press a PF key or **Enter** on a Sterling Connect:Direct screen. If the processing of the Sterling Connect:Direct transaction requires communications with a Sterling Connect:Direct node, then your request is put into a CICS WAIT state.

The terminal clock is freed when the CICS Interface handles your request. The CICS Interface administrative function provides an inquiry capability for problem analysis in the event that the clock is not freed. A CICS Interface administrative function exists that aborts any specific Sterling Connect:Direct command that is in progress. This command frees the terminal clock and an error message is returned.

The Sterling Connect:Direct request is not cancelled, unless the request is not yet in progress, meaning that your request is allowed to complete, but the response is not sent back to you.

You cannot type another Sterling Connect:Direct command for the same node until the first request completes (only one command is allowed per user per node at a time).

CICS Transaction ABENDs

If a CICS transaction abends, then you are returned to CICS transaction mode. You can try to retype the transaction that abended, but you must start over, either on the SIGNON screen or on the PRIMARY MENU (if auto-signon is enabled).

In case the transaction abends while a Sterling Connect:Direct command is in process (because of a failure of the terminal, or because a CICS operator force-abended his transaction), the same situation occurs.

However, you cannot issue any further Sterling Connect:Direct requests until the prior request completes. Completion information from the outstanding request is not returned to you.

Your Terminal Hangs—No Response

CICS Interface requests are placed in a work queue, with one queue per node. Sterling Connect:Direct requests are rejected with a DTF busy error message, when a queue for a node reaches its maximum allowed length. If this condition occurs, contact your system administrator.

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