



Why

QSYSTEMS management for Sarbanes-Oxley Compliance?

Putting a Price on Accountability

The race for Sarbanes-Oxley compliance has seen an unprecedented collaboration between Finance, Legal and IT departments. These units are working together to ensure that the high level agreements necessary to implement a new culture of financial reporting visibility are successfully filtered from the boardroom right down to the internal processes of the systems that run their organizations. With personal accountability and staggering fines for violations at stake, IT managers face a seemingly daunting task. The good news for managers of IBM® Power Systems™ running IBM i or System i™ servers is that compliance can bring its own financial rewards.

Unveiling Internal Controls

The SOX mantra is simple: Monitor, Manage, Maintain. Identifying key internal controls and keeping a watchful eye on their activities, will greatly reduce the opportunity for fraud, while automating the monitoring process further eliminates the incidence for human error. This is the key objective of the Act: eliminate the risk wherever possible. No one can abolish risk entirely, but with the correct controls in place, any threat to the integrity of system data, or breach of SOX protocol will be immediately identified and recorded for full audit compliance.

Making SOX Compliance Pay

Compliance may come with a price tag, but the benefits of long-term implementation can typically save an organization the same cost many, many times over.

“Compliance is an issue that must be satisfied but it also affords companies the opportunity to look at system shortcomings and ask, what else can be achieved?”

General controls embedded in shared services include systems maintenance, disaster recovery, security, data management and incident response. Specific internal controls such as authorization, real-time reporting and transaction thresholds keep financial applications grounded in compliance. The right solutions can provide benefits that stretch far beyond a checklist of fulfillment and into the domain of optimal systems management – a state that suits everyone from the end user community to the CEO. In doing everything you must to comply with SOX, you could get everything you want from your system.

“Sarbanes-Oxley illustrates what pro-active IT managers have always known - effective systems management is more than a ‘best practice’ aspiration, it’s the critical foundation that will determine the success of the entire organization.”

What

can you do with QSYSTEMS management?

Performance Monitoring and Reporting

Monitor virtually any component of your Power System running IBM i including job status and performance, memory pool performance, system performance, LPAR, system configuration, objects, ASP’s, IOP utilization, communications performance and status with the powerful performance monitoring and reporting tool, QSystem Monitor. Total automation for routine and time consuming reporting tasks saves vast amounts of time. Run reports for single or multiple systems at a predefined time. Produce instant SLA’s. Clear graphical reports quickly illustrate ongoing performance trends to colleagues and management.

Message Management and Automation

Dictate the viewing and answering capabilities of users and keep sensitive information secure. Automatic central system transfer ensures central monitoring remains unaffected by a central system failure. Speech software and color coded messages bring visibility and audibility to important message alerts as they break. Escalate critical messages to defined individuals via mobile phone, email or the enterprise console for immediate resolution with QMessage Monitor, the message management and automation tool. Event monitoring ensures that if a scheduled task does not complete you will be informed.

Mobile Management

Have freedom to manage the system and remain on the move. Receive, acknowledge and reply to messages sent from the Power System or System i. Access data and run commands directly from your mobile phone. Field staff can manage key business measurements securely – exit programs offer infinite possibilities such as the checking of turnover figures, stock levels or credit limits or inputting orders, reserving stock and starting batch runs. Remain alert to system threats without compromising your mobility.

Solution Integration

QSystem Monitor and QMessage Monitor can be used as standalone solutions. QRemote Control benefits from the security and escalation features of QMessage Monitor and must be used in tandem. Together the three products form a powerful alliance – the total IBM i systems management solution for the Finance Industry.

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