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CCSS Enhance QSystem Monitor's LPAR Functionality

Gillingham, Kent, UK, January 2003 – QSystem Monitor, the performance monitoring and reporting solution from CCSS that allows users to centrally manage the performance of their LPAR environment, will soon benefit from a range of new, advanced LPAR features.

Already, QSystem Monitor users can view and manage in real-time, the individual performance variants from each partition, including CPU, response time and disk capacity. From this central point of control, any degradation in system performance can be easily identified and resolved before it poses a threat to system availability. Also, operators have access to crucial LPAR data through the System Environment screen giving them instant status conditions and information such as number of partitions, configured minimum, maximum and available memory; minimum, maximum and current percentages of interactive work and logical serial number data. Through QMessage Monitor, the networked escalation and message management solution developed by CCSS, users can keep a check on the exception messages generated by multiple QSYSOPR queues throughout their partitioned iSeries environment.

Ray Wright, Managing Director of CCSS explains the development objectives behind the new LPAR feature set: “Since their introduction into the marketplace, LPAR servers have been seen as a fast track solution to resource management, but that’s not the whole story. In reality, how well an LPAR environment is managed ultimately determines how beneficial it will be. Many of our new LPAR features have been designed to make the management of these environments much more simple; that means giving instant views on critical LPAR data and additional monitoring abilities.”

As part of the new feature set, QSystem Monitor's online monitor module will offer three dedicated performance bars to specifically monitor LPAR variants. The first (CRP) monitors the number of processors currently assigned to the partition. The second (CRM) monitors the amount of memory currently allocated to the partition and the third (CRI) monitors the current interactive percentage allocated to the partition.

Another new feature in the online monitor is a partition information window that provides instant confirmation of essential LPAR data such as processor limits for interactive and database, ratio values for memory, interactive percentage and shared processors. Alternatively, users can obtain a summary view of all partitions within a physical system, making this feature particularly useful for operators who need to keep track of resources when working in an environment that supports a large number of partitions.

Systems management tasks typical of a complex and demanding LPAR environment can be met with the current Version 10 of QSystem Monitor and Version 5 of QMessage Monitor. The new LPAR feature set will be available later this year as part of a larger Version 11 update of QSystem Monitor. Both QSystem Monitor and QMessage Monitor are recommended and approved by IBM's Systems Management Partner Group. CCSS has direct offices in UK, USA and Germany and a worldwide agent network.

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