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System i Operators Reap the Rewards of More Time and More Disk with QSystem Monitor's New Purge and Data Reorganization Features

Jan 30, 2008 – Systems Management Specialist, CCSS, today announces the launch of three new features for their IBM ServerProven solution, QSystem Monitor. The new Purge-Whilst-Active feature, Reorganize Selected Files feature and Disk Usage Inquiry option have been created with the routine tasks of operators in mind and offer optimal monitoring and best use of their existing disk resources. With possible recession fears propelling aggressive cost-efficiency to the top of the 2008 agenda for many IT Managers, QSystem Monitor's timely new features give System i environments the distinct advantage of helping to build and sustain economic efficiency in their daily processes.

The new Purge-whilst-Active feature is based within QSystem Monitor's history module and as the name suggests, important data purges can now be made without the need to end the product. For IT Managers, this means that they never have to compromise their real-time monitoring in order to free up valuable additional disk through the MONPURGE command. By breaking the command down into two separate elements, a purge of data and a subsequent reorganization of the files, Managers can delete records – essentially flagging them for deletion and reorganize the files at a more appropriate time when the system is less busy.

The new Reorganize Selected Files feature (MONRGZPF) makes up the second part of the purge process and although the command is primarily intended for reorganizing the MSM database in the purge process, it can be used as a separate function for *any* library across the network. The command is used to reorganize files with more than a certain number of deleted records and will skip any members that cannot be allocated exclusively. In an example of a routine purge, Managers can set the command to reorganize all data files in the MSM installed library where the number of deleted records is, for example, at least 20% of the total records in the file. The result of these two powerful commands is a considerable saving of disk space, Managers' time and subsequently, IT spend.

The new Disk Usage Inquiry option makes use of the new MONRGZPF command within the disk module of QSystem Monitor. This allows Managers to easily reorganize those files that have the largest number or percentage of deleted records. Managers can use this to make an immediate impact on the system environment and free up valuable disk space, eliminating the need for additional, immediate disk spend. Larger real-world System i environments could be supporting over a million deleted records that are taking up space on the machine. By using



this new feature, Managers can quickly identify such costly repositories via the new Disk Usage Inquiry feature and could reclaim up to 10% of their auxiliary storage immediately.

CCSS CEO and President, Ray Wright, says the impact of the new features offer immediate tangible results for IT Managers, “Features such as this are really having a great impact at customer sites. For IT Managers it’s a gift that keeps on giving – for them it’s almost like they receive 10% of extra disk free each time they use it on a sufficiently large number of records. The benefits are far-reaching – a leaner more efficient environment, less time spent on routine processes and all without encroaching on their need for continuous monitoring. These new features around the purge functionality are typical of the ways we’re extending the product all the time and building in greater flexibility for System i Managers.”

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