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NEWS

Benelux Agent SYRES adds Marketing & Sales Manager



Chantal van Mierlo has joined Benelux CCSS Agent BSP-SYRES as

Marketing and Sales Manager, reported Robert Bosch, Technical Manager. Bosch is seeing companies making more IT investments these days, and expects CCSS products to become an increasingly important share of SYRES revenue. "In the past, companies hired contractors, but as systems become more complex and there are more of them, they realize it's better to hire their own IT staff and give them the tools they need, such as the QSystems Management Suite." The SYRES Benelux client base includes ABN AMRO (banking), Transavia (charter airline), RICOH (printers) and Mexx (clothing). SYRES can be found on the Web at www.syres.nl or reached at +31 (0) 30 605 35 55. [Click here for full details](#)

Nordic Agent Scribona becomes Informatikk Sverige

Informatikk



The principals of Scribona Platform Partner

AB have formed a new company, Informatikk Sverige, selling systems software to the iSeries community at large and hardware to customers of the ERP software vendor Intenia. Informatikk is growing, having added four highly qualified systems specialists last month to deepen its focus on systems software and related services. Jorgen Blomstervall, Manager of Partner Relations, said that Informatikk is one of IBM's largest resellers in the Nordic countries (Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Finland). "We see a demand for systems management software. Larger customers especially want to monitor their system performance," he said. Informatikk Sverige can be found on the Web at www.informatikk.se or reached at +46 (0) 31 792 81 00. [Click here for full details](#)

Users are upbeat at COMMON Chicago

It wasn't the cold winds off Lake Michigan that warmed up the North American COMMON conference and Expo held in Chicago mid-March. More likely, it was the increase in

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These days, IT, Finance and Legal are all collaborating to bring accountability to financial reporting. QSystem Monitor, QMessage Monitor and QRemote Control can help. Learn how by requesting the free [Sarbanes-Oxley Datasheet](#).

Free trial software for you or your colleagues

Getting a 30-day trial of CCSS solutions is easy. just visit

<http://www.ccssltd.com/downloads/trialrequest.asp> and request it. We'll contact you to determine exactly what you need, then send out a CD and activation code. Throughout the 30-day trial you have access to our experts. We can even come out and install it for you. Know anyone who could benefit from QSystem Management solutions? Direct them to the link, too.

TECHNICAL TIP

The Art of Security Audit Journal Maintenance - Part 1 of 3

By Kurt Thomas



In ancient China, if you were to become a painter of miniatures, you had to cram theory for three years before you were even allowed to touch a brush. Ancient China wasn't much "on-demand" in that respect. But if you want to monitor your security-related events, you don't have to wait three years. All you need is to know the basic ingredients of the Art of Security Audit Journal Maintenance, and you can take your first steps at security auditing. (This is assuming the Security Audit Journal is running on your systems. If not, it's something we - and Big Blue - definitely recommend you take a look at.)

In this first part of The Art of Security Audit Journal Maintenance, I'll show you how to display the number of different security-related events that occurred on your system, using QMM's own commands.

First, pick a system where QMessage Monitor V6 is running (can be host or remote system). From the command-line, enter:

interest in new iSeries solutions among COMMON attendees. After several years of cutting IT expenditures, it seems that companies are again budgeting for new and enhanced iSeries technologies. At the CCSS booth in the three-day COMMON Expo, Dawn Wilkinson Account Manager and David Henderson, Technical Support, fielded a range of questions and demonstrated QSystem Monitor and QMessage Monitor. "People are more open to proactive systems management than before," observed Wilkinson. "They are looking for ways to identify, isolate and avoid outages or CPU performance degradation that could harm their business. Companies that have a big web presence seem particularly interested. They generally have multiple iSeries systems and LPARs, so there is a lot to track."

SHOW BUSINESS

COMMON Europe

June 5-7 - Kurhaus, Scheveningen, The Netherlands

<http://www.cec2005.com/>

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To schedule your advance appointment for a demonstration. Click here: sales@ccssltd.com

Spring iSeries Technical Conference

June 6-10 - San Francisco, CA

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Fall COMMON

September 18-22 - Orlando, Florida

Fall iSeries Technical Conference

October 17-19 - Miami, Florida

ADDLIBLE MM

SBMJOB CMD(MMANZADJ DAYS(7))

Wait until the job has left the job queue, then enter:

MMAJFRPT SYST(<system name as defined in MM>) SEQ(*OCCN)

You have now created a report that contains the number of occurrences for different security-relevant events, for the past 7 days. You can view this report with WRKSPLF, but I find it easier to print this out or transfer it to a PC and paste it into Excel.

Each line of the report describes a type of security-relevant event that has occurred and been registered in the Security Audit Journal through the past seven days. For instance, "Authority Failure: &14 Not authorized to object &10/&9 &11. " means that someone (or something) tried to access an object, but did not have the necessary authority to do so, and this was recorded in the Security Audit Journal. The column "Occurrence" will tell you how often this happened.

The way that QMessage Monitor works is to create a message for each of the entries in the Security Audit Journal, and place the message into the special message queue MMAUDJRN. If you have used OS/400's built-in command for viewing the Security Audit Journal, you will know that the output is a bit, shall we say, hard to crack. QMM makes life easier for you by putting the explanation of each entry where you can immediately see it, into the newly created message.

In the next instalment, I will show you how, based on the above report, you can define filters for Security Audit Journal messages, and in the third instalment we will finally bring it all together by enabling monitoring and checking our configuration. If this is something you need to know now, contact me at

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