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COMPANY NEWS

CCSS Adds Michael Collins as Quality Assurance Manager

CCSS Managing Director Ray Wright announces that Michael Collins has joined the firm as Quality Assurance Manager. The appointment reflects the firm's ongoing commitment to quality throughout the customer life-cycle. "One of our core principles is 'Listen To Our Customers,' and Collins will focus on ensuring that our business and development processes continue to start with understanding each customer's requirements and end with delivering products and services in a timely and fully satisfactory manner," notes Wright.

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QMM Real-Time Command Monitoring Facility Alerts Operations and Security/Audit Staff When Sensitive Commands Run on the iSeries

CCSS announces that one of many proactive monitoring features in its QMessage Monitor software allows operations and security/audit staff to be notified whenever particular users run sensitive commands on the IBM iSeries. "While it is possible to secure every single command on an iSeries using standard OS/400 security, most iSeries shops tend to allow everyone with reasonable authority to access and run commands," explained Paul Ratchford, CCSS Product Manager. "Of particular interest are the user profiles with *ALLOBJ authority. They can run practically any command on the system, which can be very dangerous. "See also our technical tip below"

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TECHNICAL TIP COMMAND MONITORING

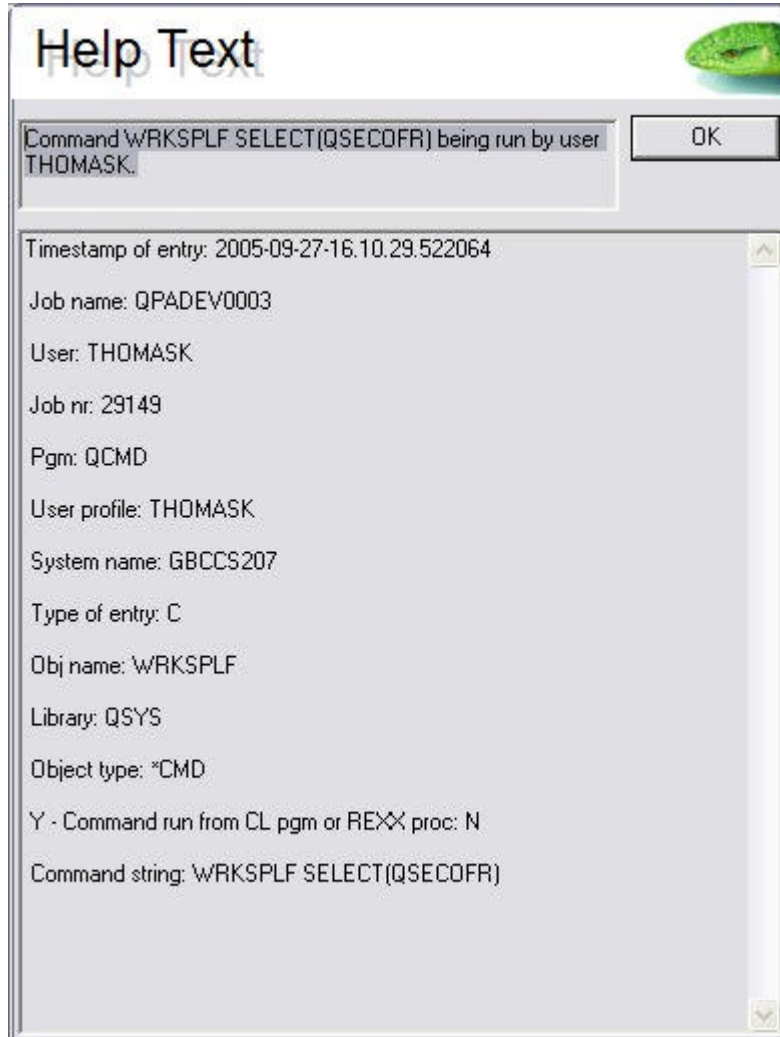
By Kurt Thomas

If you are actively monitoring the security of your iSeries, you will like this one. Let's assume you have a particular user profile, which is used only for security-related tasks. Here's the scoop: With QMessage Monitor's Security Audit Journal monitoring facility, you can keep track of every single command that is executed under this user profile. This is very handy from an accountability perspective.

To enable this command monitoring, first turn on monitoring on the OS side for the selected user profile: `CHGUSRAUD USRPRF(important_user) AUDLVL(*CMD)`. If you are logged on as `important_user`, then you need to log off and log on again for the change to take effect. Then, assuming that Security Audit Journal monitoring is already up and running, you should use `MMAJFMNT` (Audit Journal Filter Maintenance) to verify that messages with code CD and message IDs UCD0001 and UCD0002 are not filtered out.

From then on, whenever a command is executed from that user profile, you will receive a message with the text "Command run from other than from CL program." In the QMM PC Console client, display the message details, then Help, to see the name of the command that was executed.

If you want to make this a bit more convenient for yourself, use an Auto-Reply Rule to rewrite the message text. For this, you would use the Override Message Text function to change the text to something like "Command &13 being run by user &6."



Now enjoy the new view you have of your systems!

In the next issue please look out for my technical tip 'Emailing a Joblog'. This will allow you to send work to other people :-). If you would like any additional technical assistance please contact us at us.support@ccssltd.com and we will be happy to assist you.



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