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Kisco's BlueFax Release 4.2 Has New Features, Price Reduced

Mount Kisco, NY, March 1, 2002: Kisco Information Systems today announced release 4.2 of BlueFax; their iSeries-AS/400 based fax server solution. Enhancements include new communications options, support for AFPDS and IPDS generated reports, support for terminal server solutions and improved spool file handling. Kisco has also announced a decrease in the product's price.

To simplify installation, BlueFax 4.2 now utilizes the standard internal data/fax modem, model 2771 that is shipped with all iSeries AS/400 computers. The product also supports the IBM 7852-400 "Options" Data/Fax modem, and the 8-line internal data/fax modem model 2761. BlueFax Client, the servers PC software component has been modified to run on thin client terminal server solutions from manufacturers such as Citrix. By better utilizing existing hardware and network components, the need for additional or dedicated hardware is eliminated, reducing the cost of implementation.

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BlueFax's spool file handling capabilities have been also been improved. The product now handles Advanced Function Printer Data Stream (AFPDS) and Intelligent Printer Data Stream (IPDS) generated reports, in addition to character-based reports.

New forwarding rules for spool files enable users to define how a spool file is handled depending on its content. Options include faxing, emailing or sending the document to a printer if a fax number or email address is missing. BlueFax produces automatic alerts that are sent to users when a fax transmission completes or ends in error after multiple retries.

To make the product more affordable, Kisco has reduced the price by \$500, from \$3,495 to \$2,995. Included is one copy of the iSeries-AS/400 server component BlueFax Server, and one copy of the desktop PC based BlueFax Client 2000. BlueFax software license fees are not model and processor dependent so no additional fees are charged if you upgrade your system.

BlueFax is a turnkey fax server solution for iSeries-AS/400 computers. In twenty minutes a technician can load BlueFax onto an iSeries-AS/400 computer with a configured ECS modem and transmit and receive faxes immediately. BlueFax sends, receives, stores, and facilitates the printing of fax documents from terminal sessions and PC desktops. BlueFax also enables users to transmit data from production applications in a fax format.

Beyond supporting all of the product's functionality through a terminal session, BlueFax supports full PC client fax functions. BlueFax Client 2000 enables PC users to view faxes on-line, send faxes directly from their desktop applications and print these documents at their desk. Any current Microsoft Windows client can use the fax server features. BlueFax Client 2000 is not dependent on Client Access, IBM's terminal emulator.

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With BlueFax you can transmit fax documents directly from your iSeries-AS/400 applications by merging an individual spool file entry and a BlueFax forms overlay to produce a fax document that looks like a standard company form. Users can send invoices, statements, purchase orders, and other documents easily and quickly. These forms can be archived, retrieved and retransmitted as needed. Forms overlays can be automatically linked with a FORMTYPE.

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BlueFax allows faxes to be sent to individual destinations or to several recipients on a distribution list. For inbound activity, filters can be configured to minimize unwanted fax commercials.

The optional email module, BlueMail, facilitates the receipt of fax documents to email boxes. The fax image is received as an attachment to the email. All graphics appearing on the original fax are reproduced exactly in the email attachment.

BlueFax also has a unique "Send Note" feature that allows users to create a note on any terminal and quickly send it as a fax document or email.

Kisco technicians state that the impact of BlueFax on iSeries-AS/400 system resources is negligible. Because BlueFax runs in its own subsystem, it will not interfere with production processes. BlueFax maintains its own joblog and provides complete status on all activities.

Kisco Information Systems offers a free 30-day evaluation of BlueFax that can be downloaded with complete software documentation in PDF format from www.kisco.com. For a free evaluation on CD call Kisco at (914) 241- 7233 or e-mail sales@kisco.com.

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