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Kisco's DSK Manager Enhanced in Version 5

Saranac Lake, NY, September 25, 2002: **Kisco Information Systems**

(www.kisco.com) today announced several enhancements to its automated disk backup/restoration and media management solution called DSK Manager.

DSK Manager enables system administrators to easily implement a comprehensive backup strategy and reduce system downtime by automatically creating backups in periodic intervals or in near real time while the system is still in use. Unlike SAVLIB, SAVOBJ and other backup modalities, DSK Manager does not require an iSeries or AS/400 computer to be quiesced, or placed in a restrictive state.

The new DSK Manager release includes enhanced save/restore and archiving capabilities for all backup sets. In the event of a disk failure or condition that requires production processing to be moved off site, DSK Manager backups can now be more quickly reloaded due to improvements made to the product's user interface and functionality.

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Release 5 also includes online support for reviewing QDLS and IFS backups. A new easy-to-use query mechanism enables administrators to search these backup sets for specific objects or files and restore them on an individual basis. Immediate access to the contents of saved IFS files can help administrators resolve problems with Client Access, Lotus Domino, Windows Server, and other core tools and applications that use this file structure. Rich Loeber, President of Kisco Information Systems states, "Users have grown dependent on remote system access and 24 hour access to email. DSK Manager helps leverage quick resolution to problems in these areas and sustain productivity."

QDLS and IFS backups are now also included in total recovery restore processing.

DSK Manager minimizes data loss when a disk fails because it creates a shadow copy of designated files when they are in use during a backup. "If an administrator forgets to do a nightly backup or fails to place the system in restricted state causing the backup job to abend, exposure to material loss resulting from a failure increases," Loeber contends. "This product is an easy and inexpensive way to reduce human error and maintain backup datasets that are current. It's very thin and represents a technicians first and best option."

Very few iSeries and AS/400 shops can afford to back up the entire system every night because of storage and time constraints. By identifying different OS/400 object types, DSK Manager enables administrators to create separate backups that run on independent schedules. Because data objects in most production environments change on a daily basis, while program objects change

less frequently, DSK Manager has a Master/Incremental Backup feature that enables these procedures to be scheduled when needed. Access Paths can be backed up on a weekly basis, for example, along with logical files.

Archival features are key to quick recovery. DSK Manager's tape library automatically logs the status of each tape in the backup library for online review. Search functions are available for quick access. Backups can be reviewed by Object and selectively or globally restored to disk through simple menu options. Administrators can assign a retention period to each backup set. When a backup set reaches its expiration date, DSK Manager automatically scratches it.

With native OS/400 commands, the feedback administrators receive, during and after save and recovery processes, is limited. DSK Manager generates status messages during save and restore operations, full audit reports when finished, and produces comprehensive disk management analysis reports.

DSK Manager license fees for any model AS/400 or iSeries computer run \$995. The product is a complete system; additional modules are not required. Discounts for multiple systems are available. One year of software maintenance is included. A free 30-day evaluation of the product can be ordered from www.kisco.com. To obtain a free evaluation on CD call Kisco at (518) 897-5002 or e-mail sales@kisco.com.

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