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News Release

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BCD's New Catapult V7 Offers Fastest, Most Versatile Automated System i Report Distribution Solution Yet

CHICAGO, May 19, 2008 – Today, trusted System i software tools vendor **Business Computer Design, Int'l. Inc.** (www.bcdsoftware.com) announced Catapult version 7 beta release. Catapult is BCD's widely used, award-winning Automated Report Distribution and Document Management solution.

Catapult has been rebuilt from top to bottom in V7, making it faster, more scalable and more versatile than ever before. In addition to its performance enhancements, Catapult's compatibility with new operating system releases has also been improved.

BCD's development partner, ExcelSystems Software Development, invested over 2.5 personnel-years in this initiative. Catapult's client component is now based in C# .NET while the System i component has been written in native ILE. "We were able to improve the quality of the software from the lowest to highest levels," says Duncan Kenzie, president of ExcelSystems. "Now Catapult will perform optimally with current and forthcoming i5/OS and modern Windows environments."

Catapult automatically distributes spool files from IBM System i servers, IBM Power Systems as well as PC files from network directories. The reports can be converted to PDF and other popular file formats and emailed, printed, faxed, archived to network drives or published to the Web via the ECM (Enterprise Content Manager) which is part of BCD's license free Nexus Portal.

Catapult also gives users the ability to split reports into separate report segments and distribute them using Catapult distribution groups. Graphical form overlays can be added for professional-looking reports or documents. Catapult was first introduced 10 years ago and is one of BCD's most popular products in their suite of modernization solutions.

"While we have many thousands of clients using our modernization solutions we are always seeking ways to improve and reinvest in our solutions by adding advanced functionality, value,

as well as exceed client and marketplace expectations. We have again met that goal with this major Catapult release. I believe this is one of the reasons Catapult has received eight industry awards for software excellence, and BCD has received close to 40 industry awards for our entire suite of software products," says Eric Figura, BCD's Director of Sales and Marketing.

Exponential Performance Improvement

According to Kenzie, benchmark tests performed on a System i model 520 shows that it now takes one minute and forty six seconds to process 1,000 spool files in V7. With the previous version it would have taken 42 minutes to complete the same amount of work. Similar performance improvements have been recorded in other tests.

UI & Console

Catapult V7 also has a completely redesigned user interface and console to make operations more intuitive to the user and improve productivity. Particular attention was paid to the main console window, the configuration windows, and the spool file selection and viewing windows.

Grab Rule Editor

The often-used Grab Rule Editor has been completely redesigned to improve the process flow when creating new distribution rules, and to establish clearer links between related functions. Grab Rules are Catapult's user settings that specify which spooled files to download, how they will be distributed, and in what file format they will be distributed. Now, the key steps are better organized and it is easier to navigate the many options that Catapult now supports.

Poller

After you have refined your grab rules, the Catapult Poller is the engine that handles document distribution. As with the interactive components, the Catapult 7 Poller has been rebuilt from scratch. The Poller runs faster and more efficiently, and now includes additional scheduling options to give you more control over when it runs. You can run multiple poller instances in completely separate environments, cache and temporary file handling has been greatly improved, and we've also enhanced how printing and faxing is handled.

Availability

Anyone who is interested in participating in this beta test is encouraged to complete the request form located at <http://esdi.excelsystems.com/iserics400apps/betareq.pgm?product=catapult7> . Once you have submitted this form, a representative will contact you. If you have questions on Catapult V7 beta, please call BCD at (630) 986-0800, or forward your request via e-mail to sales@bcdsoftware.com. A product specialist can answer any questions or schedule a Live Web Demo at your convenience.

New license fees for Catapult range from \$4,250 to \$10,500 based on model and processor. Catapult delivers tremendous value as a stand-alone solution however it can also be tightly integrated with other BCD offerings, including Nexus Portal, EZ-Pickin's, Spool-Explorer, WebSmart, and ProGen Plus.

About BCD

BCD has received close to 40 industry awards, including eight for Catapult, for software excellence. They have 30+ years of experience in the IBM midrange marketplace. Over 30,000 copies of its software products have been licensed worldwide by over 10,000 organizations. BCD is a member of IBM's System i ISV Advisory Council and is an IBM Advanced Business Partner. All of BCD's key solutions are included on IBM's System i Developer Roadmap and are IBM Server Proven.

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