



BakBone Advances IDP Strategy with New Backup Reporting and Storage Resource Management Software

SAN DIEGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 21, 2005-- NetVault: Report Manager Delivers Customers the Data Protection and Centralized Administration Required for Improved Staff Productivity and Operational Efficiency

Building on a continuing wave of strategic announcements in support of its recently announced Integrated Data Protection(TM) (IDP) strategy, BakBone Software(R) (TSX:BKB)(Pink Sheets:BKBO), a global provider of data protection software, today announced the availability of NetVault(R): Report Manager, a storage reporting and analysis tool with integrated monitoring for single or multi-server environments. Tightly integrated with BakBone's NetVault(R): Backup and disaster recovery software, NetVault: Report Manager uses one common interface to deploy and manage both backup and storage resource management (SRM) reporting. With this latest IDP offering, NetVault: Report Manager significantly reduces the time spent on backup administration and gives customers an extra measure of data protection by increasing visibility into storage operations.

"Providing customers a holistic view of their data protection environment is central to BakBone's Integrated Data Protection vision," said Jim Johnson, president and CEO of BakBone Software. "Over the past few weeks, we've been aggressively laying the IDP foundation that gives end-users the flexibility to access and interact with data when they want it, where they want it and how they want it. By bringing together backup reporting and SRM with NetVault: Backup, customers can improve their overall management of today's growing storage environments. This new integrated approach simplifies data and storage management, allowing administrators to focus on other more pressing IT tasks."

NetVault: Report Manager is the result of a strategic collaboration between BakBone Software and Otium Software(TM) Ltd, a United Kingdom-based provider of affordable SRM software. The platform consists of NetVault: Report Manager for Backup and NetVault: Report Manager for Disk Space components. These modules deliver integrated support of the following functionality:

- Centralized monitoring and reporting
- Storage trends prediction and analysis
- Rapid identification and resolution of storage problems
- Storage resource optimization
- Compliance with mounting regulations
- Reduced total cost of ownership

According to Cherry Campbell, director at The Hot Office, a UK-based company that specializes in providing occasional and permanent serviced office space, meeting rooms, video-conferencing and telephone answering services, the simplicity and versatility of NetVault: Report Manager has reduced administrative headaches while enabling the team to stay focused on important customer service initiatives. "We don't have the time or resources to worry whether backups are being performed properly," she explains. "We've been able to cut our backup administration effort in half and increase our customer-support operations by taking advantage of NetVault: Report Manager, along with NetVault: Backup software and its virtual disk library (VDL) backup to disk capabilities. We no longer have to check disk space or worry if a backup performed properly because NetVault's integrated monitoring and reporting functionality gives us a complete picture of our data protection

strategies and storage environment."

Using real time notification and trend analysis, NetVault: Report Manager for Backup proactively consolidates jobs, drives and media status across an entire NetVault enterprise with multiple backup servers deployed. NetVault: Report Manager for Disk Space provides disk and volume monitoring and analyzes storage and file system data across heterogeneous environments for more efficient use of storage resources.

"As storage environments grow more complex, I am seeing IT organizations struggle both to gain an accurate picture of whether their data is properly protected and apply the appropriate resources to manage it," said Arun Taneja, founder and consulting analyst of The Taneja Group. "By integrating both backup reporting and SRM functionality within a single management console and offering customers a consolidated view of their environment, BakBone(R) eliminates this administrative headache while providing greater assurance of backup success."

Additional NetVault: Report Manager functionality highlights include:

- Centralized control and monitoring from local or remote dashboard clients provides management control with color coded alert warnings
- Single holistic view of multiple NetVault domains, including backup server and job status with device and media pool statistics readily available
- Backup reporting provides automated report scheduling and email distribution, as well as predictive views of potential operation limitations
- Trend analysis in NetVault: Report Manager for Disk Space helps predict capacity overload on storage infrastructure
- Automated disk storage and system threshold monitoring detects and alerts against potential breaches before problems occur
- Operational in minutes with a simple five click standard install for single server environments or a customizable installation process for the enterprise
- Reports include multimedia files, data not backed up, files by owner and unsuccessful backup jobs over time, all of which may be useful starting points for implementing operational, regulatory or legal compliance procedures and practices.

Pricing and Availability

BakBone's NetVault: Report Manager product suite is available now for Windows 2000, 2003 and XP Professional server operating environments. Pricing per supported server starts at \$495 for NetVault: Report Manager for Backup and \$278 for NetVault: Report Manager for Disk Space. NetVault 7.x workgroup package begins at \$1,195 for x86 based systems and \$1,595 for x86-64 based operating systems. Customers can license modules separately or deploy them together. For more information on the BakBone reseller partner nearest you or to purchase either reporting or SRM software plug-in, please visit BakBone's web site at http://www.bakbone.com/products/how_to_buy/.

About BakBone Software, Inc.

BakBone Software is a leading international data protection solution provider that develops and distributes heterogeneous data backup, restore, disaster recovery, replication and storage reporting software for network storage and open-systems environments. BakBone delivers scalable solutions

that address the complex demands of large enterprise environments, as well as small to medium size businesses. Founded in 2000, BakBone products are used by Fortune 1000 corporations and domestic and international government entities. Distributed through a select global network of strategic partners, resellers and solution providers, interested companies can learn more information about BakBone's products and services and its newly introduced IDP vision at www.bakbone.com or email info@bakbone.com.

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