End of May product release report

This is the second monthly bulletin documenting releases of software, documentation, brochures, etc by Global Business Systems; they cover both current releases and proposed future releases. The future release dates are `best guesses'.

Comparison with last month's intentions will show a slippage of most activities in the `System Manager' arena of a couple of days. This is due to unforeseen problems early in the month causing all jobs to be started and therefore finished late. You will also notice that problems found during QC of the new–style Global 3000 upgrades has delayed their release.

TABLE A – ITEMS PASSED BY QUALITY CONTROL IN MAY					
Ref	*Description*		*Date of release*	*Bulletin number*	*Comments*
653/680	Payroll & BACS version 6.2	**Tranche I** Payroll and BACS themselves	3–May–94	GT671	The Payroll and BACS releases were intended to be made in three tranches; in fact II and III were released together. See item 0 in table C for details of tranche IV.
690		**Tranches II and III** Autopostings, Record Layouts and Tailoring kits	17–May–94	GT678	
630	GSM (BOS) Nucleus variant 4.1 miscellaneous enhancements		9–May–94	GT673	
681/682	Autozap run 7038		starting on 9–May–94	GT674	Autozaps are sent out over a period of a few days.
650	Hardware Factsheet 1		10–May–94	GT675	
565/656	Global Integrator version 2.0A		19–May–94	GT679	
694	Global System Manager etc version 8.1 Advance Product Information		20–May–94	GT681	See item 0 in table C for details.
603	System Manager BACNAT for SCO variant 3.115; fix to NOT READY problems on printers		27–May–94	GT682	Feedback received from β test sites.

TABLE B – ITEMS WHICH HAVE ENTERED QUALITY CONTROL BUT HAD NOT BEEN RELEASED AT END OF MAY		
Ref	*Description*	*Status, Comments and, if possible, predicted release date*
683	Global 3000 Upgrades style 2 – Debtors and Creditors	A number of problems have been found and resolved since these entered QC on 5th and 16th May. We now have what we believe is a final version and we look to release this on 8th June.
692	Global 3000 Upgrades style 2 – General Ledger	
695	System Manager Novell variant 1.9 This consists of two items: • A Network diagnostic and performance monitoring tool based on the Unix `ping' utility; • A screen similar to $STATUS to provide network information.	This is now unconnected with the certification activities detailed in item 0 in table C. This job entered QC on 31st May and should be released on 6th June
696	Global Reporter (C–ISAM) Advanced Product Information	This was released on 1st June. See item 0 in table C.

TABLE C – FUTURE RELEASES PLANNED				
Item in this list	**Description**	**Due in Quality Control**	**Release Expected**	**Comments**
1	Version 8.1 of: • Global System Manager (part of tranche I) • Global System Manager PM (part of tranche I) • BOS (part of tranche I) • Global Configurator (part of tranche I) • Global File Convertors (part of trance I) • Global 3000 Speedbase Development (tranche II) • Global 2000 Cobol (tranche III)	Informal β Test of all 3 tranches 22–Jul–94	 29–Jul–94	The Advance Product Information has been published (see table A)
		Tranche I		
		early Sep–94	early Oct–94	
		Tranche II		
		early Oct–94	early Nov–94	
		Tranche III		
		early Nov–94	early Dec–94	
2	A version of Reporter to allow operation in conjunction with C–ISAM databases. This may well be issued as a zap	25–Jul–94	29–Jul–94	The API was released on 1st June. This has slipped 3 weeks since the end–of–April report.
3	Solution to on–going problem of slow running under certain circumstances at Unix sites; Log 2643	8–Jun–94	10–Jun–94	
4	New System Manager for DOS and Novell plus a new DMAM which will allow DMAM to read/write to Btrieve files. New version of DMAM will also access C–ISAM files under Unix.	Informal β tests ongoing		Since the end–of–April PRR, informal β tests have been added and the job has slipped one week.
		full Release		
		20–Jun–94	24–Jun–94	
5	Various certification and accreditation activities for System Manager for Novell	Self certification Timing not confirmed		This involved Global Business Systems ensuring that the Novell System Manager meets Novell's standards
		Novell Accreditation Timing not confirmed		This involves submitting Global to Novell for a formal stamp of approval
6	Version 2.1 of Global Integrator	API 7–Jun–94	 9–Jun–94	We expect to be able to schedule the release in time for the next monthly Product release report. The API slipped from May into June due to pressure of other work.
		Final release Timing not confirmed		
7	Unixware availability. This will be a new configuration volume	18–Jul–94	25–Jul–94	
8	Distribution of both HP and RS/6000 System Manager on DAT tape	25–Jul–94	2–Aug–94	Note that we now intend to produce RS software as well as HP software on tape
9	Version 6.2 of Payroll, BACS and Payroll Autopostings plus associated tailoring kit. Tranches I to III were released on 3rd & 17th May (see table A). Tranche IV remains to be released and is described here	Tranche IV 8–Jun–94	 13–Jun–94	Interface from Payroll to Global 3000 Cash Manager.
10	Problem in V4.2 POP of possible `database inconsistent' when many users attempting to enter Purchase Invoices.	6–Jun–94	10–Jun–94	This will be delivered as a zap or a repackaging
11	Global 3000 System test version 4.2	This will be done in July, although it may slip if other items intervene		These are the scripts used in the testing of Global 3000 version 4.2
12	Work to interface Global 3000 to the `Uniman' Manufacturing product.	Timing not confirmed		
13	Global 3000 Asset Register version 4.2 and	β test		

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	associated source	8–Jul–94	14–Jul–94	
		full release timing not confirmed		
14	Global 2000 Cash Manager version 6.1	**API**		
		16–Jun–94	20–Jun–94	
		full release, β tests etc timing not confirmed		
15	Global 3000 Costing	Project being started – nothing to report yet		

16	Global 3000 Applications version 4.3	API		
		16–Jun–94	20–Jun–94	
		Final release, β tests etc Timing not confirmed		
17	Global 3000 Romanian products version 4.1A and 4.2	API This will be produced in June 1994		
		Final release, β tests etc Timing not confirmed		
18	Autozaps – plans for the rest of the year	3–Jun–94	will start to be distributed on 13–Jun–94	1 month's zaps up to 31 May 1994
		1–Jul–94	will start to be distributed on 11–Jul–94	1 month's zaps up to 27 June 1994
		29–Jul–94	will start to be distributed on 8–Aug–94	6 month's zaps up to 25 July 1994
		2–Sep–94	will start to be distributed on 12–Sep–94	1 month's zaps up to 30 August 1994
		30–Sep–94	will start to be distributed on 10–Oct–94	1–month's zaps to 26 September 1994
		4–Nov–94	will start to be distributed on 14–Nov–94	3 month's zaps up to 31 October 1994
		2–Dec–94	will start to be distributed on 12–Dec–94	1 month's zaps up to 28 November 1994