

# Btrieve and C-ISAM compatible DMAM now available

## INTRODUCTION

Global Business Systems is pleased to announce the release of a new version of the Global Cobol Data Management Access Method (DMAM). This version of DMAM allows developers to produce DMAM applications that access C-ISAM format DMAM databases and Btrieve format DMAM databases. DMAM is released as part of Global 2000 Cobol; we intend to update Global 2000 Cobol in December with this new version of DMAM.

In order that developers who are anxious for information about this facility before December can familiarise themselves with the facilities and prepare for the release of version 8.1, we have made available, from today, a separate product **DM – DMAM (temporary) – Version 8.0M**.

## FEATURES OF DMAM V8.0M

The significant changes between the DMAM released with V6.2 Global 2000 Cobol and this DMAM are as follows:-

- A version of DMAM is now available which holds the data in either a series of Informix C-ISAM files (i.e. a *C-ISAM format DMAM database*), or a series of Btrieve files (i.e. a *Btrieve format DMAM database*) or as a *Global format DMAM database*;
- A new routine DBKES\$ is provided, to return index key segment data from a DMAM database so that the key structure can be examined by an application program;
- A database structured dump and diagnostics utility, DMSDUMP, is available;
- A monitor paged version of DMAM is available.

## VERSION CONTROL

Programs written to use the facilities of the V6.1 or V6.2 Global Cobol Data Management system will continue to work unchanged with the V8.0M Global Cobol Data Management system. However, programs using any new features of the V8.0M Global Cobol Data Management system must **only** be used with the V8.0M subroutines otherwise data corruption may occur.

It is vital to appreciate that programs using any of the new features described above require version 8.1 of System Manager to run. Users without a beta test release of version 8.1 will need to await the release of version 8.1 System Manager in October to utilise these facilities. Thus, in general, the main purpose of this release is to allow familiarisation and preparation by developers.

Developers using V8.0M DMAM can use it in conjunction with either:

- Version 8.0 System Manager and version 6.2 of Cobol; or
- Version 8.1 (β test) System Manager and version 8.1 (β test) Cobol.

## DOCUMENTATION

Two sets of documentation are available:

- **Global 2000 DMAM (temporary) Notes (I).** This explains how to install the software, etc;
- **Global 2000 DMAM (temporary) Notes (II).** This is an A4 copy of an early draft of the version 8.1 DMAM manual, which will eventually be printed as an A5 manual.

## PRICING & HOW TO ORDER

DMAM version 8.0M is available for £50 (£30 for resellers).

Order by specifying module `DM'.

## AVAILABILITY AND SUPPORT

All the facilities of DMAM V8.0M will be available in the V8.1 Global Cobol development system. Consequently, DMAM V8.0M will only be available for supply until V8.1 Global 2000 Cobol is released (December 1994). It will be supported for one month after the release of Global 2000 Cobol. Developers will need to make arrangements to re-link applications with version 8.1 DMAM within the month after its release.