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Global Integrator version 2.1 now available

Global Business Systems is pleased to announce the release of Global Integrator V2.1.

This release marks a major advance with Global products integrating with standard DOS or Unix-based products. In addition to the already available export of data from any Global 2000 or 3000 product, users now have the capability of importing data from DOS or Unix into Global 2000 Nominal Ledger and Global 3000 General Ledger.

CSV format files can also be used to post from DOS or Unix into other Global products.

PRICING AND POLICIES

Global Integrator version 2.1 will be priced as follows:

1 screen	£200
2 – 3 screens	£250
4 – 7 screens	£500
8 – 12 screens	£600
13 – 24 screens	£750
25 – 39 screens	£1,000
40 – 59 screens	£2,000
60 – 99 screens	£3,000

Usual reseller discounts apply.

Users with a valid service contract will be able to upgrade V2.0 or V2.0A Global Integrator to V2.1 for a copy charge.

Global Integrator versions 2.0 and 2.0A which are subsets of version 2.1 are withdrawn from today. We have already announced that version 2.0 will be supported only until 30th April 1996; version 2.0A will be supported until 30th June 1996.

DOCUMENTATION PROPOSED

The following documentation will accompany the release of Global Integrator V2.1:

- MDIMV2.1 Global Integrator V2.1 Manual
- MDIRV2.1 Global Integrator V2.1 Release Notice

DETAILS OF NEW FEATURES

The Global Integrator standard menu will include new options to allow:

- Export of flat files from System Manager to the native operating system;
- Import of flat files to System Manager from the native operating system;
- Import of CSV files to System Manager from the native operating system.

The import of CSV files is seen as a means by which data from products such as Excel and Lotus 1-2-3 can be imported into the System Manager environment for use by Global 2000 and Global 3000 products.

The CSV import function can be invoked from Global Cobol and Speedbase programs using the same technique as that used for invoking and regaining control from Global Reporter.

Since Global 3000 General Ledger version 4.2 and Global 2000 Nominal Ledger version 6.0 do not provide 'Import budget' facilities an 'Import Budgets from CSV' function is supplied for each of these products as part of Global Integrator version 2.1. These programs are specific to the versions of the General and Nominal Ledger for which they are provided and are documented in appendices to the Global Integrator version 2.1 manual.

In future releases of both Global 3000 General Ledger and Global 2000 Nominal Ledger 'Import budgets from CSV' will be available to sites operating Global Integrator in the standard menus for the new versions of the ledgers.

Please note that this release of Global Integrator is not fully compatible with GSM Windows Option V1.1 (beta-release).

PURCHASE OF SOURCE CODE

The source of 'Import Budgets from CSV' for Global 2000 Nominal Ledger version 6.0 is available as a standard source generation as explained in section 9.3.1 of the Global Reseller Handbook Issue 17.

The source of 'Import Budgets from CSV' for Global 3000 General Ledger version 4.2 is supplied as part of the 'Global 3000 General Ledger Source' product.