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R/3 dovetails seamlessly with Microsoft's BackOffice suite

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Another new database for R/3 – but with a difference

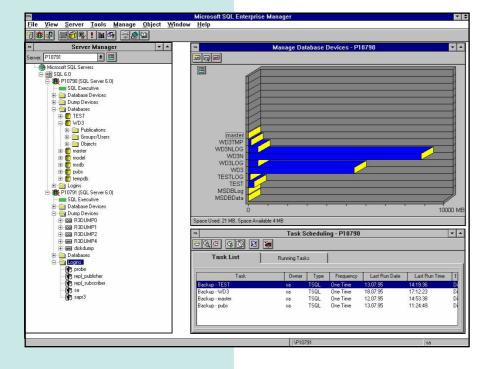
Following the highly successful introduction of Windows NT as an R/3 platform, SAP® and Microsoft have now teamed up to inject even greater power into database operation under R/3. Starting with R/3 Release 2.2E, SAP has been supporting SQL Server, Microsoft's new, enhanced version of its popular DBMS.

The release of Microsoft SQL Server for R/3 installations running on Windows NT is a major step forward. For the first time ever, now you can get a high-performance DBMS for R/3 that lets you integrate SAP's client/server software into a homogeneous Microsoft BackOffice environment. SQL Server, an integral component of Microsoft's BackOffice family, places powerful functions and easy-to-use graphical tools at your fingertips.

Benefits of the SQL Server

Here are just a few of the outstanding advantages of using SQL Server for R/3 on Windows NT:

- SQL Server is a high-end database management system that optimally supports Windows NT.
- You can count on support for future releases of Windows NT.
- SQL Server belongs to Microsoft's homogeneous BackOffice family.
- Easy administration saves you time and money.
- The intuitive GUI makes the system easy to learn and increases your productivity.
- Microsoft's attractive licensing policy for the SQL Server also applies to R/3 installations.





The Best of Two Worlds

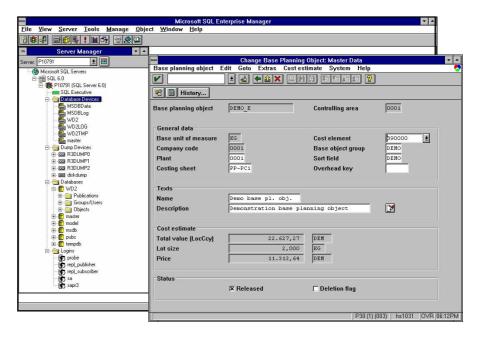
SQL Server is a key element of the Microsoft BackOffice package. It unites with Windows NT to forge an integrated BackOffice solution as a basis for R/3, achieving optimum coordination of all components. This enables you to take full advantage of Microsoft's easy-to-use, manageable applications. SAP and Microsoft are closely collaborating to coordinate functions and release policies to ensure that R/3 under Windows NT harmonizes perfectly with SQL Server. This is an ironclad safeguard for your software investments.

Administration: A Piece of Cake

Microsoft's products are famous for their ease of use. The Windows interface enables users to visualize complex situations and transactions, making for much easier handling. The same holds of Windows NT and SQL Server. So you're saving time and money while your administrative processes get easier. And your R/3 installations benefit, too: Microsoft tools backup R/3 System data on the SQL Server.

Licensing

SAP and Microsoft have taken a new approach to licensing the SQL Server database for use with R/3. You have to obtain licenses for SQL Server through the usual Microsoft channels, letting you profit from Microsoft's competitive prices. SAP ships all the software you need. This way, you know you're getting the correct version. You can choose from among a selection of different Microsoft BackOffice licensing models to get the one most suited to your particular situation.



An Unbeatable Combination

When you opt for R/3 under Windows NT and SQL Server, you're not just choosing a powerful business solution—you're also reaping the benefits of having Microsoft products at your disposal. So you get the best of both worlds in a single, forward-looking solution.

Technology and Service

R/3 software is based on Client/Server Architecture. R/3 is designed as an open system for use on operating systems from a variety of vendors. Along with the software, SAP offers you a complete spectrum of services: professional consulting in organiza-tional and technical issues ranging from project planning to system implementation, qualified staff training, and 24hour hotline support.

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