Cressida Announces General Availability of InQuest™ Family of WebSphere MQ solutions

Cressida Technology Ltd., a WebSphere® MQ (WMQ or MQ) solution provider, announced today that InQuest™ for WebSphere® MQ family of automated action solutions has entered General Availability status. In its first release InQuest comes with 3 distinct modules that include:

- o **Message content Based Alerting (MBA)**
- o **Standards and Rules Enforcement (SRE)**
- o **Message content Based Replication (MBR)**

InQuest™ for WebSphere MQ utilizes the standard WMQ API to intercept MQI calls and collect message related content, header and options data. This information is used to provide real-time automated message alerting, tracking, reporting, standards enforcement, replication, accounting and auditing facilities for both persistent and non-persistent MQ messages.

InQuest's key features include a powerful and flexible Filter Editor which allows the definition of Filters that combine a number of criteria to test if a certain API call requires further processing. The graphical front-end allows the creation of complex filter combinations with ease, while the run-time component ensures that the overhead associated with the evaluation of these filters is minimal.

"A number of customers expressed a critical need for an out-of-the-box real-time WMQ message content management capability that could be activated for automated alerting and standardized action operations according to their specific requirements" said Mehrdad Kanafchian, Cressida Managing Director.

Juul Vanparijs, InQuest Development Manager, commented *"There are tools that employ non-standard means to gain live access to WMQ messages as they are executing and clients did not want to expose their systems to such methods. Therefore, we are using the standard IBM-provided WMQ API Exit to deliver the functionality our clients asked for".*

A multinational financial sector customer who asked to remain unnamed is an early adopter of InQuest technology. The company's Messaging Infrastructure Architect who has used InQuest commented *"We are quite impressed by what we have seen. InQuest brings a number of unique functionalities that have proven their benefits to us already. I particularly like the Standards Enforcement feature, which proved invaluable for us when we were rolling out our new SOA enabled Point Of Sale application. Several non-standard MQ calls were intercepted and pre-defined automated corrective actions as had been defined and put in place by our application architecture team were automatically executed."*

According to Kanafchian**,** *"Our experience at Early Support Sites has demonstrated that InQuest reduces the amount of time that WMQ support personnel will spend trying to solve message content oriented MQ issues. Its modularized functionality will not only introduce real-time message based alerting and actions, but also will allow customers to proactively enforce their shop's MQ standards. InQuest is an automated out of the box tool that brings this level of compliance functionality to WMQ users. InQuest's ability for compliance standardization will be*

useful for Sarbanes-Oxley, HIPAA and other regulatory requirements that have been placed on various financial, utility and health industry sectors."

In addition to InQuest, Cressida also offers:
- ReQuest™ for WebSphere® MQ -a WMQ Recovery Logs Analyzer solution
- CeQuest for WebSphere MQ - an MQ API Exit based Message Tracking solution

These products provide Point-in-Time Message Tracking, Message Reporting, Message Replay and Recovery, Charge-Back, Accounting, Compliance and Transactions Auditing solutions. ReQuest and CeQuest use advanced filtering technology to analyze critical message activity information already contained in the WMQ logs or available via the API Exit. ReQuest and CeQuest are non-intrusive and application changes are not required. Our products have been successfully implemented at a number of leading customer organizations to help manage their WMQ environments.

Pricing and Availability

InQuest™ is available immediately with pricing models based on the number of Capacity Units utilized. Additional product information and pricing details can be requested via email or telephone by visiting our website **www.cressidatechnology.com** for a list of local contacts in specific countries.

About Cressida Technology

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