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## **Xbridge Host Data Connect Now Supports XML, Improves Data Access and Reporting Capabilities**

Los Gatos, CA – July 31, 2002 – With its new support for eXtensible Markup Language (XML) and enhanced data-access and reporting capabilities, Xbridge Host Data Connect™ now makes it easier to use mainframe data in virtually all key desktop applications. Host Data Connect enables Windows and Web-enabled applications to directly access mainframe data and to see that data in the format of the requesting application, all in real time.

“XML is rapidly becoming the defacto standard for data interchange,” explained Ron Hankison, president and CEO of Xbridge Systems. “We see growing acceptance for this technology, and we are supporting it to make it even easier for our customers to access and use the mainframe data they need to make strategic business decisions.”

### **Enhancement Simplify Data Access and Use**

XML – Host Data Connect can now create XML data streams, providing a common method for communicating between applications. For increased flexibility, the product can create XML data in two ways. The ASP.net server side control can create XML data streams (as well as HTML tables) for use on the Internet; the new Host Data Access Utility can create the data streams for use in desktop applications. Both methods can create XML data from the entire range of OS/390 data.

Data-access utility – In addition to implementing support for XML, the Host Data Access Utility supports creating text files (for use with virtually any text editor), delimited files (for spreadsheets) and Microsoft Access databases. Host Data Connect continues to support Microsoft Word, Excel and Web formats.

The Host Data Access Utility can be executed from a command line or batch file. This enables the user to programmatically copy mainframe host files onto a Windows server or desktop, offloading processing and access requirements to the Windows environment.

Results Template Wizard – The third enhancement, the improved Results Template Wizard, makes searches across all data types faster, easier and more targeted, giving users more control over the results of their queries. Specifically, users can limit the number of records to be returned from the template request, join and filter the results. Queries can be stored for easy reuse.

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### About Xbridge Host Data Connect

The most robust, cost-effective and easiest-to-use product of its kind, Xbridge Host Data Connect enables users to access mainframe data in real time from browsers and from Word, Excel and other standard Windows applications. Specifically, VSAM (Virtual Storage Access Method), QSAM (Queued Sequential Access Method) and Database 2 (DB2) data can be accessed – on demand – through intranets, extranets or the Internet, without requiring additional IT resources. This plug-and-play product remains under complete control of the IT staff and meets all S/390 security and data-integrity requirements.

Host Data Connect supports virtually all industry-standard interfaces and languages including XML, .NET, ADO.NET, OLE DB, ADO, Active X, C, C++, C#, Visual Basic, VB Script, VB.NET and Java.

### Pricing and Availability

The new capabilities are all standard with the product. The Host Data Access Utility and the Result Template Wizard are available now; the XML capability will be available in September.

Purchase options for Host Data Connect begin at \$20,000 for a single-seat, single-system environment. Annual licensing options are available for approximately one-third the one-time charge.

### About Xbridge Systems

Xbridge Systems, the authority on mainframe data access, develops and markets high-performance software that enables critical corporate data to be shared instantaneously between OS/390 mainframes and desktop open-systems environments. More information on the Los Gatos, California-based company is available by calling 866-356-1515, emailing [info@xbridgesystems.com](mailto:info@xbridgesystems.com) or going online to [www.xbridgesystems.com](http://www.xbridgesystems.com).

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