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Thoroughbred Releases New Products

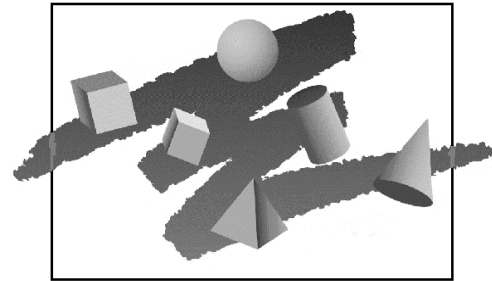
This spring and summer have been productive for the Thoroughbred development staff. A number of new products have just been released and are featured in this edition of the Thoroughbred News including the TS ChartServer™, Windows Network Environments, TS ODBC DataServer™ 3.0, and 8.4.2 VMS environments for our DEC users.

TS ChartServer

Thoroughbred announced today the availability of the Thoroughbred TS ChartServer. TS ChartServer provides a programmable interface from Thoroughbred applications to the windows-based ChartServer application. Any Thoroughbred-based application can input to the ChartServer, which includes the necessary software required to communicate with it.

Pie, Bar, Stacked charts and more

Pie, bar, stacked bar, plot, area, hi-lo, open-close, and candle type charts are supported. Other features include the capability to transpose and orient the chart output. Charts can be displayed, printed or saved for future recall. The ChartServer output is immediate as opposed to sending information to a spreadsheet and then having to set up the chart output information in the spreadsheet. TS ChartServer is a terrific tool for viewing specific information such as customer sales, inventory levels, daily financial statistics, or any other important information where a chart output is helpful or required. When Thoroughbred users see this application they will have to have it!



Windows Network Environments

Thoroughbred's Windows Network Environments are now available. The Thoroughbred Network Environment is available for any network supporting an NT server running Thoroughbred Environments including OPENworkshop™, Inquire-IV™, IDOL®-IV, and Thoroughbred@Basic. The ease of installation is greatly improved as the entire installation is now done from the NT server, as opposed to each Windows based workstation.

**With Server based licensing,
installation and set-up are
greatly simplified!**

Includes the TS Network DataServer™

The Network environment includes the TS Network DataServer and server-based licensing requiring a single system serial number and activation code. The Network Environment operates similarly to Thoroughbred's UNIX-based systems counting only concurrent users by user log-ons rather than by licensing each user workstation. Each workstation can run multiple sessions, but is charged with only a single user logon. When users exit the system the user count is reduced and those sessions become available for other users. The 8.4.1 Network Environments supporting OPENworkshop, Basic, IDOL-IV and Inquire-IV, are available now.

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Thoroughbred TS ODBC DataServer 3.0

Thoroughbred TS ODBC DataServer 3.0 is now available. Version 3.0 features a new licensing technique eliminating the workstation diskette-based client licensing tool. ODBC DataServer also supports the Thoroughbred *Environment* 8.4.1 Date Type 8, Thoroughbred's SQL date supporting all YEAR 2000 requirements. Several other maintenance updates have been incorporated into this release as well. New TS ODBC DataServer 3.0 systems began shipping in September '98. There is an upgrade program for software that uses Date Type 8, and users that have upgraded to 8.4.1 *Solution-IV*TM.



8.4.2 Environments for VMS

Thoroughbred 8.4.2 Environment for VMS is now available for our DEC VMS users. 8.4.2 has all the 8.4.1 Environment enhancements as well as 4 character task ID's allowing unlimited user support. This release brings our VMS customers up-to-date with all the enhancements of our 8.4.1 Environments including: Date Type 8, Thoroughbred's Y2K compliant date layout, as well as enhancements to Date Types 2 and 7 for Y2K support, program sizes can now be greater than 64KB in size, file sizes can be in excess of 2GB, and a version of the TS Network DataServer will be available providing true Client/Server capability for the Thoroughbred VMS user.

8.4.2 for VMS Supports all 8.4.1 features

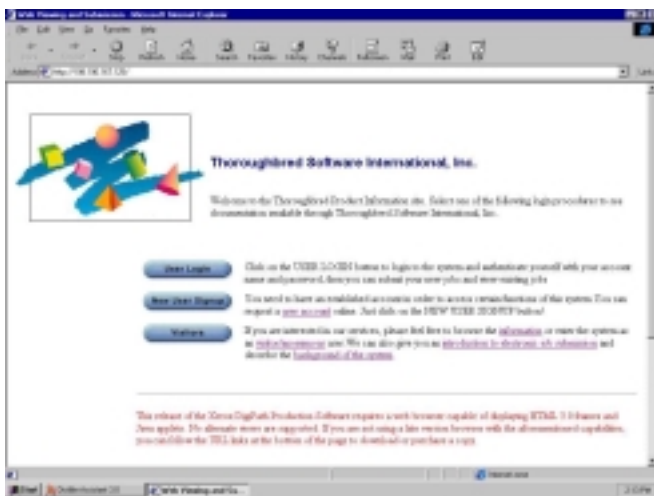
VIPTM 4.01 is available to support graphical (GUI) applications on VMS and Thoroughbred's TbredCommTM can provide network and Internet connections and processing for VMS users as well. Other Thoroughbred applications are available including TS ODBC DataServer, TS ChartServer, TS ReportServerTM, and *Solution-IV* (please refer to the Thoroughbred Newsletter dated February, 1998, Vol. 8.4.1, Issue 1 for additional 8.4.1 enhancement information). *Solution-IV* has been updated to support the 4 character task ID's as well.

Thoroughbred Environment 8.4.2 for VMS Supports these features and is compatible with:

- 4 character task ID's
- Date Type 8 for Y2K compliancy
- Program sizes greater than 64KB
- File sizes greater than 2GB
- Client-Server with TS Network DataServer (Q1 '99)
- VIP 4.01 for Graphical User Interface
- TbredComm
- TS ODBC DataServer (Q1 '99)
- TS ChartServer
- TS ReportServerTM
- *Solution-IV*
- *Report-IV*TM
- *Query-IV*TM
- All Thoroughbred Environments Supported
 - *OPENworkshop*
 - *IDOL-IV*
 - *Inquire-IV*
 - Thoroughbred *Basic*

Y2K Solutions

Thoroughbred has developed a comprehensive strategy regarding Y2K compliance. 8.4.1 Environments have added Date Type 8, an SQL date format that can end your Y2K issues in either 3GL, or *Dictionary-IV* based applications and is supported by *OPENworkshop*, *IDOL-IV*, *Inquire-IV* and Thoroughbred *Basic* Environments. *Solution-IV*, Thoroughbred's financial and distribution application software, has been updated with the 8.4.1 release to support Date Type 8. *Solution-IV* 8.4.1 R2 includes a complete Y2K test plan that you can use to test your software as well. For comprehensive details of Thoroughbred's Y2K strategy and products please go to our web site, www.tbred.com, and download the Thoroughbred YEAR 2000 White Paper. Thoroughbred's Consulting Services Division has worked on a number of Y2K conversions using Date Type 8, and are available to upgrade your software to Y2K compliancy.



WVS Login Page

Web Viewing and Submission (WVS)

Thoroughbred Software International, Inc. recently acquired the Xerox WVS system, which allows Web site visitors to search for and view various types of documents, regardless of the browser used. This service becomes available in October of 1998. When accessing this site you will first view a login page displaying three options.

- Visitor: Login as a Visitor to access limited viewing of Thoroughbred documentation, such as

product information, a listing of available documents, and press releases.

- New User Signup: By entering minimal information, you can use this option to request a permanent login. Your name and telephone number are necessary to provide you with a user id and password. From here you may contact Thoroughbred Software International, Inc. using the Feedback form.
- User Login: With a user id and password you can now login to the Thoroughbred WVS system, which will allow you to display the following additional types of documentation:
 - ♦ Datasheets
 - ♦ Newsletters
 - ♦ Inside Tracks
 - ♦ Training Schedules
 - ♦ Release Notes
 - ♦ White Papers

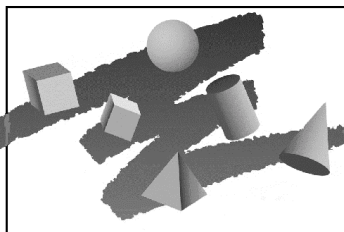
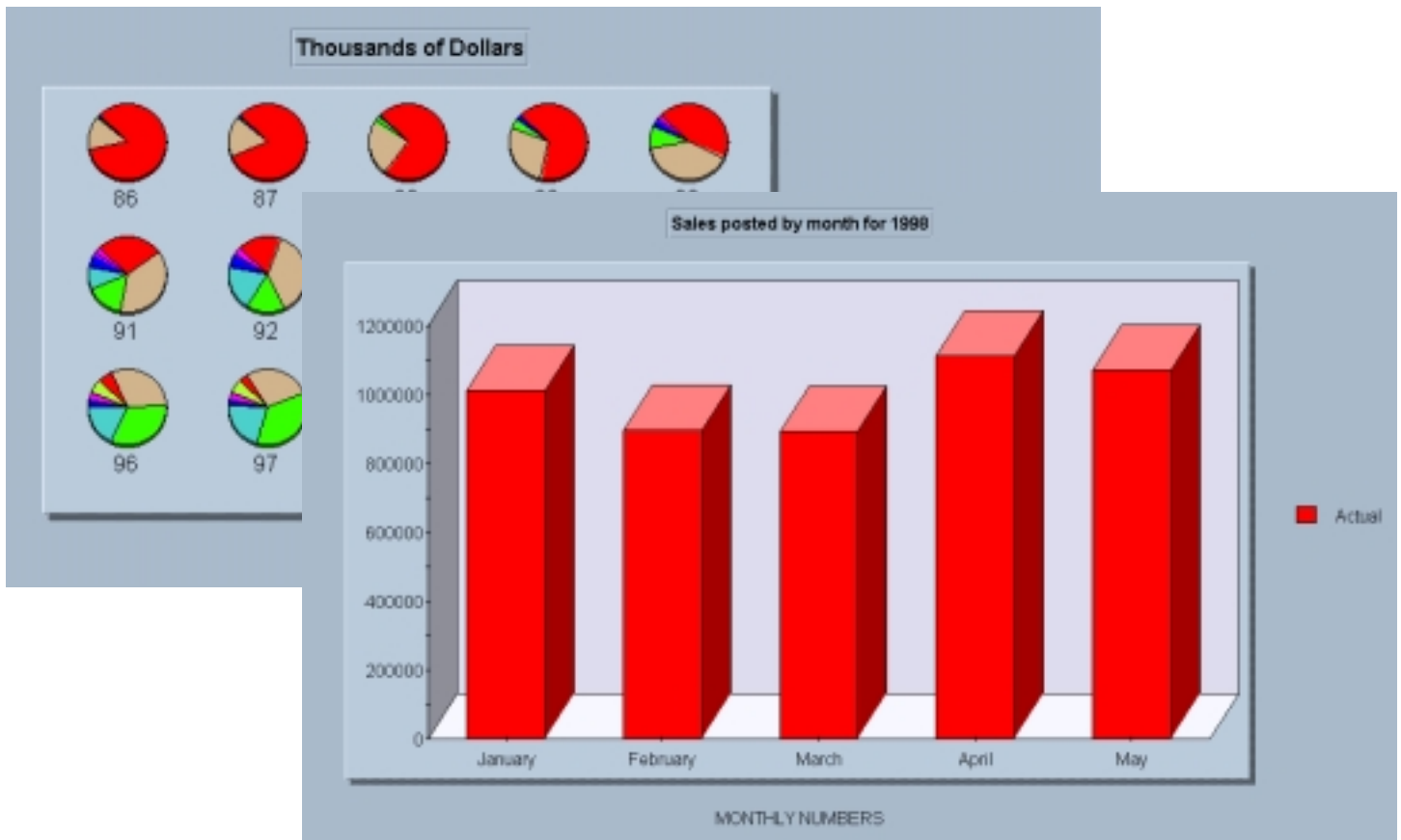
In the future Thoroughbred Software International, Inc. will provide a search engine for locating documents based on a keyword. Visit this site to view the WVS system as it continues to grow.

Access to Thoroughbred Documents on the Internet!



Document access with Thoroughbred's WVS
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