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### Mainstar Introduces Streamlined DB2 Backup and Recovery

*New solution simplifies effective DB2 backup management*

Mainstar Software Corporation, an industry-leading provider of data access solutions in the z/OS arena, is announcing the availability of Database Backup & Recovery (DBR) for DB2, a DB2 backup management solution that increases application availability and ensures resiliency.

Many organizations use image copies to create backups of DB2 data. While image copies are reliable, they can take hours to complete. During this time, tables may be available as read-only, potentially disrupting 24x7 business processes. In addition, system recovery involves applying all relevant image copies, which require a significant amount of time – extremely expensive time whether it's a local recovery or a hot site recovery. As a result, database owners are increasingly turning to storage-based “snap” or “flash” replication technologies that allow DB2 to be backed up instantaneously and recovered quickly. While these storage-based technologies are powerful, they have an inherent weakness: they are not DB2 aware, resulting in integration challenges between DB2 and the storage replication product.

DBR for DB2 tightly integrates storage subsystems with database technology. With this solution, you can create instant point-in-time backups of an entire DB2 subsystem without needing to take the subsystem offline or make applications unavailable. DBR for DB2 simplifies DB2 backup management by automating backup validation and providing a user-friendly ISPF interface.

“With growing demands for data access and requirements for business resiliency, organizations need a fast, effective way to protect DB2 data,” said Doug Bryan, Mainstar's Vice President of Sales and Marketing. “Now you can take advantage of the storage processor's full potential for a seamless backup and recovery solution – without the manual effort.”

#### ***About Mainstar***

Mainstar Software Corporation, founded in 1978, provides innovative data access solutions for z/OS environments throughout the U.S.A., Canada, Europe, Australia, and the Asia-Pacific region. We offer outstanding products and services, backed by an extraordinary depth of knowledge and a focus for over 25 years on MVS and large system installations. For more information, please visit [www.mainstar.com](http://www.mainstar.com), e-mail [info@mainstar.com](mailto:info@mainstar.com), or call (425) 455-3589.

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