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IBS software handles record-breaking 2.9 million orders per hour

Opens up new large companies marketplace

IBS today announced record-breaking transaction figures in a benchmark of IBS' software running on IBM eServer iSeries. In the benchmark, 2.9 million complete sales orders were entered into the system in one hour. The average response time was 0.04 seconds. The test was performed in the IBM Rochester laboratory, on the iSeries model 840. These figures are higher than any other business enterprise or ERP software vendor has previously been able to show.

"This is a significant achievement for the IBS application running on an IBM eServer iSeries," says John Reed, Director of Product Marketing and Management, IBM eServer iSeries. "The numbers are clearly impressive. It's another great example of the unmatched performance and scalability of one of IBM's premier data transaction servers. The IBM eServers iSeries product line covers a range of models serving from a couple of users up to several thousands."

"We know that we usually out-perform most software vendors when it comes to high transaction volumes," says Magnus Wastenson, Vice President Global Marketing for the IBS Group. "This benchmark on our new release of IBS' supply chain execution software ASW, shows that we have 2-3 times higher capacity to handle large transaction volumes than our competitors. This opens up a lot of additional business opportunities in large corporations with high-volume operations, such as the pharmaceutical, food, automotive and electronics industries. Using our software running on eServers, instead of tailor-made software on mainframes, will help customers cut costs considerably and increase business productivity."

"Our software is specially designed to cope with large order volumes and fast deliveries", says Staffan Ahlberg, CEO of IBS. "IBS' software is also very scalable. Even on a small iSeries server model 820 with more than 200 users, we can easily handle over 100,000 orders per hour, AMR Research has ranked IBS as the world's leading provider of supply chain execution solutions. Adding the capability to handle extremely large order volumes, we are entering into new exciting business opportunities", says Staffan Ahlberg.

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IBS, with headquarters in Stockholm, is listed on the Stockholm Stock Exchange. The IBS Group is a world-leading international supplier of web-enabled business and supply chain management software and professional services for large and mid-sized companies. IBS tops AMR Research's global ranking of Supply Chain Execution solution providers. IBS, with an annual revenue of SEK 2,5bn, has some 2,250 employees and 5,000 customers in more than 40 countries. These customers include ABB, CIBA Vision, Henkel, Miele, Royal Scandinavia, Nautor's Swan, and Volvo.

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