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**GridApp Systems Broadens Platform and Database Support Matrix and Introduces Custom Task Automation with Clarity 4.5**

*Clarity Actions™ Enables IT Organizations to Build and Manage Automation for Any Database Activity for the First Time*

**NEW YORK — March 3, 2008** — GridApp Systems, Inc. ([www.gridapp.com](http://www.gridapp.com)), the leading provider of out-of-the-box database automation software and solutions, today introduced GridApp Clarity™ 4.5, the next-generation version of its flagship database automation software. At the heart of Clarity 4.5 is Clarity Actions, a groundbreaking automation framework which extends automation across the database environment by enabling IT organizations to customize and automate any type of database activity. Software enhancements also include broadened support for all databases, a deeper level of security, and improved flexibility to better align database capabilities with strategic business initiatives.

"Analysts agree that automation is critical for business continuity given the intricacy of IT infrastructures and strenuous workloads of IT staff," said Matthew Zito, Chief Scientist of GridApp. "With the addition of Clarity Actions, GridApp is better positioned to meet client needs without limitation by automating all database activity - thus eliminating long hours spent on repetitive and manual processes. With Clarity 4.5, IT decision makers and staff are free to think more holistically and strategically about their IT - rather than just push buttons."

**Clarity Actions**

With a broadened support matrix that includes Sybase, DB2 UDB, and MySQL, Clarity Actions provides customers with the first out-of-the-box automation framework for the database, enabling customers to build and manage automation for all database activity - whether it is simple repetitive tasks or complex, error-prone activities. Through the Clarity Actions Library - a starting point of pre-built scripts - customers can utilize industry best practices to build or customize content.

**Popular Pre-Built Clarity Actions:**

- \* SQL 2000 to 2005 upgrades
- \* Oracle 9i, 10g, and 11g upgrades
- \* User and security management with best practices
- \* Data migration and code promotion to production
- \* Mass user updates

Clarity Actions can be safely executed by users without vast database skill sets given the new compliance-friendly process repetition, reporting, and tracking functionalities. Clarity Actions is fully integrated with Clarity's security, logging, and job tracking model, allowing database teams to track user and task execution and

streamline oversight. Specifically, Clarity Actions drives compliance initiatives and organizational efficiencies because they:

- \* Guarantee process repeatability
- \* Allow process reporting and tracking
- \* Provide permanent user activity record

"Clarity has helped DBAs reduce the time they spend on patching, provisioning and version upgrades," said Jasmine Noel, technology analyst at Ptak, Noel & Associates. "What is game-changing about Clarity Actions is that DBAs can automate other tasks in a far more robust, flexible, and maintainable manner than they could by scripting. Not only do DBAs gain more time to focus on strategic efforts through this new automation, there is no need to revamp the automation every time the environment changes."

### **Improved Security Features**

Clarity 4.5 features improved security functionality including greater password protection and more controlled patching privileges. These advancements strengthen the safe keeping of sensitive content by identifying and removing it from centrally stored logs as well as enhancing compliance measures by protecting against the disclosure of sensitive customer information. Clarity's reinforced global control for patch administrators also allows for better safeguards within the patching process.

### **Usability Enhancements**

The next-generation version of Clarity introduces a more flexible and manageable environment based on an enhanced GUI layout and more organized logs for better overall ease of use. The software also features full auto-discovery, enabling customers to discover and record clustered and non-clustered Oracle databases - liberating them from having to know their exact inventory before implementing Clarity. Also new to Clarity are Wizard tools that enable administrators to define hidden and masked fields and support a "default" datatype, increasing usability. The Wizard upgrades are also beneficial as they permit users to define sequences of custom scripts when provisioning.

GridApp Clarity 4.5 is available immediately. For more information, please visit: <http://www.gridapp.com/products/clarity.php>.

### **About GridApp Systems**

GridApp Systems is a leading provider of database automation solutions to help businesses gain control of their heterogeneous database infrastructures. Currently supporting hundreds of customer installations worldwide, across multiple industries such as financial services, pharmaceuticals, telecommunications, education, eCommerce, and technology, GridApp's market leading products and services have helped businesses deploy and better manage their critical database assets. GridApp Systems automates to help drive businesses forward. For more information, visit [www.gridapp.com](http://www.gridapp.com).

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