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**SOFTBASE SYSTEMS UNVEILS DGF v. 4.1**

*Powerful data management tool to offer greater functionality*

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SoftBase Systems, a leading developer of DB2 tools and utilities, will showcase the newest release of DGF this week at the International DB2 User Group's (IDUG) annual North America conference. DGF is a multi-faceted utility designed to simplify and streamline the management of test data for mainframe development and testing environments. Scheduled for general availability early in the third quarter, version 4.1 will offer a variety of new features that will enhance the program's functionality and ease-of-use for end users.

"In this next version, we're rolling out a number of exciting additions to DGF that are focused on adding value to the product and increasing ROI for our customers," said Gary Blair, President and CEO of SoftBase Systems. "Users will see additions that clearly address their concerns – exceptional support, guaranteed privacy compliance, and even faster and easier deployment. And, DGF is now the first stand-alone product that supports VSAM and QSAM, as well as DB2 on distributed platforms like Unix and Windows."

In addition to the new features of version 4.1, the company plans to tout the product's ability to be many things to many different types of users. "If there ever was a multi-tool for DB2, this is it," said Mitch Hoffman, Director of North American Sales at SoftBase. "We're very pleased to offer such a powerful product that can accomplish so much for customers. It's not limited by feature, platform, or subsystem like other products in the past."

DGF allows users to generate, subset, and extract test data, keep data private, edit data, and automate data comparisons. The most popular feature of DGF, called SLICE (patent-pending), allows multiple testers to access the same test tables without interfering with each other, a first in the industry.

Mr. Hoffman continued, “To find this many features elsewhere, you’d have to buy many different products from multiple vendors. And that’s a real headache. With DGF, it’s all together in one package.”

SoftBase also plans to highlight the data privacy features of DGF. Resulting from legislation and common sense business practices, data privacy has become a priority for all businesses. Companies that test internally developed applications by using samples of existing “real-life” data are learning that there are potential liabilities for not putting stringent privacy measures in place. In terms of building a complete system test environment, DGF simplifies the creation of pertinent test data and keeps sensitive information private.

As Mr. Blair explained, “Data privacy is an issue that touches everyone in every industry. Even regulations like HIPAA and the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act are obvious in our day-to-day lives – you can’t go to the doctor or the bank without being given a form to sign regarding privacy. To answer this concern in our market, we incorporated some unique masking features in DGF that allows the user to retain the integrity of the original data while protecting it from prying eyes or unscrupulous use. This is extremely valuable for customers. It’s helpful for all forms of data testing and guarantees compliance with privacy legislation.”

#### **About SoftBase Systems, Inc.**

SoftBase Systems holds more than fifteen years of experience in the development of successful DB2 utilities, providing innovative new products and tools for both mainframe and client/server data needs. SoftBase is a recognized authority in complex data management and manipulation and enjoys a reputation globally for unmatched service and support. The company’s products have been successfully implemented worldwide.

For more information, including a free white paper on DGF’s solutions for data privacy, please visit [www.softbase.com](http://www.softbase.com).

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