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BMC Extends SmartDBA Product

BMC Software extended the capabilities of its *SmartDBA Performance Management* suite of Web-based tools, which detect, diagnose, and correct database performance issues. Enhancements to *Space Expert*, the space management component, include the ability to reorganize databases online while providing complete read and write access to database applications. BMC has also integrated its *SmartDBA Performance Management* suite with its *PATROL* systems management product, which should create a complete IT performance system that allows DBAs and systems administrators to share common event information and coordinate data management across the enterprise.

The *SmartDBA* enhancements should ease the burden on overloaded DBAs. By supporting online database reorganization, BMC is eliminating one cause of planned application downtime and allowing for 24-by-7 access to applications. BMC is reducing the cost for the capability by building it into *Space Expert*, rather than shipping it as a separate product. Integrating *SmartDBA* with *PATROL* lets the DBA work with systems administrators monitoring application availability and performance. By working together, the DBA and the system administrators can more quickly locate, diagnose, and fix performance problems. The BMC *SmartDBA Performance Management* suite is designed to help reduce database administrative costs by making the DBA more effective.

--Lance Travis

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