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## **SirsiDynix and Microsoft Enable Next-Generation Library Management System**

### **SirsiDynix Horizon 8.0 to provide performance optimization leveraging Microsoft SQL Server 2005 technology**

**HUNTSVILLE, Ala., April 17, 2006** – SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries, announced today it has successfully implemented Microsoft's new SQL Server 2005 database technology to deliver optimum scalability and performance in its next-generation SirsiDynix Horizon 8.0 Library Management System.

SirsiDynix and Microsoft partnered in performance-testing an optimization using Microsoft SQL 2005 running on a Microsoft 2003 Server operating system. This benchmarking exercise took place at the Microsoft Technology Center in Mountain View, Calif., and included the best of both SirsiDynix and Microsoft engineers. These performance results show that Horizon 8.0 and Horizon Information Portal 8.0 will define the industry standard in performance.

"Horizon 8.0 is the most technologically advanced, intuitive and feature-rich integrated library system available today," said Jack Blount, chief technology officer at SirsiDynix. "It is stable and easy to enhance, as well as supporting and using the latest technologies and best practices in the software industry. With its new architecture and dramatically increased functionality comes the need to know the necessary performance levels. The benchmarking exercise with Microsoft is an extremely important step in ensuring quality and peak performance."

By using the Microsoft facilities and resources, SirsiDynix was able to drive each server to its limits and tune them to the exact specifications of individual libraries or different benchmarking requests for library performance needs in circulation, searching and cataloging.

"By working together, SirsiDynix and Microsoft have enabled immediate results, and we look forward to a continued relationship in executing the long-term vision of the Horizon suite," said Gail Thomas Flynn, Microsoft's general manager of education in the United States. "We are very excited about SirsiDynix's newly announced use of SQL Server 2005, as their work is representative of the tremendous momentum in the ISV (independent software vendor) community with our technologies."

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SirsiDynix is the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries – vital institutions whose primary mission is to make sense of the vast world of information for people and communities. This is an exciting role as libraries assist people in discovering and using knowledge, resources and other valuable content for their educations, jobs and entertainment. In concert with key industry partners, SirsiDynix supports this strategic role for libraries by offering a comprehensive integrated suite of technology solutions for improving the internal productivity of libraries and enhancing their capabilities for meeting the needs of people and communities. SirsiDynix has approximately 4,000 library and consortia clients, serving more than 300 million people through more than 20,000 library outlets in the Americas, Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia-Pacific. For more information, please see [www.sirsidynix.com](http://www.sirsidynix.com).

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