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Crossroads Systems Announces ReadVerify Appliance™ 3.0 with New ArchiveVerify™ Media Validation Feature

Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH) Recognizes Immediate Benefit of Validating Long-Idle Media for Readability

Austin, Texas – November 18, 2008 - Crossroads Systems, Inc. (symbol: CRDS), a global leading provider of solutions to connect, protect, secure and restore data-at-rest, today announced general availability of ReadVerify Appliance 3.0 (RVA) that introduces a new ArchiveVerify media validation feature. The Crossroads ReadVerify Appliance provides storage administrators the ability to proactively manage and monitor the integrity, performance and utilization of tape libraries, drives, and media in real-time. ArchiveVerify, the unmatched new feature of RVA 3.0, validates the readability of data and guarantees data restore using a rich set of user-defined policies.

"ETH Zurich is an internationally acclaimed research facility with connections to many Nobel Prize Laureates throughout our history," said Dr. Tilo Steiger, Head of the Storage Service Group within the System Services Department of ETH Zurich's IT Services. "With Crossroads RVA 3.0 and its unique new ArchiveVerify feature, we can ensure that data surrounding our current and ongoing research is safely and automatically verified, available for future generations."

Crossroads ReadVerify Appliance Optimizes Tape Library Environment

The Crossroads ReadVerify Appliance is a simple plug-and-play appliance that monitors and reports on the performance, utilization and health of tape libraries, drives and media. Customers such as ETH Zurich have chosen Crossroads RVA, as it proactively alerts and provides its storage administrators with detailed information on potential backup failure conditions, such as tape media errors or poorly performing tape drives.

Establishing visibility for potential failure information allows organizations to maximize their existing tape assets for improved backup completion rates, and to take preventive measures to avoid storing data on defective media – resulting in substantial IT savings and proven ROI. RVA 3.0 offers:

- Greatly expanded alert and reporting capabilities
- Extended library and tape drive support, including the enterprise-class IBM TotalStorage 3494 Tape Library
- An enhanced Web-based user interface
- New ArchiveVerify media validation feature

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Crossroads ArchiveVerify Automatically Validates Media Readability

The optional Crossroads ArchiveVerify feature offered with RVA 3.0 reduces the risk of losing data stored on tape media and lowers costs associated with tape backup and archive. Enabling organizations to ensure what is written to tape media can be read, ArchiveVerify provides an automated process based on administrator-applied policies for selected tape pools. Verification procedures are automatically initiated and analysis is conducted on the entire written length of tape media. Reporting capabilities also fulfill requirements for regulatory compliance audits.

The Problem: Labor-Intensive, Manual Archive Validation

Current industry practice for verifying readability of archived media typically involves manual spot audits on portions of tape media. The expectation is that spot audits will represent the actual readability of the entire tape pool. However, that approach is not a statistically reliable verification. Tape media fails for many reasons – simply checking a sample of tapes in a library does not ensure other tapes will be readable, nor does it verify that unchecked portions of test tapes are readable.

ETH Zurich Looks to Ensure Preservation of Research Data

ETH Zurich is a science and technology university of the Swiss Confederation dedicated to higher learning and research. ETH Zurich is the study, research and work place of 18,000 people from 80 nations. Approximately 350 professors in 16 departments teach mainly in engineering sciences and architecture, system-oriented sciences, mathematics and natural sciences areas and carry out research that is highly valued worldwide. Maintaining its top standing in the international competition among universities is a top priority for ETH Zurich. Its IT teams manage 2.2 petabytes of data for students and researchers. As an existing Crossroads RVA customer, ETH Zurich immediately recognized the value in monitoring the data integrity of both active and archived media, and became one of ArchiveVerify's early adopters.

The Solution: Crossroads ArchiveVerify

ArchiveVerify automatically tests the entire length of every tape in the tape media pool, giving organizations confidence in the ability to recover all data. Requiring no additional investment in library, drives, or network infrastructure, ArchiveVerify allows administrators to designate the tape pool and drives, determine selection criteria for verifying media, and set the verification schedule. Once configuration is complete, no further user intervention is required. ArchiveVerify automatically schedules and handles the verifications and emails daily reports to administrators showing the condition of validated media. Reports and alerts allow administrators to identify issues and implement resolutions before the data is required for restore.

"With the release of ReadVerify Appliance 3.0 and its new ArchiveVerify feature, Crossroads is furthering its stance as an innovator and forward-thinking player in data storage and protection," said Rob Sims, President and CEO of Crossroads Systems. "The proactive approach to data backup and integrity offered through this latest release of ReadVerify Appliance is already receiving significant praise by leading organizations worldwide."

About Crossroads Systems, Inc.

Headquartered in Austin, Texas, Crossroads Systems is a global leading provider of solutions to connect, protect, secure and restore data-at-rest. Crossroads (symbol: CRDS) trades over-the-counter on Pink Sheets and posts its financial disclosure reports, press releases and other related documentation on the OTCIQ Web service of the Pink Sheets Web site. Visit www.crossroads.com.

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