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Jun 12 -- BakBone Software Inc., a provider of heterogeneous integrated data protection solutions, has announced that the University of Detroit Mercy (UDM) is using BakBone's technology to shrink backup windows, automate the collection of Exchange reporting statistics, and replace complex scripting for Oracle database backup. BakBone has enabled the University to reduce data backups by 50 percent, streamline collection of Exchange reporting statistics, and seamlessly safeguard Oracle databases, BakBone said last week.

The adoption of BakBone's technology into UDM's data center is critical to the university's commitment to using high-tech tools to support quality education on the UDM campus, BakBone of San Diego, California said. UDM runs BakBone's NetVault: Backup, BakBone's NetVault: Report Manager for Exchange, BakBone's NetVault: Backup Application Plug-in Module (APM) for Exchange, and BakBone's NetVault: Backup APM for Oracle, the company said.

The UDM is a Catholic university in the Jesuit and Mercy traditions that aims at providing student-centered undergraduate and graduate education in an urban context. A UDM education seeks to integrate the intellectual, spiritual, ethical and social development of its students, the university said.

BakBone develops and distributes heterogeneous data backup, restore, disaster recovery, replication and storage reporting software for network storage and open-systems environments. BakBone delivers scalable solutions that address the complex demands of large enterprise environments, as well as SMBs (small- to medium-sized businesses), the company said. BakBone products are distributed through a global network of partners, resellers and solution providers, the company said.

The university's storage requirements have risen sharply over the last three to four years, with data growing by approximately 10 percent each month, UDM of Detroit, Michigan said. In early 2007, UDM had deployed BakBone's NetVault: Report Manager 3.5 to provide expanded reporting functionality on Exchange, server space utilization and storage growth forecasting, the university said. The NetVault: Report Manager also eases Exchange administration with scheduled alerts regarding potential corporate network abuse and mail delivery times, as well as sent-and-received mail usage, UDM added.

With NetVault: Report Manager, UDM can obtain statistics on which students and faculty are using the most space, sending the most emails and receiving the most emails, along with the size of those emails, UDM said. Having all the reporting functionality in an integrated system is a timesaver, the university said. UDM can easily define and schedule jobs or reports, while continuing to monitor activity from a unified console that presents a 'big picture' of what's going on in its increasingly complex environment, UDM added.