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Backup, Recovery, and Media Services for  
i*



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# Backup, Recovery, and Media Services (BRMS)

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IBM Backup, Recovery, and Media Services (BRMS) helps you implement a disciplined approach to managing your backups and provides you with an orderly way to retrieve lost or damaged data.

BRMS is the IBM strategic solution for planning and managing save and restore operations on your IBM i product. BRMS base product provides all of the functions that most IBM i users need to implement a fully automated, single system, backup, recovery, and media management strategy. Using BRMS, you can manage your most critical and complex save operations, including online backups of Lotus® servers. It also supports parallel save operations of a library or single object using up to 32 tape devices, which shortens the save window by using multiple devices. You can also recover your system fully during a disaster or failure, or restore single objects or libraries from your save media. BRMS can also perform some daily maintenance activities that are related to your backup routine.

In addition to these backup and recovery functions, BRMS can support and manage an unlimited number of media, shared tape devices, automated tape libraries, virtual tape devices, and optical devices. BRMS enables you to track all of your media from creation to expiration. You no longer have to keep track of which items are on which volumes, nor be concerned that you might accidentally write over active data.

As your business needs change and grow, you can add functions to the BRMS base product by purchasing and installing additional options. The Network feature of the BRMS product provides centralized management of multiple BRMS systems within a network using local TCP/IP, Advanced Peer-to-Peer Network (APPN), or both. A BRMS network system shares the inventory and policies associated with media managed within BRMS network group. In addition, users can view the save history of any system in the network from a single system. The networking feature also simplifies media duplication by using one system in the network to duplicate media for another system in the network. The systems in a BRMS network can be other IBM i platforms or individual IBM i partitions.

The Advanced feature of the BRMS product enables Hierarchical Storage Manager (HSM) archive with HSM dynamic retrieval and automated disk pool data migration. Parallel save operations work with the BRMS Advanced feature to allow for parallel archive and parallel dynamic retrieval of a single object. The ability to dynamically retrieve a large database file in parallel helps to reduce the window of the retrieval process. The BRMS Advanced feature allows archive capabilities of database files, stream files, and documents based on frequency of use, inactivity limit, object size, or disk pool thresholds.

BRMS provides both a traditional character-based interface and a graphical interface, which is available as a plug-in for IBM Navigator for i. These interfaces are not mutually exclusive. You can use the character-based interface for some tasks and the graphical interface for other tasks, or you can choose to use one interface exclusively. However, differences between these BRMS interfaces do exist and you should be aware of them. For detailed information, refer to the BRMS interface differences and Related information sections in this topic collection.

**Important:** BRMS is not a replacement for a backup, recovery, and media management strategy; it is a tool that you use to implement your strategy. Before you start doing backups using BRMS or any other product, you should plan your backup and recovery strategy.

## Who should read this book

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This book is designed for system administrators and operators who work with BRMS on a regular basis, and for those responsible for designing backup, recovery, and media management strategies.

This book assumes familiarity with standard usage and terminology. It also assumes familiarity with the [Recovering your system](#) book.

## Related information for BRMS


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Product manuals, IBM Redbooks® publications, websites, and other information center topic collections contain information that relates to the BRMS topic collection. You can view or print any of the PDF files.

### IBM Redbooks

- [Backup Recovery and Media Services for OS/400®: A Practical Approach](#) 

### Websites

- [IBM Backup, Recovery and Media Services \(BRMS\) for i](http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/ibmi/brms)  (www.ibm.com/developerworks/ibmi/brms)

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## Backup and restore enhancements

- BRMS has been enhanced to use IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i. Including:
  - providing support for cloud remote restores.
  - using ASP and IASP storage for cloud transfers which enables virtual media access in High Availability (HA) environments.
  - support for data archiving to a cloud location.
- The **SAVLIBRM** command parameter has the new default of **OBJJRN(\*YES)**
- The Libraries to omit (**OMITLIB**) parameter and the Objects to omit (**OMITOBJ**) parameter have been added to the Restore Library using BRMS (**RSTLIBRM**) command and the Objects to omit (**OMITOBJ**) parameter has been added to the Restore Object using BRMS.
- Command line support for users needing to change control group attributes previously only accessible through the GUI interface.
- BRMS creates a default **\*OBJ** list named **QALLSPLF** to backup all spooled files.
- BRMS has been enhanced to support a FlashCopy time stamp when doing Full System Flash Copies.

## Report enhancements

- Recovery report (**QP1ARCY**) steps "Recovery Operating System" and "Verify System Information" have been enhanced to include system value information from the saved system.
- The **DSPLOGBRM** command timestamp has been enhanced for improved date/time tracking accuracy.
- The **DSPLOGBRM** command now supports lists of message identifiers on the **MSGID()** parameter.
- The Analyze Libraries using BRMS (**ANZLIBRM**) report has been enhanced to better estimate the amount of time Integrated File System (**\*LINK**) data will take to save.
- To improve recovery times, the BRMS recovery report with Domino® recovery has been enhanced to remove an IPL step.
- BRMS Enterprise report definitions have been enhanced to allow values other than **\*LCL** to be specified for the From system (**FROMSYS**) parameter on the Print Report.

## Media services enhancements

- **WRKMEDBRM** has been enhanced to list all active volumes that are full. In order to list the full volumes.

## Performance Enhancements

- Performance of command **STRMNTBRM** has been improved when **RGZBRMDB(\*YES)** is specified.
- Performance of the first incremental save after a full save of **\*ALLUSR** may be improved when **SAVACT(\*SYNCLIB)** is specified.
- Save performance has been improved when libraries are saved with object level detail and the FlashCopy time is set.

## Graphical interface enhancements

*BRMS graphical interface* refers to the BRMS plug-in for IBM Navigator for i.



- The BRMS GUI client now allows special value \*NONE or blanks to be specified for the Library fields in the System Policy submitted jobs section.
- **WRKLOCBRM** and BRMS GUI client 'Manage locations...' will show the current count for volumes and containers on current system.
- The BRMS GUI New Backup Control Group wizard uses the **\*OBJ** list named **QALLSPLF** to backup all printer output

### Hardware Support

- Enhanced to support the new 3592 densities:
  - \*FMT3592B5 and FMT3592B5E.
  - \*FMT3592A6 and FMT3592A6E.
- Added support for Ultrium 8 (LTO8) tape drives and media.

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# Getting started with BRMS

You can use BRMS to back up and recover your entire system.



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# Introduction to IBM Backup, Recovery and Media Services for i (BRMS)

The Backup Recovery and Media Services (BRMS) product provides separately priced, separately installed components. These components consist of a standard product and two additional features.

You can find the latest information about BRMS on the [BRMS website](#).

**Note:** If you have not purchased the BRMS product, you can install and use the standard product and the additional features without a license for a 70 day trial period. Contact your IBM representative if you want to purchase a license for BRMS.

The following is a summary description of the base product and the additional features.

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## Advantages of using BRMS

IBM Backup, Recovery and Media Services for i provides a robust, easy-to-use solution to perform save and recovery operations and to manage media.

On the IBM i operating system, you can perform backup and recovery operations in several ways. You can use local save and restore commands or the Save menu options, or you can create CL programs. However, BRMS provides a more dynamic solution for your backup and recovery needs, enables you to manage your media, provides archiving capabilities for infrequently used objects. It also maintains a history of all saved items, which simplifies the restore process and enables BRMS to create a detailed recovery report. BRMS provides the following added functions that other backup solutions do not have:

### **Graphical interface**

The BRMS graphical interface is available as a plug-in for the IBM Navigator for i. The BRMS interface provides more granular backups of individual files and directories, the ability to create control groups to manage archives and backups on your system, a simple save history query function to quickly locate items to restore, and an easy, effective method of managing media and devices used for BRMS save operations.

### **Tailored save operations**

BRMS includes several standard control groups that cover your basic needs, but you can also create customized control groups that save data based on your company's specific needs. You have the option to create archive control groups, which provide a systematic way of saving infrequently used objects to media to free space on the system, and backup control groups, which perform save operations on data that is critical to your day-to-day operations. You can also choose to back up individual files or directories or to perform incremental and online backups of Lotus servers while they are still active.

### **Lotus server online and incremental saves**

BRMS enables you to save Lotus servers while they are active. You can also easily define items to omit from the save operation.

### **Enhanced save-while-active function**

BRMS allows you to use your system during all or part of the save process, which can help you reduce or eliminate your downtime for certain save operations.

### **Parallel save and restore support**

BRMS provides the ability to save libraries and objects to multiple devices at once. You can use up to 32 devices in this manner.

### **Network feature**

By placing multiple systems in a BRMS network, you can share BRMS control groups, policies, media information, and storage locations across the network. This allows you to manage save and restore operations across all of your systems in a consistent manner.

## Enterprise

BRMS Enterprise allows administrators to monitor backup operations for their BRMS systems from a central site called an Enterprise Hub. The systems being monitored by the Hub are called Enterprise Nodes. The Enterprise Network is comprised of Nodes that can be stand-alone BRMS systems, part of a BRMS Network or any combination of stand-alone and BRMS Networked systems. Configuration and management of the Nodes are handled through the Hub and does not impact the existing operations of traditional BRMS Networks.

## Media and device management

BRMS enables you to keep an inventory of your media and track everything that is on them. When you do a backup, BRMS lets you know which tapes to use, so you do not have to worry about writing over active data.

## Step-by-step disaster recovery

After every backup, you can print a disaster recovery report that will guide you through the recovery of your system. It even tells you which media you need to restore on which pieces of the system.

**Note:** It is recommended that after every scheduled backup, you print your disaster recovery report. In the event of an unplanned system outage, this report will guide you through a recovery of your entire system.

## BRMS Standard

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The standard product provides you with the capability to implement a fully automated backup, recovery, and media management strategy for your IBM i product. Use BRMS with shared or stand-alone tape devices, automated tape libraries, optical devices, and an unlimited number of volumes.

### Note:

1. The standard BRMS product does not provide support for archive, dynamic retrieval, automated migration operations or shared media. You must purchase and install the features in order to use these functions.
2. BRMS does not support diskette, unlabeled or nonstandard label tape.

Many of the features in the BRMS standard product are available as a plug-in for IBM Navigator for i. For more information, see [“Using the BRMS graphical interface”](#) on page 233.

## BRMS Network Feature

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The BRMS Network feature enables a BRMS system to interconnect via a network to other BRMS networked systems. A networked BRMS system can share the inventory and policies that are associated with media that is managed by a central BRMS system.

A BRMS networked system can be another IBM i platform or IBM i logical partition.

You can also use the network feature to distribute messages sent to the Backup and Recovery Log. You can send up to 5000 bytes of any message electronically to a cellular telephone, pager, or mailbox which uses an internet address. See [“Sending log messages”](#) on page 23 for additional information.

## BRMS Advanced Functions Feature

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The BRMS Advanced Functions feature provides many more advanced features on top of the standard BRMS product.

The advanced feature can provide you with the following functions:

- **HSM (Hierarchical storage management)**

This feature includes archive, dynamic retrieval and automatic auxiliary storage pool (ASP) migration capability.

- **Media Library Management**

BRMS becomes the media libraries manager by utilizing our BRMS network. With a few additional steps when setting up your BRMS network, you can ensure that a media library's status for specific volumes are reflected across all the systems in your BRMS network.

- **BRMS User Defined System Name**

BRMS network requires unique network attributes, that is, system names. The BRMS User Defined Name allows you to specify your own defined system name that BRMS will use, regardless of the network configuration of the system. This can greatly assist in some HA environments.

- **Tape Library Status Tool**

Have you ever wanted to find out who was using a resource in a tape library that you needed? This tool can help by producing a report that displays the users of the resources in a tape library for all systems in a BRMS network that share that library.

- **Software Encryption**

This feature provides software encryption capability.

- **High Availability Support for I-ASP's in a BRMS Network**

For more information about the above features refer to [“Advanced Functions feature”](#) on page 297.

## Overview of standard BRMS product functionality

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The standard BRMS product assists you in defining and processing your backup, recovery, and media management operations.



Figure 1. The Standard BRMS Functions

Through user-defined controls, BRMS works in conjunction with your IBM i platform to manage your most critical and complex backups while simplifying day-to-day operational tasks. The standard BRMS product provides three basic functions.

- **Backup:** BRMS backup assists you in establishing a disciplined approach to designing and managing your backup operations. It helps you to define, process, monitor and report your backup activities. Use BRMS to back up all of the data on your IBM i platform including objects in libraries, folders, directories, spooled files, security information, system configurations, and the operating system itself. To do this, you can use the default backup control groups, already set up in BRMS, or you can design your own backup operation to suit more specific needs.
- **Recovery:** BRMS recovery provides for the orderly retrieval of lost or damaged data. Its most important feature is a series of recovery reports that take you, step-by-step, through the recovery of your system. These reports not only contain restore instructions, but also indicate which volumes the system requires for the recovery. With BRMS, you can restore your entire system, or selected items such as control groups, libraries, objects, folders, auxiliary storage pools (ASPs), spooled files, or integrated file system links.

- **Media Management:** BRMS media management tracks all of your tapes and save files. Media is tracked through all cycles from media creation to expiration. The tracking process includes active use, storage location, and return to scratch pool availability. BRMS tracks your media until you remove it from the media inventory or until it is otherwise disabled due to usage threshold or poor quality rating. BRMS also records and updates changes to the media inventory.

Figure 2 on page 6 illustrates how BRMS processes backups and recoveries through the media management system. Policies, control groups, and devices link the backup and recovery processes.

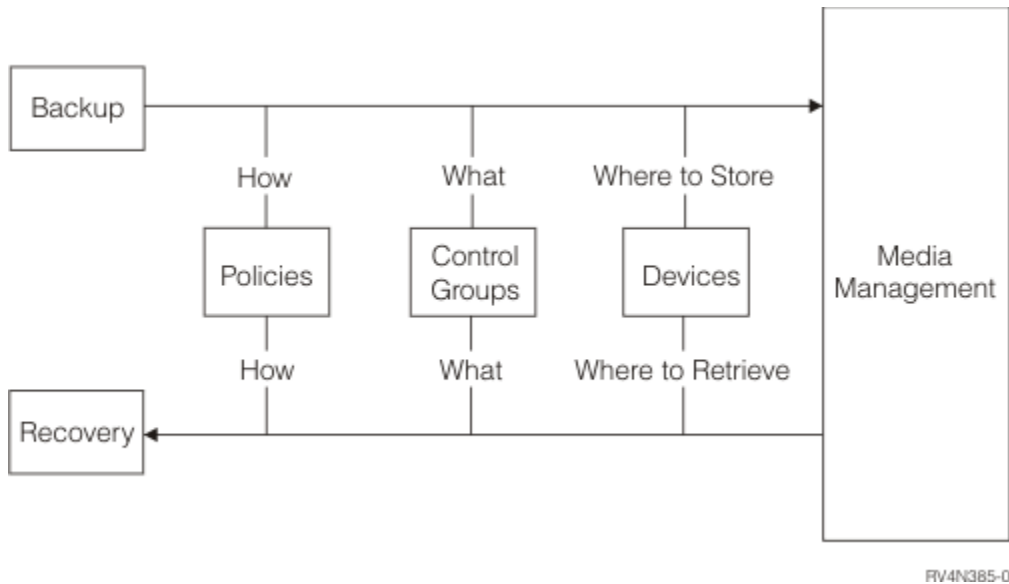


Figure 2. How the standard functions work together

Policies and control groups tell BRMS how and what to back up or recover. The media management system tells BRMS where to store the data and where to retrieve it.

## BRMS policies

Policies define how BRMS operations are generally to be done, similar to the ways in which system values control how your IBM i product operates.

Policies establish actions and assumptions that are used during processing. They also provide a single point of control for administering broad changes in operating principles. Each policy provides a template for managing backup and media management strategies at high levels.

### Types of policies

The standard BRMS package provides the following policies:

- The **System Policy** is very similar to a set of system values. Unless other policies or controls are in place, system policy parameters determine the policy defaults for many of your BRMS operations.
- The **Backup Policy** specifies how to perform backups. You can define weekly backup activities, types of incremental backup, and the level at which you want to save media information. One backup policy governs all backup operations. You can define or change these operations at the control group level.
- The **Recovery Policy** defines how recovery operations are generally to be performed. One recovery policy governs all recovery operations. You can redefine or change recovery command values to allow for single or phased recoveries.
- The **Media Policies** govern the handling of media by media type. Media policies determine retention periods and instruct BRMS where to find the appropriate tapes to perform your backup. They also

determine if backup operations will create and use save files. Unlike system, backup, and recovery policies, multiple media policies can exist.

- The **Move Policy** determines the movement of media from creation through expiration, and through various on and off-site storage locations. Multiple move policies can also exist.

## BRMS control groups

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Control groups determine which data to process.

Control groups consist of groups of libraries, objects, folders, spooled files, and other types of data that share common characteristics or that you want grouped together for backup purposes. Whereas policies determine *how* data is processed, control groups determine, by their content, *which* data to process. They also specify what kind of backup you want BRMS to perform, such as full, incremental, or cumulative-incremental. In addition, control groups specify which days the data will be processed, and the order in which the processing occurs. Control groups usually refer to, and work with, related policies. You can set control group attributes to override policy decisions.

Though you cannot create control groups specifically for a recovery job, BRMS does efficiently recover data by control groups.

## How policies and control groups work together

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Policies and control groups that share the same parameters and values can override one another.

The media, move, backup, and recovery policies are sometimes called function policies because they pertain to specific, core BRMS functional activities. The system policy is called a global policy because BRMS applies many of its values to the core functional activities.

Figure 3 on page 7 illustrates the hierarchical relationship between policies and control groups.

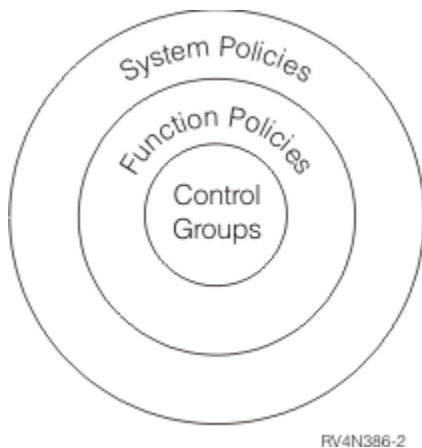


Figure 3. The policy and control group hierarchy

As you can see, the system policy is global and encompasses the function policies and the control groups. Unless otherwise altered, the information contained in system policy parameters overrides information that is contained in function policy parameters. By the same token, function policy information, unless otherwise altered, overrides control group information.

However, because save and restore needs vary depending on customer needs, policies and control groups that share the same parameters and values can override one another. In this way, a function policy value can override a shared system policy value, and a control group value can override a shared function or system policy value. The following examples illustrate override capability:

- The system policy uses a default media policy that is called FULL, which indicates that, among other things, media must be kept for 35 days. Suppose, however, that you want to retain media for a longer

period. In this case, you could specify the name of a different media policy in the backup policy at the *Media policies for full backups* field. In this way, a function policy can override a system policy value.

- A system policy default value instructs BRMS **not** to send a message to sign off interactive users before a save operation begins. There may, however, be occasions when the contents of a particular control group require that users be off the system during save processing. In that case, you would change the value in the *Sign off interactive users* field on the Change Backup Control Group Attributes display from \*NO to \*YES. \*YES, in this instance, means that users cannot access the system while the control group is being backed up. In this way, a control group value can override a policy value.

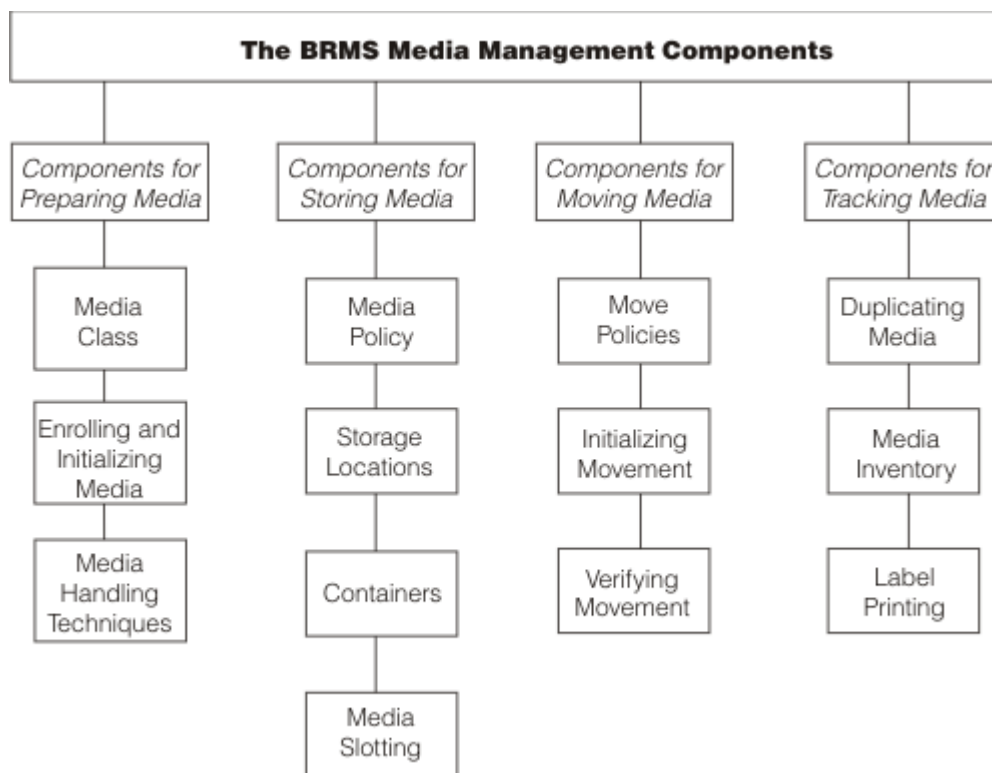
BRMS comes with several predefined values (called defaults) so that you can immediately begin carrying out your backup, recovery, and media management operations. You can change all or any of the default values at any time to better reflect the needs of your company. If you have modified the default values, you can reset these back to the default values by running the INZBRM OPTION(\*DATA) command.

BRMS also comes with predefined backup control groups that allow you to perform an immediate and comprehensive backup of your entire system. You can find more information about the default backup control groups in “Backing up your entire system” on page 17. You can find additional information about BRMS policies in “Tailoring your BRMS operations” on page 83.

## BRMS media management components

BRMS provides a variety of components with which you can track, protect, and store your media.

Use BRMS media management to create an automated tracking system for all of your media activities. Because BRMS media management is large and diverse, we have arranged its components into groups. Placing the media management components into groups gives you an easy understanding of the components available and the ways in which you can use them.



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Figure 4. The BRMS Media Management Components



### Components for Preparing Media

Use these components to prepare your media for backup or recovery processing. These components include media classes, and techniques for enrolling, initializing, and handling media.

### Components for Storing Media

Use these components to define and track storage location and media retention information.

### Components for Moving Media

Use these components to coordinate and track media movement from one storage location to another and to verify scheduled movement. These components include move policies, move commands, and move monitoring techniques.

### Components for Tracking Media

Use these components to assist you in tracking media through various stages of your backup, recovery, and media management operations. These components include the BRMS media inventory database, and techniques for duplicating media and printing media labels.

You can design your media management operation to use all of these components, or to use only those desired for specific purposes. You may use some of these components frequently and some not at all. See [“Setting up your media management operation” on page 93](#) for information and instructions on how to use the media management components.

## How the BRMS functional components work together

The backup and recovery policies and control groups work with the various media management components to provide comprehensive backup, recovery, and media management support.

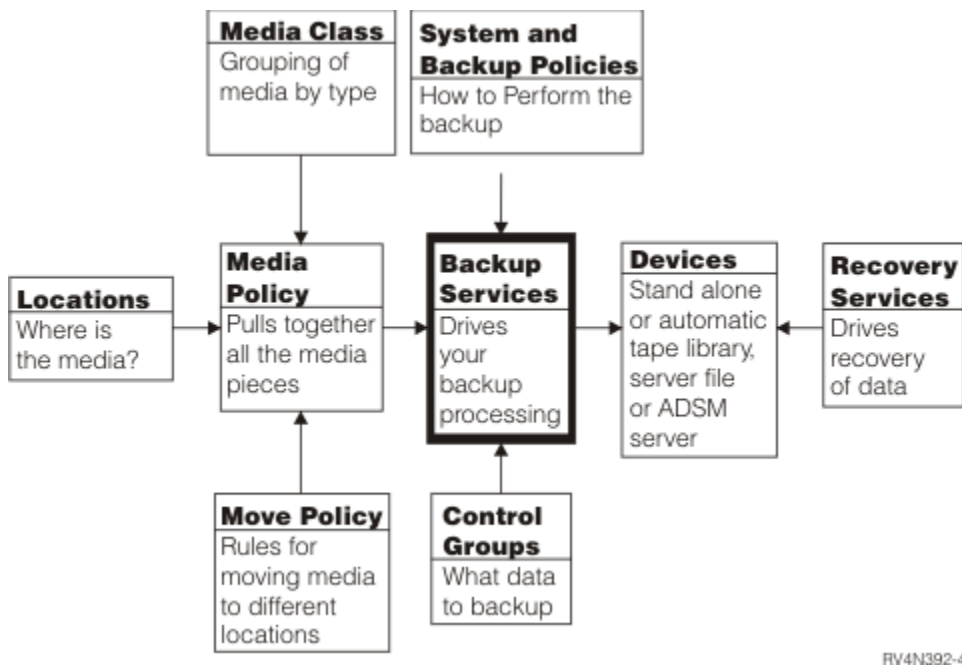


Figure 5. How the BRMS functional components come together



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# Installing and initializing BRMS

This topic provides information about how to install or remove BRMS on your IBM i platform.

This topic also discusses the types of hardware that are compatible with BRMS, and the kind of software that you need to install prior to installing BRMS. In addition, this topic provides a list of things for you to consider before and after installation to help ensure your effective use of BRMS.

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## Hardware considerations

Before you install BRMS, review the hardware requirements.

BRMS is compatible with all IBM i system models. The following types of media and tape library devices are compatible with BRMS:

- All types of IBM i tape media.
- All IBM i stand-alone tape devices.
- All IBM i optical devices.
- All IBM i media libraries (MLBs).
- Use of save files.

BRMS **does not** support diskette, unlabeled or nonstandard label tape.

During installation, BRMS automatically registers and initializes the devices attached to your IBM i platform and creates corresponding device information entries. **It is very important that you attach the devices that you plan to use before installing BRMS.** If you add devices after the installation, you must run the initializing process again to register the new devices with BRMS. Use the Initialize BRMS (INZBRM) command with the parameter OPTION(\*DEVICE).

**Note:** See “Working with devices in BRMS” on page 85 for more information about how to use BRMS to add or change devices and device information.

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## Software considerations

Before you install BRMS, review the software requirements.

You must install the IBM i Media and Storage Extensions (MSE) feature.

You must have library QUSRBRM on the system *before* installing 5770-BR1 if you are upgrading from a prior version/release BRMS or changing the primary language of BRMS.

You also need to ensure that the QSYS2 library is in your system library list. Use the Display System Values command (DSPSYSVAL QSYSLIBL) to check. If required, be sure to add the library to your system library list. You can use the Change System Library List (CHGSYSLIBL) command to do so.

### Installing Media and Storage Extensions (MSE)

You must install the Media and Storage Extensions (MSE) feature on your IBM i platform *before* you install BRMS. If MSE is not installed, BRMS cannot register the exit points and your saves will not complete.

Take the following steps to install MSE on your machine:

1. Enter GO LICPGM from a command line.
2. At the Work with Licensed Programs display, select option 11 (Install Licensed Programs).
3. Select licensed program 5770-SS1, option 18, Media and Storage Extensions (MSE), and press Enter.
4. Press Enter at the next display to confirm your selection.

5. At the Install Options display, type in the name of your installation device as requested. Press Enter to start the installation.
6. Review the job log to ensure that the installation completed successfully. Use the Display Job Log (DSPJOBLOG) command to review the job log.

## Planning for the installation

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Consider the following when you schedule time to install BRMS.

BRMS uses library QUSRBRM to store information about your backup and archive operations, the policies you use to perform these operations and all the media being managed by BRMS. Depending on the number of policies and the level of saved detail you keep and how long you retain this information, the size of the files in the QUSRBRM library can be significantly large. Whenever, you upgrade to a new release, BRMS must convert the information in changed physical files to the new record format so that the data is compatible with the programs. This file conversion typically is required only once for any given release.

**Note:** The file conversion consists of replicating the data from the file record format of a previous release to the file record format of the current release. If you have programs which interface to the BRMS logical or physical files in library QUSRBRM, you are responsible for verifying the function of these programs using the new file record format. The format of these files are subject to change without notice. If you have created your own logical files based on the physical files in library QUSRBRM, BRMS deletes these logical files during the product update.

If you are planning an upgrade to a later version/release of BRMS, you can run the following command on the current version/release to estimate the conversion time for the product update.

```
INZBRM OPTION(*ESTPRDUPD) TGTRLS(target-release)
```

```
where: target-release is the future version/release/modification level,  
in VnRnMn format, of the planned upgrade.
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The estimated update time is returned in message BRM402C. The estimated time can vary significantly if the update and initialization are not run on the current system, or run in different system environments. The minimum time estimate returned is 10 minutes, but the actual time to perform the update may be less than 10 minutes.

The BRMS file conversion includes the BRMS printer files. The conversion saves the current attributes of the printer files that are in library QBRM, installs the shipped attributes, and then applies the saved attributes of old printer files to the newly installed ones. This preserves any attribute changes that you made prior to upgrading.

You must initialize BRMS after you install the product. If you attempt to use any BRMS command prior to product initialization, you will see the following exception:

```
BRM40A2 – BRMS product initialization required.
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In addition, all functions on BRMS menus are disabled as shown in the following panel. Any attempt to use a menu option will also result in the BRM40A2 exception. Deferring the BRMS product initialization allows you to minimize the time your system is not available for the software upgrade. It allows you to load all the software and PTFs in a more timely manner and to get the system online sooner. You can then perform the BRMS initialization after all system resources become available.

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Select one of the following:

- \*. Media management
- \*. Backup
- \*. Archive
- \*. Recovery
- \*. Migration
  
- \*\*. Scheduling
- \*\*. Policy administration
- \*\*. Reports
  
- \*\*. Start console monitor

Selection or command  
====>

F3=Exit F4=Prompt F9=Retrieve F10=Commands F12=Cancel F13=Functions  
**BRMS product initialization required.**

BRMS automatically initiates the product initialization process for you by submitting a job named BRMSPRDINZ to the batch queue defined in job description QGPL/QDFTJOB. Message BRM40A8 is added to the job log after successful completion of the installation. This message identifies the job and the batch job queue that will run the BRMS product initialization. If you install while in restricted state, the product initialization job will not run until after the system IPL.

In most cases, the initialization might be complete by the time you want to use BRMS. If you can use the BRMS commands, menus, and the BRMS graphical interface, no further action is required; the product has been successfully initialized. If these functions are locked, you should locate and monitor for the job completion message in the QSYSOPR message queue. If the job is still running, you can run the following command to retrieve an approximation of the time required to complete the initialization.

```
INZBRM OPTION(*ESTPRDINZ)
```

If you cannot find job BRMSPRDINZ in the batch queues and BRMS commands and menus are still locked, you can run the following command to complete BRMS product initialization.

```
INZBRM OPTION(*RUNPRDINZ)
```

Only one job can perform product initialization. The following messages are generated by the \*RUNPRDINZ option to inform you of the initialization process status.

**BRM40A3**

BRMS product initialization started.

**BRM40A4**

BRMS product initialization successful.

**BRM40A5**

BRMS product initialization ended abnormally.

**BRM40A6**

BRMS product initialization already started.

**BRM40A7**

BRMS initialization not required.

## Installing BRMS

Follow these instructions to install BRMS.

There are no special actions you need to take when installing BRMS on a system for the first time or if you are installing a new version of BRMS on the same system which has a previous version currently installed. In

either case, follow the steps below to install BRMS on your IBM i product or use the normal IBM i processes for installing the new software from the distribution media.

**Note:** If you are consolidating BRMS operations on one or more systems to another system, or moving BRMS operations to a new system having a new name, refer to [“Merging BRMS data and consolidating systems” on page 363](#) for guidance in completing the migration task.

1. Quiesce all BRMS operations if BRMS is already installed.
2. Enter GO LICPGM from a command line.
3. At the Work with Licensed Programs display, select option 11 (Install Licensed Programs).
4. Select Product 5770-BR1, option \*BASE, to install the standard IBM Backup, Recovery and Media Services for i product. Then press Enter.
5. Press Enter at the next display to confirm your selection.
6. At the Install Options display, type in the name of your installation device as requested. Then press Enter to start the installation.
7. Press F14 to accept the Software Agreements.
8. After you have successfully installed the \*BASE BRMS product, you can install the additional features. To do so, repeat steps 1-7 for each feature. At step 3, take option 1 for the Network feature or option 2 for the Advanced Functions (HSM) feature.

## After the installation

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Do the following after the successful installation of BRMS:

- Reload the latest cumulative program temporary fix (PTF) compact disk to ensure that all of the BRMS-related fixes are in place. If you recently loaded and applied the latest cumulative (CUM) PTF prior to installing BRMS, you will need to load and apply the BRMS-related PTFs after BRMS is installed.
- You may also want to load the latest Save and Restore Group PTFs. You can access the latest PTFs through the [BRMS website](#).
- Verify that the *Allow user domain objects in user libraries* (QALWUSRDMN) system value is set to \*ALL, which is the default shipped value. This value allows user domain objects in libraries. It also determines which libraries on the system may contain the user domain objects \*USRSPC (user space), \*USRIDX (user index), and \*USRQ (user queue). If you do not set the system value to \*ALL, you must add the QBRM and QUSRBRM libraries to the list of libraries that are shown on the QALWUSRDMN display. You can use the Work with System Values (WRKSYSVAL) command to verify the QALWUSRDMN system value.
- Review the job log to ensure that the installation completed successfully. Use the Display Job Log (DSPJOBLOG) command to review the job log.
- Verify the BRMS post installation product initialization job completed successfully by looking for this message in the QSYSOPR job log:

```
CPF1241 - Job nnnnnn/userid/BRMSPRDINZ completed normally on date at time.
```

When you install the BRMS product, message BRM40A8 is added to the job log to help you identify the job and the batch job queue which will run the BRMS product initialization. If the job is still running or the job is still being held, you can run the following command to retrieve an approximation of the time required to complete the initialization.

```
INZBRM OPTION(*ESTPRDINZ)
```

**Note:** BRMS will not be available to monitor media operations or be able to track native save operations until BRMS product initialization is complete. It is important to minimize these activities on the system until BRMS product initialization has completed. It is also recommended you perform a full system save including a save of the BRMS media information after product initialization.

If the BRMS product initialization job could not be submitted to the batch queue for any reason, message BRM40AA is added to the install job log. However, this message will not terminate the install process and the install should still complete successfully. If you receive this message, then you need to run BRMS product initialization using the following command:

```
INZBRM OPTION(*RUNPRDINZ)
```

The following are some of the tasks completed during product initialization.

- Creates the QBRM and QUSRBRM libraries, which contain all BRMS-related objects and information.
- Creates or updates tape drive and media class entries based on the installed tape devices.
- Creates or updates default BRMS objects.
- Converts all BRMS database files to the current format.
- Registers BRMS with the MSE feature of IBM i.

If you cannot find job BRMSPRDINZ in the job queues and BRMS commands and menus are still locked, you can run the following command to complete BRMS product initialization.

```
INZBRM OPTION(*RUNPRDINZ)
```

- If you installed the BRMS Network feature, follow the instructions to add this system to the network as documented in the section [“Setting up your BRMS network”](#) on page 277.
- Re-register any programs you may have registered to the following BRMS exits.

```
QIBM_A1A_TAPE_INF  
QIBM_A1A_TAPE_MOVE  
QIBM_A1A_RETR_INF
```

## Updating license information

If you purchased BRMS, you need to update the BRMS license information to disable the automatic product locking function. If you do not, you cannot use most of the BRMS functions and functional components beyond the 70-day trial period.

If you have the BRMS license keys, we recommend that you update the BRMS license information now. To do so, take the following steps:

1. Type the Work with Licensed Information (WRKLICINF) command at a command line and press Enter.
2. At the Work with License Information display, locate product 5770-BR1, feature 5050.
3. Type a 1 in the *Opt* field next to 5770-BR1 feature 5050, and press Enter. You see the prompt display for the Add License Key Information (ADDLICKEY) command.
4. Use the default value of \*ANY in the *Processor group* field.
5. In the *License key* field, type in the 18 character license key that is provided with your BRMS license agreement.
6. In the *Usage limit* field, specify a value of \*NOMAX.
7. Use the default value of \*NO in both the *Expiration date* and *Vendor data* fields.
8. Press Enter. You see message CPC9E66 (1 license key information records added to the repository).
9. Repeat steps 2 through 8 for BRMS features 5101 and 5102 if your license agreement includes these features.

You should store the license key in a secure place in case you have to do an unexpected (and unlikely) scratch installation of IBM i.

## Removing BRMS from your system

You can remove the BRMS product and features from your system.

To remove BRMS from your system, take the following steps:

1. Enter GO LICPGM from a command line.
2. At the Work with Licensed Programs display, select option 12 (Delete licensed programs).
3. Type option 4 (Delete) next to the BRMS (5770-BR1) products you want to remove and press Enter.
4. Press Enter again at the next display to confirm the products you want to remove, and to proceed with the licensed program removal.

You can remove the Advanced Function and Network features independently of the standard product if required. However, before you can remove the Network feature, you must first remove the system from the network. You can find instructions on how to remove systems from a network and how to remove the Network feature itself in [“Networking with BRMS”](#) on page 275.

Deleting the BRMS product from your system removes the QBRM library from your system. If you used BRMS to save objects to save files, BRMS created one or more libraries named Q1ABRMSFnn, where nn is the number (01-99) of the auxiliary storage pool that contains the library. Deleting the BRMS product does not remove these save file libraries or the QUSRBRM library that contains the save history information. If you intend to remove BRMS permanently from your system, you can also remove these libraries.

**Note:** The QBRMS user profile is not automatically deleted from the system when BRMS is deleted. Before you delete the QBRMS user profile, review the objects that are owned by this profile to determine whether you want to keep or remove these objects. If you have no intention of reinstalling BRMS or do not require the objects that are currently owned by the QBRMS user profile, then delete the QBRMS user profile by using the following command:

```
DLTUSRPRF USRPRF(QBRMS) OWNBJOPT(*DLT)
```



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# Backing up your entire system

You can use BRMS-configured defaults to back up all of your system data and BRMS data.

You can use BRMS to perform a variety of backups. You can, for example, use BRMS-configured defaults to perform a straight forward backup of your entire system. Or you can use a variety of other BRMS tools and techniques to tailor a backup and recovery operation that suits the specific needs of your company. This topic provides instructions on how to use BRMS-configured defaults to back up all of your system and BRMS data.

Many of the functions described in this topic are also available in the BRMS graphical interface. For detailed information, see [“Using the BRMS graphical interface”](#) on page 233.

BRMS generally processes backups by using control groups. You can also use commands to process backups. In this topic, however, the focus is on performing backups with control groups. **Control groups** consist of groups of libraries, objects, folders, spooled files, and other types of data that share similar characteristics or that you want grouped together for a particular purpose. BRMS comes with three default backup control groups, **\*SYSTEM**, **\*SYSGRP** and **\*BKUGRP**.

You can use the \*SYSTEM control group to back up your entire system in restricted state.

Use the \*SYSGRP control group to back up only the IBM supplied objects of the system in restricted state. The objects include the Licensed Internal code, the IBM i objects in library QSYS, the security and configuration data, the IBM libraries (primarily the Q libraries), and the IBM directories and files stored in the integrated file system.

Use the \*BKUGRP control group to run a non–restricted state backup of all user data. The user data includes the security and configuration data, all user libraries, folders and documents, and user directories and files stored in integrated file system.

This topic shows you how to use the \*SYSGRP, \*BKUGRP and \*SYSTEM control groups to perform backups of your entire system.

We recommend that you run the \*SYSTEM control group as soon as possible after installing BRMS. After the initial backup is complete, you should backup your user and system data as frequently as your business requires. Thus, you might schedule daily backups using the \*SYSTEM group. If your backup window is not long enough, you might schedule daily backups of the user data using the \*BKUGRP control group, and defer the entire system backups until the end of the week, end of the month, or whenever maintenance is applied to the system. The information contained in this book can assist you in developing and implementing the backup and recovery strategy that best suits your business needs. [“Tailoring your backup”](#) on page 129 and [“Performing selected recoveries”](#) on page 187 provide information about backup and recovery planning and instructions on how to tailor your backup and recovery operations. You will find these topics particularly helpful when designing your backup and recovery strategy.

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## Enrolling media

Before you can perform any backups, you need to enroll the media for BRMS to use.

The process of enrolling media has two steps:

1. Determining the media class by which BRMS identifies and tracks your media.
2. Enrolling the media volumes into BRMS.

## Determining media classes

BRMS groups each tape into a media class, which allows BRMS to track and protect the active data on your media by type. A *media class* refers to the grouping of media by similar characteristics, for example, media density and capacity.

It is important to have sufficient volumes enrolled in the BRMS scratch pool before performing a save operation. A media scratch pool is a group of available (expired and unused) media that share the same media class. BRMS draws the media it uses for backup and recovery operations from this pool. You are likely to need at least four volumes to perform the backups that are discussed in this chapter. Use two to back up your system data with the \*SYSGRP control group, and two to back up your non-system data with the \*BKUGRP control group, or use all four to backup your entire system using the \*SYSTEM control group. You may need more or fewer tapes depending on the capacity of your media and the size of your system.

During installation, BRMS creates default device information based on the type of device attached to your system at that time. If more than one tape device is attached, BRMS takes as its default device the fastest and most automated device that is attached. BRMS bases the default media class on the default device type. For example, if you have a 6380 tape device attached to your system, the media class might be QICxxx. In this case, the class prefix (QIC) signifies a 1/4" tape and the x's indicate different densities.

### To perform the backups that are discussed in this chapter, you must use two different media classes:

- To perform the \*SYSTEM backup of the entire system or the \*SYSGRP backup of the system data, specify SAVSYS (Save System) as the media class when enrolling the volumes that are used for this backup.
- To perform the \*BKUGRP backup of non-system data, specify the default media class name that is assigned by BRMS during installation.

You can find the default media class name assigned by BRMS in the system policy. To get there, perform the following steps:

1. Type GO BRMSYSPCY at a command line.
2. At the System Policy menu, select option 1 (Display or Change system policy).
3. At the Change System Policy display, note the media class name that is specified in the *Media class* field.
4. Use this media class name when you enroll the media for the \*BKUGRP backup.

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Change System Policy                                RCHAS400

Type choices, press Enter.

Media policy . . . . . FULL                      Name, F4 for list
Devices . . . . . TAP01                          Name, F4 for list

Home location for media . . . . . *HOME          Name, F4 for list
Media class . . . . . QIC2GB                    Name, F4 for list
Sign off interactive users . . . . . *NO        *YES, *NO
Sign off limit . . . . . 30                     0-999 minutes
Output queue . . . . . *PRTF                    Name, *PRTF
Library . . . . .                               Name, *LIBL
Day start time . . . . . 0:00:00                Time
Media monitor . . . . . *YES                    *YES, *NO
Shared inventory delay . . . . . 60             30-9999 seconds
Auto enroll media . . . . . *NO                 *NO, *YES
Default usage . . . . . *YES                    *NO, *YES

F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel                                More...
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## Enrolling media for use by a stand-alone device

Use the following procedure to enroll media into BRMS for use by a stand-alone tape or optical device that is attached to your system:

1. Insert the pre-initialized volume into your tape device. If your volumes are not initialized, see [“Setting up your media management operation” on page 93](#) for instructions on how to do so before enrolling the volumes into BRMS.
2. Type WRKMEDBRM at a command line to get to the Work with Media display.
3. At the Work with Media display, type a 1 in the *Option* column and then type the name of your volume in the *Volume Serial* column. Press Enter. This takes you to the Add Media to BRM (ADDMEDBRM) display.
 

**Note:** If you encounter a message saying *Cannot allocate device TAPxx or Request to optical device OPTxx failed.*, then you need to vary on the device. You can do that by taking option 8 (Work with status) from the Work with Devices (WRKDEVBRM) display.
4. Type the name of the appropriate media class in the *Media Class* field and press Enter. Be sure to enroll four volumes in the SAVSYS media class for the \*SYSTEM backup, or two volumes into the SAVSYS media class for the \*SYSGRP backup, and two into the media class assigned by your system policy for the \*BKUGRP backup.
5. You have now returned to the Add Media to BRM display. Press F9 to prompt the additional parameters. Then press Enter again to enroll the media.
6. Repeat steps 4 through 6 for each volume.

## Enrolling media for use by a media library

Use the following procedure to enroll media into BRMS for use by a tape or optical media library that is attached to your system:

1. Ensure that four pre-initialized volumes are available in your tape library. If your volumes are not initialized, see [“Setting up your media management operation” on page 93](#) for instruction on how to do so before enrolling the volumes into BRMS.
2. Type WRKMLBBRM at a command line to get to the Work with Media Libraries display.
3. Type an 8 (Work with MLB media) next to the name of the media library device you want to work with and press Enter. This takes you to the Work with Media Library Media display.
4. At this display, press Enter three times to work with current inventory of the media library. Place a 1 (Add MLB media) next to the volume you want to enroll and press Enter. This takes you to the Add MLB media to BRM display.
 

**Note:** If you encounter a message saying *Cannot allocate device TAPMLBxx or Request to optical device OPTMLBxx failed.*, then you need to vary on the device. You can do that by using the Work with Media Library Status (WRKMLBSTS) command.
5. At the Add MLB media to BRM display, type in the name of the appropriate media class. Be sure to enroll two volumes into the SAVSYS media class for the \*SYSGRP backup, and two into the media class assigned by your system policy for the \*BKUGRP backup. Then press Enter. This returns you to the Add Media Library Media to BRM display.
6. At the Add Media Library Media to BRM display, press Enter twice.
7. Repeat steps 5 through 7 for each volume.

**Note:** When tape volumes are physically inserted into the tape library, they must already have a volume identifier assigned to the volume. This is a requirement of the tape media library, not BRMS. Optical media libraries do not have this requirement.

## Performing the backups

Use the following procedures to perform a full save of your entire system.

### Note:

1. Processing time for each backup depends on the size of your system processor, device capability, and the amount of data that you want to save.

2. You cannot perform other activities during these backups because your system will be in a restricted state.

### Using the \*SYSTEM control group

You can use the \*SYSTEM control group to back up your entire system in restricted state.

1. Sign on to your system console workstation.
2. Make sure that the device you want to use to perform the backup is varied on. Take option 8 (Work with status) from the Work with Devices (WRKDEVBRM) command to check the status of your device.
3. Be sure that the media you use for this backup is enrolled in the SAVSYS media class.
4. To begin the backup, type STRBKUBRM CTLGRP(\*SYSTEM) SBMJOB(\*NO) at any command line and press Enter.
5. Once the \*SYSTEM backup completes, review the job log to ensure that the save completed successfully. To display the job log, enter DSPJOBLOG at a command line, and then press F10 to see the details.

### Using the \*SYSGRP control group

Use the \*SYSGRP control group to back up only the IBM supplied objects of the system in restricted state.

1. Sign on to your system console workstation.
2. Make sure that the device you want to use to perform the backup is varied on. Take option 8 (Work with status) from the Work with Devices (WRKDEVBRM) command to check the status of your device.
3. Be sure that the media you use for this backup is in the appropriate media class. Use the class name that is identified in the *Media class* field in the system policy.
4. To begin the backup, type STRBKUBRM CTLGRP(\*SYSGRP) SBMJOB(\*NO) at any command line and press Enter.
5. Once the \*SYSGRP backup completes, review the job log to ensure that the save completed successfully. To display the job log, enter DSPJOBLOG at a command line, and then press F10 to see the details.

### Using the \*BKUGRP control group

Use the \*BKUGRP control group to run a non–restricted state backup of all user data.

1. Make sure that the device you want to use to perform the backup is varied on. Take option 8 (Work with configuration status) from the Work with Devices (WRKDEVBRM) command to check the status of your device.
2. Be sure that the media you use for this backup is in the appropriate media class. Use the class name that is identified in the **Media class** field in the system policy.
3. End all subsystems to enable the \*BKUGRP control group to save. You did not need to do this before the \*SYSTEM or \*SYSGRP save because BRMS performed this function for you. Before you end the subsystems, go to the Work with Subsystems display and write down the subsystem names that are listed there. After the \*BKUGRP save, you will need to restart each subsystem by name. To get to the Work with Subsystems (WRKSBS) display, type WRKSBS from any command line.
4. To end all subsystems, type ENDSBS SBS(\*ALL) OPTION(\*IMMED) at a command line and press Enter. All subsystems end (except the subsystem that operates the system console workstation, usually called QCTL) when the System ended to restricted state message appears. You may need to refresh the display. To view the message, enter DSPMSG QSYSOPR at a command line.

**Note:** A message from QSYSOPR that asserts System ending abnormally will not affect your backup, though you may want to investigate the problem for other reasons.

5. Once all of the subsystems have ended, you can perform the \*BKUGRP backup. At any command line, type STRBKUBRM CTLGRP(\*BKUGRP) SBMJOB(\*NO) and press Enter.

6. Once the \*BKUGRP backup completes, review the job log to ensure that the save completed successfully. To display the job log, enter DSPJOBLOG at a command line, then press F10 to see the details.
7. To restart your subsystems, type STRSBS(Start Subsystem) on a command line and press F4 to prompt the Start Subsystems display. Type the name of a subsystem in the **Subsystem description** field and press Enter. Do this for each of the subsystems.

## Backup and Recovery Log

A useful tool for analyzing success or failure of daily BRMS operations is the Backup and Recovery Log (BRMS log). The BRMS log provides a running summary of all save, restore and media related messages received during BRMS operations.

You can view the messages in the BRMS log by using the Display Log for BRM (DSPLOGBRM) command. The default behavior of the DSPLOGBRM command is to only show the messages for the current day, with the display positioned to the most recent entry. You can use the *Time period for log output (PERIOD)* parameter on the command to specify a date and time window for log messages you want to display. The information provided on the *Message View* of the *Display BRM Log Information* display includes the date, time and first level text for the messages.

```

                                Display BRM Log Information                                RCHAS400

Current date/time . . . . . : 12/23/05 10:27:53
Position to date . . . . . : 12/20/05

Date sent Time sent Message
12/20/05 14:46:22 Devices TAP07 will be used for control group *N type *BKU
12/20/05 14:46:23 Starting save of library KLD to devices TAP07.
12/20/05 14:47:26 Save or restore operation ended unsuccessfully.
12/20/05 15:22:20 Devices TAP07 will be used for control group *N type *BKU
12/20/05 15:25:34 Save operation canceled.
12/20/05 15:34:26 Devices TAP07 will be used for control group *N type *BKU
12/20/05 15:34:41 Save operation canceled.
12/21/05 10:03:37 Devices TAP07 will be used for control group *N type *BKU
12/21/05 10:14:51 Save operation canceled.
12/21/05 10:29:16 Devices TAP07 will be used for control group *N type *BKU
12/21/05 10:38:43 Save operation canceled.
12/21/05 11:01:09 Estimated update time is 0 hours and 11 minutes.

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Press Enter to continue.

F3=Exit      F4=Message details    F5=Refresh    F11=Alternate view
F12=Cancel   F17=Top                F18=Bottom

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The *Alternate View* of the *Display BRM Log Information* display shows the message identifier, a BRMS assigned severity and area, and the job information.

The *Current date/time prompt* displays the current system date and time and is updated each time the screen is refreshed.

Use the *Position to date* to quickly position the display to messages starting on a specific date. You can only position within the date range you specified on the PERIOD parameter.

```

                                Display BRM Log Information                                RCHAS400
Current date/time . . . . . : 12/22/05 13:47:12
Position to date . . . . . : 12/20/05

Date sent Time sent Msg ID   Sev   Area   Job           User           Job Nbr
12/20/05 14:46:22 BRM1669 10  *BKU   QPADEV0008  MARILIN        055318
12/20/05 14:46:23 BRM1058 00  *BKU   QPADEV0008  MARILIN        055318
12/20/05 14:47:26 CPF3794 70  *BKU   QPADEV0008  MARILIN        055318
12/20/05 15:22:20 BRM1669 10  *BKU   QPADEV0008  MARILIN        055318
12/20/05 15:25:34 BRM1646 40  *BKU   QPADEV0008  MARILIN        055318
12/20/05 15:34:26 BRM1669 10  *BKU   QPADEV0008  MARILIN        055318
12/20/05 15:34:41 BRM1646 40  *BKU   QPADEV0008  MARILIN        055318
12/21/05 10:03:37 BRM1669 10  *BKU   QPADEV0005  MARILIN        055426
12/21/05 10:14:51 BRM1646 40  *BKU   QPADEV0005  MARILIN        055426
12/21/05 10:29:16 BRM1669 10  *BKU   QPADEV0005  MARILIN        055426
12/21/05 10:38:43 BRM1646 40  *BKU   QPADEV0005  MARILIN        055426
12/21/05 11:01:09 BRM402C 00  *MAINT QPADEV000F  SPHANK        055409
                                                                Bottom

Press Enter to continue.

F3=Exit      F4=Message details  F5=Refresh      F11=Message view
F12=Cancel   F17=Top             F18=Bottom

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You can place the cursor over any message, in either view, then press F4 to see the detailed text of the message.

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                                Additional BRM Log Information                                RCHAS400
Message ID . . . . . : BRM1646           Severity . . . . . : 40
Job . . . : QPADEV0008   User . . : MARILIN           Number . . . . . : 055318
Date sent . . . . . : 12/20/05           Time sent . . . . . : 15:25:34
Program . . . . . : Q1AC0DV           Area . . . . . : *BKU

Message . . . . : Save operation canceled.
Cause . . . . . : Operation was canceled because devices TAP07 were not
                  ready.

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Press Enter to continue

F3=Exit  F12=Cancel

```

If you use the BRMS graphical interface, click **Select Action > BRMS Log** to display the messages in the BRMS log. The graphical interface allows you to search the BRMS log using any of the following attributes:

- Message type
- Minimum message severity
- Message identifier or generic message identifier
- Program name or generic program name
- User name or generic user name
- Job name or generic job name
- Job number or generic job number

You can print the BRMS Log messages by specifying \*PRINT for the *Output (OUTPUT)* parameter of the DSPLOGBRM command. The report that is produced is the BRMS Log Report . The printer file for this report is QP1ALG. You can also print the report using option 52 from the BRMRPT menu (GO BRMRPT).

## Removing log messages

Messages in the BRMS log become less useful as they age. BRMS provides two methods for removing aged messages from the BRMS log.

The first method uses the *Remove log entries (RMVLOGE)* parameter on the Start Maintenance for BRM (STRMNTBRM) command to specify the type and date range of messages to be removed. The default behavior of this parameter is to remove all messages older than 90 days. The STRMNTBRM command provides the easiest method to maintain the BRMS log since this is a command that you should be running frequently.

```
Start Maintenance for BRM (STRMNTBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

Expire media . . . . . *YES          *YES, *NO
Expire media set volumes . . . . *NO          *NO, *YES
Remove media information:
  Media contents . . . . . *EXP          *EXP, *NONE, *REUSE
  Object level detail . . . . . *MEDCON      1-9999, *MEDCON
  Link level detail . . . . . *OBJDTL       1-9999, *OBJDTL, *MEDCON
  Spooled file level detail . . . *MEDCON      1-9999, *MEDCON, *OBJDTL
  Folder level detail . . . . . *OBJDTL       1-9999, *OBJDTL, *MEDCON
Remove migration information . . . 180          1-9999, *NONE
Run media movement . . . . . *NO          *NO, *YES
Remove log entries:
  Type . . . . . *ALL          *ALL, *NONE, *ARC, *BKU, *M...
  From date . . . . . *BEGIN       Date, *BEGIN, *CURRENT, nnnnn
  To date . . . . . 90            Date, *END, *CURRENT, nnnnn
Run cleanup operations . . . . . *YES          *YES, *NO
Retrieve volume statistics . . . . *YES          *YES, *NO
More...
F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel  F13=How to use this display
F24=More keys
```

The alternative method for removing BRMS log messages is to regularly schedule the Remove Log Entries from BRM (RMVLOGEBRM) command. You might consider using this command if you want to run BRMS log maintenance independently from BRMS maintenance, or on a different schedule. In this case, you would specify \*NONE for the RMVLOGE parameter on the STRMNTBRM command.

## Excluding log messages

Another means of managing the BRMS log is to prevent messages of little value from being added to the log.

To define messages to be excluded from the BRMS log, complete these steps:

1. [Navigate to the BRMS graphical interface.](#)
2. In the BRMS pane, click **Select Action > System Policy Properties.**
3. In the System Policy Properties pane, click the **Logging** tab.
4. Use the functions provided in the **Message IDs to exclude from the log** area to:
  - Add a known message to the exclusion list.
  - Browse and select one or more messages to add to the exclusion list.
  - Remove messages from the exclusion list.

**Note:** Adding a message to the exclusion list does not remove those messages from the BRMS log. It only prevents future messages from being added to the log.

## Sending log messages

If you use IBM Navigator for i and have a license to the BRMS Network feature, you can set up BRMS to send specific BRMS Log messages to a cellular telephone, pager or mailbox or any other electronic media that uses an internet email address.

Setting up BRMS to provide remote notification of critical operation status is as simple as adding the message identifiers to a distribution list and specifying the email address.

Messages will be distributed each time they are added to the log, so choose the message carefully. For example, you wouldn't want to add message BRM1058 because it will occur frequently.

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BRM1058 - Starting save of library * to devices *.
```

But you might want to distribute message BRM1820 to be notified when a critical backup ends abnormally.

```
BRM1820 - Control group * type * ended abnormally.
```

To set up the message distribution, complete these steps:

1. [Navigate to the BRMS graphical interface.](#)
2. In the BRMS pane, click **Select Action > System Policy Properties.**
3. In the System Policy Properties pane, click the **Logging** tab.
4. Use the functions provided in the **Message IDs to distribute** area to:
  - Add a known message to the distribution list.
  - Browse and select one or more messages to add to the distribution list.
  - Remove messages from the distribution list.
5. Click the **Network** tab.
6. Use the functions provided in the **Distribution** area to:
  - Specify the primary distribution server.
  - Specify the secondary distribution server.
  - Specify the email address.
  - Specify the maximum length of the message if the destination has any message length restrictions.

The system that you select as the primary server will distribute the messages. If the primary server cannot complete the distribution, it sends the message to the secondary server for distribution. For example, you could select a local primary server and a remote secondary server. When the local system is in restricted state, BRMS sends the email through the remote secondary system. If a secondary server is not specified and the primary server is in restricted state, the message will be queued and distributed when BRMS networking is restarted. Attempts are made periodically to re-send pending messages. The retry period is established by the current value of the *Shared inventory delay* prompt in the System Policy.

Before you can use this function, you must have set up the primary, and optionally the secondary server, for internet access. You would designate a system other than the local system as the primary or secondary server if the local system does not have internet access.

## Printing a backup statistics report

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After a backup is complete, you can generate a report that contains important information and statistics about the backup.

You can use the backup statistics report to monitor how a specific backup is performing on a day-to-day basis. This will enable you to determine when there are problems.

To print the backup statistics report, complete the following steps:

1. Type **PRTRPTBRM** at any command line and press F4 to prompt the *Print Report using BRM* display.



```

Print Report using BRM (PRTRPTBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

Report type . . . . . *BKUSTAT      *BKUSTAT, *CTLGRPSTAT
Time period for recovery:
  Start time and date:
  Beginning time . . . . . *AVAIL      Time, *AVAIL
  Beginning date . . . . . *BEGIN      Date, *CURRENT, *BEGIN
  End time and date:
  Ending time . . . . . *AVAIL      Time, *AVAIL
  Ending date . . . . . *END        Date, *CURRENT, *END

F3=Exit   F4=Prompt   F5=Refresh   F12=Cancel   F13=How to use this display
F24=More keys
Bottom

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2. Set the value in the Type field to \*BKUSTAT.
3. Press Enter to generate the spooled file QP1ABS.
4. Use Work with Spooled Files (**WRKSPLF**) command to view or print this report.

**Note:** The Print Report using BRMS **PRTRPTBRM** command will also generate an outfile, using file QO1ABS in library QBRM as the model.

## Printing your recovery reports

After completing your backups, you can generate a series of comprehensive recovery reports for use in recovering your entire system.

If BRMS is offline due to system failure or other disaster, the recovery reports provide instruction on how to perform the first few steps manually. For example, the recovery reports tell you where to locate the volumes necessary to restore your system. In addition, they identify the manual steps you must take to install the Licensed Internal Code and perform a restore of the operating system and the BRMS product. After completing the manual steps, you can use BRMS to assist you in recovering the remainder of your system.

Perform the following steps to print the recovery reports you will need to recover your system:

1. Type STRRCYBRM at any command line and press F4 to prompt the Start Recovery using BRM display.
2. Press Enter to get a complete list of fields.
3. Set the value in the *Option* field to \*SYSTEM and the value in the *Action* field to \*REPORT.
4. Press Enter to generate the spooled files from which to print the following reports:
  - QP1ARCY: Recovering Your Entire System (features the actual recovery steps)
  - QP1A2RCY: Recovery Volume Summary Report (tells you where to find the necessary volumes)
  - QP1AASP: Display ASP Information
5. Use the Work with Spooled Files (WRKSPLF) command to print the reports.

To use BRMS to perform a recovery, you must have a copy of these reports available. Each time you complete a backup, print a new series of recovery reports. Be sure to keep a copy of these reports with each set of tapes at all locations where media is stored.



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# Recovering your entire system

BRMS reports can guide you, in a step-by-step manner, through the process of recovering your entire system.

After the completion of each save, BRMS can generate a series of up-to-date reports. These reports guide you through the process of recovering your entire system. You can also use these reports to guide you through the recovery of selected aspects of your system. In the case of total system failure, the reports guide you through the first manual steps of the recovery process. These initial, manual steps include recovery of the Licensed Internal Code and the operating system. After completing the manual steps, you can use BRMS and these reports to help you restore the rest of your system.

While this chapter provides information about how to recover your *entire* system, there are a variety of other ways by which to recover data. For example, you can restore information by control group, object, library, and document library objects (DLOs). You can find information about how to perform selected recoveries in [“Performing selected recoveries”](#) on page 187.

Because the success of your recovery depends in large part on the kind and quality of your backup operation, you should design your backup plan carefully. [“Tailoring your backup”](#) on page 129 and [“Online Lotus server backups”](#) on page 301, provide more information about how to plan and implement an effective, viable backup strategy for your system.

Key to good system recovery is running BRMS maintenance regularly. You should run maintenance after each backup to assure BRMS detects and records new and deleted libraries. By default, deleted libraries are not included in the *Recovering Your Entire System Report*. This is important if you are saving libraries on auxiliary storage pool devices. The auxiliary storage pool devices must be available when you run maintenance; otherwise, BRMS will not be able to locate the libraries and will consider the libraries on unavailable auxiliary storage pool devices as having been deleted from the system. You can specify OMITLIB(\*NONE) on the STRRCYBRM command to include deleted libraries in the report, but this will also include libraries that were saved and then subsequently deleted which may not be your intention.

Many of the functions described in this topic are also available in the BRMS graphical interface. For detailed information, see [“Using the BRMS graphical interface”](#) on page 233.

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## An overview of the recovery reports

Following are brief summaries of the main reports BRMS can generate after the completion of your saves.

In addition to the following three required reports, there are other reports which assist or pertain to various aspects of the data recovery process. For more information about the additional reports, see [“A summary of BRMS reports”](#) on page 371.

### **Recovering Your Entire System Report (also called the Recovery Analysis Report)**

The *Recovering Your Entire System Report* is the primary recovery report generated by BRMS and is also some times referred to as the *Recovery Analysis Report*, and is often times simply referred as the *System Recovery Report*. Use this report to guide you in a step-by-step manner through the restoration of your entire system. This report includes instructions on how to recover your Licensed Internal Code, your operating system, user libraries, spooled files, and other parts of your system. This report also identifies media volumes (by volume ID) you need for recovery.

**Note:** The name of this report becomes Recovery Analysis when you use it to guide you through selected recoveries rather than complete recoveries.

### **Recovery Volume Summary Report**

The *Recovery Volume Summary Report* is used in conjunction with the *Recovering Your Entire System Report* to identify the volumes necessary to perform your recovery. This report also identifies the locations where you can find the necessary media, volume identifier information and encryption information.

## Display ASP Information Report

The *Display ASP Information Report* provides information that can assist you during reconfiguration or verification of your ASP configuration.

## Printing the recovery reports

To print the BRMS recovery reports, perform the following steps:

1. Type STRRCYBRM at any command line and press F4 to prompt the Start Recovery using BRM display.

```

Start Recovery using BRM (STRRCYBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

Option . . . . . *SYSTEM      *SYSTEM, *ALLDLO, *ALLUSR...
Action . . . . . *REPORT      *REPORT, *RESTORE
Time period for recovery:
  Start time and date:
  Beginning time . . . . . *AVAIL      Time, *AVAIL
  Beginning date . . . . . *BEGIN      Date, *CURRENT, *BEGIN
  End time and date:
  Ending time . . . . . *AVAIL      Time, *AVAIL
  Ending date . . . . . *END        Date, *CURRENT, *END
Use save files . . . . . *YES       *YES, *NO
ASP device:
  From system . . . . . *LCL
  Auxiliary storage pool . . . . *ALL      Name, *ALL
  Objects . . . . . *ALL          *ALL, *LIB, *LNK
      + for more values

F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F10=Additional parameters  F12=Cancel
F13=How to use this display  F24=More keys
More...

```

2. Press F9 to get a complete list of fields. Make sure that the value *Option* field is \*SYSTEM, and that the value in the *Action* field is \*REPORT.
3. Press Enter to generate the reports.
4. Print the reports from the output queue. If you like, you can use the Work with Spooled Files (WRKSPFL) command to view the reports before printing them. The reports generate three corresponding spooled files, from which you can print the reports:
  - QP1ARCY: Recovering Your Entire System
  - QP1A2RCY: Recovery Volume Summary Report
  - QP1AASP: Display ASP Information

These reports are very important to a successful recovery. To ensure that the tapes and reports you need are available at **all** times, **it is critical that you perform the following steps:**

- Print an updated series of reports after the completion of each save (or at least once per day).
- You should make duplicate copies of each backup volume and attach copies of the latest reports to them.
- Distribute copies of the tapes and reports to each IBM i location that participates in the saves.
- You should always store at least one copy of the tapes and reports at an off-site location.

**Note:** Though this chapter only mentions the Start Recovery using BRM (STRRCYBRM) command in terms of its report capability, this command performs several other important recovery functions. You can find more information about this command in [“Performing selected recoveries” on page 187](#).

## Priority sequencing your recovery report

You can define the sequence in which to restore your libraries.

There are times where the sequence of when you restore a specific library becomes important. Many times it is because of dependencies that objects have across libraries. To assist in these situations, BRMS provides a way to prioritize these libraries as well as list them ahead in the recovery report, before all the other user libraries. To use this function, you need to generate a list of these libraries (recovery order list) in the order that you wish to restore them. Use this list on the Start Recovery using BRMS (**STRRCYBRM**) command.

To create your recovery order list, take the following steps:

1. Create an object list by typing Work with Lists using BRM (**WRKLBRM**) command and press Enter.

```

Work with Lists                                     RCHAS400

Position to . . . . . Starting characters
Type options, press Enter.
  1=Add  2=Change  3=Copy  4=Remove  5=Display  6=Print

Opt  List Name  Use  Type  Text
-----
ASN      *BKU  *LNK  *NONE
GOODONE  *BKU  *OBJ
LNKTEST  *ARC  *LNK
FLRTEST  *BKU  *FLR
LNKTEST  *BKU  *LNK
OBJTEST  *BKU  *OBJ
FLRLIST  *BKU  *FLR
SPLLIST  *BKU  *SPL
MYARCH   *ARC  *LNK  *NONE
QALLSPLF *BKU  *SPL  All printed output
QIBMLINK *BKU  *LNK  All IBM directories

More...

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel

```

2. In the *Options* field (Opt), type a 1, to add a new list.
3. In the *List Name* field, fill in the name you want for your recovery order list.
4. In the *Use* field, type in \*BKU.
5. In the *Type* field, type in \*OBJ.
6. Press Enter to bring up the Add Object List panel.

```

Add Object List                                     RCHASYUM

Use . . . . . : *BKU
List name . . . . . RCYORDER
Text . . . . . Recovery Order List for Recovery Report

Type choices, press Enter.

Seq  Library  Object  Type  Attribute  Member  Inc/Exc
----  -
10   FIRSTLIB  *ALL    *ALL  *ALL       *ALL    *INC
20   SECONDLIB *ALL    *ALL  *ALL       *ALL    *INC

Bottom

F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel

```

7. In the *Seq* field, place a number which reflects the order in which you want the library to appear on the report. This is arranged in increments of 10 of the sequence you specified.
8. In the *Library* field, specify the name of the library that you wish to be in this recovery order list.
9. In the *Object, Type, Attribute, and Member* fields, specify \*ALL.
10. Press Enter, and repeat steps 7 through 9 for each library that you want to add to this list.
11. Press Enter once more to create the list and return to the Work with Lists panel.

To use the created recovery order list with the recovery report, take the following steps:

1. Type **STRRCYBRM** at a command line and press F4 to prompt the display.
2. Press F10 for the additional parameters.

```

                                Start Recovery using BRM (STRRCYBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

                                Additional Parameters

Volume locations to include . . *ALL          *ALL, *HOME, AASL_COMP, ADS...
    + for more values
Volume locations to omit . . . . *NONE        *NONE, *HOME, AASL_COMP, AD...
    + for more values
From system . . . . .           *LCL
Print system information . . . . *NO          *NO, *YES
Use duplicate media . . . . .    *NO          *NO, *YES
User recovery information . . . . *NONE       *NONE, *ADD
Recovery order list . . . . .    RCYORDER     Name, *NONE

                                                                Bottom
F3=Exit   F4=Prompt   F5=Refresh   F12=Cancel   F13=How to use this display
F24=More keys

```

3. In the *Recovery order list* (RCYORDLST) parameter, type in the name of the recovery order list you created.

```

Selection Criteria
Option . . . . . : *SYSTEM
Start date and time . . . . . : *BEGIN   *AVAIL
Ending date and time . . . . . : *END     *AVAIL
Use save files . . . . . : *YES
Use duplicate media . . . . . : *NO
User recovery information . . . : *NO
Libraries to omit . . . . . : *DELETE
System name . . . . . : RCHASYUM
Volume locations to include . . : *ALL
Volume locations to omit . . . . : *NONE
Recovery order List . . . . . : RCYORDER

```

```

*****
**
STEP 015 : Recover User
Libraries
Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
-----5770BR1 V7R2M0 140418 Recovering the Entire System RCHAS400
6/06
You should restore the current version of your user
libraries.
If you are performing a complete system restore, run the
following
command to
continue.
STRRCYBRM
OPTION(*RESUME)
Otherwise, run the following
command.
STRRCYBRM OPTION(*ALLUSR)
ACTION(*RESTORE)
Type the command choice and press
"Enter".
----- Attention
-----
Any logical/physical file dependencies are now handled by BRMS.
A
BRMS defined ID of Q1ARSTID will be used for the Defer ID
(DFRID)
parameter on RSTLIB and RSTOBJ commands. This parameter allows
you
to restore all objects in a set of libraries when the libraries
with
dependent objects are restored before the libraries with the
objects
they depend
on.
-----
----- Attention
-----
If you use journaling, the libraries containing the journals must
be
restored before restoring the libraries containing the journaled
files.
-----
Select the saved item(s) listed below from the "Select Recovery
Items"
display and press "Enter" to recover these saved items. Recovery
of
these saved items will require the volumes listed on the report
or
duplicate
volumes.
-----
--- Objects
---
Saved Save ----- ASP ----- Save Save Not Sequence Control
Volum Item Type Name Number Date Time Saved Saved Number Group
Ident
-----
---
FIRSTLIB *FULL *SYSBAS 00001 5/17/07 9:02:36 3 0 0 TESTER
*SAVF
SECONDLIB *FULL *SYSBAS 00001 5/22/07 14:23:39 2 0 7 MONSWACG2
SAM42
AAAALIB *FULL *SYSBAS 00001 5/23/07 16:46:02 1 0 12 *NONE
DEF67
BBBBLIB *FULL *SYSBAS 00001 5/23/07 16:47:11 3 0 13 *NONE
DEF67
CCCCLIB *FULL *SYSBAS 00001 5/23/07 16:49:54 1 0 14 *NONE
DEF67
DDDDLIB *FULL *SYSBAS 00001 5/23/07 16:51:03 3 0 15 *NONE
DEF67

```

## Customized recovery step information

You can choose to omit sections of the recovery report. You can also add user recovery information to your system recovery reports to convey additional guidance, special instructions, or site procedures to the recovery team.

When you specify \*DELETED for the Libraries to omit (OMITLIB) parameter on the Start Recovery using BRMS (STRRCYBRM) command, libraries that were deleted since the last run of the Start Maintenance for BRM (STRMNTBRM) command are omitted from the recovery. By default, the deleted libraries that are omitted from the recovery are noted in an Attention block in the recovery report. Since this list can become large, you can omit the Attention block from the recovery report by specifying \*NO for the Show deleted libraries (SHWDLTLIB) parameter on the Start Recovery using BRMS (STRRCYBRM) command.

You can add your own customized (user recovery) information to either the PROLOG or any STEP in the System Recovery Report. Since this is user recovery information which you control, there is no limit to the content and how it is used.

To add user recovery information to the recovery report, you create the records containing the information in members of file QO1AUSRRCY in library QUSRBRM. For example, you would add records to member PROLOG to add user recovery information to the prolog information in the report. Likewise, you would add records to member STEPO04 to add user recovery information specific to STEP 004 in the report. The file members are automatically created during product initialization.

The following example illustrates how easy it is to add user recovery information to the recovery report:

1. Use the Work with Members Using PDM (WRKMBRPDM) or Work with Members Using SEU (STRSEU) command specifying QUSRBRM/QO1AUSRRCY for the File (FILE) or Source file (SRCFILE) parameter respectively.
2. Specify 2=Edit for the Option next to the PROLOG member, then press Enter.
3. Enter the text shown in lines 1–9 below or enter your own user recovery information.

**Note:** Use F13=Change session defaults to change uppercase/lowercase options as necessary.

```
Columns . . . :   1 71          Edit          QUSRBRM/QO1AUSRRCY
SEU==>                                PROLOG
FMT **   ...+... 1 ...+... 2 ...+... 3 ...+... 4 ...+... 5 ...+... 6 ...+... 7
***** Beginning of data *****
0001.00
0002.00 ***** Special instructions for the system recovery team *****
0003.00
0004.00 Steps 2, 4, 9, 11 and 12 contain special instructions for system
0005.00 recovery. Prior to implementing the recovery actions in these steps,
0006.00 first review the User Recovery Information block for additional
0007.00 instructions.
0008.00
0009.00 *****
***** End of data *****
```

```
F3=Exit   F4=Prompt   F5=Refresh   F9=Retrieve   F10=Cursor   F11=Toggle
F16=Repeat find   F17=Repeat change   F24=More keys
```

4. Verify the user recovery information for correctness then press F3=Exit.
5. Press Enter on the Exit panel to save the changes.
6. Run the Start Recovery using BRM (STRRCYBRM) command and specify \*ADD for the User recovery information (USRRCYINF) parameter.

```
STRRCYBRM USRRCYINF(*ADD)
```



7. Use the Work with All Spooled Files (WRKSPLF) command and page down to the most recent version of file System Recovery Report (QP1ARCY).
8. Specify 5=Display for the Option next to the QP1ARCY file, and then press Enter.
9. Page down to the bottom of the prolog information about the report (just prior to STEP 001) and review the user recovery information.

```

.
.
.
If the recovery includes saved items saved from auxiliary disk pool devices, these saved items
will be recovered
after the IPL when these resources become available.

----- User Recovery Information -----

***** Special instructions for the system recovery team *****

Steps 2, 4, 9, 11 and 12 contain special instructions for system
recovery. Prior to implementing the recovery actions in these steps,
first review the User Recovery Information block for additional
instructions.

*****

-----
*****
__ STEP 001 : Recover Licensed Internal Code
.
.
.

```

The following provides some additional usage information about user recovery information.

- User recovery information is added to the report following the BRMS information and before any saved items in the step. This information is clearly highlighted on the report as *User Recovery Information*.
- Each record in the file member is read sequentially, starting from the first record and ending with the last record, and is added to the report in the same order as read. BRMS performs no national language or CCSID conversions on the records.
- Each user recovery information record is placed on the report starting in column 8 and ending in column 99.
- The user is responsible for all spacing, positioning, content and accuracy of the recovery information in the records.
- Up to 92 bytes of user recovery information can be added to each record.
- There is no limit to the number of records you can add for a member.
- The member can contain double byte characters as long as these characters and the corresponding shift-out and shift-in brackets are contained within the same record.
- No user recovery information is shown for members in file QO1AUSRRCY which have no records.
- File QO1AUSRRCY is saved with each save of the BRMS media information.
- The step numbers in the report are dynamic and could vary depending on the value of the Option (OPTION) parameter and the content of the recovery. If the OPTION or content is changed, the names of the members in file QO1AUSRRCY may need to be renamed accordingly. The step numbers in the report for version/release should be consistent if the report type and saved item content are consistent.

## Using the STRRCYBRM command

Using the OPTION(\*SYSTEM) and ACTION(\*RESTORE) on the Start Recovery using BRM (STRRCYBRM) command initializes the recovery candidate file with all items to be recovered.

The recovery candidates are presented to you on the Select Recovery Items display. As saved items are recovered, these are removed from the recovery candidate file and from the saved Select Recovery Items display.

**Note:** If the recovery includes more than 9,999 items, only the first 9,999 are available for recovery. This is a permanent restriction.

```

                                Select Recovery Items                                RCHAS400
                                Select action . . . . . : *ALL
                                Select volume  . . . . . :
Type options, press Enter.
  1=Select  4=Remove  5=Display  7=Specify object
Opt Item      Save      Save      Save      Parallel Volume  File      Expire
  Item      Date      Time      Type      Devices  Serial  Sequence  Date
*SAVSECDTA  6/04/07  16:38:34 *FULL
*SAVCFG     6/06/07  9:22:53  *FULL
LIB2        1/03/07  17:43:47 *FULL
LIB0        1/03/07  17:46:57 *FULL
LIBA        1/03/07  17:48:55 *FULL
LIBB        1/03/07  17:49:30 *FULL
                                NANCY2  1  *PERM
                                NANCY0  1  *PERM
                                NANCYA  1  12/12/07
                                NANCYA  2  12/13/07

                                Bottom
F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F9=Recovery defaults  F11=Object View
F12=Cancel  F14=Submit to batch
F16=Select
```

See [“Working with the STRRCYBRM command” on page 190](#) for additional information.

## Resuming a recovery

You can resume a recovery that was ended when it was only partially complete.

Through the course of a recovery, as you recover saved items, the number of saved items decreases from step to step. During the recovery, you may need to leave the Select Recovery Items display, sign off the current session, or IPL the system. If you had already recovered many of the saved items in the recovery, you will want to resume the recovery with the remaining saved items. To resume a recovery, take the following steps:

1. Type STRRCYBRM at a command line and press F4 to prompt the display.
2. In the *Option* field, type \*RESUME and press Enter to prompt the next parameter.

```

Start Recovery using BRM (STRRCYBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.
Option . . . . . *RESUME      *SYSTEM, *ALLDLO, *ALLUSR...

F3=Exit   F4=Prompt   F5=Refresh   F10=Additional parameters   F12=Cancel
F13=How to use this display   F24=More keys
Bottom

```

3. Press Enter to resume the recovery.

Using OPTION(\*RESUME) on the Start Recovery using BRM (STRRCYBRM) command retrieves only those saved items remaining in the recovery. If this is the first time you have used the STRRCYBRM command in the current job, BRMS will present you with the Select Recovery Job display.

```

Select Recovery Job                                RCHAS400

No recovery items exist for the current job. Either
cancel the request, select a previous recovery job,
or request concurrent recovery with another job.

Type option, press Enter.
  1=Select   4=Remove   6=Concurrent

Opt  User      Job      Job      Date      Time
   1  QSECOFR   DSP01   004883   8/27/05   7:48:13

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F12=Cancel
Bottom

```

From this display you can identify and select the recovery job containing the recovery candidates you had previously been working with and you can continue with the recovery using those candidates.

You will not be able to select a recovery job if that job is still active.

You also will not be able to select the recovery job if you are not the user, unless you have \*SECADM special authority.

See [“Concurrent recovery” on page 36](#) for additional information about using option 6 to initiate a concurrent recovery using the same recovery candidates selected by another active job. You can use this option to assist in the recovery of object saved using parallel devices or objects saved on different media sets.

## Concurrent recovery

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If your recovery includes objects that were saved on multiple media sets, you can recover these objects using concurrent sessions.

Concurrent recovery facilitates the recovery of multiple media sets using concurrent recovery sessions. Multiple media sets are typically created when you perform backups using parallel device resources. The saved objects on one media set can be restored concurrently on one session, while the objects on another media set are recovered using another session, provided you have sufficient device resources.

The following step is added to the recovery report if there is more than one media set used in the recovery. Information in the step includes:

- the beginning volume of each of the media sets
- how to establish a concurrent recovery session
- how to select the primary recovery job running on the system console for concurrent recovery
- how to select recovery items

```

*****
**
__ STEP 012 : Recover Media Sets
Concurrently
Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
-----
The recovery includes objects saved on multiple media sets having
the following beginning volume
identifiers:      HPK601 HPK620 LN4071 LN4074 LN4384 MJVT01 MJV21  872ACV
873ACV
You can recover these objects using concurrent sessions using
the submit to batch function on the recovery. You are not required to
run concurrent sessions, however this could save you time on
recovery. If you do not want to use the concurrent restores, then skip to
the next recovery step in the
report. To set up concurrent sessions the following needs to be
done:
a) Put all scheduled jobs on hold. You can achieve this by doing the
following:
    -STRSBS
    -WRKJOBSCDE and select option 3 for each scheduled job to put
    all scheduled jobs on
    hold.
    NOTE: If you are using a different job scheduler, then the process to hold jobs
    will be different and the WRKJOBSCDE command will not show the jobs to
    hold.
b) Setup the job queue to handle multiple batch
    - Run a CHGJOBQE on the job queue that will be receiving the batch jobs
    and set MAXACT and all MAXPTY* parameters to the number of concurrent
    restores that are to be ran. These will have to be reset to the original
    values when the restores are
    complete.
c) Run the following subsystem
    - Start the subsystem that handles batch
    processing.
    - End subsystem Q1ABRMNET if it
    starts.
d) Type the following recovery command
    - STRRCYBRM OPTION(*SYSTEM) ACTION(*RESTORE) and press
    "Enter".
    1. Enter *VOLSET for "Select action" parameter and enter the volume
    id from the list of beginning volumes into the "Select volume"
    parameter.
    2. Press F16, this will select all the recovery items with that volume
    set.
    3. Press F9 on the Select Recovery Items display to
    verify Restore Command
    Defaults.
    4. Press F14 to submit the recovery to
    batch.
Repeat the following steps for each volume set you wish to recover from:
- STRRCYBRM OPTION(*RESUME)
    1. Enter *VOLSET for "Select action" parameter and enter the volume id
    from the list of beginning volumes into the "Select volume" parameter.
    2. Press F16, this will select all the recovery items with that volume set.
    3. Press F9 on the Select Recovery Items display to verify
    Restore Command Defaults.
    4. Press F14 to submit the recovery to batch.

```

```

----- Attention
-----
Restore display. is prompt. prompt. prompt. logical following: prompt. prompt. prompt. saved queues. display.
Press F9 on the Select Recovery Items display to go to the
Command Defaults
__ Ensure the tape device name or media library device name
correct for the Device
__ Ensure *SAVLIB is specified for the Restore to library
__ Ensure *SAVASP is specified for the Auxiliary storage pool
If you are recovering to a different system or a different
partition, you must specify the
following:
__ *ALL for the Data base member option
__ *COMPATIBLE for the Allow object differences
__ *NONE for the System resource management
__ Select *NEW for Restore spooled file data to recover
spooled files concurrently with restored output
Press "Enter" to return to the Select Recovery Items
display.
-----
e) Use the WRKSBMJOB to monitor the restores that have been
submitted to batch and check for errors/
successes. amount jobs.
NOTE: Ensure there are sufficient recovery devices to handle the
of concurrent restore
jobs.
*****
*

```

To run concurrent recovery:

1. Establish another session on the recovery system.
2. Issue the STRRCYBRM \*RESUME command.
3. On the *Select Recovery Job* display, use option 6 to start concurrent recovery with the main recovery session.

```

                                Select Recovery Job                                RCHAS400

No recovery items exist for the current job. Either
cancel the request, select a previous recovery job,
or request concurrent recovery with another job.

Type option, press Enter.
  1=Select  4=Remove  6=Concurrent

Opt  User      Job      Job      Date      Time
  6   QSECOFR   DSP01   004883   8/27/05   7:48:13

                                Bottom

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel

```

The *Select Recovery Items* display shows the remaining recovery items for the system not yet selected for recovery.

4. Select recovery items you intend to recover from this session. You can use F16 to select by volume or volume set. The select recovery items will be reassigned to the current job and make them ineligible for recovery by the other job. When all the selected items are recovered, you are returned to the Select Recovery Job display where you can once again select the concurrent recovery job and select additional recovery items.

## Using the Recovering Your Entire System Report

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To recover your entire system in the event of a total system failure, use the steps in the Recovering Your Entire System Report.

The successful completion of nearly every step in the Recovering Your Entire System Report relies on information in the [Recovering your system](#) book.



**Attention:** If you are recovering a system that included data saved from auxiliary storage pool devices, then refer to BRMS Information APAR II12662 for additional guidance on how to configure and vary on auxiliary storage pool devices. The auxiliary storage pool devices must be varied on to successfully recover the data saved from these storage pools.

This chapter shows you how to use the steps in the Recovering Your Entire System Report to recover your entire system in the event of a total system failure. **You should not base an actual recovery on the steps that are outlined in this chapter. For assistance during an actual recovery, you must use the recovery reports that are generated by your own system.** Those reports contain recovery information particular to your own system. BRMS uses a pre-configured template as the basis for its recovery procedures, but also notes any steps that are uniquely yours.

It is very important that the QUSRBRM and QUSRSYS libraries be saved on a regular basis.

- The QUSRBRM library contains control group information, location information, media information and other customized information.
- The QUSRSYS library contains important information about your media volumes if you are using a media library device.
- The QUSRBRM and QUSRSYS libraries need to be recovered from the most current saved level for your BRMS recovery to be successful.

If you are using a 3494 tape library that is attached to a local area network (LAN), you must vary on the LAN line description. Use the WRKCFGSTS \*LIN command to vary on the LAN line description. If you attach your 3494 through an RS-232 connection, you do not need to vary on the RS-232 line description.

The Recovering Your Entire System Report presents the steps in the order required for recovery. To perform a system recovery, you begin with the first step at the top of the system recovery report and follow the flow down through the report to the last step at the bottom of the report.

The information in the sections that follow show accurate reflections of the instructions that appear for each step in the actual report. As you read through the recovery steps, be sure to read the information inside the step as well as the text that may precede or follow it.

The following are a few general things to keep in mind as you review the steps:

- Use the *Start time* and *Stop time* fields to record the time it takes to test or perform the recovery step.
- The *Saved item* column indicates the name of the items you need to restore to perform the recovery step.
- The *Control group* column identifies the name of the control group that contains the saved item (if you saved the item in a control group).
- The *Volume identifier* column lists the name of the volume that contains the latest backup of the saved item that you need to recover. (The Volume Summary Report provides the name of the location where you can find the volume, encryption information and volume identifier).
- The information in the remaining columns pertain to the backup of the saved item.

Additional steps could be add to the report if the recovery included objects saved from auxiliary storage pool devices. See [“Recovery of auxiliary storage pool devices”](#) on page 321 for additional information about these steps.

## Prolog

The prolog portion of the system recovery report provides general guidance for the recovery operation.

The prolog begins with a listing of the selection criteria based on the parameters specified with the Start Recovery using BRM (STRRCYBRM) command parameters.

```

Selection Criteria
Option . . . . . : *SYSTEM
Start date and time . . . . . : *BEGIN      *AVAIL
Ending date and time . . . . . : *END       *AVAIL
Use save files . . . . . : *YES
Use duplicate media . . . . . : *NO
User recovery information . . . . . : *NO
Libraries to omit . . . . . : *DELETE
System name . . . . . : RCHASYUM
Volume locations to include . . . . . : *ALL
Volume locations to omit . . . . . : *NONE
Recovery order List . . . . . :
  
```

More importantly, this section identifies through the use of *Attention* blocks, possible problems that could prevent a successful recovery. Always review these attention blocks to determine if you need to modify your backup strategy to improve your chances of a complete recovery. The sections that follow discuss the attention blocks that could appear in the prolog.

### Attention – Unsaved Objects

After all recovery items have been selected, BRMS will total the *Objects not saved* fields for all recovery items, then add the *Unsaved Objects* attention block to the prolog if the total is not zero. This helps you easily identify whether the recovery includes unsaved objects.

```

----- Attention -----
The recovery includes 00000000000005 objects that were not saved.
Review the "Objects Not Saved" column for the saved items on this report
and determine if recovery is possible with these missing objects.
If these missing objects are required for recovery, review the job log
of the backup to determine why these objects were not saved.
Consider using Save While Active, ending subsystems or applications
holding locks against the objects, or saving in a restricted state by
ending all subsystems to include these objects in the backup.
-----
  
```

### Attention – Unsaved BRMS Media Information

The *Unsaved BRMS Media Information* attention block is added to the prolog if the recovery includes saved items which were saved after the last save of the BRMS media information. The BRMS media information is a selected subset of files in the QUSRBRM library that contain the latest information about the most recent saves. You must always save the BRMS media information after each backup or media duplication before running the recovery report.



```

----- Attention -----
Saves of objects occurred after the last save of changes to the
BRMS media information.

Without this information BRMS cannot accurately guide you through the
remaining recovery steps.

To improve recoverability run the following command routinely.

    SAVMEDIBRM MEDPCY(media-policy-name) DEVICE(device-name)

Otherwise, change the "Automatically backup media information"
attribute to a value other than *NONE on a backup control group which
is routinely used to save data.
-----

```

### Attention – Excluded Save Files

If you specified \*NO for the *Use save files (USESAVF)* parameters of the Start Recovery using BRM (STRRCYBRM), and the recovery would normally have included objects saved to the media type, then the *Excluded Save File* attention block is added to the prolog to alert you to the fact that recovery items exist for these media types. If a library was saved a month ago to tape media and a week ago to a save file, and the save file was excluded, the recovery would select the month old save of the library rather than the later save. If you regularly save to save files, you should specify \*YES for the above mentioned parameters to assure the recovery includes the most recent saves.

```

----- Attention -----
This report excludes objects saved to save files.
Media information is available for either one or both of these media
types. The report may not show the latest level of saved items.
Verify whether you should run the report again including this media.
-----

```

### Attention – Omitted Libraries

The *Libraries to omit (OMITLIB)* parameter of the Start Recovery using BRM (STRRCYBRM) command allows you to name specific libraries or generic libraries you want omitted from recovery. You might want to specify libraries on this parameter that are not needed for system recovery. The *Omitted Libraries* attention block identifies the libraries that have been omitted from the recovery. This is not necessarily a problem for the recovery. The attention block is added so you can verify what libraries have been omitted. This might be important if you specify a generic library name and inadvertently omit a library which is critical to your recovery.

```

----- Attention -----
The following libraries have been excluded from recovery using the
Libraries to omit (OMITLIB) parameter.

    QSC6823793 QSC6823819 QSC6823820 QSC6823859 QSC8365985

No additional action is required if these libraries are not required
for system recovery.

Otherwise, change the Omit libraries (OMITLIB) parameter so these
libraries are not excluded, or use the following command to recover
these libraries after all other saved items have been restored.

    STRRCYBRM OPTION(*LIB) ACTION(*RESTORE) LIB(library-name)
-----

```

### Attention – Excluded Deleted Libraries

The \*DELETE special value for the *Libraries to omit (OMITLIB)* parameter on the Start Recovery using BRM (STRRCYBRM) command allows you to omit from recovery, those libraries which have been saved and

subsequently deleted off the system, such as might be the case with archived libraries. The *Excluded Deleted Libraries* attention block identifies these deleted libraries. This is not a problem for the recovery. The attention blocked is added so you can verify the names of the deleted libraries. This may be important if you decide a deleted library is critical to the recovery.

**Note:** This Attention block can be omitted from the recovery report by specifying \*NO for the *Show deleted libraries (SHWDLTLIB)* parameter on the Start Recovery using BRM (STRRCYBRM) command.

```
----- Attention -----
The following deleted libraries have been excluded from recovery by
using *DELETE on the Libraries to omit (OMITLIB) parameter. These are
libraries which have been saved and subsequently removed from the
system.

      $$TSTLIBOLD

No additional action is required if these libraries are not required
for system recovery.

Otherwise, change the Omit libraries (OMITLIB) parameter so these
libraries are not excluded, or use the following command to recover
these libraries after all other saved items have been restored.

      STRRCYBRM OPTION(*LIB) ACTION(*RESTORE) LIB(library-name)
-----
```

### Attention – Unsaved Libraries

When you run the Start Recovery using BRM (STRRCYBRM) command, BRMS will retrieve the names of all available libraries on the system and check these libraries against those included in the system recovery report. The *Unsaved Libraries* attention block identifies libraries on the system which are not included in the report and not explicitly omitted. You should verify whether these libraries are required for system recovery and if required, modify your save strategy to include the unsaved libraries.

**Note:** BRMS cannot retrieve the names of libraries on unavailable auxiliary storage pool devices.

```
----- Attention -----
The following unsaved libraries are not included in the report.

----- Attention -----
Libraries on unavailable auxiliary storage pools are not listed.
-----

      $$TSTLIB

No additional action is required if these libraries are not
required for system recovery.

Otherwise to improve recoverability, add the unsaved libraries to a
backup control group which is routinely saved using STRBKUBRM.
-----
```

### Attention – Save/Restore Master Key for Encryption

If using encryption in BRMS or even outside of BRMS, the Save/Restore Master Key needs to be reloaded if the key has been set with something other than the default value of \*DEFAULT. If BRMS detects that the key value is not the default value, then an attention block is added to the recovery report to remind you to load and set your Save/Restore Master Key before continuing the system recovery. This Attention block will appear in “STEP 014 : Recover all remaining system and user data” on page 62. BRMS will not know the pass phrase used. It is up to you to have the phrase written and secured some place.

```

----- Attention -----
You must set your Save/Restore Master Key Value to recover your
encrypted data. To do so, you must run the ADDMSTPART command for
every pass phrase used.

Once the master keys are loaded, you must run the SETMSTKEY command.
To load your master key:
  ADDMSTPART MSTKEY(*SAVRST) PASSPHRASE('phrase-used')
  PASSLEN(*CALC)
To set your master key:
  SETMSTKEY MSTKEY(*SAVRST)
-----

```

## Encryption on the recovery report

The recovery report lists whether the saved data is encrypted.

BRMS enables you to encrypt your saved items. The recovery report lists whether the saved item is encrypted in the *Encrypted* column located to the far right of the report. This column will display a \*YES if the saved item was encrypted.

Sequence Number	Control Group	Volume Identifier	Encrypted
1	USRINFO	DEF673	*YES
1	PRODTA	SAM218	
1	PRODTA	LN4070	
3	SANONE	DEF673	*YES
6	IMPDTA	DEF673	*YES

Further information about the encrypted saves can be found in the *Recovery Volume Summary Report*.

```

-----
Encrypted Save Key Information
-----

```

Volume	Keystore File Library	Keystore File Name	Key Record Label
DEF673	QUSRBRM	Q1AKEYFILE	ENCRYPTKEY1
DEF673	QUSRBRM	Q1AKEYFILE	ENCRYPTKEY2
DEF673	QUSRBRM	Q1AKEYFILE	ENCRYPTKEY3

## STEP 001 : Recover Licensed Internal Code

Before you can recover the operating system and user data, you must first recover the Licensed Internal Code. The Licensed Internal Code is the layer of IBM i architecture just above the hardware.

To recover the Licensed Internal Code, follow the "Recovering the Licensed Internal Code" steps in the [Recovering your system](#) book.

If you are using a media library device, you will need to set the device to either stand-alone, automatic or manual mode in order to load the \*SAVSYS saved item. See the device documentation on how to properly change the mode for your media library device.

If your alternate installation device is connected to a bus other than the system bus, the alternate installation device will need to be configured using Dedicated Service Tools (DST) and will require the use of the Licensed Internal Code distribution media.

If current Master keys have changed since the last Licensed Internal Code and Operating system save, then an you will be warned with an Attention as shown below. To avoid this, you will need to perform a system save (SAVSYS) using BRMS.

\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*

STEP 001 : Recover Licensed Internal  
Code

Start date/time \_\_\_\_\_ Stop date/time \_\_\_\_\_ Duration  
-----

You must recover the Licensed Internal  
Code.

To do so, use the media shown below and the procedure for  
"Recovering  
the Licensed Internal Code" in the "Recovering your system"  
topic.

Use the media listed for the \*SAVSYS saved item to recover  
the  
Licensed Internal  
Code.

An alternate installation device must be configured using  
Dedicated  
Service Tools (DST) when the device is connected to a bus other  
than  
the system bus, or the device is attached using a fiber  
channel.  
The Licensed Internal Code distribution media will be required  
in  
addition to the \*SAVSYS saved item to recover the system.

```

----- Attention
-----
recovery__ Use option 2 when recovering to a different system, or
ing      a system with user auxiliary storage pools, or recovering to the
same     system with a different
release.

```

```

__ Use option 3 when recovering to the same system at the same
release, or recovering a logical partition to another logical
partition.
-----

```

```

--- Attention
-----
either If you are using a media library device, you will need to use
media  stand-alone, automatic or manual mode, or use the device move
item.  function to load the media volume containing the *SAVSYS saved
these  item. Refer to the device documentation if you are not familiar with
these  device modes or
functions.
-----

```

```

----- Attention
-----
version You must perform a SAVSYS using BRMS in order to save current
of the  master
keys.
-----

```

```

-----
--- Objects
-----
Saved   Save   ----- ASP ----- Save   Save           Not   Sequence  Control
Volume  Type  Name      Number  Date   Time          Saved  Saved     Number   Group
Identi
-----
__ *SAVSYS  *FULL  *SYSBAS   00001  7/25/02  8:03:03      0     0         1 *SYSGRP
VOL003
*****
**

```

## STEP 002 : Recover operating system

Next you must recover the operating system.

```
*****
**
STEP 002 : Recover Operating
System

      Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
      -----

      You must recover the Operating
      System.

      To do so, you must follow the procedures for "Restoring the
      Operating System" as detailed in the "Recovering your system"
      topic.

      Use the media listed for the *SAVSYS saved item to recover
      the Operating
      System.

                                     --- Objects
---
  Saved      Save      ----- ASP ----- Save      Save      Not      Sequence  Control
Volume      Type      Name      Number  Date      Time      Saved  Saved      Number  Group
Item
Identi
-----
_ *SAVSYS    *FULL    *SYSBAS    00001  7/25/05  8:03:03      0      0          1 *SYSGRP
VOL003
*****
**
```

### STEP 003 : Set up stand-alone or media library devices for recovery

To allow for automated recovery, you must now setup the devices to be used for the recovery. Your recovery action will be different depending on whether you are using a stand-alone device or a media library.

```
*****  
**  
STEP 003 : Set Up stand-alone or Media Library Devices for  
Recovery  
  
Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration  
-----  
  
If you are using a media library device and automatic configuration  
was enabled, you can now use the media library device to automate  
recovery.  
  
--- Attention  
-----  
If you are using a 3494 Media Library with TCP/IP communications  
for recovery, continue to use the media library as a stand-alone  
device.  
-----  
  
--- Attention  
-----  
If you are using a 3494 Media Library with APPC communications  
for recovery, you need to configure and set up the  
communications necessary to control the cartridge  
loader.  
-----
```

For recovery using the device as a media library  
(TAPMLBxx):

-- A. Unload the media volume containing the \*SAVSYS saved item  
from the device.

-- B. Load all the volumes needed for the recovery (including  
the \*SAVSYS volume) in the media library.

-- C. Set the media library device for library operations. Refer  
to the device documentation if you are not familiar with  
enabling the device for library operations.

-- D. Verify the status of the media library device is VARIED  
ON.

To do so, type the following command then press  
"Enter".

```
WRKMLBSTS
```

-- E. Use Option 4=Allocate resource to set the current allocation  
of the media library resources to ALLOCATED.

For recovery using the device as a stand alone device  
(TAPxx):

-- A. Retrieve all volumes needed for recovery. If you are using  
an automatic cartridge loader, insert the volumes in the loader  
in the required sequence.

-- B. Type the following command then press  
"Enter":

```
DEVD(*TAP) WRKDEVD
```

-- C. Use Option 8=Work with status to verify the status of  
the device you are using is VARIED  
ON.

```
*****  
**
```

## STEP 004 : Recover the BRMS product and associated libraries

The BRMS product and associated libraries must be recovered before you can use the product to perform other recovery operations.

To allow BRMS to aid you through the recovery process, you must now recover the BRMS product and associated libraries. The commands you use to recover these saved libraries will be different depending on whether the save type for the library was full (\*FULL), incremental (\*INCR), or cumulative (\*CUML).



```
*****
**
STEP 004 : Recover the BRMS Product and Associated
Libraries
```

```
Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
-----
```

The BRMS product and associated libraries must be recovered before you can use the product to perform other recovery operations.

Change the QSYSOPR message queue to prevent messages not related to the recovery from interrupting the recovery process.

To do so, type the following command then press "Enter".

```
CHGMSGQ MSGQ(QSYSOPR) DLVRY(*NOTIFY)
SEV(99)
```

Review and select from the devices configured on the system, the tape or media library devices you intend to use for the recoveries to follow.

For tape devices, run the following command.

```
WRKCFGSTS CFGTYPE(*DEV)
CFGD(*TAP)
```

For media library devices, run the following command.

```
WRKCFGSTS CFGTYPE(*DEV)
CFGD(*TAPMLB)
```

Type your command choice then press "Enter".

Recover the libraries listed below specifying the saved-item, the device name of the stand-alone drive or media library you are using, and the volume identifiers and sequence numbers listed.

For type \*FULL, run the following command.

```
RSTLIB SAVLIB(saved-item) DEV(device-  
name) VOL(volume-identifier) SEQNBR(sequence-  
number)
```

For type \*CUML or \*INCR, run the following command.

```
RSTOBJ OBJ(*ALL) SAVLIB(saved-item) DEV(device-  
name) VOL(volume-identifier) SEQNBR(sequence-  
number)  
MBROPT(*ALL)
```

Type your command choice then press "Enter".

```

--- Attention
-----
If you did not save access paths when you saved the QUSRBRM
library,
these access paths will be rebuilt when the library is
restored.

Verify rebuild of the access paths for files in library QUSRBRM
is
complete before proceeding to the next recovery
step.

To do so, type the following command then press
"Enter".

```

```
EDTRBDAP
```

```

-----
After recovering the saved items, verify the BRMS product is
installed
correctly and the BRMS commands are
available.

```

```

To do so, type the following command then press
"Enter".

```

```
CHKPRDOPT PRDID(5770BR1)
```

```

--- Objects

```

Save Volume Item Identi	Save Type	----- ASP Name	----- Number	Save Date	Save Time	Not Saved	Sequence Number	Control Group
QUSRBRM VOL002	*FULL	*SYSBAS	00001	7/25/05	11:35:30	181	0	56 *BKUGRP
QBRM VOL003	*FULL	*SYSBAS	00001	7/25/05	14:43:38	1,007	0	15 *SYSGRP
QMSE VOL003	*FULL	*SYSBAS	00001	7/25/05	14:43:38	7	0	52 *SYSGRP
Q1ABRMSF01 VOL003	*FULL	*SYSBAS	00001	7/25/05	14:43:38	1	0	106 *SYSGRP
Q1ABRMSF02 VOL003	*FULL	*SYSBAS	00002	7/25/05	14:43:38	1	0	107 *SYSGRP

```

*****
**

```

## STEP 005 : Recover BRMS related media information

Now you need to recover the BRMS media information which contains updates to the BRMS database files that contain the latest media information about your last save.

The media information in the QUSRBRM library assists BRMS in recovering the remainder of your data. When you perform this step, use the file sequence numbers to ensure that you restore the correct objects; there may be more than one QUSRBRM item on that tape. Using the sequence number also improves the performance of the restore.

```

*****
**
STEP 005 : Recover BRMS Related Media
Information

Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
-----

You must recover this information for the BRMS product to
accurately
guide you through the remaining recovery
steps.

Recover the libraries listed below specifying the saved-item,
the
device name of the stand-alone drive or media library you are
using,
and the volume identifiers and sequence numbers
listed.

To do so, type the following command then press
"Enter".

RSTOBJ OBJ(*ALL) SAVLIB(saved-item) DEV(device-
name)
VOL(volume-identifier) SEQNBR(sequence-
number)
MBROPT(*ALL)

--- Objects
---
Saved      Save    ----- ASP ----- Save    Save    Not    Sequence  Control
Volume     Type    Name      Number  Date    Time    Saved  Saved    Number  Group
Item
Identi
-----
__ QUSRBRM  *QBRM  *SYSBAS   00001  7/25/05 15:58:26  11     0       108  *SYSGRP
VOL003
*****
**

```

### STEP 006 : Initialize BRMS functional authority information

BRMS uses functional authority to manage use of its functions and policies. These functions and policies need to be registered with the operating system, and QSECOFR must be authorized to use all functions before recovery can continue.

BRMS functional authorities will not be fully operational until after completion of [“STEP 026 : Recover authorization information”](#) on page 77.

```

*****
**
STEP 006 : Initialize BRMS Functional Authority
Information

Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
-----

You must perform this step to initialize BRMS functional
authorities.

Register all BRMS resources that use functional
authority.

To do so, type the following command then press
"Enter".

          INZBRM
OPTION(*SETAUT)

Assign the QSECOFR user profile administrative functional
authority
to the BRMS
resources.

To do so, type the following command then press
"Enter".

          SETUSRBM USER(QSECOFR)
USAGE(*ADMIN)
*****
**

```

## STEP 007 : Update system name in BRMS media information

If you are recovering to a system or logical partition that has a system name different from the saved system name, you must change the "owning" system name in the BRMS database in order for you to view the saved history.

When you save objects on a system to media, BRMS assigns the system name to the saved objects and to the media. If you use the STRRCYBRM command and see no items in the list, you probably need to change the name of the system in the media and history information to the current system name. You can view the current system name by using the DSPNETA command.

\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*  
STEP 007 : Update System Name in BRMS Media  
Information

Start date/time \_\_\_\_\_ Stop date/time \_\_\_\_\_ Duration  
-----

BRMS uses the network identifier and default local location name  
from the system network attributes to assign a system owner to saved  
items and the media containing those saved  
items.

The network attributes for the saved system  
are:  
APPN Local network ID . . . . . :  
RCHASPIG Default local location . . . . . :

Display the network attributes of the recovery  
system.

To do so, type the following command then press  
"Enter".

DSPNETA

Record the network attributes of the recovery  
system:

Local network ID . . . . . :  
-----  
Default local location . . . . . : \_\_\_\_\_

If the local network identifier or default local location for the saved system are different from the recovery system and the recovery system is correct, you must change the system owner of the saved items and media in the BRMS history to match the network attributes.

To do so, type the following command then press "Enter".

```
INZBRM OPTION(*CHGSYSNAM) PRVSYSNAM(APPN.RCHAS400 )
NEWSYSNAM(*LCL)
```

```
----- Attention
-----
Be sure to specify a fully qualified name for the saved
system using "local-network-id.default-local-location"
format.
```

If the local network identifier or default local location for the saved system are different from the recovery system and the recovery system is correct, you must change the network attributes of the recovery system to match the system owner of the saved items and media in the BRMS history.

To do so, type the following command then press "Enter".

```
CHGNETA LCLNETID(APPN )
LCLLOCNAME(RCHASPIG)
*****
**
```

## STEP 008 : Initialize BRMS device and media library information

Initialize the BRMS device and media library information with the tape and media library devices currently configured on the system.

If you used values other than default values on the BRMS device and media library information displays, you should verify that your changes are still in effect. You can do this using the Work with Devices (WRKDEVBRM) command.

**Note:** In some full system recovery scenarios, the WRKMLBBRM command will not run successfully because of dependencies on files saved in library QUSRSYS. You should defer using the WRKMLBBRM command until ["STEP 013 : Reset BRMS device and media library information"](#) on page 60.

```

*****
**
STEP 008 : Initialize BRMS Device and Media Library
Information

Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
-----

You must initialize the BRMS device and media library
information.

Clear and initialize the BRMS device and media library information
with the tape and media library devices currently configured on the
system.

To do so, type the following command then press
"Enter".

        INZBRM
OPTION(*DEVICE)

        --- Attention
-----
        INZBRM OPTION(*DEVICE) resets some device information to the
BRMS supplied
defaults.
-----

Review the BRMS device
information.

To do so, type the following command then press
"Enter".

WRKDEVBRM

Update the BRMS device information with any changes necessary
before continuing with the
recovery.
*****
**

```

## STEP 009 : Recover user profiles

It is time to recover the user profiles. When you restore the user profiles, you restore all the attributes of the profile and the system builds a working table that holds the private authorities to objects. Later in the recovery process, you will restore the private authorities to the restored objects.

Before recovering the user profiles, review the implications of setting the *Allow object differences* parameter (ALWOBJDIF) to \*ALL in the [Recovering your system](#) book. If there is no data on the system, you can use \*ALL when performing a full system recovery. Specifying \*ALL when recovering to a different system automatically links the restored information to the authorization lists associated with the object.

If you are restoring to the same system on which BRMS performed the backup, ensure the *System resource management* (SRM) prompt is set to \*ALL . However, if you are restoring to a different system, you should set the parameter to \*NONE .

**Note:** The *System resource management* prompt applies to the Recover Configuration Data step and is set here with other recovery defaults for convenience.



```

*****
**
STEP 009 : Recover User
Profiles

Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
-----

You should restore a current version of your user
profiles.

To do so, type the following command then press
"Enter".

STRRCYBRM OPTION(*SYSBAS)
ACTION(*RESTORE)

--- Attention
-----
Press F9 on the Select Recovery Items display to go to the
Restore
Command Defaults
display.
__ Ensure the tape device name or media library device name
is
correct for the Device
prompt.
__ Ensure *SAVLIB is specified for the Restore to library
prompt.
__ Ensure *SAVASP is specified for the Auxiliary storage pool
prompt.
If recovering to a different system or recovering a logical
partition
to another logical partition, you must specify the
following:
__ *ALL for the Allow object differences
prompt.
__ *ALL for the Data base member option
prompt.
__ *NONE for the System resource management
prompt.
Press "Enter" to return to the Select Recovery Items
display.
-----

Select the saved item(s) listed below from the "Select Recovery
Items"
display then press "Enter" to recover these saved items. Recovery
of
these saved items will require the volumes listed on the report
or
duplicate
volumes.

--- Objects
---
Saved      Save      ----- ASP ----- Save      Save      Not      Sequence  Control
Volume     Type     Name      Number   Date      Time      Saved   Saved     Number   Group
Item
Identi
-----
__ *SAVSECDTA *FULL *SYSBAS  00001  7/25/05  14:43:38  102     0         1 *SYSGRP
VOL003
*****
**

```

## STEP 010 : Change QSECOFR user profile password

If you do not know the password for the restored QSECOFR user profile, change the password now.

Having just restored saved user profiles, you might not know the current password for the QSECOFR user profile which you just recovered in the previous step. It is a good idea to change that password now in the event you need to IPL or sign off.

```
*****
**
STEP 010 Change QSECOFR User Profile
Password

      Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
-----

      If you do not know the password for the restored QSECOFR user
profile,
      change the password
now.

      To do so, press F12 to return to a command prompt, then type
the
      following command and press
"Enter".

      CHGUSRPRF USRPRF(QSECOFR) PASSWORD (new-
password)
*****
**
```

## STEP 011 : Recover configuration data

You should now restore a current version of your system configuration data.

If you restored the SRM database using \*ALL (not recommended) as the *System resource management* recovery default and the hardware configuration does not match, review the section dealing with SRM database problems in the [Recovering your system](#) book.

**Note:** The *System resource management* recovery default is set in the Recover User Profile step along with other recovery defaults.

```

*****
**
STEP 011 : Recover Configuration
Data

Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
-----

You should restore a current version of your system
configuration.

If the "Select Recovery Items" display is not shown and you
are performing a complete system restore, run the following
command.

        STRRCYBRM
OPTION(*RESUME)

Otherwise, run the following
command.

        STRRCYBRM OPTION(*SYSBAS)
ACTION(*RESTORE)

Type your command choice then press
"Enter".

Select the saved item(s) listed below from the "Select Recovery
Items" display then press "Enter" to recover these saved items. Recovery
of these saved items will require the volumes listed on the report
or duplicate volumes.

--- Objects
---
Saved      Save      ----- ASP ----- Save      Save      Not      Sequence  Control
Volume     Type      Name      Number  Date      Time      Saved    Saved     Number   Group
Item
Identi
-----
__ *SAVCFG  *FULL  *SYSBAS   00001  7/25/05  14:43:21   82      0         2  *SYSGRP
VOL003
*****
**

```

## STEP 012 : Recover required system libraries

You must recover three key libraries on the system because BRMS has dependencies on these libraries.

The QUSRSYS library is important to BRMS because it contains the tape exit registration information. The QSYS2 library contains the LAN code for the 3494 media library. You must recover the QGPL library before you recover the QUSRSYS library because QGPL contains dependencies that QUSRSYS needs.

```

*****
**
STEP 012 : Recover Required System
Libraries

Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
-----

You must restore specific system libraries before you can use BRMS
to
perform other recovery
steps.

If the "Select Recovery Items" display is not shown and you
are
performing a complete system restore, run the following
command:

STRRCYBRM
OPTION(*RESUME)

Otherwise, run the following
command.

STRRCYBRM OPTION(*SYSBAS)
ACTION(*RESTORE)

Type your command choice then press
"Enter".

Select the saved item(s) listed below from the "Select Recovery
Items"
display then press "Enter" to recover these saved items. Recovery
of
these saved items will require the volumes listed on the report
or
duplicate
volumes.

--- Objects
---
Saved      Save   ----- ASP ----- Save   Save   Not   Sequence  Control
Volume     Type   Name      Number  Date   Time   Saved Saved   Number   Group
Item
Identi
-----
_QSYS2     *FULL  *SYSBAS   00001   7/25/05 14:43:38   115   0       99  *SYSGRP
VOL003
_QGPL     *FULL  *SYSBAS   00001   7/25/05 10:06:15   443   0       39  *BKUGRP
VOL002
_QUSRSYS  *FULL  *SYSBAS   00001   7/25/05 10:06:15   1,520  0       45  *BKUGRP
VOL002
*****
**

```

### STEP 013 : Reset BRMS device and media library information

You must now reset the BRMS device and media library information with the tape and media library devices currently configured on the system.

If you are using a 3494 tape library that is attached to a local area network (LAN), you must vary on the LAN line description. Use the WRKCFGSTS \*LIN command to vary on the LAN line description. If you attach your 3494 through an RS-232 connection, you do not need to vary on the RS232 line description.

If you used values other than default values on the BRMS device and media library information displays, you should verify that your changes are still in effect. You can do this using the Work with Devices

(WRKDEVBRM) command. Some of the values revert to the defaults when you use the INZBRM OPTION(\*DEVICE) command.

```
*****
**
STEP 013 : Reset BRMS Device and Media Library
Information

Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
-----

You must reset the BRMS device and media library
information.

--- Attention
-----
If you are using a 3494 Media Library with TCP/IP communications
for recovery, you can now configure the media library for
automated cartridge loading. Configure the 3494 Media Library before you
reset the BRMS device and media library
information.
-----

Clear and initialize the BRMS device and media library information
with the tape and media library devices currently configured on the
system.

To do so, type the following command then press
"Enter".

      INZBRM
OPTION(*DEVICE)

--- Attention
-----
INZBRM OPTION(*DEVICE) resets some device information to the
BRMS supplied
defaults.
-----

Review the BRMS device
information.

To do so, type the following command then press
"Enter".

WRKDEVBRM

Update the BRMS device information with any changes necessary
before continuing with the
recovery.

*****
*
```

## **STEP 014 : Recover all remaining system and user data**

You may now select to recover all of the data on your system.

If you are using a media library device in random mode to perform automated recovery, you may now select to recover all of your data. An easy way to do this is to use F16 to select all recovery items. After all items are restored, continue with [“STEP 019 : Recover spooled files for all ASPs”](#) on page 70.

**Note:** If the recovery includes objects saved from auxiliary storage pool devices, these objects cannot be selected for recovery until after the IPL step. Using F16 to select all recovery items is not recommended. Use F11=ASP View and Option 1=Select to select only those objects in auxiliary storage pool **\*SYSBAS**.

```

*****
**
STEP 014 : Recover All Remaining System and User
Data

Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
-----

You may now select to recover all of the data on your
system.
Otherwise, continue with the following
step.

To do so, type the following command then press
"Enter".

        STRRCYBRM
OPTION(*RESUME)

        --- Attention
-----
Restore Press F9 on the Select Recovery Items display to go to the
display. Command Defaults
is      __ Ensure the tape device name or media library device name
prompt. correct for the Device
prompt. __ Ensure *SAVLIB is specified for the Restore to library
prompt. __ Ensure *SAVASP is specified for the Auxiliary storage pool
saved   __ Select *NEW for Restore spooled file data to recover
queues. spooled files concurrently with restored output
prompt. __ Ensure *CURRENT is specified for the Lotus point-in-time
display. Press "Enter" to return to the Select Recovery Items
display.

-----
        ----- Attention
-----
your    You must set your Save/Restore Master Key Value to recover
for     encrypted data. To do so, you must run the ADDMSTPART command
used.   every pass phrase
command. Once the master keys are loaded, you must run the SETMSTKEY
key:    To load your master
        ADDMSTPART MSTKEY(*SAVRST) PASSPHRASE('phrase-
used')

PASSLEN(*CALC)
key:    To set your master
        SETMSTKEY
MSTKEY(*SAVRST)

-----

Press F16 to select all recovery items then press
"Enter".

After the saved items are recovered, continue with the step
following
"Recover Directories and
Files".
*****
**

```

Depending on your recovery strategy, you may choose to restore the remainder of your system by control groups. Recovery by control group requires knowledge of the objects saved by each control group and sequence these objects must be restored. For instance, control group GROUP\_A may have saved some objects also saved by control group GROUP\_B. Selecting all saved items from both control groups will result in redundant recovery of the duplicate saved items.

**Note:** If you are recovering the entire system, only use control group recovery after the base operating system has been recovered.

You might choose to use recovery by control group to recover critical business applications, or to restore multiple control groups concurrently using additional sessions to improve the performance of the recovery.

To perform recovery by control group, use the following command to select and sequence the control groups to be recovered.

```
STRRCYBRM OPTION(*CTLGRP) ACTION(*RESTORE) CTLGRP(*SELECT)
```

**Note:** If you use different control groups for full saves than for incremental saves, you must select both control groups and sequence the incremental control groups after the full control groups.

## **STEP 015 : Recover IBM product libraries**

Your recovery report will list all of the IBM libraries that you need to restore.

This example shows a short list of the IBM libraries you need to recover. Your list may be much longer.

You select the libraries to recover from the Select Recovery Items display, which you access from the STRRCYBRM display.



```

*****
**
STEP 015 : Recover IBM Product
Libraries

Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
-----

You should restore the current version of your IBM
libraries.

If you are performing a complete system restore, run the
following
command to
continue:

STRRCYBRM
OPTION(*RESUME)

Otherwise, run the following
command.

STRRCYBRM OPTION(*IBM)
ACTION(*RESTORE)

Type your command choice then press
"Enter".

Select the saved item(s) listed below from the "Select Recovery
Items"
display then press "Enter" to recover these saved items. Recovery
of
these saved items will require the volumes listed on the report
or
duplicate
volumes.

--- Objects
---
Saved      Save      ----- ASP ----- Save      Save      Not      Sequence  Control
Volume     Type     Name      Number   Date      Time      Saved   Saved     Number   Group
Item
-----
VOL002  QUSRDIRDB *FULL *SYSBAS  00001  7/25/05  10:06:15  113     0         42  *BKUGRP
VOL003  #COBLIB   *FULL *SYSBAS  00001  7/25/05  14:43:38   84     0          4  *SYSGRP
VOL003  QADM      *FULL *SYSBAS  00001  7/25/05  14:43:38  175     0          5  *SYSGRP
VOL003  QADMISTP *FULL *SYSBAS  00001  7/25/05  14:43:38   8       0          6  *SYSGRP
VOL003  QANE      *FULL *SYSBAS  00001  7/25/05  14:43:38  10      0          7  *SYSGRP
.
.
.
*****
**

```

## STEP 016 : Recover user libraries

You should restore the current version of your user libraries.

Depending on how you saved the libraries, you can choose STRRCYBRM OPTION (\*ALLUSR) or STRRCYBRM OPTION(\*CTLGRP) to restore them. The STRRCYBRM OPTION(\*CTLGRP) command gives

you more control and permits you to start concurrent restores. During complete recovery, BRMS restores both full and incremental saves.

For logical and physical files, BRMS uses a BRMS defined ID of Q1ARSTID that is used for the parameter *Defer ID* (DFRID) on RSTLIB and RSTOBJ commands. This will handle the dependencies on a specific restore order for these files.

\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*  
STEP 016 : Recover User  
Libraries

Start date/time \_\_\_\_\_ Stop date/time \_\_\_\_\_ Duration  
-----

You should restore the current version of your user  
libraries.

If you are performing a complete system restore, run the  
following  
command to  
continue:

STRRCYBRM  
OPTION(\*RESUME)

Otherwise, run the following  
command.

STRRCYBRM OPTION(\*ALLUSR)  
ACTION(\*RESTORE)

Type your command choice then press  
"Enter".

----- Attention

-----  
A Any logical/physical file dependencies are now handled by BRMS.  
(DFRID) BRMS defined ID of Q1ARSTID will be used for the Defer ID  
parameter on RSTLIB and RSTOBJ commands. This parameter allows  
you to restore all objects in a set of libraries when the libraries  
with dependent objects are restored before the libraries with the  
objects they depend  
on.

--- Attention

-----  
be If you use journaling, the libraries containing the journals must  
restored before restoring the libraries containing the journaled  
files.

-----  
Items" Select the saved item(s) listed below from the "Select Recovery  
of display then press "Enter" to recover these saved items. Recovery  
or these saved items will require the volumes listed on the report  
duplicate  
volumes.

--- Objects

Volume Item	Save Type	ASP Name	Number	Save Date	Save Time	Not Saved	Sequence Number	Control Group
VOL002	*FULL	*SYSBAS	00001	7/25/05	10:06:15	4	0	4 *BKUGRP
VOL002	*FULL	*SYSBAS	00001	7/25/05	10:06:15	2	5	*BKUGRP
VOL002	*FULL	*SYSBAS	00001	7/25/05	10:06:15	1,003	0	6 *BKUGRP

## **STEP 017 : Recover document library objects**

You should restore the current version of your documents, folders and mail.

This step recovers any saved document library objects.

\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*  
STEP 017 : Recover Document Library  
Objects

Start date/time \_\_\_\_\_ Stop date/time \_\_\_\_\_ Duration  
-----

You should restore the current version of your documents, folders and mail.

If you are performing a complete system restore, run the following command to continue:

STRRCYBRM  
OPTION(\*RESUME)

Otherwise, run the following command.

STRRCYBRM OPTION(\*ALLDLO)  
ACTION(\*RESTORE)

Type your command choice then press "Enter".

Select the saved item(s) listed below from the "Select Recovery Items" display then press "Enter" to recover these saved items. Recovery of these saved items will require the volumes listed on the report or duplicate volumes.

--- Attention

When you recovery Document Library Objects (DLOs), the system updates the search index database information for these DLOs. If the recovery fails, the error message may instruct you to run reclaim on the DLOs.

To do so, type the following command then press "Enter".

RCLDLO  
DLO(\*ALL)

After the reclaim, try the DLO recovery again.

						--- Objects				
---	Save	----	ASP	-----	Save	Save	Not	Sequence	Control	
Volume	Type	Name	Number	Date	Time	Saved	Saved	Number	Group	
Item										
Identi										
---	*ALLDLO	*FULL	*SYSBAS	00001	7/25/05	11:36:05	119	0	57	*BKUGRP
VOL002										

\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*

## STEP 018 : Recover directories and files

You should restore the current version of your objects in directories.

This step recovers any saved directory objects. If the backup included online or incremental online backups of Lotus servers, the recovery of these objects is deferred until after the IPL because these cannot be recovered while in restricted state.

```
*****
**
STEP 018 : Recover Directories and
Files

Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
-----

You should restore the current version of your objects in
directories.

If you are performing a complete system restore, run the
following
command to
continue:

STRRCYBRM
OPTION(*RESUME)

Otherwise, run the following
command.

STRRCYBRM OPTION(*LNKLIST)
ACTION(*RESTORE)

Type your command choice then press
"Enter".

Select the saved item(s) listed below from the "Select Recovery
Items"
display then press "Enter" to recover these saved items. Recovery
of
these saved items will require the volumes listed on the report
or
duplicate
volumes.

--- Objects
---
Saved      Save   ----- ASP ----- Save   Save           Not   Sequence  Control
Volume     Type   Name      Number  Date    Time   Saved  Saved   Number  Group
Item
Identi
-----
*LINK      *FULL  *SYSBAS   00001   7/25/05 11:36:33 11,788    0       58  *BKUGRP
VOL002
*****
**
```

## STEP 019 : Recover spooled files for all ASPs

If spooled files were saved, restore your saved spooled files.

To recover individual spooled files, you need to use the WRKSPLFBRM command. Whether you need to recover individual spooled files depends on how the spooled files were saved, and whether the saved spooled files were recovered with restored output queues.

If your backup strategy was to save spooled file data with saved output queues and you specified \*NEW for the *Restore spooled file data* recovery default, then you probably do not need to restore individual spooled files since the spool files were restored with the restored output queues.

If \*NONE was specified for the *Restore spooled file data* recovery default when libraries were restored and you want to restore individual spooled files, then you can restore the individuals spool files with this step.

```
*****
**
STEP 019 : Recover Spooled Files for all
ASPs

      Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
-----

      If spooled files were saved, restore your saved spooled
files.
      ---- Attention
-----
      If your backup strategy was to save spooled file data with
saved
      output queues and you specified *NEW for Restore spooled file
data
      recovery default, then you should not need to restore
individual
      spooled files since the spooled files were restored with the
output
      queues.
-----

      To do so, type the following command then press
"Enter".

WRKSPLFBRM

      Press F16 to select all recovery items then press
"Enter".

      Otherwise, select the saved items you need to recover then press
"Enter".

      Use the media listed on the "Select Recovery Items"
display.
*****
**
```

## STEP 020 : Special recovery processing – Integrated Server Support for IBM i

If Integrated Server Support for IBM i was installed when your system was saved, and it has been restored to the system, follow these instructions.

You will need to perform the following special recovery action if your system had Integrated Server Support installed and the Integrated Windows Servers were VARIED OFF when the system was last saved.

```

*****
**
STEP 020 : Special Recovery
Processing

Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
-----

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If Integrated Server Support was installed when your system was
saved and has been restored to the system, perform the following
steps:

If the Windows servers were VARIED OFF during the save, perform
these recovery steps:

__ a. Add the links for each server
description.

To do so, type the following command then press
"Enter".

ADDNWSSTGL NWSSTG(server-storage-
name)
NWSN(server-description-
name)

__ b. Vary on your Windows
servers.

To do so, type the following command then press
"Enter".

WRKCFGSTS
CFGTYPE(*NWS)

Select option 1 to vary on each server.

```

You will need to perform the following special recovery action if your system had Integrated Server Support installed and the Integrated Windows Servers were VARIED ON when the system was last saved.



If the Windows servers were VARIED ON during the save, perform these recovery steps:

-- a. Vary off any Windows servers that are VARIED ON.

To do so, type the following command then press "Enter".

```
WRKCFGSTS
CFGTYPE(*NWS)
```

Select option 2 to vary off each server.

-- b. Create any needed Network Storages.

To do so, type the following command then press "Enter".

```
CRTNWSSTG NWSSTG(server-storage-
name)
```

-- c. Add the links for each server description.

To do so, type the following command then press "Enter".

```
ADDNWSSTGL NWSSTG(server-storage-
name)
NWSSTG(server-description-
name)
```

-- d. Vary on your Windows servers.

To do so, type the following command then press "Enter".

```
WRKCFGSTS
CFGTYPE(*NWS)
```

Select option 1 to vary on each server.

-- e. Restore the Windows server data using the volumes listed in "Recover Directories and Files".

To do so, type the following command then press "Enter".

```
RST OBJ('/
QNTC')
*****
**
```

## STEP 021 : Special recovery processing – recovering Linux servers in a logical partition

If your system was running Linux servers in a logical partition when the system was saved, follow these instructions.

You will need to perform the following special recovery step if your system was running Linux servers in a logical partition when the system was saved.

```
*****
**
STEP 021 : Special Recovery
Processing

      Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
-----

      Recovering Linux servers in a logical
partition.

      If Linux servers were running in a logical partition and were
VARIED OFF when the system was saved, perform these recovery
steps:

      __ a. Add the links for each server
description.

      To do so, type the following command then press
"Enter".

              ADDNWSSTGL NWSSTG(server-storage-
name)
              NWSNWS(server-description-
name)

      __ b. Vary on each Linux
server.

      To do so, type the following command then press
"Enter".

              WRKCFGSTS
CFGTYPE(*NWS)

      Select option 1 to vary on each
server.
*****
**
```

## STEP 022 : Special recovery processing – IBM DB2® Content Manager OnDemand for IBM i

If IBM Content Manager OnDemand for i was installed when your system was saved, and it has been restored to the system, follow these instructions.

You will need to perform the following special recovery step if your system had IBM Content Manager OnDemand for i installed when the system was last saved.

```

*****
**
STEP 022 : Special Recovery
Processing

      Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
      -----

RD1)   IBM DB2 Content Manager OnDemand for IBM i (5770-

      If Content Manager OnDemand for IBM i was installed when
your   system was saved and has been restored to the system, you must
enable journaling.

      To do so, type the following commands then press
"Enter".

      a. CALL QRDARS/QRLCSTRJ
PARM('RLC')
      b. CALL QRDARS/QRLCSTRJ
PARM('RLR')
      c. CALL QRDARS/QRLCSTRJ
PARM('RLO')
*****
**

```

### STEP 023 : Update Program Temporary Fix information

Perform this step to update your PTF information for all PTF save files in library QGPL.

```

*****
**
STEP 023 : Update Program Temporary Fix
Information

      Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
      -----

      You must update Program Temporary Fix Information for all PTF
save   files in library
QGPL.  To do so, type the following command then press
"Enter".

UPDPTFINF
*****
**

```

### STEP 024 : Apply journal changes

If you need to apply journal changes, follow these instructions.

When you restore the entire system, the IBM i operating system correctly establishes the receiver chains when the journals and journal receivers are restored. You can use the OPTION(\*APYJRNCHG) on the Start Recovery using BRM (STRRCYBRM) command to assist you in apply changes to the journaled objects in user libraries. See [“Recovery with apply journal changes”](#) on page 203 for additional information about using BRMS to assist you in applying journaled changes.

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\*\*  
STEP 024 : Apply Journal  
Changes

Start date/time \_\_\_\_\_ Stop date/time \_\_\_\_\_ Duration  
-----

To determine if you need to apply journal changes, refer to the section "Determining Whether You Need to Apply Journal Changes" under chapter "Restoring Changed Objects and Applying Journal Changes" as detailed in the "Recovering your system" topic.

--- Attention

-----  
The recovery includes objects saved with pending changes. You must apply journal changes for these objects to be usable.

-----  
Use one of the following commands to specify journals for applying journal changes.

```
STRRCYBRM OPTION(*APYJRNCHG)
JRN(*JRNLST)
STRRCYBRM OPTION(*APYJRNCHG) JRN((library-name/journal-
name)
(library-name/journal-
name) ... )
```

Type your command choice then press "Enter".

-- Select Option 1=Apply journal changes on the Work with Journals using BRMS display for those journals you want to apply changes.

-- Select F16=Apply changes on the Apply Journal Changes using BRMS display to confirm your decision to apply the journal changes.

--- Attention

-----  
Changes will be applied to the journaled objects of the selected journals for the journal receivers currently on the system.

--- Attention

-----  
If you are applying changes to journals on auxiliary storage pool devices, you must set the auxiliary storage pool device to the current job before applying changes.

To do so, type the following command then press "Enter".

## STEP 025 : Recover additional saved system information

Recover any additional system information that was saved since the last full save of the Licensed Internal Code and operating system.

This step recovers any additional system information that was saved by using the \*SAVSYSINF backup item in a control group. This step is not shown if the recovery items does not include a full system save, or the full system save occurs after the \*SAVSYSINF.

```
*****
**
STEP 025 : Recover Additional Saved System
Information

Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
-----

since You must recover additional system information that was saved
the last full save of the Licensed Internal Code and Operating
System.

Items" Select the saved item(s) listed below from the "Select Recovery
of display then press "Enter" to recover these saved items. Recovery
or these saved items will require the volumes listed on the report
duplicate
volumes.

--- Objects
Saved Volume Save ----- ASP ----- Save Save Not Sequence Control
Item Type Name Number Date Time Saved Saved Number Group
Identi
-----
*SAVSYSINF *FULL *SYSBAS 00001 8/01/05 01:36:33 139 5 1 SAVSYINF
VOL005
*****
**
```

## STEP 026 : Recover authorization information

You should recover authorization information if user profiles were recovered in an earlier step.

To restore authorities to the restored objects, use the RSTAUTBRM command.

**Note:** The attention block at the end of the step is generated if BRMS detects private authority information for basic user auxiliary storage pools has not been saved.

```

*****
**
STEP 026 : Recover Authorization
Information

Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
-----

You should recover authorization information if user
profiles
were recovered in an earlier
step.

----- Attention
-----
Some authorities may not be restored if the system is not running
in
restricted
state.
Restoring authorities can be a long running
process.

-----

Review the joblog or output from your recovery
processing
to ensure all recovery steps completed
successfully.

Restore authorities to
objects.

To do so, type the following command and press
"Enter".

RSTAUT
USRPRF(*ALL)

To restore authority information saved by BRMS for basic user
auxiliary
pools (2-32), run the following
command.

RSTAUTBRM
USRASP(*ALLUSR)

Type the command choice and press
"Enter".

----- Attention
-----
BRMS has no history of saved private authorities for basic
user
auxiliary storage pools
(2-32).
If you want to save the private authorities assigned to objects
in
basic user auxiliary storage pools and improve recoverability, do
not
use *USRASPAUT when specifying omit
items.

-----
*****
**

```

## STEP 027 : Verify system information

Retrieve the saved system information reports and compare to the current system information to verify the successful recovery of your system information. Change the system information as required.

```
*****
**
STEP 027 : Verify System
Information

      Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
      -----

      You should verify your system
      information.

      If you ran either of the following commands after the save,
      additional
      reports were created that enable you to verify your system
      information:

          STRRCYBRM
      PRTSYSINF(*YES)
          STRMNTBRM
      PRTSYSINF(*YES)

      If you recovered using distribution media or if your save of QUSRSYS
      is
      more current than your system save, then it is recommended that
      you
      update your system information by running the following
      command:
          UPDSYSINF
      LIB(QUSRSYS)
      refer
      to the "Recovering your system"
      topic.
*****
**
```

## STEP 028 : Apply PTFs

This is a good point in the recovery process to apply any PTFs that had been applied since the last save of system data, or any PTFs not yet applied.

```
*****
**
STEP 028 : Apply
PTFs

      Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
      -----

      Re-apply PTFs that were applied since your last save of system
      data.
*****
**
```

## STEP 029 : Print job log

After completing the recovery of your entire system, use the job log to identify any items that BRMS did not successfully restore.

Check the job log for all error messages, then correct the errors, and restore any missing objects from the media. To print the job log, use the DSPJOBLOG command. BRMS sends a message (CPF3773) to tell you how many objects BRMS restored.

```

*****
**
STEP 029 : Print Job
Log

Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
-----

You should print the
joblog.

To do so, type the following command then press
"Enter".

        DSPJOBLOG JOB(*)
OUTPUT(*PRINT)

Review the job logs or output from your recovery
processing
to ensure that all recovery steps completed
successfully.
*****
**

```

### STEP 030 : Perform IPL

Your system recovery is complete. It is time to IPL the system.

```

*****
**
STEP 030 : Perform
IPL

Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
-----

a) If your recovery includes additional actions after the IPL, it
is recommended that you put scheduled jobs on hold. You may have already
held your jobs from earlier steps in the recovery and if so you may move on to the next
step. NOTE: Once your recovery is complete, you must remember to
release these jobs that are on
hold.
        -STRSBS
QSYSWRK
        -WRKJOBSCDE and select option 3 for each scheduled job to put
all scheduled jobs on
hold.
NOTE: If you are using a different job scheduler, then the process to hold jobs
will be different and the WRKJOBSCDE command will not show the jobs to
hold.
b) Return system to normal mode and
IPL.
To do so, type the following command and press
"Enter".
        PWRDWN SYS OPTION(*IMMED)
RESTART(*YES)
*****
**

```



## Recovery tips

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When preparing for either a selected or a total recovery, keep the following tips in mind.

- If BRMS cancels or ends the recovery in error, you can restart the recovery by using the STRRCYBRM \*RESUME command.
- You can use the IBM i operating system to assist with selected restores. Before you do so, however, keep the following information in mind:
  - If you save with the option 21 (Save) you must restore with option 21 (Restore).
  - If you save with BRMS, you must restore with BRMS.
  - You cannot mix the two different types of saves and restores.
- It is possible to use BRMS to recover objects saved using the native save commands, or to use the native restore commands to recover BRMS saved objects.
- After designing and implementing your backup operation, you should test your recovery procedures using your own reports. Try to test your recovery reports on a non-production system. If you do not have one available, contact your IBM representative to set up a practice recovery at an IBM Business Continuity and Resiliency Services "hotsite." You can use your own recovery reports at the recovery site.
- To ensure that the recovery reports you need are up-to-date, print a new recovery report after each backup, or at least once per day.
- Always follow the steps in the Recovering Your Entire System report as they appear.
- Always keep copies of the reports in easily retrievable locations in case of disaster. Be sure to keep an updated copy of the recovery reports at all of the off-site locations that contain active media.



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## Tailoring your BRMS operations

You can customize BRMS to meet your backup and recovery needs.



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# Working with devices in BRMS

This topic provides information about how to add, change, remove, and review stand-alone and media library tape devices in BRMS. During installation, BRMS automatically registers and initializes the devices attached to your IBM i product and creates corresponding device information entries. BRMS creates a default device based on the fastest and most automated device attached at that time (if more than one device is attached or registered. Otherwise BRMS uses the sole attachment as the default device). Unless you change it, BRMS sends all of your backup and recovery requests to the default device. In this chapter, you learn how to change or remove device information for existing devices, and also how to add new devices to the system.

BRMS works with all standard IBM i tape and optical devices. IBM continually enhances BRMS to work with new and improved devices. BRMS does not support diskette, unlabeled or nonstandard label tape.

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## Adding new devices

There are two ways you can register devices with BRMS. You can use the Initialize BRM (INZBRM) command to perform the registration and initialization tasks for you automatically. Or you can perform these tasks yourself using other BRMS commands.

Whenever you add a device, be it manually or through the INZBRM command, you must create new media classes to match. BRMS only creates media classes for you during the installation process. For information about how to create media classes, see [“Setting up your media management operation” on page 93](#).

### Adding a new device automatically

Procedures for adding a new device are the same for both stand-alone devices and library devices. To add a new device to your IBM i, take the following steps:

1. Attach the device to your system.
2. Type INZBRM OPTION(\*DATA) at a command line and press Enter. In addition to creating policy, control group, and other defaults, this command registers and creates new device information entries for the devices currently attached to your system. Device information entries include:
  - Device name (for example, TAP01 or TAPMLB01). This is the device that BRMS uses as the default device.
  - Device type (for example, a 3570 or a 6340).
  - Model type.
3. If your device is a stand-alone that is not shared with other systems, or if it is a media library, **you must vary it on before using it**. You can vary on both stand-alone and media library devices by taking option 8 (Work with status) from the Work with Devices (WRKDEVBRM) display. Alternatively, you can vary on a media library by using the Work with MLB Status (WRKMLBSTS) command. When sharing the device between multiple systems, BRMS varies it on and off for you, by the jobs that are lined up in the work queue.

The INZBRM command initializes your device automatically.

**Note:** If you have difficulty varying on a device, see the [Recovering your system](#) book for assistance.

### Adding a new device manually

To manually add a device to BRMS, take the following steps:

1. Attach the device to your system. Ensure that the device is configured to the system, either by an I/O processor reset or by an IPL with autoconfiguration.

2. Type WRKCFGSTS CFGTYPE(\*DEV) CFGD(TAP\*) or for optical WRKCFGSTS CFGTYPE(\*DEV) CFGD(OPT\*) at a command line to view the list of stand-alone devices and media libraries on the Work with Configuration Status display.
3. At this display find the name of the device you want to add to BRMS.
4. Type WRKDEVBRM at a command line and press Enter.
5. At the Work with Devices display, type a 1 (Add) in the *Opt* field.
6. Type the name of the device you want to add in the *Device* column.
7. Enter the device type (\*TAP for stand-alone devices, \*VRTTAP for a virtual tape device, \*TAPMLB for tape libraries, \*OPT for stand alone optical devices, \*OPTMLB for optical media libraries, or \*VRTOPT for a virtual optical device) in the *Category* column. Then press Enter.
8. At the Add Tape Devices display, fill out the additional parameters as needed. Press Enter to add the device entry to BRMS.
9. If your device is a stand-alone not shared with other systems, or if it is a media library, **you must vary it on before using it to process jobs**. You can vary on both stand-alone and media library devices by taking option 8 (Work with status) from the Work with Devices (WRKDEVBRM) display. Alternatively, you can use the Work with MLB Status (WRKMLBSTS) command. When sharing the device between multiple systems, BRMS varies it on and off for you, by the jobs that are lined up in the work queue.

**Note:** If you added a media library to BRMS, use the Work with Media Libraries (WRKMLBBRM) command to release the library when it is ready for use.

## Changing an existing device

There are slightly different options available when you want to change existing device information, depending on whether the device is a stand-alone, virtual or a media library. This section provides information about how to change device information for both types of devices.

### Changing device information for tape stand-alone devices

To change device information for an existing tape stand-alone device, take the following steps:

1. Type WRKDEVBRM at a command line and press Enter.
2. At the Work with Devices display, locate the name of the device you want to work with and type a 2 (Change) in the *Opt* column. This takes you to the Change Tape Device display.

```

Change Tape Device

Tape device . . . . . : TAP01
Device type/model . . . . . : 6386/001

Type changes, press Enter.

Text . . . . . Entry created by BRM configuration

Location . . . . . *HOME          Name, F4 for list

Use optimum block size . . . . . *YES          *NO, *YES
Next volume message . . . . . *YES          *YES, *NO
Tape mount delay . . . . . *IMMED         *IMMED, 1-999
Auto enroll media . . . . . *SYSPCY       *SYSPCY, *NO, *YES

Shared device . . . . . *NO          *YES, *NO
  Shared device wait . . . . . 30          Seconds

F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F12=Cancel

More...
```

3. Change the parameters as needed. Following are brief summaries of the key parameters on this display:

- The default value in the *Use optimum block size* field is \*YES. If you want to use this default value, keep the following restrictions in mind:
  - IBM i cannot duplicate media volumes if the output device uses a block size that is smaller than the blocks being read by the input device.
  - If you use the optimum block size, the system does not compress the data.

If these restrictions concern you, set the value to \*NO. In that case, BRMS uses the default block size that is supported by your device. It is recommended, however, that you use the default value, \*YES, whenever possible because the device performs better when writing larger blocks of data at once.
- The default value in the *Auto enroll media* field is \*NO and is established in the system policy (\*SYSPCY). If you want BRMS to automatically enroll media into the tape device you want to use, you can specify \*YES at this display.
- The default value in the *Shared device* field is \*NO. If you want to share a device between multiple systems, change this parameter to \*YES, and keep the following information in mind:
  - BRMS manages device availability for shared devices. This means that BRMS varies off the device after use so that it is readily available for use by another system. BRMS varies on all of the devices it needs prior to a save operation. The *Shared device wait* field specifies how long BRMS should wait for a device to become available if it cannot locate any usable devices.
  - **Device pooling** happens when several IBM i platforms share a single tape drive or set of tape drives. In this case, IBM i or BRMS picks an eligible device from a pool of devices that supports the read and write densities you need. This permits several IBM i platforms to access the pool at the same time for any eligible device. In this way, you do not have to wait for a specific device to become available or fail the operation due to a busy device. If you are using a tape library, IBM i manages device pooling for you. If you are using a stand-alone device, BRMS manages device pooling for you.
- In the *Allow densities* field you can indicate the density at which your device can read and write to media. BRMS separates densities into the read and write densities that are allowed by your device. This separation recognizes that some devices can read media to a device but cannot write to it and vice versa. Other devices can read and write the same densities. The ability to specify the densities that a device can read or write is particularly useful when using device pooling. For example, if you are backing up media with a density of 1600 BPI, you can use a 2400-A12 or a 9348-0001 for this operation. BRMS can do this because both devices can write to media at 1600 BPI. You can have multiple devices assigned to a location.
- After you have changed and reviewed these and other parameters as needed, press Enter to return to the Work with Devices display.

### **Changing device information for optical stand-alone devices**

To change device information for an existing tape stand-alone device, take the following steps:

1. Type WRKDEVBRM at a command line and press Enter.
2. At the Work with Devices display, locate the name of the device you want to work with and type a 2 (Change) in the *Opt* column. This takes you to the Change Optical Device display.

```

Change Optical Device

Optical device . . . . . : OPT01
Device type/model . . . . . : 6330/002

Type changes, press Enter.

Text . . . . . Entry created by BRM configuration

Location . . . . . *HOME      Name, F4 for list
Allow densities:
  Read . . . . . *DEVTYPE    *DEVTYPE, F4 for list

Write . . . . . *DEVTYPE    *DEVTYPE, F4 for list

Transfer rate per second . . . . . *DEVTYPE    *DEVTYPE, Number nnnnn.nn
Unit of measure . . . . .          1=MB, 2=GB

F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F12=Cancel                                Bottom

```

3. Change the parameters as needed. Following are brief summaries of the key parameters on this display:

- In the *Allow densities* field you can indicate the density at which your device can read and write to media. BRMS separates densities into the read and write densities that are allowed by your device. This separation recognizes that some devices can read media to a device but cannot write to it and vice versa. Other devices can read and write the same densities. The ability to specify the densities that a device can read or write is particularly useful when using device pooling.
- In the *Transfer Rate per Second* field you can indicate the rate which the media device transfers data to and from storage media. The possible values are \*DEVTYPE which is the default transfer rate of the selected device, or rate you specify in megabytes/gigabytes per second.

4. After you have changed and reviewed these and other parameters as needed, press Enter to return to the Work with Devices display.

### Changing the device name

You can also use the Work with Devices display to change the name of your device. To change the name of a stand-alone device, take the following steps:

1. At the Work with Devices display, type an 8 (Work with status) in the *Opt* field next to the device you want to rename. Press Enter.
2. At the Work with Configuration Status display, again type an 8 (Work with description) in front of the device you want to rename. Press Enter.
3. At the Work with Device Descriptions display, type a 9 (Rename) in front of the device you want to rename and press Enter.
4. Rename the device at the Rename Object (RNMOBJ) display.
5. Press Enter twice to return to the Work with Devices display.

To change the name of a media library device, take steps 1-5 from the Work with Media Library Status (WRKMLBSTS) command.

### Changing device configuration information

There are several types of device configuration information that you can change from the Work with Devices (WRKDEVBRM) display.

From the Work with Devices (WRKDEVBRM) display, type an 8 (Work with status) in front of the device you want to work with and press Enter. This takes you to the Work with Configuration Status (WRKCFGSTS) display. Alternatively, you can go directly to the Work with Configuration Status display by entering WRKCFGSTS from a command line. On the WRKCFGSTS command, you can change or review the following items:



- Vary on and vary off status (if your device is not shared).
- Device description information.
- Status of the jobs you want the device to process.
- Mode status.
- Recovery requests pertaining to the device.
- LAN adapters and APPN status (when applicable).

The WRKDEVBRM command is the primary command for working with device information for stand-alone devices. Use it to change and remove media information as needed.

## Changing device information for media library devices

BRMS supports all IBM media libraries (MLB) and has the capability to support third-party library devices. An MLB is an automated media library. You can store a large number of media in an MLB unit and access a specified volume or volumes for read and write operations. BRMS determines which volumes reside in the MLB, and when needed, issues the proper command to mount the volume.

Media libraries enable BRMS to provide the following support:

- Perform save and restore operations automatically.
- Perform file retrieve automatically.
- Can migrate infrequently used data from DASD to less expensive storage media while maintaining the ability to access it automatically.
- Can archive massive amounts of data, such as in image or spooled archive applications.
- Provide hardware that new applications can use to manage offline storage.
- Manage scratch volumes and volume usage.

### Using the WRKMLBBRM command

While you can make some changes to media library information from the WRKDEVBRM command, the Work with Media Libraries (WRKMLBBRM) command provides more options at a greater level of detail. To get there, take the following steps:

1. Type WRKMLBBRM at a command line and press Enter.

```

Work with Media Libraries                                RCHAS400
Position to . . . . .                               Starting characters
Type options, press Enter.
 2=Change   3=Hold   5=Display   6=Release   8=Work with MLB media
 9=Display MLB media 10=Display MLB status 11=Add MLB media

Opt  Library      Status      Location  Text
-    - - - - -    - - - - -    - - - - -
-    MLB01        Released    VAULT     Entry created by BRM configuration
-    TAPMLB03     Released    TAPMLB03 Entry created by BRM configuration

                                                Bottom

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F9=System command   F12=Cancel

```

2. From this display, you can access a variety of MLB-related displays and perform the following tasks:
  - Change location, optimum block size, compaction, read and write densities, and other device-related information.
  - Change or review device description information, including renaming the device.

- Hold and release a library for specified purposes.
  - Work with media library media, including adding, initializing, removing, mounting, and dismounting.
  - Display library status information.
  - Display media library media status information.
3. After completing your changes, press Enter to return to the Work with Media Libraries display.

### Setting up an MLB as a shared device

To set up an MLB as a shared device, take the following steps:

1. Type WRKMLBSTS at a command line and press Enter.
2. Type a 5 (Allocate unprotected) in front of the MLB you want to use as a shared device, and press Enter. A message appears at the bottom of the display that indicates that you changed the status of this device.
3. To remove an MLB from shared status, type a 6 (Deallocate resource) in front of the device you want to deallocate and press Enter. A message appears that indicates that you have changed the status of this device.

**Note:** Optical media libraries do not support being set up as shared devices.

IBM i determines how best to utilize the drives within the tape library. When finished with the volume, BRMS issues the corresponding command to remove the volume. For instance, when an output operation calls for a scratch volume mount, BRMS determines an eligible scratch volume and mounts the volume. After the operation completes, the MLB unloads the volume (if specified in the command), and returns the volume to its correct media inventory location.

## Changing device information for virtual tape devices

Virtual tape devices are managed by BRMS similarly to stand-alone tape devices with the exception that virtual volumes can be mounted automatically. You can change the attributes of virtual devices using option 2=Change from the *Work with Devices* panel.

However, some device attributes cannot be changed for virtual tape devices. These attributes are:

### Tape mount delay

The tape mount delay for virtual tape devices is always \*IMMED since these volumes can be mounted without delay.

### Auto enroll media

Virtual tape media cannot be auto enrolled because this media requires an image catalog and image catalog entry to use the volume. Virtual media must be added to BRMS using the **Add Media to BRM (ADDMEDBRM)** command and specifying the image catalog containing the volume on the *Image catalog (IMGCLG)* parameter. The image catalog and image catalog entry must exist for the volume to be added. See “Enrolling virtual volumes” on page 98 for additional information about adding virtual media to the BRMS media inventory.

### Shared device

Virtual tape devices cannot be shared with other systems.

### Device uses compaction

Virtual tape devices do not use compaction.

### Transfer rate per second

The transfer rate of virtual tape devices is dependent on processor and memory features installed on the system.

## Working with third party tape media libraries

BRMS can support some third party (non-IBM) media libraries. To add third-party media libraries to BRMS, take the following steps:

1. Attach the device to your system.
2. Type `WRKCFGSTS CFGTYPE(*DEV) CFGD(TAP*)` at a command line to view the list of stand-alone devices and media libraries on the Work with Configuration Status display.
3. At this display find the name of the third-party device you want to add to BRMS.
4. Type `WRKDEVBRM` at a command line and press Enter.
5. At the Work with Devices display, type a 1 (Add) in the *Opt* field.
6. Type the name of the device you want to add in the *Device* column.
7. Enter the device type `*USRMLB` (for user-defined MLB) in the *Category* column. Then press Enter.
8. At the Add User Media Device display, type in the third-party commands responsible for the following activities:
  - Location (this must be the same location as the `*USRMLB` devices)
  - Text description
  - Mount or eject media
  - Insert and add media
  - Work with and display media
  - Work with and display status
  - Allocate and deallocate media
  - Start and End media movement
  - Work with and display status

The customer or media library manufacturer must provide commands and the program interface to BRMS and the MLB.

**Note:** Uppercase should be used for these variables.

```
myCommand dev(&DEVICE) vol(&VOLUME) mlb(&MLBNAME)
```

9. Fill out the additional parameters as needed.
10. Press Enter to add the device entry to BRMS.

Customers or manufacturers can use the following variables with each of the MLB commands. The tape exit supplies the values for these variables.

- `DEVICE`: the tape device name.
- `VOLUME`: the volume identifier.
- `MLBNAME`: the BRMS name of the third party MLB.

BRMS supplies the following messages for users of third-party media libraries. You can find them in message file `Q1AMSGF` in library `QBRM`.

- `BRM1990`: User exit retry operation message.
- `BRM1991`: User exit failure operation message.

If BRMS issues these messages as escape messages, then BRMS retries (`BRM1990`) or fails (`BRM1991`) the job as appropriate. Use the Work with Registration Information (`WRKREGINF`) command to add and register a program to an exit point.

## Last active device

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BRMS always continues any subsequent saves within a control group on the device that was last active. This allows you to completely fill all volumes and allows for better utilization of available devices. You can use the `*LOAD` special value for a backup item entry in a backup control group to force subsequent saves (saves following the `*LOAD` entry) to a different volume which may be mounted on a different stand-alone device or resource in a media library.



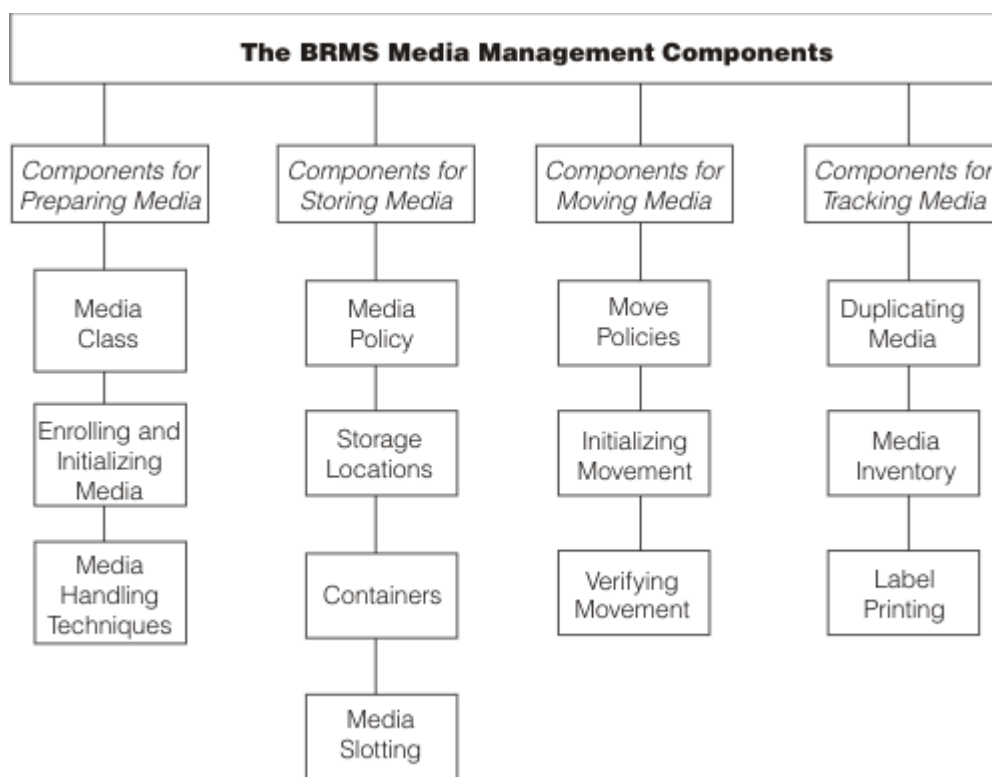
# Setting up your media management operation

Use the BRMS Media Management service to set up an automated system that tracks your media through its entire life cycle from media creation through expiration and return to scratch pool availability.

The BRMS media management service consists of a variety of components that can assist you in performing the following tasks:

- Preparing your media for use.
- Setting up storage locations for your media.
- Tracking the movement of your media to and from the storage locations.
- Tracking the enrollment, use, and expiration of your media.

Figure 6 on page 93 illustrates the components that can assist you in these tasks.



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Figure 6. The BRMS Media Management Components

For convenience and ease of use and understanding, the BRMS media management components have been grouped into the work sets that are shown in Figure 6 on page 93. You can set up your media management system by following the structure of this chapter from preparation through tracking. Or you can select the components that are most useful for managing your specific operation. Though you do not have to use all of the components that are discussed in this chapter, your media does need to be properly prepared before you can use it for backup purposes.

You can access all of the components that BRMS provides through commands or through the Media Management menu. The sections that follow provide CL commands for each component that is discussed. To get to the Media Management menu, do the following:

1. Type GO BRMMED at a command line and press Enter. Alternatively, you can select option 1 (Media Management) from the main BRMS menu.

BRMMED

Media Management

System: RCHAS400

Select one of the following:

1. Work with media classes
2. Work with media
3. Move management
4. Work with storage locations
5. Container management
6. Media activity
7. Confirm media label print
8. Work with devices
9. Work with media libraries

Selection or command

====>

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F3=Exit F4=Prompt F9=Retrieve F10=Commands F12=Cancel F13=Functions

You can access all of the primary media management components through the Media Management menu or by using the commands that are associated with each component.

Many of the functions described in this topic are also available in the BRMS graphical interface. For detailed information, see [“Using the BRMS graphical interface”](#) on page 233.

## Preparing your media

This section provides information about the steps you need to take to prepare your media for BRMS to use in performing backups. Before BRMS can use media, it needs to be correctly classed by type, initialized, and enrolled into BRMS. You should also design a media inventory system that can assist you and BRMS in tracking the availability and use of your media. This section provides instructions on how you can perform all of these tasks.

### Working with media classes

Media classes define the types of physical media that are enrolled in BRMS. The characteristics of a media class include media density, capacity, label information, number of errors allowed, and shared status.

During installation, BRMS automatically creates media classes that are based on the types of devices attached to your system. As you enroll media, BRMS assigns it to the appropriate media class. For example, if you have a 3592 tape device attached to your system, the media class might be FMT3592A1. BRMS creates media classes for all media types that are supported by your media device.

Though BRMS does a thorough job of creating the media classes you need, there may be times when you want to create a unique media class. For example, whenever you add a new device type, you must create new media classes that are compatible with the media device you are adding. For example, you may want to create a unique media class when you back up data that belongs to user X, Y, or Z. Or, you might create a new media class for use by developers.

To add a new media class, take the following steps:

1. Type WRKCLSBRM from a command line and press Enter.
2. At the Work with Media Classes display, type a 1 (Add) in the *Opt* column. In the *Class* column, type a unique name for the media class you want to create. For example, CART3490 or USERDOE. Press Enter.

```

                                Add Media Class

Type choices, press Enter.

Media class . . . . . USERDOE      Name
Density . . . . .                               F4 for list
Media capacity . . . . . *DENSITY    *DENSITY, Number nnnnn.n
Unit of measure . . . . .                               1=KB, 2=MB, 3=GB
Mark for label print . . . . . *NONE    *NONE, *MOVE, *WRITE
Label size . . . . . 1                1=6 LPI, 2=8 LPI, 3=9 LPI
Label output queue . . . . . *SYSPCY   Name, *SYSPCY, *PRTF
Library . . . . .                               Name, *LIBL
Shared media . . . . . *YES          *YES, *NO
Write once media . . . . .                               *YES, *NO
Initialize media on expiration. . . *NO          *NO, *YES
Text . . . . .

                                More...

F3=Exit   F4=Prompt   F12=Cancel

```

3. At the Add Media Class display, review and change the parameters as needed. Following are brief summaries of the key fields on this display:

- The default *Shared media* value of \*YES instructs BRMS to share media as applicable with all systems in a network. However, you need to change this value to \*NO before performing a SAVSYS backup, even if your system is not in a network. This means that you need to use a separate, unshared media class to save your operating system and licensed internal code.

Because only one system needs to use these volumes, overwriting by another system is acceptable. BRMS immediately registers volume activity on all systems in the network so you can easily track volume activity.

**Note:** Virtual media cannot be shared. So for any media classes using densities for virtual media, the only valid value for this parameter is \*NO.

- The *Write once media* prompt identifies whether the media in this class should be treated as if the volumes can be written only once. You would set this value to \*YES if the type of media being used with this class is Write Once Read Many (WORM). The following identifies the operating characteristics of WORM media.
  - File sequences on WORM media cannot be reused.
  - Only new file sequences can be added to WORM media until the volume is filled.
  - WORM media cannot be re-initialized once used.
- BRMS flags labels for printing at the *Label output queue* parameter. You can mark specific volumes for label printing by selecting option 11 on the Work with Media display. You can activate the label print request by selecting option 7 (Confirm Media Label Print) from the Media Management menu.
- Make the class description in the *Text* field a meaningful one. This allows you to view and identify the media class entry at a glance when you get to the Work with Media Classes display.

4. Press Enter to save your changes and to return to the Work with Media Classes display.

Use the Work with Media Classes (WRKCLSBRM) display any time you want to add, change or remove a media class. You can also access the Work with Media (WRKMEDBRM) display from the Work with Media Classes display to review volume information that is associated with media of a particular class. Use the Print Media Exceptions for BRM (PRTMEDBRM) display to review or print media usage statistics. BRMS bases these statistics on the characteristics you specify on the WRKCLSBRM command.

**Enrolling media**

This section provides information about how to enroll and initialize volumes under a variety of circumstances.

You can find instructions on how to enroll *individual* volumes into BRMS for use by stand-alone and media library devices in [“Backing up your entire system”](#) on page 17.

**Note:** IBM i uses certain volume identifiers for special purposes. You should avoid using these volume identifiers in your volume labeling. Volume identifiers to avoid are:

- TAPxxx
- NLTxxx
- BLKxxx
- CLNxxx
- ERRxxx
- SLTxxx
- IMPxxx

### Enrolling multiple volumes for use by stand-alone devices

You can enroll multiple volumes into BRMS for use by a stand-alone device by using a single command. To do so, take the following steps:

1. Type ADDMEDBRM at a command line and press Enter.

```
                                Add Media to BRM (ADDMEDBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

Volume identifier . . . . .
Media class . . . . .                               FMT3590, FMT3590E, FMT3590H...
Number to add . . . . .                               1                               1-999
Initialize media . . . . . *NO                          *NO, *YES

                                                                    Bottom
F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F10=Additional parameters  F12=Cancel
F13=How to use this display  F24=More keys
```

2. At the Add Media to BRM display, enter a unique six-character or thirty-two-character (for optical volumes) name into the *Volume Identifier* field. To add multiples, the last characters of the volumes that you specify must be numeric (for example, TAP01).

**Note:** BRMS media inventory requires a six-character volume serial. BRMS will use the **Volume prefix** specified on the **System Policy** to generate a unique six-character name for BRMS to use. This will be used in conjunction with the *Volume Identifier*.

3. At the *Media Class* field, enter the media class name of the volume you want to enroll. To select from a list of available media classes, press F4.
4. Enter the total number of volumes you want to add in the *Number to add* field. Though the *Number to add* field is large enough to contain thirty-one digits, you can only enroll a maximum of 999 volumes at one time.
5. Press F10 to review and change additional parameters as needed.
6. Press Enter to enroll the volumes.

BRMS provides the capability to automatically enroll media detected by BRMS but not found in the media inventory. You can specify the use of this capability at the *Auto enroll media* parameter on the Change System Policy display. You can specify automatic enrollment for individual, stand-alone devices on the WRKDEVBRM command.

**Note:** The *Auto enroll media* parameter is not available on stand-alone optical devices.



### Enrolling multiple volumes for use by media libraries

You can enroll multiple volumes into BRMS for use by media libraries by using a single command. To do so, take the following steps:

1. Type ADDMLBRM at a command line and press Enter.
2. At the Add Media Library Media display, type the name of the media library into which you want to enroll the media in the *Media Library* field.
3. The default value for the *Volume identifier* field is \*INSERT. Use this default value to instruct BRMS to add all of the volumes that are physically in the library to the appropriate media class.

**Note:** The value \*INSERT for the *Volume identifier* field is not supported for optical media libraries. In order to add multiple optical volumes, you will need to specify multiple optical volume identifiers in the *Volume identifier* field.

4. Press Enter twice to prompt, review, and change the other parameters as necessary.
5. Press Enter to save and exit.

### Enrolling volumes for a media library using WRKMLBRM

If you would like to see what media actually resides in your media library, use the WRKMLBRM command, and it displays all media currently existing in the media library. This works for both tape and optical media libraries and provides other useful information about the volumes themselves. From these screens you have many options, but most importantly you can enroll the media into the BRMS inventory by just taking option 1 next to any of the listed media.

The following example shows a tape media library and its media:

WRKMLBRM MLB(NET3592)

```
Work with Media Library Media                                RCHAS400
Media library . . . . . : NET3592
Position to . . . . . : Starting characters
Type options, press Enter.
 1=Add MLB media      2=Work with media      5=Initialize
 6=Change category    7=Eject      8=Mount      9=Demount
Media
Opt Volume Type Category Status --BRM Information--
Media Class Status
  HPK600 JA *SHARE400 Available FMT3592A1 *ACT
  HPK601 JA *SHARE400 Available FMT3592A1 *ACT
  HPK620 JA *SHARE400 Available FMT3592A1 *EXP
  HPK621 JA *SHARE400 Mounted *NONE
  HPK622 JA *SHARE400 Available *NONE
  HPK623 JA *SHARE400 Available *NONE
  HPK624 JA *SHARE400 Available *NONE
  JRX012 JR *SHARE400 Available *NONE
More...
F3=Exit F5=Refresh F9=System command F12=Cancel F13=Repeat
```

The following example shows an optical media library and its media:

WRKMLBRM MLB(OPTMLB01)

```

Work with Media Library Media                                RCHAS400

Media library . . . . . : OPTMLB01
Position to . . . . .

Type options, press Enter.
  1=Add MLB media      2=Work with media      5=Initialize

Opt Volume Identifier          Volume
                               Serial   Volume Type   Optical
                               Serial   Volume Type   Media Type

  ABSW1A                      *NONE   *PRIMARY   *WORM
  ASCIIVOL                     *NONE   *PRIMARY   *ERASE
  CHKOPTVOL-4                  *NONE   *PRIMARY   *ERASE
  DUPOPT-4XCCW-TO-4XCCW       *NONE   *PRIMARY   *WORM
  DUPOPT-4XWORM-TO-4XCCW     *NONE   *PRIMARY   *WORM
  DUPOPT-4XWORM-TO-8XCCW     *NONE   *PRIMARY   *WORM
  FISTLER01                    SAH061  *PRIMARY   *ERASE
  FISTLER02                    SAH062  *PRIMARY   *ERASE

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F9=System command   F11=BRMS information
F12=Cancel  F13=Repeat

More...
```

And to view the BRMS information, press F11:

```

Work with Media Library Media                                RCHAS400

Media library . . . . . : OPTMLB01
Position to . . . . .

Type options, press Enter.
  1=Add MLB media      2=Work with media      5=Initialize

Opt Volume Identifier          Volume
                               Serial   Media Class   Status
                               Serial   Media Class   Status

  ABSW1A                      *NONE   *NONE
  ASCIIVOL                     *NONE   *NONE
  CHKOPTVOL-4                  *NONE   *NONE
  DUPOPT-4XCCW-TO-4XCCW       *NONE   *NONE
  DUPOPT-4XWORM-TO-4XCCW     *NONE   *NONE
  DUPOPT-4XWORM-TO-8XCCW     *NONE   *NONE
  FISTLER01                    SAH061  OPTICAL      *ACT
  FISTLER02                    SAH062  OPTICAL      *EXP

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F9=System command   F11=Media library information
F12=Cancel  F13=Repeat

More...
```

**Enrolling existing volumes**

If you want to add active volumes to the BRMS media inventory, use the default value of \*NO at the *Initialize media* field on the ADDMEDBRM display. This allows you to add volume serial information and a future expiration date without initializing the volume. If you change the value to \*YES, you risk deleting existing data.

**Enrolling virtual volumes**

BRMS does not auto-enroll or automatically create virtual media for you. Virtual media must be manually enrolled to the BRMS media inventory using the Add Media to BRM (ADDMEDBRM) command. You will need the image catalog name when adding the virtual volumes to BRMS.

Before the virtual media can be enrolled in the BRMS media inventory, you must create the image catalog, and the image catalog entries for the virtual volumes. These must be created on the same system where the volumes will be used. After the virtual volumes are created, add the volumes to an appropriate media class and specify the image catalog name on the *Image catalog (IMGCLG)* parameter of the ADDMEDBRM command. BRMS must know the image catalog name for a virtual volume so that it can mount the image catalog whenever the volume is used.

Use the Create Image Catalog (CRTIMGCLG) command to create the image catalog. Example:

For Virtual Tape:

```
CRTIMGCLG IMGCLG(MYIMGCLG) DIR('/myimgclg') TYPE(*TAP)
TEXT('Virtual tape image catalog')
```

For Virtual Optical:

```
CRTIMGCLG IMGCLG(MYIMGCLG) DIR('/myimgclg') TYPE(*OPT)
TEXT('Virtual optical image catalog')
```

Use the Add Image Catalog Entry (ADDIMGCLGE) command to create the image catalog entry representing the virtual volume. Example:

For Virtual Tape:

```
ADDIMGCLGE IMGCLG(MYIMGCLG) FROMFILE(*NEW) TOFILE(virt01)
VOLNAM(VIRT01)
```

For Virtual Optical:

```
ADDIMGCLGE IMGCLG(MYIMGCLG) FROMFILE(*NEW) TOFILE(virt01)
```

You will need to retrieve the Volume identifier for the virtual optical volumes in order to add them into the BRMS media inventory. To find that information follow these steps:

1. Type in WRKIMGCLG and position down to the image catalog you are working with.
2. Type in Option 12: Work with entries. This will bring you to the Work with Image Catalog Entries.
3. Type F11, to bring up the Volume information.

```
Work with Image Catalog Entries
System: RCHAS400
Catalog . . . : DLAOPT01      Status . . . : Not ready
Type . . . . : Optical       Device . . . :
Directory . . : /dla/clg/opt01

Type options, press Enter.
 1=Add  2=Change  4=Remove  6=Mount  8=Load  9=Unload
10=Initialize volume  12=Work with volume

Opt  Index  Status  Volume
 *AVAIL
   1  Mounted  050304103408093

Bottom
F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F6=Load/Unload image catalog  F7=Verify image catalog
F8=Reorder by index  F11=View descriptions  F12=Cancel  F24=More keys
```

4. Use the volume names displayed in the panel for the *Volume identifier* parameter on the **ADDMEDBRM** command.

The following notes provide additional information about virtual volume usage.

**Note:**

1. The ADDMEDBRM command must be run once for each virtual media volume added.
2. Virtual volumes must be initialized before they can be used.
3. Virtual volumes use integrated file system storage on the current system. The file containing the virtual volume cannot be saved when the volume is mounted.
4. Virtual media can be duplicated to other media as long as the density of the target media is equal to or greater than the density of the source media.
5. Virtual media can be logically moved but not physically moved.

6. BRMS does not monitor the storage used by your virtual media.
7. IBM i does not provide volume statistics for virtual volumes.
8. BRMS does not manage image catalog or image catalog entries. This is a user responsibility.

### **Adding media contents to the history file from an enrolled volume**

BRMS uses the volume information it saves in its media history files to recover data lost due to accident or disaster.

You can review or change media history information from the Work with Media Information (WRKMEDIBRM) display. See [“Working with the BRMS media inventory” on page 119](#) for more information about how to use the WRKMEDIBRM display.

BRMS records content information for media that is already part of the BRMS media inventory.

You can use the Add Media Information (ADDMEDIBRM) command to add media content information to the BRMS database. You might add this information for saves performed prior to installation of BRMS, or add information about saves performed on other systems which you want to move to the current system which is managed by BRMS. You would use the ADDMEDIBRM command if there are only a few entries to add to the database. For more information about the ADDMEDIBRM command, see the online help. The advantage of ADDMEDIBRM over EXTMEDIBRM is the degree of information that can be specified about the saved items.

You can also use the Extract Media Information (EXTMEDIBRM) command to add media information to the BRMS database using information retrieved from the actual save media. You would use the EXTMEDIBRM command if you have many entries to add to the database. The information added to the database using EXTMEDIBRM contains less information than can be added using ADDMEDIBRM because the media does not provide some of this information. The advantage of EXTMEDIBRM over ADDMEDIBRM is the automation.

#### **Note:**

1. When doing EXTMEDIBRM on a volume containing heterogeneous file sequences (a volume with both SAVLIB and SAVOBJ file sequences on it), EXTMEDIBRM can only account for one type. It is possible to load a SAVLIB database entry for objects saved using SAVOBJ, causing these entries to be incorrect and not restorable. For example, if you specify \*SAVLIB on the FILE parameter on the EXTMEDIBRM command, a non-SAVLIB file sequence will cause incorrect SAVLIB entry to be added to the database and any attempts to restore from this entry will fail because BRMS will try to use a RSTLIB command to restore the objects.
2. When using ADDMEDIBRM or EXTMEDIBRM, the *Licensed Internal Code* and *Operating System* are not included in the recovery report. This is because BRMS cannot verify the release.
3. This function is not supported for optical volumes, it is only valid with tape volumes.

To use the Extract Media Information display, take the following steps:

1. Type EXTMEDIBRM at a command line and press Enter.

```

Extract Media Information (EXTMEDIBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

Device . . . . . TAP01      Name
Volume identifier . . . . . *MOUNTED  Character value, *MOUNTED
File origin . . . . . *FILE      *FILE, *SAV, *SAVCFG...
End of tape option . . . . . *UNLOAD  *UNLOAD, *LEAVE, *REWIND

Bottom
F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel  F13=How to use this display
F24=More keys

```

2. The key parameters on this command are:

- In the *Device* field, specify the name of the device on which the volume is mounted.
- In the *Volume ID* field, you can enter a specific volume name, or you can use the default value of \*MOUNTED. If you use \*MOUNTED, BRMS attempts to add content information for the volume that is currently in the tape device. When a volume is part of a multivolume set, BRMS adds content information for each of the volumes in the set. You must mount the media set in the same order in which BRMS performed the save. That is, the first volume of the set must be the volume that you initially mount on the specified tape device.
- You must use the default value of \*UNLOAD in the *End of tape option* field. BRMS prompts you to mount the subsequent volumes when needed and in set order.

**Note:** You cannot use the \*MOUNTED value for a volume existing in a tape library device. Instead you need to enter the specific volume name.

3. Review and change the remaining parameter as needed.

4. Press Enter to issue the command.

## Initializing volumes

In BRMS you usually need to initialize a volume only once in its lifetime. BRMS keeps track of whether the volume has active data on it, and prevents you from overwriting the active data. In addition, it allows you to overwrite expired data. This single initialize concept means that volume error statistics can be kept for the life of the volume. BRMS associates these statistics with the volume ID. If you were to re-initialize a volume and give it a different volume serial, the statistics would be lost. Keeping lifetime statistics for volumes is effective media management. When the error rate for a particular volume is too high, remove the volume from service.

You can use either the ADDMEDBRM or the INZMEDBRM (Initialize Media using BRM) command to initialize your media. Using the ADDMEDBRM command allows you to initialize the media and also to add the initialized media to the BRMS media inventory at the same time. The ADDMEDBRM command also allows you to specify additional BRMS media management information such as location and media statistics, whereas the INZMEDBRM command only initializes media.

**Note:** Use the ADDMLMBRM command to initialize media for use by media libraries.

To initialize a volume from the ADDMEDBRM display, simply change the *Initialize media* field from \*NO to \*YES and press Enter. Then type a valid device name into the *Device* field and press Enter (you can access the *Device* field by pressing F10, Additional Parameters).

**Note:** BRMS cannot initialize the volumes unless the device is varied on.

If you do not initialize volumes through the ADDMEDBRM display, use the BRMS INZMEDBRM command instead of the IBM i INZTAP or INZOPT command. To use the INZMEDBRM command to initialize your media, take the following steps:

1. Ensure that your device is varied on.
2. Type INZMEDBRM at a command line and press Enter.
3. The key fields on this command are:
  - In the *Device* field, specify the name of the device that you want to use to initialize the volume, for example, TAP01.
  - In the *New volume ID* field, type in the name of the volume you want to initialize, for example, VOL02.
  - In the *Media class* field, indicate the media class you need to use for this volume, for example CART3490E.
  - To assure the protection of media on a IBM i product that is using BRMS media, BRMS disables the CHECK(\*NO) value on the INZTAP and INZOPT command. This affects users without \*SAVSYS, \*SERVICE, or \*ALLOBJ authority. Users do not need any specific authority to use this parameter on the BRMS INZMEDBRM command.
4. Review and change the remaining parameters as needed.
5. Press Enter to apply your changes.

### How many volumes to initialize

You should initialize as many volumes as you need to perform your save operation.

**Important:** Initialize sufficient volumes in the scratch pool before performing a save operation. If, during a save operation, you require more volumes than are available in your media scratch pool, a potential exposure can occur. After using your last enrolled volume, IBM i prompts you to insert the next volume into the media device. If you insert an unenrolled or uninitialized volume, IBM i issues an inquiry message with an option to initialize that volume. If you do not take this option and instead take C (for cancel) then BRMS cannot complete the save. If you take the initialize option, IBM i assigns a unique volume ID that is not already in the BRMS media inventory. After the save completes, enroll this volume by using BRMS. Otherwise, BRMS cannot protect the data on this volume, and may overwrite it.

To support the single initialize concept, the file labels belonging to volumes show the date of \*PERM. This assures that you cannot write over a volume on any IBM i platform without receiving a message. BRMS keeps track of whether the data on the volume has actually expired, and does not overwrite the data with other BRMS save operations.

## Setting up your media inventory system

Before you begin using media for backups, you need to set up a media inventory from which BRMS can draw available media. There are primarily two ways to set up your media inventory: you can create sets of media and rotate the sets, or you can use a media pool.

This section provides information about the media set rotation method primarily because it is currently in use by some IBM customers. Because BRMS provides greater automation for tracking your media, it is recommended that you use the more flexible media pooling method.

### Media set rotation

Media set rotation works by grouping and rotating sets of volumes by color or another identifying code. For example, if you want to rotate three sets of media, you might code the first one blue, the second red, and the third, green. You might use the blue set to back up your data one week, and the red set to back up the same data the next week. Then you might use the third (green) set to back up the same data during the third week. Once you create the coding method and the rotation time period, the set begins rotating. Media sets allow you to view the volume sequence, expiration dates, current storage location, current container, and last move dates for each volume in the set.

If you want to use the media rotation method, you need to create media classes that match your code. For example, if you use a code system with the colors red, green, and blue as identifiers, you need to set up

media classes to match. In this case, you need to set up a media class for each of the colors: red, blue, and green. You would then assign each color class to a different save period, for example, week 1 for red, week 2 for blue, and so on.

Before you implement the media set rotation method, however, consider the following limitations:

- BRMS may not need all of the media in each set, which can be both wasteful and expensive.
- Unused volumes can move from location to location, which wastes time, space, and often money.
- This method requires more operator intervention. Operators must ensure that BRMS uses the correct set for each backup in the cycle.
- It limits your ability to specify different media retention periods.

Media sets are active in the media inventory as long as they contain active data.

### **The media scratch pool method**

In a media pool, all of the media share the same media class. To create a media pool, simply create a unique media class name for the pool (such as SMPOOL). Then add each volume you want to include in the scratch pool to this media class.

The benefits of using the media pooling method are:

- A group needs fewer volumes and so fewer are wasted.
- You need less operator intervention because the media pool contains fewer volumes to track.

BRMS includes all expired media in the media pool. A media mount request initiates the use of any available volumes, regardless of the volume serial number. BRMS tracks all media, including media currently in use and media available for use.

To change from the rotation to the pooling method, change the media class names. Then make sure that you enroll the volumes into the media class or classes that are allowed in the pool.

If you use the BRMS Network Feature and take advantage of a shared scratch pool across multiple systems, you sometimes need to balance that media. This balancing can be based on system hierarchy that you have chosen. By having your scratch pool properly balanced across the BRMS networked systems, you better ensure media availability, especially when all systems are in restricted state. To find out more on how to use this feature, refer to [“Media balancing across systems” on page 290](#).

### **Setting up the next volume message prompt**

BRMS can send the operator a message to mount a volume when the device needs one. This message provides the operator with a list of available media in the required media class. BRMS calls this procedure *Next volume message*, and it comes ready to use with the standard BRMS product. You can find the *Next volume message* prompt on the add and change options on the WRKDEVBRM command.

During the backup process, BRMS checks all volumes that it uses for save operations to ensure that you enrolled them into the media inventory. If they are not, BRMS issues a message that informs the operator and continues the operation. However, if you try to use a mix of enrolled and unenrolled media to perform a save, then BRMS stops the operation. BRMS then sends an error message and waits for instruction to continue or cancel the job. BRMS cannot update the media information records with information about this save because the volumes are not enrolled in BRMS. Consequently, BRMS cannot protect the data against overwriting. BRMS does not automatically enroll the volume unless you change the *Auto enroll media* field in the system policy to \*YES. Good media management relies on specific enrollment of media volumes to the media inventory.

You can find the *Next volume message* prompt on the Change Tape Device display, which you can access from the Work with Devices display. If you do not want BRMS to send a message to insert the next volume, change the value in this field to \*NO.

**Note:** You can use the *Next volume message* prompt only with stand-alone devices, not media libraries. Media libraries automatically do this for you.

## Storing your media

This section provides information about the steps you need to take to store your media. In it, you can find instructions on how to use and design the media policies that define the retention periods for your media. You can also find instructions on how to set up storage locations for your media. In addition, you can find information about a couple of other techniques you may want to use to store your media.

### Media policies

Media policies are essential for the successful implementation of BRMS. The media policy defines the type and length of media retention. It also defines the media class and move policy you want to use for the save. In this way, the media policy ties together many of the most important media management and save elements in BRMS.

The standard BRMS product provides these predefined media policies:

1. The FULL media policy instructs BRMS to retain media for 35 days. You can use this policy for full backups.
2. The INCR media policy instructs BRMS to retain media for 14 days. You can use this policy for incremental backups.
3. The SAVSYS media policy instructs BRMS to retain media that is used for system saves for 1725 days (five years).
4. The SYSTEM media policy instructs BRMS to retain media that is used for system saves for 90 days (3 months).
5. The SAVF media policy instructs BRMS to use save files instead of media and to retain the save files for 35 days.

You can use the BRMS-configured media policies, or you can create your own media policies to suit specific purposes. You can also use a combination of BRMS-configured policies and ones you create. Unless you change them, BRMS uses the default media policies when performing backups.

You can create, change, copy, display, or delete a media policy from the Work with Media Policies display. To get there, take the following steps:

1. Type WRKPCYBRM \*MED at a command line and press Enter.

```
Work with Media Policies                                RCHAS400

Position to . . . . . Starting characters
Type options, press Enter
 1=Create  2=Change  3=Copy  4=Delete  5=Display

Opt Policy      Text
 1 SAMPLE
  ARCHIVAL      Entry created by BRM configuration
  FULL          Entry created by BRM configuration
  INCR          Entry created by BRM configuration
  QLTSSVR       Entry created by BRM configuration
  SAVSYS        Entry created by BRM configuration
  SYSTEM        Entry created by BRM configuration

Bottom

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F9=System policy  F12=Cancel
```

2. Type a 1 (Create) in the *Opt* column and the name of the media policy you want to create in the *Policy* field. Press Enter. This takes you to the Create Media Policy display.



## Create Media Policy

Type choices, press Enter.

Media policy . . . . .	SAMPLE	Name
Retention type . . . . .	2	1=Date, 2=Days, 3=Versions, 4=Permanent
Retain media . . . . .	35	Date, Number
Deleted library retention . . . . .	*NONE	Number, *NONE
Move policy . . . . .	*NONE	Name, *NONE, *ADSM, F4
Media class . . . . .	*SYSPCY	Name, *SYSPCY, *ADSM, F4
Storage location . . . . .	*ANY	Name, *ANY, F4 for list
Save to save file . . . . .	*NO	*YES, *NO
ASP for save files . . . . .	*SYSTEM	Name, *SYSTEM, 1-32
Save file retention type . . . . .	4	1=Date, 2=Days, 3=Permanent, 4=None
Retain save files . . . . .	*NONE	Date, Number, *NONE
ASP storage limit . . . . .	*SYS	*SYS, 1-99
Secure media . . . . .	*NO	*YES, *NO, *ADSM

More...

F3=Exit F4=Prompt F5=Refresh F12=Cancel

### Specifying retention periods in the media policy

The primary purpose of a media policy is to specify retention periods for your media. A retention period consists of the length of time that BRMS protects media from rewrite before expiring and returning it to the scratch pool. BRMS protects media from rewrite through the end of the specified retention period.

There are multiple prompts on the media policy display that pertain specifically to retention:

- The *Retention type* field specifies the type of retention method you want to use. For example, BRMS can hold media until a specified date or for a specified number of days. BRMS can also hold media through different save versions or on a permanent basis.
- The *Retain media* field specifies the time period through which you want media protected from rewrite.
- The *Deleted library retention* field specifies how long a version should be retained after BRMS has detected the library no longer exists on the system.

BRMS designed these elements to work together. For example, when you specify a value of 2 (days) in the *Retention type* field, you must specify an actual **number** of days in the *Retain media* field, for example, 25. BRMS expires the media after the date or number of days has passed, or the number of versions exceeded.

Using the *Retention type* of Versions, allows you to have retentions based on the number of saves you have of that item. If you want to have three save versions of LIBX, BRMS will not expire a saved item until you exceed that number. A fourth save of LIBX would force the oldest save of the LIBX to expire. Sometimes libraries that are saved, but do not stay on the system actually only get one valid save version, and therefore since BRMS would require 3 versions, the save would never expire, nor would the media that it resides on. This causes the media to potentially never expire. The *Deleted library retention* field can assist in these situations. Use wisely since you may indeed want that media to stay active.

### Overlapping Retention Periods

When defining retention periods, you should leave an overlap in the retention periods you assign to media. The length of time you enter should be long enough to assure that BRMS holds a copy until or beyond the next save. There should be no time gaps in the retention cycles.

### Full and Incremental Retention Periods

Retention periods can be different for full (all object) and incremental (changed objects) backups. During a recovery, BRMS uses the latest full backup and any subsequent incremental backups to restore that control group or backup item to its most current status.

BRMS allows you to specify the type of incremental backup that you want to use. A cumulative (\*CUML) type of incremental backup specifies a backup that includes all changed objects and new objects since the last full backup. An incremental (\*INCR) backup type specifies that incremental backups include all changed objects and new objects since the last incremental or full backup. You can specify the type of incremental backup (\*CUML or \*INCR) in the backup policy. You also can specify the type individually in each backup control group.

**Note:** Although incremental backups can reduce your backup window, they can also increase your recovery time. Because BRMS first restores the entire library, then restores the changed objects, some objects may be restored multiple times.

It is important that the retention period for incremental backups be synchronized between each other as well as with full backups. This assures full system recovery in case of system failure. BRMS uses its media content information, and media inventory, to determine the most important information to recover. BRMS bases its recovery process on the media and media information that you keep.

### Save File Retention Periods and Usage

You may also set your media policy up to save to a save file on the system. The save file can have its own retention for how long BRMS will keep the save file on the system. This retention period is very important and should be thought out carefully. The purpose of this function is to provide a fast backup to save file, but with the intention to save the save file off to removable media as well. BRMS does not backup the save files it creates for these backups, and they will not be backed up with an \*ALLUSR save either.

## Storage locations

Storage locations define where media resides during its life cycle. Common locations include computer room tape racks, fireproof vaults, and off-site storage locations. You are likely to store media at several locations during its life cycle.

BRMS provides two default storage locations:

- \*HOME is the default on site storage location
- VAULT is the default off site storage location

You should leave these default locations unchanged and create additional storage location entries as needed. In addition, you should store at least one copy of your backups off site in case of fire, flood, or other site disaster.

### The uses of storage locations in BRMS

Generally speaking, BRMS refers to locations in two ways. First, BRMS uses a *home location* from which to draw and return available media. Then BRMS uses a *storage location* as a place where media is kept when not at home. Definitions of each are as follows:

#### Home location

The home location is where you store media available for backup use. The home location exists as a pool from which BRMS can draw and return media. After completing a move sequence, you should return media to the home location. After expiring media, you should return it to a home location. The physical location of your home location might be a computer room or an office or any location you define. If you use a single device, that can be your home location. However, if you use multiple media libraries, you **must** create a unique home location name for each library. You can base these unique names on media class or another attribute.

#### Storage locations

Storage locations are where you keep media that contains active data. Typically, you would keep media that contains active data in a vault or other safe storage location for a specified period of time. You do this so that copies of your system and user data are available in case of accident or disaster. You may have numerous storage locations depending on your needs. You should have at least one safe off site storage location, but you may want more. Or you might want a temporary storage location for certain volumes at certain points in their life cycles.

There are several BRMS displays that refer to locations. Following are brief summaries of how BRMS uses location information.

The **system policy** sets the default **home location** for your media. The default name for your home location is \*HOME. You can use this default name or create your own home location name. **Do not use \*HOME as the location name for a media library device. Each media library must have a unique location name. It is strongly recommended that you use the device name as the location name of a media library device.**

The **move policy** has different location parameters: a home location parameter and multiple storage location parameters that you specify. The primary purpose of the move policy is to establish the move pattern of media from one location to another. For example, during a typical save cycle, media moves from its home location to the location where BRMS performs the save, and then to a vault or other safe location. After the move sequence completes, BRMS expires the media and tracks its return to the home location for future use. You define the move sequence in the move policy. The default value in the home location field in the move policy refers to the home location that is defined in the system policy, which is \*HOME. You can find information about how to use the move policies later in this chapter.

The default value in the *Storage location* field on the **media policy** is \*ANY. This instructs BRMS to draw media for backups from any location at which media is available. Generally speaking, this is likely to be the scratch pool if you are using a stand-alone device. If you specify \*ANY while using an MLB device, BRMS may try to mount a volume that is not in library. To avoid this, do not use the \*ANY value with media library devices. In addition, you should review this parameter occasionally, especially if you permit media to expire in other than the home location. Otherwise, BRMS might request the mount of a volume that is not at the home site.

The default value in the **Location** field on the Work with Devices display is \*HOME. This location name signifies **the location of the device** that is specified in the *Tape device* field (the *Media library* field if the device is an MLB). For example, the location name for a stand-alone device would typically be COMPROOM. The location name for a library device is likely to be the same as the name of the device (for example, TAPMLB01).

**Note:** If you want to use more than one device, you need to ensure that neither uses media that belongs to another system. You should also update the device description field for each device to make sure that the correct locations are specified. You can get to the device description display by entering Work with Device Descriptions (WRKDEVDD) from a command line.

#### **Using the Work with Storage Locations display**

Use the Work with Storage Locations (WRKLOCBRM) display to add, change, display, or remove storage locations (including home locations). To add a storage location, take the following steps:

1. Type WRKLOCBRM at a command line and press Enter.
2. Type a 1 (Add) in the *Opt* column and a location name in the *Location* column. Press Enter.

```

                                Add Storage Location

Type choices, press Enter.

Storage location . . . . . COMPROOM      Name
Address line 1 . . . . . Lab 3, parent locaton
Address line 2 . . . . .
Address line 3 . . . . .
Address line 4 . . . . .
Address line 5 . . . . .
Contact name . . . . . Jennie Doe
Contact telephone number. . . . .
Retrieval time . . . . . .0          Hours
Allow volumes to expire . . . . . *NO      *YES, *NO
Media slotting . . . . . *NO          *YES, *NO
Text . . . . . New storage location for user data.

                                More...

F3=Exit   F12=Cancel

```

3. Use the *Address* fields to describe the location you are creating. For example, Computer lab, Building XYZ.
4. Review and change the other parameters as needed, paying particular attention to the following fields:
  - Change the value in the *Allow volumes to expire* field to \*NO for off site locations. This instructs BRMS not to expire media at this location. Use the default value of \*YES if you store the media nearby, for example, in a computer lab or a media library.
  - The default value for the *Media slotting* field is \*NO. If you want to use the media slotting technique, you need to change this value to \*YES. You can find more information about this topic later in this chapter.
5. Press Enter to save your changes and exit.

Following is a list of sample location names you can use when creating a new location:

- COMPROOM: A tape rack in your computer room (if you do not store your media in a tape library).
- TAPMLB01: Media in a tape library.
- TAPMLB02: Media in another tape library.
- VAULT: Secure off site storage.
- DONOTUSE: At this location you can store damaged media or media you no longer want available for use.

## Containers and container classes

Container use is optional and adds an additional level of complexity to your storage management system. The container option specifies that you want to store media in physical containers at specified locations, and to use the containers to move the media.

A *container class* refers to the type of container used to store or move media, for example, a box or a bin. You must create container classes if you intend to use containers. You can base your class definition on the storage capacity of the container. For example, you might create a container class that is called CONT8MM20 to house 20 8mm tapes.

### Creating a container class

Before you can add a container, you must create a container class. To get to the Work with Container Classes display, take the following steps:

1. Type GO BRMCNR at a command line and press Enter.
2. At the Container Management menu, select option 1 (Work with container classes). This takes you to the Work with Container Classes display.

- Type a 1 (Add) in the *Opt* column and specify the name of the new container class in the *Class* column. Press Enter.

```

                                Add Container Class

Type choices, press Enter.

Container class . . . . . QICCASE      Name
Container capacity . . . . . 20         Number
Media classes . . . . . QIC4GB        Class, *ANY, F4 for list

Different expiration dates . . . . . *NO          *YES, *NO
Automatic unpack . . . . . *NO          *YES, *NO
Text . . . . . Quarter inch tape capacity

F3=Exit   F4=Prompt   F12=Cancel

```

- Review and change the parameters as needed, paying particular attention to the following fields:
  - In the *Media class* field, specify the name of the media class that you want to store in the container. You can keep volumes with different media classes in the container, or you can keep volumes of only one media class in the container. You can also specify \*ANY to indicate that the container can hold volumes of any media class in the container.
  - The value in the *Different expiration dates* field specifies whether media held in the container can have different expiration dates. The default value for this parameter is \*NO.
  - The default value in the *Automatically unpack* field is \*YES. \*YES instructs BRMS to remove information about the association between media and container after the media expires. If you change the value to \*NO, BRMS holds this association information in the media information inventory. In this case, the volumes remain assigned to the container, even though BRMS cannot use them because they have expired.
- Press Enter to save your changes and exit.

**Working with containers**

After creating the container class, you can use the Work with Containers display to add a container and to perform a number of container-related tasks. To get to the display, take the following steps:

- Type WRKCNBRBM at a command line and press Enter.
- From the Work with Containers (WRKCNBRBM) display, you can perform the following tasks:
  - Add a new container.
  - Change an existing container.
  - Remove a container.
  - Move a container.
  - Unpack a container.
  - Work with the media that is associated with the container.
- After completing your work at an associated container display, press Enter to save your changes and exit. This returns you to the main Work with Containers display.

**Managing container movement**

You must assign move policies to containers. Use the move policy display to specify container use and container movement. After creating a container, go to the move policy that you want to use for that

container, and change the *Use container* parameter to \*YES. To review or change a move policy, take the following steps:

1. Type WRKPCYBRM at a command line and press Enter. This takes you to the Work with Move Policy display.
2. Type a 2 (Change) in front of the policy you want to work with and press Enter.

```

Change Move Policy                                     RCHAS400
Move policy . . . . . : OFFSITE
Home location . . . . . *SYSPCY      Name, *SYSPCY, *ORIGIN, F4 list
Use container . . . . . *YES         *YES, *NO
Verify moves . . . . . *YES         *YES, *NO
Calendar for working days . . . *ALLDAYS  Name, *ALLDAYS, F4 for list
Calendar for move days . . . . *ALLDAYS  Name, *ALLDAYS, F4 for list
Move marked for duplication . . *NO       *NO, *YES
Text . . . . . Entry created by BRM configuration

Type choices, press Enter.

  Seq   Location   Duration   Container Action
  ---   -
   10   VAULT      *EXP      *NONE

Bottom

F3=Exit   F4=Prompt   F5=Refresh   F12=Cancel

```

3. To instruct BRMS to track container use and movement, change the value in the *Use container* field to \*YES.
4. Make any additional changes as needed.
5. Press Enter to save and exit.

All of the volumes in a container must have the same move policy. BRMS will not process a request to hold volumes with different move policies in the same container.

You can \*OPEN or \*CLOSE your containers through movement by setting the *Container Action* column for each location.

If you indicated \*YES in the *Verify moves* field in the move policy, BRMS links the volume to the container at verification time. For non-verified moves, the link between volumes and container is automatic when you issue the Move Media using BRM (MOVMEDBRM) command. You can find more information about the MOVMEDBRM command later in this chapter.

When tracking media movement to containers, BRMS selects the next available container. This container supports the appropriate media class. It also selects the container with the ID that is next in ascending alphabetical sequence. Whenever possible, BRMS uses the container that is already at the location from which the media is moving.

For example, suppose that you have two containers that are members of the QIC120 container class and contain 10 QIC120 format tapes. The container labels are QICAA and QICAB. BRMS selects QICAA over QICAB if both are available. However, assume that you have another container class that holds 20 QIC120 cartridges (QIC120BIG), and that a container (QICAC) in this class is available. Even if the save uses 20 cartridges and QICAC seems more appropriate, BRMS still selects QICAA first.

## Media slotting

Use the media slotting technique when you want to file and track media by slot number. You can use this technique at all of your storage locations, at selected ones, or not at all. You can indicate media slotting use on the Add or Change Storage Location displays using the **Work with Locations using BRM (WRKLOCBRM)** command.

The default value in the *Media slotting* field is \*NO. If you want BRMS to track volumes in a media slotting system, you must change the value in the *Media slotting* field to \*YES. If a location is changed from \*NO to \*YES, all volumes currently in that location will be allocated a slot the next time a volume is moved to that location.

BRMS automatically updates the slot number at storage locations that use the media slotting technique. When BRMS moves media to that location, it assigns it a slot number. You must ensure that you move the volumes to the allocated slot. If using slotting in a tape library, the slot number will be assigned by the operating system when the cartridge is added to the tape library via ADDMLMBRM.

BRMS automatically updates the slot numbers for containers that are processed through a move command. If you want to use the media slotting technique for volumes in a container, BRMS assigns the media in the container and the container itself the same slot number.

**Note:** A volume and a container take one slot each.

## Moving your media

This section provides information about how you can use BRMS to track the movement of your media from one location to another. You can use move policies to create move patterns for selected media. You can then set move-related commands to issue the move patterns that you specify in the move policy. BRMS can also help you to verify that the move patterns take place as scheduled.

To view the move management options available in BRMS, take the following steps:

1. Type GO BRMMEDMOV at a command line and press Enter. This takes you to the Move Management menu.

```
BRMMEDMOV                                Move Management                                System:  RCHAS400
Select one of the following:
    1. Run media movement
    2. Verify media to be moved
    3. Print media movement report
    4. Work with move policies
    5. Work with calendars

Selection or command
===> _____
F3=Exit   F4=Prompt   F9=Retrieve   F10=Commands   F12=Cancel   F13=Functions
```

You can find information about each of these options in this section.

### Move policies

The move policy determines the sequence and duration of storage retention and movement for media and containers. Move policies also indicate how you want BRMS to verify media movement activities.

Use move policies to create move patterns for volumes that contain active media. Each move policy is tied to a media policy which, in its turn, is tied to a save item such as a library or control group. You can initiate the move pattern by using either the Move Media using BRM (MOVMEDBRM) or the Start Maintenance using BRM (STRMNTBRM) command. You can process both of these commands automatically by using a job scheduler.

BRMS comes with a default move policy called OFFSITE. The OFFSITE policy tracks the movement of media to the VAULT location, where it remains until expiration (\*EXP). You can change the OFFSITE move policy and can also create additional move policies to track a variety of move patterns.

To create, change or delete a move policy, take the following steps:

1. Type WRKPCYBRM at a command line and press Enter. This takes you to the Work with Move Policy display.
2. To create a move policy, type a 1 (Create) in the *Opt* field and specify a name for the new policy in the *Policy* field. Then press Enter.

```

                                Work with Move Policies                                RCHAS400
Position to . . . . .                Starting characters
Type options, press Enter.
  1=Create  2=Change  3=Copy  4=Delete  5=Display
Opt   Policy      Text
  1    PAYROLL
      OFFSITE      Entry created by BRM configuration

                                                                Bottom

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F12=Cancel

```

3. This example creates a move policy that is called PAYROLL. This move policy governs the movement of your volume used to save payroll information.

```

                                Create Move Policy                                RCHAS400
Move policy . . . . .                PAYROLL
Home location . . . . .                *SYSPCY      Name, *SYSPCY, *ORIGIN, F4 list
Use container . . . . .                *NO          *YES, *NO
Verify moves . . . . .                *YES         *YES, *NO
Calendar for working days . . . . .    *ALLDAYS     Name, *ALLDAYS, F4 for list
Calendar for move days . . . . .       *ALLDAYS     Name, *ALLDAYS, F4 for list
Move marked for duplication . . . . .  *NO          *NO, *YES
Text . . . . .                        Payroll move policy

Type choices, press Enter.

  Seq   Location      Duration   Container Action
   10   COMPROOM      5
   20   VAULT         *EXP

                                                                Bottom

F3=Exit   F4=Prompt   F5=Refresh   F12=Cancel

```

4. To set up a move pattern for this volume, take the following steps:
  - a. In the *Seq* field, specify the order in which you want BRMS to move the media to this location.
  - b. In the *Location* field, indicate the name of the location to which you want BRMS to move the media.
  - c. In the *Duration* field, indicate the length of time you want to store the media in that location. Possible values for this field include number of days, a specific date, \*EXP (until expiration), \*PERM (permanent), file groups, and \*RESET (until expiration or until another save is written to the media). You can find more information about file groups later in this section.



The PAYROLL move policy instructs BRMS to move the media from home location to the COMPROOM, where it exists for 5 days; then move it to the VAULT, where it remains until it expires. After the media expires, the volumes are returned to the home location.

- d. In the *Container Action* field, you may decide to have your container open, close or do nothing when it reaches the specified location. The valid values are \*OPEN, \*CLOSE and \*NONE. This field is only active and available for input when the *Use container* field is set to \*YES.
- e. After you design the move pattern, you need to attend to the remaining parameters on the move policy. Following are brief summaries of the key fields that remain on the Create Move Policy display:
  - The *Home location* parameter specifies the location where BRMS returns media after its move cycle completes. Typically, this is your on site media inventory location. The default value for this parameter is \*SYSPCY, which instructs BRMS to look at the system policy for the home location. The default home location in the system policy is \*HOME, which you can change if needed.

In addition, you can now use a new value (\*ORIGIN) that was created especially for the move process. \*ORIGIN instructs BRMS to return expired volumes backup to the location at which the backup occurred. You can also press F4 to select from a list of different locations.

  - In the *Verify moves* field, specify whether you want BRMS to verify media movement activities or whether you want to perform this task yourself. The default value for this field is \*YES, which means that you want to verify media movement yourself. BRMS supplies you with the Verify Media Movement display, which assists you in determining whether the move schedule created in the move policy completed successfully. You can access the Verify Media Moves display from the Move Management menu. \*NO means that BRMS bypasses move verification and updates location information immediately. It is recommended that you use the default value (\*YES), especially if you use media libraries.
  - Use the *Calendar for working days* parameter to specify which days you want to use to calculate the amount of time that media stays at each location.
  - Use the *Calendar for move days* parameter to specify the days of week that you can move media from one location to another.
- f. After you review and change the remaining parameters as needed, press Enter to store the move policy with BRMS.
- g. Then press Enter to apply your changes.

**Note:** If you specify APPEND(\*YES) in your backup policy, make sure that the move policy keeps the volume on site for a sufficient number of days.

### Movement by file groups

The previous example shows duration that is specified in days. Another method of utilizing move policies is by using file groups.

A file group consists of all of the volumes that belong to a control group. For example, suppose that BRMS processes a control group that is called MAINBKU on Monday and uses 10 volumes. The media policy associated with the control group contains a move policy that is called VERSION. This move policy uses file group version support. BRMS considers the 10 volumes a file group and moves them together as specified by the move policy VERSION. Each time you process the MAINBKU group, BRMS creates a new file group.

Control Group	File Group Relative Number	Creation Date	
MAINBKU	1	5/1/05	(newest)
MAINBKU	2	4/1/05	
MAINBKU	3	3/1/05	
MAINBKU	4	2/1/05	
MAINBKU	5	1/1/05	(oldest)

As you can see, the lowest numbered file group corresponds to the most recent creation date. The highest numbered file group corresponds to oldest creation date.

BRMS cannot predict when a volume that exists as a file group will move next. File group movement depends on when BRMS creates the next file group, not on a specific date. For this reason, you cannot use file group movement with specific date, or days type of duration in the same move policy.

The following display shows a sample move policy that is called VERSION.

```
Display Move Policy

Move policy . . . . . : VERSION
Home location . . . . . : TAPELIBR
Use container . . . . . : *NO
Verify moves . . . . . : *NO
Calendar for working days . . . : *ALLDAYS
Calendar for move days . . . . . : *ALLDAYS
Move marked for duplication . . : *NO
Text . . . . . : User created move policy using file groups

      Seq      Location      Duration
      10      REMOTE_A      *GRP 001
      20      REMOTE_B      *GRP 002
      30      REMOTE_C      *GRP 003

Bottom

Press Enter to continue.

F3=Exit   F12=Cancel
```

This move policy tracks the file group by file through a number of storage locations.

### Movement by control group

You can also move media by control group. Control groups consist of groups of libraries, objects, folders, spooled files, and other types of data that share common characteristics.

You can create move patterns for control groups in the move policy that is associated with the media policy for that control group. You can find more detailed information about control groups in [“Tailoring your backup” on page 129](#).

To use a move policy with a control group, take the following steps:

1. Create the move policy, including the move pattern, that you want to use with the control group.
2. Go to the Change Backup Control Group Attributes display that is associated with the control group you want to move. Note the name of the media policy you use in the control group.
3. Use the WRKPCYBRM \*MED command to get to the Work with Media Policies display.
4. Type a 2 (Change) in front of the media policy that is associated with the control group you want to move and press Enter.
5. Put your cursor in the field next to the *Move policy* parameter. Press F4 for a list of available move policies.
6. Select the move policy you just created for the control group you want to move.
7. Press Enter to save your changes and to return to the Work with Media Policies display.

BRMS tracks the movement of the media on which it saved the control group through the move pattern you created in the move policy.

### Working with the move management calendars

Use calendars to define groups of days or dates to use with the move pattern that is established in your move policy.

There are two calendar parameters on the move policy display: the *Calendar for working days* and the *Calendar for move days*. Together, these calendars determine the days of week that you allow media to move.

You can add, change, remove, display, or copy a calendar from the Work with Calendars display. To get to the display, take the following steps:

1. Type GO BRMMEDMOV at a command line and press Enter.
2. Select option 5 (Work with Calendars).

```

                                Work with Calendars                                RCHAS400
Position to . . . . .                Starting characters
Type options, press Enter.
  1=Add  2=Change  3=Copy  4=Remove  5=Display
Opt   Calendar   Text
      HOLIDAY    Holiday calendar
      WORKING    Working day calendar

                                                                Bottom

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel

```

### Establishing a Calendar for Working Days

Working days might be Monday through Friday or any specific day designation you want to make. Suppose that, on a move policy, you indicate M-F as working days, and that you indicate 10 days as the duration period for the move. In this case, the media actually stays in that location for 14 days. That is because BRMS does not include the weekend days as working days.

### Establishing a Calendar for Move Days

After you establish the working days, you can then establish a calendar for move days. Move days are days on which you allow media to move. For example, suppose that the calendar for working days is Monday through Friday. A volume arrives in a location on Wednesday and will remain there for 9 days. You scheduled the volume to move to its next location on a Tuesday. However, if the move calendar allows for media movement only on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, then BRMS indicates that the move happened on the second Wednesday. This process assumes that the Wednesday scheduled for media movement is not an exception day in a reference calendar. It also assumes that BRMS processes the STRMNTBRM command on that Wednesday. You can find more information about how to use the STRMNTBRM command in the following section.

### Defining Exceptions to Another Calendar

You can use also calendars to define exceptions to another calendar, which BRMS calls a reference calendar. For example, you could define a holiday calendar as a reference calendar to a working day calendar. The holiday calendar defines holidays on which media movement would not occur, even if the day of the week is a working day.

### Specifying Calendar Dates

When you add a calendar, you can specify dates in the following manner:

- A specific date such as 12/25/05 (or 122505).
- A generic date such as 12/25 (or 1225).
- A special value such as \*MON, \*TUE, and so on.

For each date or day entry that you make, you must select whether to include or exclude this entry from a calendar. BRMS excludes entries unless you specifically include them. For instance, if you set up a calendar with entries \*MON, \*TUE, \*WED, \*THU, and \*FRI, with each entry included (\*INC), then any day is a candidate move day for this calendar. You would exclude Saturday and Sunday. Conversely, if you set up a calendar with entries \*SAT and \*SUN, specifying \*EXC for these entries, you will exclude all of the other days of the week.

**Note:** Calendar names are user-defined, can be up to 10 characters in length, and must adhere to IBM i naming conventions.

## Initiating movement

There are several ways to initiate movement in BRMS. To process media movement automatically, and as specified in the move policy, use Move Media using BRM (MOVMEDBRM) command or Start Maintenance for BRM (STRMNTBRM) command. If you want to move an individual volume, take option 8 (Move) from the WRKMEDBRM display.

### Initiating movement with the MOVMEDBRM command

The MOVMEDBRM command processes the move patterns that you set up in the move policy. You can place the MOVMEDBRM command on a job scheduler to process scheduled movement automatically, or you can process the command manually, on an individual or as needed basis. To process media movement by using the MOVMEDBRM command, take the following steps:

1. Type MOVMEDBRM at a command line and press F4.

```

                                Move Media using BRM (MOVMEDBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

Move policy . . . . . PAYROLL      *ALL, OFFSITE, PAYROLL, VER..
From location . . . . . *ALL        *ALL, *HOME, COMPR..
      + for more values

Container . . . . . *ALL          Name, *ALL
Media class . . . . . *ALL        *ALL, FMT3570, FMT3570E, FM..
System name . . . . . *ALL
File group . . . . . *ALL        *ALL, *NONE, *SYSTEM, *BKUG..
File group type . . . . . *ALL    *ALL, *NONE, *BKU, *ARC
Output . . . . . *PRINT          *PRINT, *OUTFILE

                                                                    Bottom
F3=Exit   F4=Prompt   F5=Refresh   F12=Cancel   F13=How to use this display
F24=More keys

```

2. Indicate the move policy whose pattern you want to process through this command. If you do not know the name of the policy you want to process, press F4 to prompt a list of available move policies.
3. Review and change the other parameters as needed.
4. Press Enter to process the command.

### Initiating movement with the STRMNTBRM command

Another way you can process media movement automatically is by using the Start Maintenance for BRM (STRMNTBRM) command. The STRMNTBRM command performs a variety of cleanup tasks that enable your operations to run more efficiently.

You should schedule this command to run daily after all of your backups have completed. If you change the *Run media movement* parameter on the STRMNTBRM command to \*YES, the STRMNTBRM command processes the MOVMEDBRM command after it completes its cleanup tasks. By running the MOVMEDBRM command through the STRMNTBRM command, you save yourself an extra scheduling task.

To process media movement through the STRMNTBRM command, take the following steps:

1. Type STRMNTBRM at a command line and press F4.

```

Start Maintenance for BRM (STRMNTBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

Expire media . . . . . *YES          *YES, *NO
Expire media set volumes . . . . *NO          *NO, *YES
Remove media information:
  Media contents . . . . . *EXP          *EXP, *REUSE, *NONE
  Object level detail . . . . . *MEDCON      1-9999, *MEDCON
  Link level detail . . . . . *OBJDTL       1-9999, *OBJDTL, *MEDCON
  Spooled file level detail . . . *MEDCON      1-9999, *MEDCON, *OBJDTL
  Folder level detail . . . . . *OBJDTL       1-9999, *OBJDTL, *MEDCON
Remove migration information . . . 180          1-9999, *NONE
Run media movement . . . . . *YES          *NO, *YES
Remove log entries:
  Type . . . . . *ALL          *ALL, *NONE, *ARC, *BKU, *M...
  From date . . . . . *BEGIN       Date, *CURRENT, *BEGIN, nnnnn
  To date . . . . . 90            Date, *CURRENT, *END, nnnnn
Run cleanup operations . . . . . *YES          *YES, *NO
Retrieve volume statistics . . . . *YES          *YES, *NO

F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel  F13=How to use this display  More...
F24=More keys

```

2. At the *Run media movement* parameter, change the value to \*YES. This instructs BRMS to run the Move Media using BRM (MOVMEDBRM) command.
3. Review and change the other parameters as needed.
4. Press Enter to process the command.

For more information about how to use the STRMNTBRM command, see [“Daily maintenance in BRMS” on page 217](#).

## Verifying movement

BRMS can verify media movement automatically, or you can verify it manually. You can specify the option you choose at the *Verify Moves* parameter on the Change Move Policy display:

- Specifying \*YES at this parameter means that you intend to verify the media movement yourself, using the BRMS Verify Media Moves display to assist you.
- Specifying \*NO at this parameter means that BRMS bypasses the verification step. Because BRMS cannot actually see that the media is in the correct location, it instead assumes that the move take place and updates the location information accordingly.

To get to the Verify Media Moves display, from which you can manually verify media movement, take the following steps:

1. Type VFYMOVBRM at a command line and press Enter.

```

Verify Media Moves                                     RCHAS400

Type options, press Enter.  Press F16 to verify all.
  1=Verify  4=Cancel move  9=Verify and work with media

Opt  Volume  Creation  Expiration  Location  Move  Container
     Serial  Date      Date        *HOME     Date   CONTBLUE
  1  T00001  7/06/05   7/30/05   *HOME     7/14/05  CONTBLUE
  -  BRMST1  7/06/05   7/30/05   *HOME     7/14/05  CONTGREEN
  -  T00003  7/06/05   7/30/05   *HOME     7/14/05  CONTGREEN
  -  T00004  7/06/05   7/30/05   *HOME     7/14/05  CONTGREEN
  -  T00005  7/06/05   7/08/05   *HOME     7/14/05  CONTGREEN

Bottom

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel  F16=Verify all

```

2. Type a 1 (verify) in front of the volume whose movement you want to verify and press Enter. This takes you to the next Verify Media Moves display.

```

Verify Media Moves                                RCHAS400

Type options, press Enter. Press F16 to verify all.
  1=Verify  4=Cancel move  9=Verify and work with media

Opt   Volume   Creation   Expiration   Location   Move   Container
  1    BRMST1   11/03/05   *VER 002    MLD02      11/05/05 *NONE

Bottom

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel  F16=Verify all

```

3. Review the information about this display that pertains to the media whose movement you want to verify. If the location and move date information are correct, type a 1 (Verify) next to the volume.
4. Press Enter to process the verification information.
5. Press F3 to exit and save your changes.

You should verify media movement manually until you are certain that the move patterns are completing successfully.

### Exempting volumes from movement

Occasionally there are times where you might require a volume to be brought back on site for restore purposes or for many other reasons. However, once that volume is brought back on site, and movement has been ran, the volume moves back to the location directed by the move policy associated with it. This feature allows you to exempt the volume from the move policy for a specified amount of time. To exempt a media from movement, take the following steps:

1. Type WRKMEDBRM at a command line and press Enter.
2. Type an 8 (Move) in front of the volume you want to move.
3. The Move Media display allows you to change the Storage Location, Container and also provide a number of days to exempt the volume from movement.

```

Move Media

Type storage location or container to receive volumes.

Storage location . . *SAME      *SAME, F4 for list
Container . . . . . *SAME      *SAME, F4 for list
Exempt from movement *SAME      *SAME, 0 - 9999

Volume   Creation Expiration   Move   Media   Dup
Opt Serial Status  Date      Date      Location Date   Class   Sts
  8  LN4072 *ACT  05/01/07 06/05/07  NET3590 *NONE  FMT3590H

Bottom

F12=Cancel

```

4. After you review and change the parameters, press Enter.

### Printing movement-related reports

Following are brief summaries of the movement-related reports you can run through BRMS. You can access these reports by entering the command name at a command line, or through the Move Management menu.

- *Option 1: Run Media Movement (MOVMEDBRM)* creates a Volume Movement Report that lists all media volumes currently eligible for movement. This report also displays the current move schedule for these volumes.
- *Option 3: Print Media Movement (PRTMOVBRM)* creates the Media Movement Report, which serves as a picking list for volumes to be moved from one storage location to another. PRTMOVBRM allows you to print the Media Movement Report based on a specified date range. You can also print the reports by verification status and storage location. The report shows all volumes that have moved, the "to" and "from" locations, the move policy for each volume, and the move date. Although this report is optional, it is recommended because it provides additional detail.

## Tracking your media

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BRMS provides several methods for tracking the status of your media. The most comprehensive of these is an online media inventory that manages and tracks volumes and volume information. You can also generate status reports based on the media inventory contents. Another way is to duplicate the volumes that contain your most critical saves and store them in a safe place. You can also track media by volume label.

### Working with the BRMS media inventory

The Work with Media (WRKMEDBRM) display is the primary display for viewing and changing your up-to-date media inventory. From this display, you can view media class, move status, location, duplication status, and volume creation and expiration dates by volume. You can also use this display to add, change or remove media from the media inventory.

BRMS tracks all operations to tape. If BRMS uses a volume that is not in the BRMS media inventory, it logs the event, and the tape operation continues. BRMS does not record volume content information for those volumes not in the media inventory.

BRMS can track volume content at the user-specified level of detail. BRMS can track volume content at the library level, object level, or member level for any enrolled volume.

To get to the Work with Media display, take the following steps:

1. Type WRKMEDBRM at a command line and press Enter.
2. The WRKMEDBRM display shows the status of your media by volume ID and includes information such as upcoming move dates and current location information.

```

Work With Media
System: RCHAS400
Position to . . . . . Starting characters
Type options, press Enter.
  1=Add  2=Change  4=Remove  5=Display  6=Work with serial set  7=Expire
  8=Move  9=Remove volume error status  10=Reinitialize ...

Opt  Volume      Status  Creation  Expiration  Move      Media      Dup
     Serial      Status  Date      Date      Location  Date      Class      Sts
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  5  DRB001      *EXP   12/01/05 *NONE     VAULT     12/01/05 FMT3570
     DRB002      *EXP   12/01/05 *NONE     VAULT     12/01/05 FMT3570
     DRB003      *ACT   12/15/05 01/01/06 VAULT     12/19/05 FMT3570
     DRB004      *ACT   12/15/05 01/01/06 COMPROOM  12/20/05 FMT3570

Bottom

Parameters or command:
===>
F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F11=Volume system  F12=Cancel  F17=Top
F18=Bottom  F23=More options

```

3. In this example, you want to see a more detailed view of volume DRB002. To do that, type a 5 (Display) in front of the volume you want to review and press Enter.

```

Display Media Attributes

Volume serial . . . . . : DRB002
Media type . . . . . :
Container Volume . . . . . :
Image catalog . . . . . :
Associated Container Volume ID . . . . . :
Media class . . . . . : FMT3570
Expiration date . . . . . : *NONE
Previous location . . . . . : *NONE
Previous slot number . . . . . : 0
Current location . . . . . : VAULT
Last moved date . . . . . : 12/01/05
Scheduled location . . . . . : *NONE
Scheduled move date . . . . . : *NONE
Exempt from move until date . . . . . : *NONE
Container ID . . . . . : *NONE
Move policy . . . . . : *NONE
Creation date . . . . . : 12/01/05

More...

Press Enter to continue.

F12=Cancel

```

4. After completing your review, press Enter to return to the Work with Media display. From that display, you can review and change other volumes as needed.

## Printing media status reports

To print a report based on the information contained on the Work with Media display, take the following steps:

1. Type WRKMEDBRM at a command line and press F4 to prompt the display.
2. Change the *Output* parameter to \*PRINT and press Enter. This generates a comprehensive media inventory report.

Use the Print Media using BRM (PRTMEDBRM) command to print either of two inventory-related reports that contain information not found in the WRKMEDBRM report.

- The *Media Threshold* report identifies volumes that have equaled or exceeded the usage limits.

**Note:** The threshold values are defined within the media class assigned to the media.

- The *Media Statistics* report contains all other volume statistics, such as the create and expiration dates of the current files on the volume. You can specify that the report show all of the volumes including exceptions, or just exceptions.



## Duplicating media

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Use the Duplicate Media using BRM (DUPMEDBRM) command to copy the contents of a volume or set of volumes. You can copy a single volume, a list of volumes, or a media set.

**Note:** The OBJDTL parameter of the DUPMEDBRM command is ignored. Duplicated media will always result in duplicated object detail, if object detail information is available for the duplicated items on the input media. The object detail of the duplicated media is not actually copied, but is "keyed" to the original saved object detail to minimize the storage BRMS requires to maintain the duplicated detail information.

Before you use the DUPMEDBRM command, however, keep the following information in mind:

- You must have two devices to use this command, unless duplicating from a virtual device. If the devices are shared non-MLB devices, BRMS varies the devices on for you. If your device is not a shared device, you must vary it on.
- The media or media set that you are copying must be members of the media inventory.
- When you duplicate volumes using the DUPMEDBRM command, BRMS does not automatically save the media information updates associated with the duplicated volumes. Follow the steps outlined in [“Saving media information for duplicate volumes”](#) on page 123 after duplicating volumes to assure the media information updates are saved and the recovery reports reflect the most current information.
- When supplying volume serial numbers to the DUPMEDBRM commands as values for the *To volume identifier* field, you must provide more expired volume serial numbers to receive output copies. This is in case of any length variations between physical volumes.
- When duplicating virtual media to physical media, BRMS will then treat the physical media as the original save. This is only on the first duplication to physical media.
- If a volume is marked for duplication, BRMS will not move the volume when movement is run.
- If a volume that is past expiration but still marked for duplication hasn't been duplicated, BRMS will not expire the volume.

**Note:**

1. The devices do not have to support the same media classes. You specify the media policy in the DUPMEDBRM command.
2. To use DUPMEDBRM to copy a file group, the output media assumes the group number of the input media. An exception to this is a SETMEDBRM command that overrides the value for file group and type for the output volumes.
3. The easiest approach to duplicate volumes of a parallel set is to mark the volumes for duplication then use VOL(\*SEARCH) on the DUPMEDBRM command.

### Copying volumes with DUPMEDBRM

To use the DUPMEDBRM command, take the following steps:

1. Type DUPMEDBRM at a command line and press F4 to prompt the display.
2. At the Duplicate Media using BRMS (DUPMEDBRM) display, press F9 to prompt the remaining parameters.

Duplicate Media using BRM (DUPMEDBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

```

From volume identifier . . . . . VOL001
Resume key . . . . . 1-999999, *ALL
File group . . . . . *ALL Name, generic*, *ALL...
File group type . . . . . *ALL Name, *ALL, *ARC, *BKU
From media class . . . . . *ALL *ALL, AA, AAA, AAAA, AAASAV...
From device . . . . . C9335G, DRHOPT01, DRHOPT02...
To device . . . . . C9335G, DRHOPT01, DRHOPT02...
From sequence number:
  Starting file sequence number *FIRST 1-16777215, *FIRST
  Ending file sequence number . *LAST 1-16777215, *LAST, *ONLY
To sequence number . . . . . 1 1, *END
To media policy . . . . . *SYSPCY *SYSPCY, *NONE, AASLKITVRT,...
Input volume list . . . . . *VOL
      + for more values
From device end option . . . . . *REWIND *REWIND, *LEAVE, *UNLOAD
To device end option . . . . . *UNLOAD *UNLOAD, *LEAVE, *REWIND
                                                    More...
F3=Exit F4=Prompt F5=Refresh F12=Cancel F13=How to use this display
F24=More keys
    
```

Duplicate Media using BRM (DUPMEDBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

```

From system . . . . . *LCL
Submit batch options:
  Submit to batch . . . . . *NO *NO, *YES
  Media sets . . . . . 1-99, *MEDSET
    
```

Additional Parameters

```

To volume identifier . . . . . *MOUNTED
      + for more values
Retain object detail . . . . . *NO *NO, *YES
Expiration date . . . . . *MEDPCY Date, *MEDPCY, *PERM...
Move policy . . . . . *MEDPCY *MEDPCY, *NONE, AAA, AAAA, ...
Media class . . . . . *MEDPCY *MEDPCY, *SYSPCY, AAAAA, AA...
Location . . . . . *MEDPCY *MEDPCY, *ANY, *HOME, A, AA...
Secure volume . . . . . *MEDPCY *MEDPCY, *NO, *YES
Required volumes . . . . . *MEDPCY 1-9999, *MEDPCY, *NONE
                                                    More...
F3=Exit F4=Prompt F5=Refresh F12=Cancel F13=How to use this display
F24=More keys
    
```

3. The *From volume identifier* parameter works with the *Input volume list* parameter to identify the volumes to be duplicated.

- To duplicate a single volume, even if it is a member of a set, specify *\*LIST* for the *From volume identifier* prompt, and the volume to be duplicated for the *Input volume list* prompt.
- To duplicate a volume set, specify a volume identifier of any volume in the set for the *From volume identifier* prompt, and either *\*SET* or *\*VOL* for the *Input volume list* prompt.

**Note:** You must use this method when you duplicate the volumes of a media set in a batch job.

Alternatively, you can type the name of any volume in the media set in the *From volume identifier* parameter, and then press Enter. BRMS will find all other volumes in the set and list these in the *Input volume list parameter*.

- To duplicate a list of volumes, specify *\*LIST* for the *From volume identifier* prompt, and the volumes to be duplicated for the *Input volume list* prompt. You can use the + field to provide the additional fields in which to list the volumes you want BRMS to duplicate.
- To duplicate all volumes marked for duplication, specify *\*SEARCH* for the *From volume identifier* prompt, and either *\*SET* or *\*VOL* for the *Input volume list* prompt.

4. In the *From device* field, specify the name of the device from which BRMS will make the duplicate. This device contains the original volume.

5. In the *To device* field, specify the name of the device that contains the volume that will receive the duplicated information.

6. Review the other parameters carefully and change as needed.

**Notes:**

- The *From sequence number* and *To sequence number* fields are ignored for optical media.
- The *Submit batch options* parameter allows multiple batch jobs to concurrently duplicate media sets. The batch jobs that are used for duplication are submitted by using the Job description and Job queue fields in the BRMS submitted jobs section of the BRMS System Policy. The job log from the DUPMEDBRM command contains messages that indicate which batch jobs are performing the duplication. Each of these duplication jobs sends completion or error messages to the BRMS log. Monitor the BRMS log to verify that each of the duplication jobs completes successfully.

7. Press Enter to process the command.

## Saving media information for duplicate volumes

Take the following steps to save media information for duplicate volumes:

1. Run the BRMS backup on the original volume and specify that you want to save the media information.
2. Create the duplicate volumes with the DUPMEDBRM command.
3. Run media movement by using the Move Media using BRM (MOVMEDBRM) command so that the two sets of volumes (original and duplicate) go to different locations.
4. Perform another save of the media information by using the Save Media Information using BRM (SAVMEDIBRM) command.
5. Move the volumes that SAVMEDIBRM command creates in the previous step to the same location as the duplicate volumes.
6. Create the recovery report by specifying the location of the duplicate volumes in the STRRCYBRM LOC (duplicate-volume-location).

## Remote duplication of media

You can use the *From system (FROMSYS)* parameter on the Duplicate Media using BRM (DUPMEDBRM) command to specify a remote system in the BRMS network that owns the volumes to be duplicated by another system in the network.

Suppose you have SYSTEM\_A and SYSTEM\_B both in the same BRMS network and both sharing the same media library and media. SYSTEM\_A uses a media policy which specifies that volumes are to be marked for duplication. After the backups complete on SYSTEM\_A, you can run the following command from SYSTEM\_B to offload the media duplication task from SYSTEM\_A:

```
DUPMEDBRM VOL(*SEARCH) FROMDEV(library-device-name)
          TODEV(library-device-name)
          FROMSYS(SYSTEM_A)
```

The above command will search for all volumes owned by SYSTEM\_A that are marked for duplication. SYSTEM\_B performs the duplication on behalf of SYSTEM\_A.

There are a few simple rules that must be followed when performing remote duplication of media.

- The value of the *Shared media* attribute of the media class used for input and output volumes must be \*YES so these volumes can be shared between the two systems.
- The value of the *Receive media information* network attribute for the system performing the remote duplication must be \*LIB.
- Assure all backup activity on the system specified in the *From system (FROMSYS)* parameter has ended before initiating the remote duplication operation.
- Optical media duplication only supports \*LCL for a value on the *From system (FROMSYS)* parameter. A remote duplication is not an option for optical media.

## Duplicating saved items

BRMS allows you to mark saved items for duplication as an alternative to marking volumes. If your daily saves are appended to active volumes and then duplicated, this allows you to only duplicate the appended data to the output volume rather than having to reduplicate the entire volume.

**Note:** This duplication method is not supported for optical media.

You can mark saved items for duplication by specifying \*YES for the *Mark history for duplication (MARKHST)* parameter on any of the BRMS save commands, or using a media policy for the save which has \*YES specified for the *Mark history for duplication* prompt.

You can have BRMS search for marked history items when running duplication by specifying \*SCHHST for the *From volume identifier (VOL)* parameter of the Duplicate Media using BRM (DUPMEDBRM) command. Optionally, you can use the *Mark history for duplication (MARKHST)* parameter on the DUPMEDBRM command to specify whether the duplicated history items are to be remarked for a subsequent duplication.

You can use the Work with Media Information (WRKMEDIBRM) command and the *Duplication view* of the *Work with Media Information* display to view the marked saved items, or use options 18 and 19 to mark and unmark specific saved items. To do so, you can follow these steps:

1. Run the WRKMEDIBRM command from a command line.
2. Press F11 twice to get to the *Duplication view* of the *Work with Media Information* display.

```
Work with Media Information                                RCHAS400
Position to Date . . . . .
Type options, press Enter.
18=Mark for duplication
19=Remove mark for duplication ...

  Saved      Save      Save      Item      Duplicate  Marked for  Duplication
Opt Item      Date      Time      Type      Save Item  Duplication Resume Key
LIB06      11/23/05  14:21:11 *FULL      *NO        *YES
LIB07      11/23/05  14:27:54 *FULL      *NO        *YES
LIB08      11/23/05  14:31:42 *FULL      *NO        *YES
LIB09      11/23/05  14:59:01 *FULL      *NO        *YES
LIB10      11/23/05  15:07:05 *FULL      *NO        *YES
LIB11      11/23/05  15:10:38 *FULL      *NO        *YES

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F11=Volume information  F12=Cancel
F23=More options

Bottom
```

Saved items that are marked for duplication have \*YES displayed in the *Marked for Duplication* field.

3. Specify option 19 for a saved item to remove mark and set the *Marked for Duplication* field to \*NO.
4. Specify option 18 for a saved item to add mark and set the *Marked for Duplication* field to \*YES.

**Note:** Duplicating saved items is not supported when using optical media and optical devices.

## Resuming duplication

Each saved item selected for duplication is assigned a resume key. If the duplication operation ends prematurely, the associated resume key is provided by BRMS in diagnostic message BRM4137. You can restart the failed duplication operation by running the DUPMEDBRM command again using the command parameters provided in the *Recovery* information of the BRM4137 message.

The following illustrates how to restart duplication operations after the media or device error is corrected.

1. Suppose you run the following command to duplicate VOL001 to VOL002:

```
DUPMEDBRM VOL(VOL001) FROMDEV(TAPMLB01) TODEV(TAPMLB01)
MEDPCY(FMT3570E) FROMVOL(VOL001) TOVOL(VOL002)
```

2. The command fails after duplicating some file sequences with the following messages in the job log:

```
Media duplication restart recovery.
:
(Media or device diagnostic messages)
:
Media duplication completed with errors.
```

3. You correct the device or media error which caused the duplication to fail.
4. You prompt for the extended help on the *Media duplication restart recovery* message and retrieve the restart command parameters from the *Recovery* information.

```
VOL(*RESUME) RSMKEY(669190)
```

5. You re-run the DUPMEDBRM command using the restart parameters.

```
DUPMEDBRM VOL(*RESUME) RSMKEY(669190)
```

You can use the Work with Media Information (WRKMEDIBRM) command and the *Duplication view* of the *Work with Media Information* display to view the saved items remaining to be duplicated. To do so:

1. Run the WRKMEDIBRM command specifying the volume to be duplicated.

```
WRKMEDIBRM VOL(VOL001)
```

2. Press F11 twice to get to the *Duplication view* of the *Work with Media Information* display.

Work with Media Information							RCHAS400
Position to Date . . . . .							
Type options, press Enter.							
2=Change 4=Remove 5=Display 6=Work with media 7=Restore							
9=Work with saved objects ...							
Opt	Saved Item	Save Date	Save Time	Item Type	Duplicate Save Item	Marked for Duplication	Duplication Resume Key
	LIB06	11/23/05	14:21:11	*FULL	*NO	*NO	
	LIB07	11/23/05	14:27:54	*FULL	*NO	*NO	
	LIB08	11/23/05	14:31:42	*FULL	*NO	*NO	
	LIB09	11/23/05	14:59:01	*FULL	*NO	*NO	669190
	LIB10	11/23/05	15:07:05	*FULL	*NO	*NO	669190
	LIB11	11/23/05	15:10:38	*FULL	*NO	*NO	669190
F3=Exit F5=Refresh F11=Volume information F12=Cancel							Bottom
F23=More options							

From the displayed example, you can see there are three saved items with a duplication resume key. These are the saved items remaining on the volume which have not been duplicated. Restarting duplication using resume key 669190 will complete the duplication operation for these three saved items.

## Automatic duplication

Automatic duplication can be used to duplicate data after it has been saved. In a control group backup, this will happen at each save done within the control group, so multiple duplications will occur in asynchronous jobs.

The joblog from the backup will contain messages indicating which jobs are performing the duplications. The backup will finish and return control to the user before the duplications have completed. Each duplication job will issue completion and error messages to the BRMS log. Use DSPLOGBRM to view these messages. This new feature is most ideal for ensuring your virtual media are being duplicated off to physical media.

To set up Automatic duplication, follow these steps:

1. Type WRKPCYBRM \*MED on the command line. This will bring up the Work with Media Policies display.
2. Type a 1 (Create) next to a new media policy name or 2 (Edit) next to an already existing media policy name.
3. Page down to the parameter *Automatic duplication*.

```
Change Media Policy
Media policy . . . . . : VIRTUAL
Type choices, press Enter.
Automatic duplication:
  From devices . . . . . *NONE      Name, *NONE, *SAME, *MEDCLS.

  From device end option . . . . *REWIND  *REWIND, *LEAVE, *UNLOAD
  To devices . . . . . *SAME      Name, *SAME, *MEDCLS, F4

  To device end option . . . . *REWIND  *REWIND, *LEAVE, *UNLOAD
  To media policy . . . . . *SAME      *SAME, *SYSPCY, F4
  Save media information . . . . *SAME      *SAME, *BKUPCY, *LIB, *OBJ
                                          *NONE

F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel                                     More
```

4. At the *From devices* parameter, choose the device which you would like to duplicate from.
5. At the *From device end option* parameter, choose the end option you would like the From device to use.
6. At the *To devices*, parameter choose the device/devices which you would like to duplicate to.
7. At the *To device end option*, parameter choose the end option for the To device.
8. At the *To media policy*, parameter choose the media policy that you would like to use for duplicating to.
9. For the *Save media information* parameter, you may choose to have the BRMS media information to be saved after all the automatic duplications have completed.
10. Review and change the parameters as needed and press Enter.

## Reclaiming media

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BRMS provides two methods for reclaiming expired media. The first method allows you to remove expired volumes from media sets if there are no active file sequences on the volume. The other method allows you to reclaim fragmented media by copying the active files sequences to another volume.

### Expiring media set volumes

A *media set* is two or more volumes where the active files sequence on one volume spans to another volume. A second volume could span onto a third volume, and the third volume could span onto a fourth. This group of volumes is referred to as a media set.

If you append your backups to the end of an existing media set, the entire set could grow over time to consist of a significant number of volumes. It is also possible that the volumes at the beginning of the set have no active data, but since these are part of the set, these volumes are not usable.

BRMS provides a means for expired media volumes in a set to be removed from the set so that the expired volumes can be returned to the scratch pool for reuse. Expiring inactive volumes in media sets could help to minimize the number of volumes you need to maintain and track.

You can have BRMS expire volumes in your media set using the Expire media set volumes (parameter of the Start Maintenance for BRM (STRMNTBRM) command. The default value for this parameter is \*NO, because it is not necessary to run this function as part of your daily maintenance. If you append your daily backups to active media, it is recommended that you specify \*YES for the EXPSETMED parameter periodically.

**Note:** Using EXPSETMED(\*YES) could increase the time required to complete BRMS maintenance.

### Reclaiming fragmented media

Depending on the media policies you use, it is possible for the older volumes to become fragmented, especially if you append saves to active volumes and use different retention periods for those saves. The fragmentation occurs when some file sequences expire on the volume before other file sequences. If the fragmented volumes are filled, the volumes are not usable until all file sequences have expired.

Reclamation is a process in which the active file sequences are copied to a new volume so the old fragmented volume can be expired and returned to the scratch pool. For example, assume volume VOL001 has four active file sequences 5, 167, 452, and 511, and VOL002 has three active file sequences 10, 17, and 53. If you could reclaim these two volumes to a third volume, VOL00A at file sequences 1 through 7, then volumes VOL001 and VOL002 would become available for reuse.

Using media reclamation can help you reduce media purchases by allowing you to reuse the media you have, or enable you to move the active data onto media of higher density.

The BRMS System i<sup>®</sup> Navigator client can assist you with your reclamation task. To start the Reclaim Wizard:

1. Open the **Backup, Recovery, and Media Services** folder.
2. Open the **Media** folder.
3. Right-click the **Volumes** folder.
4. Click **Reclaim**.

## External label printing

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BRMS provides the following options for printing and customizing media labels.

### How to specify label printing

There are two ways to print external labels:

1. For all media in a media class:

- a. From a command line, run the Work with Classes using BRM (WRKCLSBRM) command.
- b. From the *Work with Media Classes* display, specify option 2 next to the media class you want to label and press Enter.
- c. From the *Mark for label print* prompt on the *Change Media Class* display, you can instruct BRMS to mark a volume for label printing when a write operation occurs (\*WRITE) or when media movement occurs (\*MOVE). Use the *Label size* prompt to specify any one of three label sizes in the media class.

**Note:** The *Text* field uses the current information in the media information for that volume. The text information in the field reflects the text information from the most recent control group that was processed to create media information for that volume.

2. For specific media volumes:

- a. From a command line run the Work with Classes using BRM (WRKCLSBRM) command.
- b. From the *Work with Media* display, specify option 11 next to volume or volumes you want to mark for label printing, and then press Enter.
- c. To create label output for all marked volumes:
  - Type GO BRMMED on the command line and press Enter.
  - Select option 7 (Confirm media label print).
  - Select option 1 or press F16 to confirm.
  - Press Enter.

## Customizing label printing

The source for the three printer files that BRMS uses to create the media labels exists on your system after you install BRMS. The QA1ASRC file in the QUSRBRM library contains the source. There are three members: QP1A1LP, QP1A2LP, and QP1A3LP. These three members can print 6 lines per inch (lpi), 8 lpi, and 9 lpi, respectively.

To change the format of your printer labels, edit the source member that corresponds to the labels that you selected for the media. For example, you can edit with SEU (source entry utility), RLU (report layout utility), or PDM (programming development manager). First you must give the members the correct member type of printer file (PTRF). You can do this within PDM when you are working with members.

When changing the source, do not change the record name, any of the field names, or the order of each field. The print programs depend on these named items being present. You can change the position.

You must add QUSRBRM to your library list and then compile the printer file to the library QBRM. Be sure to specify level check (\*NO) on the Create Printer File (CRTPRTF) command.

```
Volume serial . . . . . : ZZZ003
Creation date . . . . . : 3/08/05
Expiration date . . . . . : 4/07/05
Location . . . . . : *HOME
Container . . . . . : *NONE
Text . . . . . : Monthly general ledger summary
```

Your customized labels should now print successfully.



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# Tailoring your backup

This topic provides detailed information about how to use a variety of BRMS tools and techniques to design and implement a customized backup strategy for your company.

The kind of backup operation that you implement has a significant impact on the quality and success of your recovery operations. Therefore, it is important that you plan your backup strategy well. This chapter begins with a section on things to consider when you design your backup strategy. You should also be familiar with the more comprehensive planning recommendations that are presented in the [Recovering your system](#) book.

Many of the functions described in this topic are available in the BRMS graphical interface. For detailed information, see [“Using the BRMS graphical interface”](#) on page 233.

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## Planning considerations

There are several factors to keep in mind when planning your backup strategy. You need, for example, to have an accurate understanding of the user skill levels at your site. You must also be familiar with the kinds of physical resources that are available. The two most critical factors you need to consider, however, are data and timing: what to save, and when and how to save it.

The following questions can assist you in designing an effective backup plan:

- How much data do I need to save on a daily basis? A weekly basis? Monthly?
- What kinds of data do I need to save at these times?
- Given the amount and kinds of data I need to save, what do my save windows look like? How much time do I have available each day and week to perform the necessary backups? At what times of the day and week are those save windows available?
- What kind of saves can I perform that will allow users to continue using the system while the saves process?
- What are my most critical applications, the ones that need to be operational as soon as possible during disaster recovery? How can we save our most critical data and applications in such a way as to be able to recover them quickly and easily?

Think about the questions above as you read through this chapter. Consider the different options available to you and the ways in which you can use them. For example, can you put some of your most critical data in a backup list, thereby effectively separating it from less critical data? When can you effectively use the save-while-active feature, which shortens your save window and allows users back on the system sooner? Does your company have the resources to perform parallel saves, which shorten your save window by processing large objects on multiple devices at the same time? You may want to write down your thoughts on these and other questions as you read through this chapter.

BRMS supports backup and recovery of objects on auxiliary storage pool devices (auxiliary storage pools 33–255). You should review [“Online Lotus server backups”](#) on page 301 if you are using auxiliary storage pool devices to assure you are getting a complete backup of your user data on these devices.

When saving directory and files, you should unmount any mounted user-defined file systems (UDFSs) prior to the save to assure the objects in the mounted over directories are saved. UDFSs are automatically unmounted on auxiliary storage pool devices when the system is in restricted state. UDFSs on the system (1) or basic user auxiliary storage pools (2–32) need to be explicitly unmounted. Any unmounted UDFSs need to be remounted after the save.

## The BRMS system policy

While the backup policy contains numerous instructions on how to perform your backups, the system policy also contains several values that bear directly on your backups.

The system policy provides process information to BRMS at the highest level of the policy structure that is described in “Introduction to IBM Backup, Recovery and Media Services for i (BRMS)” on page 3. System policy values are particularly important because they establish the default values in several functional areas. Thus, unless you change them in another policy or in a control group, BRMS applies these values to your backup activities. Following is a list of the backup-related fields for which the system policy provides default values:

- Media policy type
- Devices
- Media location
- Media class
- Interactive user status.
- Presentation controls designating backup type (full or incremental) and first day of the week.

### Understanding the system policy

To review system policy parameters, take the following steps:

1. Type WRKPCYBRM \*SYS at a command line and press Enter.
2. Select option 1 (Display or change system policy) from the System Policy menu.

```
Change System Policy                                RCHAS400

Type choices, press Enter.

Media policy . . . . . FULL                      Name, F4 for list
Devices . . . . . TAPMLB01                       Name, F4 for list

Home location for media . . . . . TAPMLB01       Name, F4 for list
Media class . . . . . FMT3570                    Name, F4 for list
Sign off interactive users . . . . . *NO        *YES, *NO
Sign off limit . . . . . 30                      0-999 minutes
Output queue . . . . . *PRTF                     Name, *PRTF
Library . . . . .                               Name, *LIBL
Day start time . . . . . 0:00:00                 Time
Media monitor . . . . . *YES                     *YES, *NO
Shared inventory delay . . . . . 60              30-9999 seconds
Auto enroll media . . . . . *NO                  *NO, *YES
Default usage . . . . . *YES                     *NO, *YES

F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel                More...
```

Following are brief summaries of the key parameters on the system policy display. These are the parameters that you are most likely to change.

The default *Media policy* that is configured at installation time and used by the system policy is called FULL. The FULL media policy instructs BRMS to use full backups with a 35 day retention period. Another BRMS-configured option is INCR, which instructs BRMS to use incremental backups with a 14 day retention period. You can also use the Save System (SAVSYS) special value, which instructs BRMS to retain media for 1725 days (5 years) after a system save. You can change the default media policy to another BRMS-configured policy or to one that you created. To do so, press F4 from the *Media policy* field and select from the available list.

Type choices, press Enter.

```

Media policy . . . . . FULL          Name, F4 for list
Devices . . . . . TAPMLB01         Name, F4 for list

.....
:          Select Media Policy          :
Home location for media . . . . . : st
Media class . . . . . : Type options, press Enter. : st
Sign off interactive users . . . . . 1=Select :
Sign off limit . . . . . : Opt Policy :
Output queue . . . . . : ARCHIVAL :
Library . . . . . : FULL :
Day start time . . . . . : INCR :
Media monitor . . . . . : SAVSYS :
Shared inventory delay . . . . . : TAPMLBS :
Auto enroll media . . . . . : Bottom :
Default usage. . . . . : F9=Work with media policies :
: F12=Cancel :More...
:
F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refre :.....

```

The device name listed in the *Devices* field refers to the default device that is selected by BRMS at the time of installation. If you have more than one device attached to your system, BRMS uses the fastest and most automated one that is attached to your system. If you do not want to use the default device, you can select F4 from this prompt to select from a list of additional devices. The devices in this list include other devices that are attached to your system at time of installation, and any others you add after that.

The *Home location for media* field specifies the on-site home location for media that is managed by BRMS. \*HOME is the default value for this prompt. BRMS also provides an off-site default location, called VAULT. To change the default value, place your cursor in the *Home location for media* field and press F4 to prompt a list of locations.

The *Media class* field specifies the default media class that is used by BRMS. BRMS uses media classes to describe different types of media. BRMS bases its definitions on characteristics such as tape density, capacity, label information, error allowance, and shared status. Be sure that the media class you use is compatible with the device in the same policy. If you do not want to use the BRMS default location, you can select from a list of locations by pressing F4 from this parameter.

The default value for the *Sign off interactive users* parameter is \*NO. If you select \*YES, BRMS sends warning messages at the following intervals:

- If the time left is 60 minutes, the message appears every 10 minutes.
- If the time left is 10 minutes, the message appears every 2 minutes.
- If the time left is 1 minute, the message appears as the minute begins.

However, there is no signal that indicates when users have signed back on the system. If this is a problem, you might want to consider stopping the subsystems. It is recommended that you keep the value set to \*NO at this parameter and manage signoff of the interactive users from the backup control group attributes.

You will want to exempt specific users from being signed off, specifically the user signed on to the console monitor. For more information about the console monitor, refer to [“Console monitoring” on page 168](#). You would use option 2 from the BRMSYSPCY menu to specify any signoff exceptions.

### Changing the presentation controls

In addition to the parameters on the system policy, you can find other system-related prompts on the additional displays available from the System Policy menu display. For example, you may want to change the first day of the week designation in the Change Presentation Controls display.

To get there, select option 5 (Change presentation controls) from the System Policy menu.

Type choices, press Enter.

```

Character representing
  full backup . . . . . F      Character
Character representing
  incremental backup . . . . . I  Character
Character representing
  full Domino backup with
  incremental DAOS backup. . . . . N    Character
Character representing
  incremental Domino backup with
  full DAOS backup . . . . . D      Character
Character representing
  general activity . . . . . *      Character
First day of week . . . . . SUN    SUN, MON, TUE...

```

F3=Exit F5=Refresh F12=Cancel

The default value for the *First day of week* parameter is SUN. You may want to change this value to MON, or to another value that better reflects the start of your work week.

## The BRMS backup policy

The backup policy contains the most numerous and important instructions on how BRMS will perform your backups. The key parameters on this display provide BRMS with the following information:

- Type of backup (full or incremental).
- Days on which to perform full or incremental backups.
- Type of incremental backup (cumulative or noncumulative).
- Whether BRMS should save your access paths during save processing.
- Ability to append data to the end of existing files or begin a new volume as needed.

## Changing the backup policy

Perform the following steps to get to the Backup Policy display:

1. Type GO WRKPCYBRM \*BKU at a command line and press Enter.
2. Take option 1 (Display or change backup policy) from the Backup Policy menu.

Type choices, press Enter.

```

Media policy for full backups . . . . . *SYSPCY    Name, F4 for list
Media policy for
  incremental backups . . . . . *SYSPCY    Name, F4 for list
Backup devices . . . . . *SYSPCY    Name, F4 for list

Default weekly activity . . . . . FFFFFFFF    SMTWTFS(F/I)
Incremental type . . . . . *CUMML    *CUMML, *INCR
Force full backup days . . . . . *NOMAX    0-365, *NOMAX
Sign off interactive users . . . . . *SYSPCY    *YES, *NO, *SYSPCY
Sign off limit . . . . . *SYSPCY    0-999 minutes, *SYSPCY
Save journal files when saving
  changed objects . . . . . *NO    *YES, *NO

```

More...

F3=Exit F4=Prompt F5=Refresh F9=System policy  
F12=Cancel

As you can see, the backup policy shares several parameters with the system policy. You can override the shared prompts on an as-needed basis or to customize your backups as desired.

Following are brief descriptions of the parameters you are most likely to change:

The *Default weekly activity* value specifies the type of backup you want to perform each day of a seven-day week. For example, you might want BRMS to perform a full backup (F) on a Friday, and an incremental backup (I) on the other nights of the week. Or BRMS could perform a full backup every night. Leaving one of the days blank indicates that you do not want any backups performed on that day.

The *Incremental type* field allows you to specify the type of incremental backup you want BRMS to perform. To save all changes since the last full backup, specify \*CUML in this field. To save changes since the last time BRMS performed an incremental save, specify \*INCR. CUML saves make recovery activities easier and shorter, while INCR saves can make your save windows shorter. IBM recommends that you keep the default (\*CUML) to provide better protection for important data.

The *Force full backup days* field allows you to force full saves rather than a save of changed objects if no save has occurred within the specified number of days.

The *Save journal files while saving changed objects* field specifies whether to save changes to objects that you entered in a journal. The default for this value is \*NO, which indicates reliance on journaled receivers to retrieve changes during the recovery. IBM recommends that you change this default to \*YES for ease of use, and to reduce the number of recovery steps. You should be aware, however, that using \*YES increases your save time. If \*YES is specified, all journaled objects are saved, not just journaled files.

3. Page down to see additional attributes.

```

Change Backup Policy                                     RCHAS400

Type choices, press Enter.

Automatically backup
  media information . . . . . *LIB          *LIB, *OBJ, *NONE
Save access paths . . . . . *YES          *YES, *NO
Save contents of save files . . . . . *YES  *YES, *NO
Save spooled file data . . . . . *NONE    *NONE, *ALL
Queue data . . . . . *NONE              *NONE, *DTAQ
Data compression . . . . . *DEV          *DEV, *YES, *NO
Data compaction . . . . . *DEV          *DEV, *NO
Target release . . . . . *CURRENT        *CURRENT, *PRV
Update history . . . . . *YES            *YES, *NO
Update history for directories . . . . . *SYS *SYS, *NO, *PC, *YES

Clear . . . . . *NONE                    *NONE, *ALL, *AFTER
Object pre-check . . . . . *NO           *YES, *NO
Append to media . . . . . *NO            *YES, *NO
End of media option . . . . . *REWIND    *UNLOAD, *REWIND, *LEAVE
                                                More...

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F9=System policy   F12=Cancel

```

Type choices, press Enter.

Use optimum block size . . . . .	*DEV	*DEV, *YES, *NO
IPL after backup . . . . .	*SYSPCY	*YES, *NO, *SYSPCY
How to end . . . . .	*SYSPCY	*CNTRLD, *IMMED, *SYSPCY
Delay time, if *CNTRLD . . . . .	*SYSPCY	Seconds, *NOLIMIT
Restart after power down . . . . .	*SYSPCY	*YES, *NO, *SYSPCY
IPL source . . . . .	*SYSPCY	*PANEL, A, B, *SYSPCY
IPL restart type . . . . .	*SYSPCY	*FULL, *IPLA, *SYS . . .
Backup item exit program . . . . .	*NONE	Name, *NONE
Exit program library . . . . .		Name
Exit program format . . . . .		BKUI0100
Missed object policy . . . . .	*NONE	Name, *NONE
Clear missed objects . . . . .	*NO	*NO, *YES
Asynchronous bring . . . . .	*NO	*NO, *YES
Sort by . . . . .	*NAME	*NAME, *SIZE

Bottom

F3=Exit    F5=Refresh    F9=System policy    F12=Cancel

The *Automatically backup media information* parameter specifies the level at which you want BRMS to save media information. BRMS uses the media information to assist in the restore process. The default level is \*LIB. Other options are \*OBJ and \*NONE. To retain media information at the object level, you should indicate that preference at this field, and also at the *Retain Object Detail* parameter (change value to \*YES). The *Retain Object Detail* parameter is on the Edit Control Group Entries display. If you do not specify \*OBJ in the *Automatically backup media information* field, and \*YES in the *Retain object detail* field, BRMS may not save the information at \*OBJ level for that job.

**Note:** Retaining object level detail can considerably increase your disk space, and your save and restore times. Keep in mind that you can restore an individual object without object level information if you know the name of the object. You can search your save history for the library using the Work with Media Information (WRKMEDIBRM) command. Normally, the default value, \*LIB, is satisfactory for most customers.

The *Save access paths* field allows you to save the access paths associated with your logical and physical files. The value in this field indicates whether to save the logical file access paths that are dependent on the physical files BRMS saves. BRMS saves access paths only if you also save all of the members on which the access paths are built. BRMS sends informational messages that indicate the number of logical access paths that were saved with each physical file. All physical files on which the access paths are built must be in the same library. This parameter does not save logical objects; it only controls the saving of the access paths.

The default value established for the *Save access paths* field in the backup policy is \*YES. You can use the save access paths default that is established here for a backup control group. Or you can override the value at the Change Backup Control Group Attributes display. IBM recommends that you save the access paths, even when it is time-consuming. If you do not, you run the risk of losing system availability if you need to recover the file or the system after a disaster. Saving the access paths increases the save time, but decreases your recovery time, thereby increasing system availability. See the [Recovering your system](#) book for more information about the restoration of saved paths.

**Note:** If BRMS performs both full and incremental saves, it restores the full saves first, then the incremental. If you do not save your access paths, they will likely be rebuilt twice, once during the restore from the full backup and then again during the restore of the incremental saves. Use the Edit Rebuild Access Path command (EDTRBDAP) to perform the rebuild right after the restoration of the full save has completed. You can then restore the incremental saves and use the EDTRBDAP command to change the sequence number.

The *Save spooled file data* field allows you to save the spooled files and the attributes of these files concurrently when saving output queues.

The *Queue data* field allows you to save both the description and the contents of a queue.

The *Append to media* value specifies whether to add files on current media with active files or to begin a new volume. If you specify \*YES, BRMS writes the files to the volume that immediately follows the last active file. This allows you to maximize media usage. However, if you want to separate data on separate tapes, you should specify \*NO.

When you select \*YES at the *Append to media* prompt, BRMS takes the following steps to select the volumes to append:

- When selecting volumes for media libraries, BRMS determines if the last volume that is used can also be used for the append operation. The media class is the determining factor. When selecting volumes for stand-alone drives, BRMS issues message BRM1472, which nominates suitable candidate volumes.
- BRMS selects an active volume with attributes that match those in the appropriate media policy. BRMS uses the following to check if the volume is available for appending:
  - Same media class
  - Same storage location
  - Same expiration date
  - Owned by the requesting system
  - Same move policy
  - Same secure attribute
- If BRMS cannot find a volume that meets the criteria above, it selects a volume with an earlier expiration date, starting with the earliest.
- If BRMS cannot select a volume with an earlier expiration date, it selects an expired volume from the system.
- If BRMS fails to find a volume up to this point, it will try to select an expired volume from another system.
- BRMS will never select a volume that has been flagged in error (expiration of volume is \*ERR).

While these are the parameters you are most likely to use, you should also be familiar with the other parameters and values on the backup policy display.

**Note:** In addition to the backup policy itself, you can also access the Work with items to omit from backup display from the Backup Policy menu. Because the items you are likely to omit are in control groups, you can find information about how to use this display in the following section.

## Backup control groups

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Control groups are the most important and useful element in the BRMS tailoring process.

Control groups consist of groups of libraries, objects, folders, spooled files, and other types of data that share common characteristics. They also specify what kind of backup you want BRMS to perform, such as full, incremental, or cumulative-incremental. In addition, control groups specify the days on which the data will be processed, and the order in which the processing occurs.

Control groups can also provide flexibility in starting and stopping subsystems and holding job queues. Perhaps most importantly, control groups allow you to separate and save your most critical applications, which, in turn, allows you to more easily recover them. After you recover your most critical applications and data, you can recover the rest of your system. Your save strategy is likely to consist of multiple backup control groups. [“Sample backup scenarios: Working with multiple control groups and shared devices” on page 178](#) provides specific information about how to design a backup strategy that uses multiple control groups.

The default control groups described in [“Backing up your entire system” on page 17](#) do an excellent job of backing up your entire system. IBM recommends that you use these default backup groups, called \*SYSTEM, or \*SYSGRP and \*BKUGRP, to perform your first backup and that, afterward, you leave them unchanged and use them on an as-needed basis. In addition, you can create some of your own control groups to better control related types of data.

Control groups often refer to, and work with, information contained in the function policies, for example, in the system and backup policies. Later in this section, you learn how to set control group attributes to override policy decisions.

## Content of control groups

A backup control group can contain just one item or a group of items.

Consider grouping the following items together in a control group:

- All of the libraries that belong to a particular application.
- Selected objects, such as those that change on a regular basis (instead of using an \*INCR save for the objects, which must identify the changed objects).
- Libraries that comprise a database network.
- Byte stream files that form part of the application data.
- Spooled files that you may need later (for example, invoices or pay slips).
- Items with similar retention periods.
- Critical applications that you need to restore before others.
- Noncritical applications or libraries that you can restore at a later time.

The following table provides an overview of the items you can place in a control group:

<i>Table 1. Backup control group backup items</i>		
<b>Named Items</b>	<b>Special Values</b>	<b>Special Operations</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Library names</li> <li>• Generic library names</li> <li>• Backup list names               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Object list</li> <li>– Folder list</li> <li>– Link list</li> <li>– Spooled file list</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• *ALLCHGRCV</li> <li>• *ALLDLO</li> <li>• *ALLDTCRCV</li> <li>• *ALLPROD</li> <li>• *ALLTEST</li> <li>• *ALLUSR</li> <li>• *ASPnn</li> <li>• *DLOnn</li> <li>• *IBM</li> <li>• *LINK</li> <li>• *LNKOMTLTS</li> <li>• *LNKOMTONL</li> <li>• *LTSOMTONL</li> <li>• *QHST</li> <li>• *SAVCFG</li> <li>• *SAVSECDTA</li> <li>• *SAVSYS</li> <li>• *SAVSYSINF</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• *EXIT</li> <li>• *LOAD</li> <li>• *SETASPPGRP</li> </ul>

A control group might contain one library or several; one special value or several; configuration and security data; or special operations such as \*LOAD or \*EXIT. In short, you can save any of the items that are listed in Table 1 on page 136 in a control group. Grouped items may be of the same type (all libraries or all special values), or they may be of different types (for example, libraries, special values, and special operations).

Use special operations and special values as backup items to call system functions. They direct BRMS to perform predefined actions or to assume predefined values in a field. You can also use a backup list as an entry in a control group. Backup lists are particularly useful for separating critical data and applications for easier recovery. They also make it easier to manage groups of data. You can find detailed information about designing backup lists in a later section of this chapter.



The following list provides a short description of the special operations and special values that can be used as Backup Item entries in control groups. Refer to the online help information for more information about these items.

### ***Special Operations***

#### **\*EXIT**

Performs user command processing

#### **\*LOAD**

Begins a new tape

#### **\*SETASPGRP**

Sets an auxiliary storage pool group to the job running the backup. Any previously set auxiliary storage pool group is automatically unset. The name of a primary auxiliary storage pool defining the auxiliary storage pool group must be specified in Auxiliary Storage Pool Device prompt.

### ***Special Values***

#### **\*ALLDLO**

Saves all folders, documents, and mail in all ASPs

**Note:** \*MAIL data is backed up as a separate item whenever a cumulative or incremental save of \*ALLDLO is performed. BRMS issues a SAVDLO DLO(\*MAIL) SAVTYPE(\*FULL) for the \*ALLDLO.

#### **\*DLOnn**

Saves all folders, documents, and mail in a specified ASP

#### **\*ALLUSR**

Saves all user libraries

#### **\*ALLPROD**

Saves all \*PROD type user libraries

#### **\*ALLTEST**

Saves all \*TEST type user libraries

#### **\*ASPnn**

Saves a specified ASP (user library type objects only)

#### **\*IBM**

Saves all IBM libraries

#### **\*LINK**

Saves all objects not in /QSYS.LIB and /QDLS directories

#### **\*LNKOMTLTS**

Saves all integrated file system directories and files except all Lotus server files and files in /QSYS.LIB and /QDLS directories.

#### **\*LNKOMTONL**

Saves all integrated file system directories and files except online Lotus server backup files and files in /QSYS.LIB and /QDLS directories.

#### **\*LTSOMTONL**

Saves all Lotus server files except online Lotus server files.

#### **\*QHST**

Saves history information

#### **\*SAVCFG**

Saves configuration

#### **\*SAVSECDTA**

Saves security data

#### **\*SAVSYS**

Saves the operating system

### **\*ALLCHGRCV**

Saves journal receivers that have not been saved since they were last changed. Only journal receivers associated with journals in user libraries that do not start with 'Q' are processed.

Object list QCHGJRNRCV can be used to indicate which journal receivers should be processed by \*ALLCHGRCV. If QCHGJRNRCV does not exist, all receivers in libraries that do not start with 'Q' are processed.

**Note:** Objects, that are journaled to the journal associated with these journal receivers, must be saved with retain object detail \*YES, \*OBJ or \*MBR. If the object detail for the objects is not retained, \*ALLCHGRCV saves all of the changed journal receivers every time it is run after BRMS maintenance has run instead of saving only the recently changed receivers.

### **\*ALLDTCRCV**

Saves detached journal receivers that have not been saved since they were detached. Only journal receivers associated with journals in user libraries that do not start with 'Q' are processed.

Object list QDTCJRNRCV can be used to indicate which journal receivers should be processed by \*ALLDTCRCV. If QDTCJRNRCV does not exist, all receivers in libraries that do not start with 'Q' are processed.

**Note:** Objects, that are journaled to the journal associated with these journal receivers, must be saved with retain object detail \*YES, \*OBJ or \*MBR. If the object detail for the objects is not retained, \*ALLDTCRCV saves all of the detached journal receivers every time it is run after BRMS maintenance has run instead of saving only the recently detached receivers.

### **\*SAVSYSINF**

Saves a subset of operating system data and object information saved by the \*SAVSYS backup item.

#### **Note:**

1. This backup item does not require restricted state and is not to be used for system upgrades or migrations.
2. This backup item does not replace the \*SAVSYS backup item.
3. A \*SAVSYS must have been performed on the system in order to use this backup item.

## **Using the \*SAVSYS special value**

The \*SAVSYS special value processes the SAVSYS command.

To use \*SAVSYS in a control group, you must first set up a media class using the Add Media Class display. You must then add this media class to a new media policy. You can then change the attributes of the control group to use the new media policy that does not allow shared volumes. You must enroll media by using this media class so that you can perform the \*SAVSYS operation. These considerations are important for the single system environment as well as the networked environment.

**Note:** You need to check the parameters that are set in BRMS as well as the default parameters in the SAVSYS command to assure that you save the proper information.

### **Special considerations for using \*SAVSYS as a backup item**

When the \*SAVSYS (Save System) special value is included in the backup items list of a backup control group, a copy of the QSYS library is saved in a format compatible with the installation process. It does not save objects from any other library. The \*SAVSYS special value saves all object types that are shown on the **Object types** field (OBJTYPE parameter) in the Save Object (SAVOBJ) command. In addition, it saves security and configuration objects.

**Note:** You can perform a save of the operating system by processing the [SAVSYSBRM](#) command from the console.

Performing a backup that includes a \*SAVSYS and using a media library device, such as the 3494, requires no special processing. The backup is performed the same as when you use a stand-alone tape device.

#### **Restrictions:**

- You must exclude the user profile from sign-off by using the Work with Sign off Exceptions display (option 2 in the System Policy). BRMS ends all active subsystems before it performs the system save function. Refer to [“Scheduling a backup with \\*SAVSYS” on page 139](#) for a complete system save.
- You must have \*SAVSYS special authority to perform a backup with \*SAVSYS special value.
- To use tapes that are created with the \*SAVSYS special value for installation, initialize the tapes with a density that is supported by the current alternate IPL device. Otherwise, you must change the current alternate IPL device to a media device that supports the density of the created \*SAVSYS tapes before installation begins during a recovery.
- A backup control group with the \*SAVSYS special value must specify \*NO in the **Shared media** field of the media class.

### Scheduling a backup with \*SAVSYS

To schedule a backup control group that uses the special value \*SAVSYS, use the Start Backup using BRM (STRBKUBRM) command.

Specify a schedule time you want the backup to begin on the SCDTIME parameter, and specify \*NO on the SBMJOB parameter. You should be aware that after submitting the STRBKUBRM from the console, the console will be unavailable until the backup has completed. It is also very important to ensure that messages being sent to the console do not interrupt the STRBKUBRM command that has been submitted. To prevent the interruption by messages to the console, specify the following Change Message Queue (CHGMSGQ) command prior to submitting the STRBKUBRM command or in the backup control group that you are using:

```
CHGMSGQ MSGQ(QSYSOPR) DLVRY(*NOTIFY) SEV(99)
```

**Note:** If you need to reply to messages on a nonprogrammable workstation, press Shift, System Attention, and Enter. You see the System Request display where you can select Option 6 (Display system operator messages).

### Ending and starting subsystems with \*SAVSYS

If a backup control group contains a \*SAVSYS special value or you issue the SAVSYSBRM command, BRMS will end all subsystems before the save operation begins. This ensures that no other activity can occur on the system during the save.

The controlling subsystem is started after processing the last backup item in the backup control group. If you specify in your backup control group attributes that an IPL is to occur after the control group has finished processing, the controlling subsystem is not started as this is done as part of the IPL process.

By default, BRMS will restart the controlling subsystem. It is possible to prevent the controlling subsystem from starting after a \*SAVSYS has been run. If you are using the SAVSYSBRM command, use STRCTLBSBS(\*NO). If you are using \*SAVSYS in a backup control group, select option 9 from the Work with Backup Control Groups menu (WRKCTLGBRM) to work with subsystems to process and enter the following entry.

```

Subsystems to Process                                RCHAS400
Use . . . . . : *BKU
Control group . . . . : *SYSGRP

Type choices, press Enter.

Seq   Subsystem   Library   End
      :          :         Option   Delay   Restart
10    *ALL       *ALL     *IMMED   *NOLIMIT *NO

Bottom

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F12=Cancel

```

**Using console monitoring to schedule an \*SAVSYS**

Use the console monitoring function in BRMS to enhance your ability to schedule a system save.

Console monitoring allows you to put the system console in a monitored state. Refer to “[Console monitoring](#)” on page 168 for more information about this topic. Also see “[Submitting a backup to the controlling subsystem](#)” on page 170 for information about scheduling an unmonitored system save to the controlling subsystem.

**Contents of the default control groups**

This section shows the entries provided in the default control groups which BRMS provides for you.

It is recommended that you do not modify the entries in these control groups should you need to tailor what is backed up. You should copy the default control group into a new control group which you would use to perform the customized backup.

**Note:** None of the default control groups back up spooled file data or queue data.

**\*SYSTEM default control group**

The purpose of this control group is to back up your entire system. Using this control group to backup your system may increase your backup time (because you are backing up all system and user data), but it provides the simplest recovery scenario.

```

                                Display Backup Control Group Entries                                RCHAS400
Group . . . . . : *SYSTEM
Default activity . . . . . : *BKUPCY
Text . . . . . : Backs up the entire system

Seq  Backup      List ASP      Weekly      Retain Save      SWA      Sync
   Items      Type Device    Activity Object While  Message  ID
   10 *EXIT                *DFTACT
   20 *SAVSYS                *DFTACT
   30 *IBM                  *DFTACT  *NO    *NO
   40 *ALLUSR              *SYSBAS  *DFTACT  *ERR  *NO
   50 *ALLDLO                *DFTACT  *NO    *NO
   60 *LINK                *ALLAVL  *DFTACT  *YES  *NO
   70 *EXIT                *DFTACT

                                Bottom

Press Enter to continue.

F3=Exit  F11=Display exits  F12=Cancel  F14=Display client omit status

```

**\*SYSGRP default control group**

The purpose of this control group is to back up only the system data on the system. The system data backed up by this control group includes:

- Licensed Internal Code
- Operating System
- Configuration Data
- Security Data
- IBM supplied libraries
- IBM supplied directories (QIBM/ProdData and /QOpenSys/QIBM/ProdData)

**Note:** QIBMLINK is a BRMS created link list. This new list will only appear in the \*SYSGRP control group on new installations of BRMS.

This control group is used in conjunction with the \*BKUGRP to assure you have backed up your entire system. However, because the system data does not change often, this control group might be run less frequently than the \*BKUGRP. You should always make sure you have backed up all system and user data to ensure complete recovery of the system in the event of a disaster. Schedule this control group to run periodically as determined by your backup strategy.

```

Display Backup Control Group Entries                                RCHAS400
Group . . . . . : *SYSGRP
Default activity . . . . . : *BKUPCY
Text . . . . . : Backs up all system data

Seq  Backup      List ASP      Weekly      Retain Save   SWA      Sync
   Items      Type Device    Activity    Object While  Message  ID
   10 *EXIT                *DFTACT
   20 *SAVSYS                *DFTACT
   30 *IBM                  *DFTACT  *NO    *NO
   40 QIBMLINK  *LNK *ALLAVL  *DFTACT  *NO    *NO
   50 *EXIT                *DFTACT

Bottom

Press Enter to continue.

F3=Exit  F11=Display exits  F12=Cancel  F14=Display client omit status

```

**\*BKUGRP default control group**

The purpose of this control group is to back up only the user data on the system. Backing up only the user data reduces the time it takes to backup your system. You would consider backing up only the user data if the system data does not change often. If neither your configuration nor security data changes frequently and you are running regular full system backups, you could consider removing the \*SAVSECDTA and \*SAVCFG special value entries. These entries are included in this control group because the data is considered user data which is apt to change frequently.

```

Display Backup Control Group Entries                                RCHAS400
Group . . . . . : *BKUGRP
Default activity . . . . . : *BKUPCY
Text . . . . . : Backs up all user data

Seq  Backup      List ASP      Weekly      Retain Save   SWA      Sync
   Items      Type Device    Activity    Object While  Message  ID
   10 *EXIT                *DFTACT
   20 *SAVSECDTA          *DFTACT  *NO
   30 *SAVCFG              *DFTACT  *NO
   40 *ALLUSR              *DFTACT  *ERR  *NO
   50 *ALLDLO              *DFTACT  *NO  *NO
   60 *LINK                *DFTACT  *YES  *NO
   70 *EXIT                *DFTACT

Bottom

Press Enter to continue.

F3=Exit  F11=Display exits  F12=Cancel  F14=Display client omit status

```

**How to work with backup control groups**

The BRMS backup control group feature consists of several displays that contain numerous parameters that you can use to create and edit control groups. This section describes the displays and parameters that you can use to set up a basic control group strategy.

- The **Work with Backup Control Groups** (WRKCTLGBRM) display is the central control group display. From this display, you can create, edit, change, delete, or display a control group. You can also select subsystems and job queues to process when a control group runs. In addition, you can place a control group on a job scheduler from this display.
- The **Edit Backup Control Group Entries** display shares the same parameters as the Create Backup Control Group Entries display. At this display, you can edit the values on an existing control group.

- The **Change Backup Control Group Attributes** display shares several parameters with the system and function policies. This display allows you to tailor each control group to meet the specific backup requirements of each save.

### Creating a control group

In the example that follows, you learn how to create a SAMPLE control group that contains three libraries: LIBA, LIBB, and LIBC.

To create a control group, take the following steps:

1. Type WRKCTLGBRM at a command line and press Enter. This takes you to the Work with Backup Control Groups display.

```

Work with Backup Control Groups                                RCHAS400
Position to . . . . . Starting characters
Type options, press Enter
  1=Create   2=Edit entries   3=Copy   4=Delete   5=Display
  6=Add to schedule  8=Change attributes  9=Subsystems to process ...

Control      Full      Incr      Weekly
Opt Group    Media    Media    Activity
1 SAMPLE     Policy   Policy   SMTWTFS  Text
*BKUGRP      *BKUPCY *BKUPCY  *BKUPCY  Entry created by BRM configuration
*SYSGRP      SAVSYS  SAVSYS   *BKUPCY  Entry created by BRM configuration
*SYSTEM      SYSTEM  SYSTEM   *BKUPCY  Entry created by BRM configuration

F3=Exit      F5=Refresh  F7=Work with BRM scheduled jobs
F9=Change backup policy  F23=More options  F24=More keys
Bottom

```

2. To create a control group, type a 1 (Create) in the *Opt* column and a name for the control group in the *Control Group* field. In this case, the name of the control group is SAMPLE.
3. Press Enter. This takes you to the Create Backup Control Group Entries display.

```

Create Backup Control Group Entries                            RCHAS400
Group . . . . . : SAMPLE
Default activity . . . . . *BKUPCY
Text . . . . . Create sample backup control group
Type information, press Enter.

Seq  Backup  List ASP  Weekly  Retain  Save  SWA  Sync
     Items  Type Device Activity Object While Message  ID
                               SMTWTFS Detail Active Queue

10 *EXIT
20 LIBA      *SYSBAS  *DFTACT *ERR  *NO
30 LIBB      *SYSBAS  *DFTACT *ERR  *NO
40 LIBC      *SYSBAS  *DFTACT *ERR  *NO
50 *EXIT
                               *DFTACT

F3=Exit      F5=Refresh  F10=Change item  F11=Display exits
F12=Cancel   F14=Display client omit status  F24=More keys
Bottom

```

4. At the Create Backup Control Group Entries display, type the name of the first library you want to save in the *Backup Items* field. Press Enter. Because BRMS numbers the save sequence for you, you need to enter the library or object name in the order in which you want them to process. However, you can change the order by specifying a sequence number in between the two entries. BRMS notifies you if the library does not exist. If you do not know the name of the library you want to save, use F19 to get to the Select Libraries display. Press Enter at the Select Libraries display to get a list of libraries.

**Note:** You can still create a control group with a library that does not exist. Pressing Enter a second time overrides the *Library does not exist* warning message. Press F3 to exit and take option 1 to save at the Create Backup Control Group Entries display.

5. Following are brief summaries of the other key parameters on this display.

- The *Weekly Activities* field has seven single character fields available to designate the seven days of the week. You can use the default value for this field, which is \*DFTACT, or you can set your own weekly activity schedule. \*DFTACT specifies a full save (FFFFFFF) on all seven days. You can also tailor a daily mix of full (F) and incremental saves (I) to better suit your business needs, for example: IIFFIIF.
- In the *Retain Object Detail* field, you can specify whether you want BRMS to save historical information about the control group item at the object level. In this example, we did not specify anything in the *Retain Object Detail* field, which subsequently resorts to the default \*ERR (for error). Other values for this field are \*YES, \*NO, \*OBJ, and \*MBR. If you want to specify \*OBJ at this prompt, you should also specify \*OBJ at the *Automatically backup media information* parameter. BRMS establishes the default value for the *Automatically backup media information* field on the backup policy. You can change it at either the backup policy display or at the Change Backup Control Group Attributes display.
- The value in the *Save-while-active* field specifies whether users can change an object during save processing. More specifically, the *save-while-active* feature allows users to change an object after BRMS reaches a certain checkpoint during the save process. It performs the save on a transaction boundary. By using the save-while-active feature, you can decrease your save window. You can find more detailed information about how to use the save-while-active feature later in this chapter.
- The *Sync Id* field you can specify when using the save-while-active feature with \*SYNCLIB, \*SYNC, or \*NWSSYNC. You can specify a name of the synchronized checkpoint. This name must also be specified for each of the participating save operations. This will enable multiple jobs to sync together. You can find more detailed information about how to use this feature with save-while-active later in this chapter.

6. Additional parameters are available on a separate display. Press F11 two times for Advanced backup controls.

```

                                Create Backup Control Group Entries                                REESES
Group . . . . . : SAMPLE
Default activity . . . . . *BKUPCY
Text . . . . . Create sample backup control group

Type information, press Enter.

   Backup   List Parallel   Private
Seq  Items  Type Type      Authorities  Encrypt
-----
 10 *EXIT
 20 LIBA           *DEFAULT    *NO           *NO
 30 LIBB           *DEFAULT    *NO           *NO
 40 LIBC           *DEFAULT    *NO           *NO
 50 *EXIT

                                                Bottom

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F11=Display main   F12=Cancel

```

7. The following are brief summaries of these parameters on this display.

- In the *Parallel Type* parameter you may specify the type of parallel backup to be performed. The valid values for this parameter are, \*DEFAULT, \*PARALLEL, \*SERIAL, and \*NONE. The default value is \*DEFAULT. The proper number of parallel device resources needs to be specified in order for parallel types \*PARALLEL and \*SERIAL to work. If not enough resources have been specified, then the parallel type is ignored, and only one device resource will be used. You can find out more detailed information about restrictions later in this chapter.



- In the *Private Authorities* parameter, you may specify whether you would like to save the backup item's private authority. This is only valid for libraries, objects and integrated file system. Beware that saving private authorities can be a long running process and can increase your save time.
- In the *Encrypt* parameter, you may specify whether you would like to save the backup item with encryption. Encryption is enabled through the media policy, and this field defines whether you want encryption by specifying \*MEDPCY or if you don't want encryption by specifying \*NO. You can find out more detailed information about encryption later in this chapter.

8. Review and change the remaining parameters as needed.

9. When you have finished, press Enter to save your new control group.

**Note:** BRMS will group or bundle objects into a single save command if the objects are of the same type and have similar auxiliary storage pool, object detail, save-while-active attributes, parallel type, private authority, and encryption value. The bundling continues until the save command maximum limits are reached or the list of backup items is exhausted. In the preceding example, BRMS would issue one SAVLIB command to save all three libraries.

### Editing a control group

Use the Edit Backup Control Group Entries option to revise any existing control group, including BRMS-configured control groups, and those you create. To get there from the Work with Backup Control Groups display, take the following steps:

1. Place a 2 (Edit entries) next to the control group you want to edit.
2. Press Enter.

```

                                Edit Backup Control Group Entries                                RCHAS400

Group . . . . . : SAMPLE
Default activity . . . . . *BKUPCY
Text . . . . . *NONE

Type information, press Enter.

   Seq  Backup  List ASP      Weekly  Retain Save   SWA
   Seq  Items   Type Device   Activity Object While Message Sync
                                SMTWTFS Detail Active Queue  ID

   10 *EXIT
   20 LIBA          *SYSBAS   *DFTACT *ERR  *NO
   30 LIBB          *SYSBAS   *DFTACT *ERR  *NO
   40 LIBC          *SYSBAS   *DFTACT *ERR  *NO
   50 *EXIT
                                *DFTACT

                                Bottom

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F10=Change item   F11=Display exits
F12=Cancel F14=Display client omit status   F24=More keys

```

At this display, you can delete a backup item from an existing control group by spacing over the sequence number of the entry that you want to delete. You can also change the weekly activity schedule, or any of the other values on this display as needed. There are also values that can be changed by pressing the F11 key two times. This will bring you to the Advanced backup controls display.

```

                                Edit Backup Control Group Entries                                REESES

Group . . . . . : SAMPLE
Default activity . . . . . *BKUPCY
Text . . . . . *NONE

Type information, press Enter.

Seq   Backup   List Parallel   Private
Items Type Type     Authorities   Encrypt

 10 *EXIT
 20 LIBA                *DEFAULT      *NO           *NO
 30 LIBB                *DEFAULT      *NO           *NO
 40 LIBC                *DEFAULT      *NO           *NO
 50 *EXIT

Bottom

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F11=Display main  F12=Cancel

```

### Changing control group attributes

You can use the Change Backup Control Group Attributes option to tailor each control group to suit the specific needs of each job. To get there from the Work with Backup Control Groups display, take the following steps:

1. Place an 8 (Change attributes) next to the control group you want to change.
2. Press Enter.

```

                                Change Backup Control Group Attributes

Group . . . . . : SAMPLE

Type information, press Enter.

Media policy for:
  Full backups . . . . . *BKUPCY      Name, F4 for list
  Incremental backups . . . . . *BKUPCY  Name, F4 for list
  Backup devices . . . . . *BKUPCY      Name, F4 for list

Parallel device resources:
  Minimum resources . . . . . *NONE      1-32, *NONE, *AVAIL
  Maximum resources . . . . .           1-32, *AVAIL, *MIN
  Sign off interactive users . . . . . *BKUPCY  *YES, *NO, *BKUPCY
  Sign off limit . . . . . *BKUPCY      0-999 minutes, *BKUPCY
  Default weekly activity . . . . . *BKUPCY  SMTWTFS(F/I), *BKUPCY
  Incremental type . . . . . *BKUPCY      *CUML, *INCR, *BKUPCY
  Force full backup days . . . . . *BKUPCY  0-365, *NOMAX, *BKUPCY
                                                More...

F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F12=Cancel

```

Most of the attributes on the Change Backup Control Group Attributes display default to values that BRMS establishes in the backup policy (\*BKUPCY). You can override any of the shared default values by changing the shared parameters on this display.

The *Parallel device resources* parameter on the Change Backup Control Group Attributes display is a parameter that is not shared by the backup policy. Parallel device resource capability allows you to save data to multiple devices from the same job at the same time, thereby shortening your save window. To use the parallel device resource feature you need to have multiple tape devices attached to your system. You can find more detailed information about parallel processing in the Additional Options for Processing Control Groups section of this chapter.

### Special considerations when saving selected libraries in a control group

The QUSRSYS library contains three important files that are used during a save operation:

- QATADEV contains a list of MLBs.
- QATAMID contains a list of volume identifiers that are used during a save operation.
- QATACGY contains a list of tape library device categories.

When planning to save the QUSRSYS library, you need to understand the end of volume implications when saving in a nonrestricted state. For example, if the system is unable to save all of QUSRSYS on the current tape, BRMS requests that you mount another volume. When locked, IBM i cannot get the required QUSRSYS files ready and update them. The save fails with a message identifier of CPF37A0.

To minimize the chance of spanning QUSRSYS across multiple volumes and to create a separate control group to save QUSRSYS, save this control group before saving the \*ALLUSR control groups. If you do not omit this library through the backup policy, BRMS saves it twice. These recommendations assume that you are performing the save in a restricted state and that the QUSRSYS library can fit on the mounted volume.

When performing saves using \*ALLUSR, or \*ALLPROD, ensure that you understand which Q libraries are saved and which are not saved. Refer to either the [Backing up your system](#) topic or the online help text for the **SAVLIB** command. to determine what libraries are considered user libraries.

### **Omitting libraries from backup**

It is also important to understand the recovery implications for saving user data. For example, suppose that you plan to perform an \*ALLUSR save in your control group. Before you perform this \*ALLUSR save, you may need to save larger libraries separately using the parallel feature.

When you set up your control group, be sure to define the libraries to omit in your backup policy. You may also want to omit libraries from control groups by using the \*IBM, \*SAVSYS, \*ALLDLO, and ASPnn special values.

Take the following steps to get to the Work with Items to Omit from Backup display:

1. Type WRKPCYBRM \*BKU at a command line and press Enter.
2. Take option 2 (Work with Items to Omit from Backup) from the Backup Policy menu.

```

                                Work with Items to Omit from Backup                                RCHAS400
Type options, press Enter.
  1=Add   4=Remove

Opt Type      Backup item
  *ALLUSR  TEMP*
  *IBM     Q1ABRMSF*

                                                Bottom

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel

```

3. Review or change the following parameters on this display.
  - In the *Opt* field, type a 1 (Add) to add the item to a list of items to omit.
  - In the *Type* field, specify the type of backup you want to perform, which in this case will be \*ALLUSR.
  - In the *Backup item* field, type the name of the item you want to omit, which in this case is a TEMP library.
4. Press Enter to process the request.

In this example, BRMS omits all libraries that begin with TEMP from the \*ALLUSR backups. To save data to save files, BRMS places the files in a library that is called Q1ABRMSFxx. The xx indicates the ASP number

into which the library is placed. Typically, you would use the Save Save File with BRM (SAVSAVFBRM) command to save the save files, which can be quite large and time-consuming to save.

In addition to the special values \*IBM, \*ALLUSR, \*SAVSYS, \*ALLDLO, and \*ASPnn, you can also specify \*ALL in the *Type* field. \*ALL instructs BRMS not to save a library when you specify a special or generic value in a control group or a SAVLIBBRM command. Other things to consider when using the Work with Items to Omit option are:

- You cannot include the special values \*ALLPROD and \*ALLTEST in a list of items to omit. If you omit a library from an \*ALLUSR group, then BRMS automatically omits it from an \*ALLPROD group if it uses a PROD type. Similarly, BRMS also omits the library from an \*ALLTEST group if it uses a TEST type.
- The \*SYSTEM backup control group ignores any *Items to omit from backup* that may be specified in the backup policy. If you need to omit libraries from your backup you need to use an alternate backup control group.
- You can specify the \*SECDATA, \*USRASPAUT, and \*CFG special values as items to omit with the \*SAVSYS special value in the *Type* field.
- You can specify the \*USRASPAUT special value as an item to omit with the \*SECDATA special value in the *Type* field.
- You can omit up to a maximum of 300 items.
- Be aware that if you omit a library from a control group, BRMS will omit that library from all control groups with the same name until you reenter it into the control group. For example, if you omit a library from the \*ALLUSR control group, BRMS will omit that library from all saves of that control group, even from the \*BKUGRP control group, until you reenter it. To avoid this situation, you may want to save the library in a different control group.

**Note:** If you perform a restore operation exclusive of BRMS (for example, with the IBM i RSTLIB command), BRMS cannot recover the QGPL and QUSRSYS libraries. In this case, you must restore them separately.

### Using the Subsystems to Process display

You can specify subsystem information by control group from the Work with Backup Control Groups display. Use the Subsystems to Process display to add or remove subsystems that you want to start or end automatically before and after control group processing.

In the following example, BRMS ends the subsystems at the start of one control group (SAMPLE) and restarts them after saving another control group (SAMPLE2).

To get to the Subsystems to Process display, take the following steps:

1. On the Work with Backup Control Groups display, place a 9 (Subsystems to process) next to the control group you want to work with. Press Enter.

```

                                Subsystems to Process                                RCHAS400
Use . . . . . : *BKU
Control group . . . . : SAMPLE2

Type choices, press Enter.

Seq   Subsystem   Library   End      Delay      Restart
      :          :         : Option  :          :
  10   QBATCH     *LIBL    *NONE   *NOLIMIT  *YES
  20   QCMN      *LIBL    *CNTRLD 300      *YES

                                Bottom

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel

```

2. Type a number that reflects the order in which you want the subsystem job processed in the *Seq* field.
3. Type the name of the subsystem you want to process in the *Subsystem* field.
4. Type the name of the library that contains the subsystem in the *Library* field.
5. Specify whether you want BRMS to automatically restart the subsystem after control group processing in the *Restart* field.

**Note:** If you do not specify an IPL, BRMS automatically restarts the subsystems after save processing completes. If you do specify an IPL, BRMS restarts subsystems after the IPL. You can specify an IPL on the Change Backup Control Group Attributes display.

6. Review and change the other parameters as needed.
7. Press Enter to save and return to the Work with Backup Control Groups display (if you press F3, you exit without saving).

To delete an entry from the Subsystems to Process display, position the cursor on the item you want to delete. Then space through the sequence number, and press Enter.

Before processing your subsystem requests, you need to ensure that the media policy for the control groups you want to process is appropriate for this request.

**Note:**

1. You can run multiple control groups serially (one after another) when using the subsystems to process feature. The first control group ends the subsystems, and the last one restarts them.
2. If you specify \*ALL as the subsystem to process, and also request a restart (\*YES), BRMS restarts the controlling subsystem that is defined by system value QCTLSBS. To verify the system value, go to the Work with System Values (WRKSYSVAL) display.

**Using the Job Queues to Process display**

Use the Job Queues to Process display to add or remove job queue items from a list of job queues. These are job queues you want to hold or release before and after control group processing.

Take the following steps to get to the Job Queues to Process display:

1. Select F23 (More options) from the Work with Backup Control Groups display.
2. Place an option 10 (Job queues to process) next to the control group you want to work with and press Enter.

In this example, the SAMPLE control group specifies one job queue to process.

```

                                Job Queues to Process                                RCHAS400
Use . . . . . : *BKU
Control group . . . . : SAMPLE

Type choices, press Enter.

  Seq   Job queue   Library   Hold   Release
  ---   -
   10   QBATCH     *LIBL    *YES   *YES

                                Bottom

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F12=Cancel

```

3. In the *Seq* field list the order in which you want BRMS to hold or release the job queues.
4. Type the job queue name in the *Job queue* field.

5. At the *Library* field, you can specify the library in which the job queue resides or use the default library, \*LIBL.
6. Specify whether you want BRMS to hold or release the job. In this case, BRMS holds the QBATCH job queue during backups. BRMS automatically releases the job queue after the backup or IPL (if you specify IPL in the control group) completes.
7. Press Enter to save and return to the Work with Backup Control Groups display.

To delete a job queue, position the cursor on that entry, space through the sequence number, and press Enter. Press Enter again to return to the Work with Backup Control Groups display.

## Control group processing order

BRMS performs actions before processing the control group entries, process control group entries sequentially, and process additional actions after the control group entries are processed.

In general, BRMS will process each control group entry sequential and make every effort to process all entries. However, if a failure occurs on a save entry the control group may end without further processing depending on the type of error.

If the error is an unrecoverable device or media error, the control group will be ended.

If the error encountered is less severe, such as an object is locked and the object cannot be saved, the backup will continue but the process will end with exception BRM1820 – Control group &1 type &2 ended abnormally.

The following outlines the general order in which backup control group actions are performed.

### Processing before the save

BRMS performs the following operations in the indicated order when you run a backup control group.

1. Process the first control group entry if it is \*EXIT.
2. Sign off interactive users if requested.
3. Hold job queues if requested.
4. End Lotus servers if requested.
5. Vary off Windows Integrated servers if requested.
6. Vary off hosted logical partitions if requested.
7. End TCP/IP servers if requested.
8. End subsystems if requested.
9. Process each control group backup item in sequence.

### Processing after the save (without IPL and \*SAVSYS)

BRMS performs the following operations in the indicated order after processing the backup control group when the entries do not include a \*SAVSYS and when an IPL has not been requested.

1. Save the media information if requested.
2. Release job queues if requested.
3. Start subsystems if requested.
4. Process the last control group entry if it is \*EXIT.
5. Start TCP/IP servers if requested and subsystems are started.
6. Vary on Windows Integrated servers if requested and subsystems are started.
7. Vary on hosted logical partitions if requested and subsystems are started.
8. Start Lotus servers if requested and subsystems are started.

9. Run BRMS maintenance if requested.
10. Run BRMS duplication if requested.

### **Processing after the save (with IPL)**

BRMS performs the following operations in the indicated order after processing the backup control group items when an IPL has not been requested.

1. Save the media information if requested.
2. Process the last control group entry if it is \*EXIT.
3. Perform the IPL if requested and check subsystems are not started.

### **Processing after the save (with \*SAVSYS and no IPL)**

BRMS performs the following operations in the indicated order after processing the backup control group items when the entries included a \*SAVSYS and an IPL has not been requested.

1. Save the media information if requested.
2. Start the controlling subsystem. (if not inhibited by Subsystems to Process)
3. Release job queues if requested.
4. Start subsystems if requested.
5. Process the last control group entry if it is \*EXIT.
6. Start TCP/IP servers if requested and subsystems are started.
7. Vary on Windows Integrated servers if requested and subsystems are started.
8. Vary on hosted logical partitions if requested and subsystems are started.
9. Start Lotus servers if requested and subsystems are started.
10. Run BRMS maintenance if requested.
11. Run BRMS duplication if requested.

## **Creating backup lists in a control group**

Backup lists consist of items that are grouped together for processing in a backup control group. The primary benefit of using a backup list is the flexibility it provides when restoring selected items during a recovery.

There are four types of backup lists you can create:

- Folder lists (\*FLR)
- Object lists (\*OBJ)
- Spooled file lists (\*SPL)
- integrated file system objects (\*LNK)

You can create backup lists and add them to a control group by using the Edit Control Group Entries display.

### **Creating a folder list**

A folder list is used to identify specific folders you want to include in a backup.

To create a folder list for an existing control group, take the following steps from the Work with Backup Control Groups display:

1. Place a 2 (Edit entries) next to the control group to which you want to add the list, and press Enter.
2. At the Edit Control Group Entries display, type a sequence number at the top of the *Opt* column and press F23. This takes you to the Work with Backup Lists display.

```

                                Work with Lists                                RCHAS400

Position to . . . . .                Starting characters

Type options, press Enter.
  1=Add  2=Change  3=Copy  4=Remove  5=Display  6=Print

Opt  List Name  Use   Type  Text
  1   SAMPFLR_  *BKU *FLR
      QALLSPLF  *BKU *SPL  All printed output
      QIBMLINK  *BKU *LNK  All IBM directories
      QLNKOMT   *BKU *LNK  Associated user omit list for *LINK.
      QLNKOMTLTS *BKU *LNK  Associated user list for *LNKOMTLTS.
      QLNKOMTONL *BKU *LNK  Associated user list for *LNKOMTONL.
      QLTSOMTONL *BKU *LNK  Associated user list for *LTSOMTONL.

                                                                Bottom

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel

```

3. Type a 1 (Add) in the *Opt* column.
4. Type the name of the folder you want to create in the *List name* field.
5. Type \*BKU in the *Use* column.
6. Name the list type, \*FLR, in the *Type* column.
7. Then press Enter. This takes you to the Add Folder List display.

```

                                Add Folder List                                RCHAS400

Use . . . . . : *BKU
List name . . . . . SAMPFLR
Text . . . . . Create folder list.

Type choices, press Enter.

Seq  Folder                                     Sel
                                           *INC/
                                           *EXC

  10 SAMPFLR                                     *INC

                                                                Bottom

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel

```

8. Following are brief summaries of the key parameters on this display:
  - In the *Seq* field, place a number that reflects the order in which you want to save the item.
  - In the *Folder* field, specify the name of the folder or subfolder that you want to save in the list. You can specify actual or generic folder names.
  - In the *\*INC/\*EXC* field, specify \*INC to include the folder or subfolder during backup processing, or \*EXC to exclude the folder or subfolder.
9. After changing the parameters as needed, **press Enter twice** to save and to return to the Work with Backup Lists display. You can now see the name of your folder list in list of backup items.
10. Press Enter again to return to the Edit Backup Control Group Entries display. Type the name of the list in the *Backup items* column, the list type in the *List type* column, and press Enter. BRMS saves the new list in the control group you specified, in this case, the SAMPLE control group.

**Note:** When doing incremental saves of folder lists, if there are multiple folders listed, BRMS will always do a full save of the folder list. This is a restriction on the SAVDLO command which BRMS uses.



11. Press Enter to return to the Work with Control Groups display.

### Creating an object list

An object list is used to identify specific objects in libraries you want to include in a backup.

An object list can be used in conjunction with the *Save spooled file data* backup control group attribute to save spooled files for any output queues that might be included in the list entries. In general, entries in the object list are processed sequentially, one entry at a time.

To create an object list for an existing control group, take the following steps from the Work with Backup Control Groups display:

1. Place a 2 (Edit entries) next to the control group to which you want to add the list.
2. At the Edit Control Group Entries display, type a sequence number at the top of the *Opt* column and press F23. This takes you to the Work with Backup lists display.
3. At the Work with Backup Lists display, type in the name of the list you want to create, in this case, an object list called TESTOBJ.
4. Type a 1 (Add) in the *Opt* column.
5. Type the name of the object you want to create in the *List name* field.
6. Type \*BKU in the *Use* column.
7. Name the list type, \*OBJ, in the *Type* column.
8. Then press Enter. This takes you to the Add Object List display.

```
                                Add Object List                                RCHAS400
Use . . . . . : *BKU
List name . . . . . : TESTOBJ
Text . . . . . : Create object list

Type choices, press Enter.

  Seq   Library   Object   Type   Attribute   Member   Inc/Exc
  ---   -
  10    LIB3      *ALL    *ALL   *ALL        *ALL     *INC
  20    LIB4      P*      *ALL   *ALL        *ALL     *INC

                                                                Bottom

F3=Exit   F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel
```

9. Following are brief summaries of the key parameters on this display:

- In the *Seq* field, place a number which reflects the order in which you want to save the item.
- In the *Library* field, specify the name of the library that contains the objects you want to save in the list. You can also specify a generic. Example GEN\*.
- In the *Object* field type the name of the object you want to save in the list. The possible values include:
  - The actual name of the object.
  - A generic name.
  - \*ALL.
  - The *Type* field specifies the type of object you want to save in the list. You can use the name of any permitted system object type. Or you can use \*ALL to indicate that all objects apply to the object type specified in the list you want to save.
  - The *Member* field identifies the name of the database member you want to save in the object list. You cannot designate a member name if you use \*ALL or generic as the object name. Otherwise,

you can name specific member names, generic ones, or indicate \*ALL to include all available members.

10. After changing the parameters as needed, **press Enter twice** to save and to return to the Work with Backup Lists display. You can now see the name of your list in the list of backup items.
11. Press Enter again to return to the Edit Backup Control Group Entries display. Type the name of the list in the *Backup items* field, the name of the list type in the *List type* column and press Enter. BRMS saves the new list in the control group you specified, in this case, the SAMPLE control group.
12. Press Enter to return to the Work with Control Groups display.

You can also save the objects in the list using the **Save Object List using BRM (SAVOBJLBRM)** command.

### Using an object list as a library list

Backup object lists can be used as library lists. Library lists can be useful to assure the libraries in the list are being saved using the same save-while-active attributes.

You can create a library list by first creating a backup object list as described in “Creating an object list” on page 153. For each library or generic library name you enter for *Library*, also specify \*ALL for *Object*, *Type* and *Member*.

When the list is run as part of a backup, BRMS will start with the first entry in the list and group subsequent entries which specify \*ALL for *Object*, *Type* and *Member* into a single save command until it reaches an entry where \*ALL is not specified for *Object*, *Type* and *Member*, or until the number of libraries exceeds the limit of the *Library (LIB)* parameter of the Save Library (SAVLIB) command. Normal backup object list processing occurs for entries where \*ALL is not specified for *Object*, *Type* and *Member*. Library list processing resumes with the next subsequent entry where \*ALL is specified for *Object*, *Type* and *Member*.

**Note:** Normal backup object list processing occurs when saving to save files because the media type support saving only one library at a time.

### Creating a spooled file list

With a single spooled file list, you can add multiple output queues that you want to save by selecting multiple sequence numbers. When you add the output queues, you can select the type of spooled file names, job names, or user names that you want to save.

To create a spooled file list for an existing control group, take the following steps from the Work with Backup Control Groups display:

1. Place a 2 (Edit entries) next to the control group to which you want to add the list.
2. At the Edit Control Group Entries display, type a sequence number at the top of the *Opt* column and press F23. This takes you to the Work with Backup lists display.
3. At the Work with Backup Lists display, type in the name of the list you want to create, in this case, a spooled file list called SAVESPOOL.
4. Type a 1 (Add) in the *Opt* column.
5. Type the name of the spooled file you want to create in the *List name* field.
6. Type \*BKU in the *Use* column.
7. Name the list type, \*SPL, in the *Type* column.
8. Then press Enter. This takes you to the Add Spooled File List display.

```

                                Add Spooled File List                                RCHAS400
Use . . . . . : *BKU
List name . . . . . SAVESPOOL
Text . . . . . Sample to save spooled files

Type choices, press Enter.

Seq Library   Outq      File      Job      User      User data  *INC/
                                     *EXC
 10 QGPL       QPRINT*   *ALL      *ALL     *ALL      *ALL      *INC
 20 QUSRSYS    *ALL      *ALL      *ALL     *ALL      *ALL      *INC
 30 QUSRSYS    QEZDEBUG  *ALL      *ALL     *ALL      *ALL      *EXC
 40 *ALL       BILLINGS  *ALL      *ALL     *ALL      *ALL      *INC

                                                                    Bottom

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F11=Expiration view   F12=Cancel

```

9. Review and change the additional parameters on this display as needed.
10. **Press Enter twice** to save and to return to the Work with Backup Lists display. You can now see the name of your list in the list of backup items.
11. Press Enter again to return to the Edit Backup Control Group Entries display. Type the name of the list in the *Backup items* field, the name of the list type in the *List type* column and press Enter. BRMS saves the new list in the control group you specified, in this case, the SAMPLE control group.
12. Press Enter to return to the Work with Control Groups display.

When saving to target release V5R4M0 or later, BRMS saves and restores spooled files using the native operating system support. The list items will be saved starting from the lowest sequence to the highest sequence. List items will be grouped for the save by the following rules to minimize the number of save operations performed:

- Multiple \*INC items will be grouped.
- Any \*EXC items will be grouped with any preceding \*INC items.
- Any \*INC items following preceding \*EXC items will start a new save.
- Any \*EXC items not preceded by \*INC items will be ignored.

In spooled file list SAVESPOOL above, two saves will be performed. The first save will include sequences 10, 20 and 30. Sequence 40 will be the last save.

If you specify an incremental save of spooled files, BRMS saves the spooled files that were created since the previous backup.

BRMS does not clear output queues after the save. You must manage the expiration and deletion of spooled files from your output queues. See [“Expiring saved spooled files”](#) on page 156 for more information.

IBM recommends that you obtain a hardcopy of your output queue immediately after the save has completed for audit purposes. To print the output queue, use the Work with Output Queue (WRKOUTQ) command with the OUTPUT(\*PRINT) option specified.

**Note:** When saving to target release prior to V5R4M0, BRMS saves the spooled files as a single folder, with multiple documents within that folder. During the restore, it reads the tape label for the folder and restores all of the documents. If your spooled file save spans multiple volumes, BRMS prompts you to read the label information before restoring the documents on subsequent tapes. To avoid possible confusion, you can save your spooled files on a separate tape by using the \*LOAD exit in the control group or you can split your spooled file saves so that you use only one tape at a time. Either approach can make the recovery easier for you.

**Note:** When saving spooled files to target releases prior to V5R4M0, BRMS first retrieves the names of the spooled files using a system API which stores the spooled file names in a user space. User spaces are

restricted to a limited size. If you have a lot of spooled files, the returned names may exceed the size of the user space. In this case, the backup of the spooled files will fail with a CPF34C4 exception. You can correct the problem by breaking up the current spooled file list entries into more granular entries.

BRMS provides a spooled file list named QALLSPLF which you can use to save all spooled files on your system. If you want to save spooled files using this list, simply add the list to your current backup control group.

```

                                Display Spooled File List                                RCHAS400
Use . . . . . : *BKU
List name . . . . . : QALLSPLF
Text . . . . . : All printed output

Seq Library   Outq   File   Job   User   User data   *INC/
10 *ALL      *ALL  *ALL  *ALL  *ALL  *ALL        *EXC
                                                *INC

                                Bottom

Press Enter to continue.

F3=Exit   F11=Expiration view   F12=Cancel

```

### Expiring saved spooled files

BRMS provides an Expiration view on the Add/Change/Display Spooled File List displays. You can use this view to tell BRMS to set an expiration date on the saved spooled files. Each entry in the list can have a unique expiration value. The default value for existing lists or new entries added to a list is \*SPLF.

**Note:** The *Expiration* attribute sets the expiration date of the saved spooled files on the system and has no affect on the retention of the saved spooled file information in BRMS history.

Additional authorities are required to change the expiration of saved spooled files. You can change the expiration date of saved spooled files if any of the following conditions are met, otherwise, the expiration will remain unchanged.

- You own the spooled files.
- You have spool control (\*SPLCTL) special authority.
- You have job control (\*JOBCTL) special authority, and the output queue on which the spooled file resides is specified as OPRCTL(\*YES).
- You own the output queue on which the spooled file resides, and the output queue is specified as AUTCHK(\*OWNER).
- You have read, add, and delete authorities to the output queue on which the spooled file resides, and the output queue is specified as AUTCHK(\*DTAAUT).

```

                                Add Spooled File List                                RCHAS400
Use . . . . . : *BKU
List name . . . . . : SAVESPOOL
Text . . . . . : Sample to save spooled files

Type choices, press Enter.
      Seq Expiration  Start of Expiration
0010 *SPLF          *SAVDAT

                                                                 Bottom

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F11=Selection view   F12=Cancel

```

The following are the possible values for *Expiration*:

**\*EXPIRED**

The expiration date for saved spooled files will be set so the files are expired.

**\*NONE**

The expiration date for saved spooled files will be set to not expire.

**\*SPLF**

The expiration date for saved spooled files will be left unchanged.

**1-366**

The expiration date for saved spooled files will be set to a date that is the specified number of days past the date of the save. The valid range is 1-366 days.

You can remove any expired spooled files from the system after the save by running the Delete Expired Spooled files (DLTEXPSPLF) command as a user exit in the control group. See [“Processing user exits in a control group”](#) on page 159 for more information.

**Note:** If you specify a value in the range of 1-366 days for the expiration of spooled files, you must delete the expired spooled files before the next save; otherwise, the spooled file expiration will continue to be set to a future date with each subsequent save and consequently never expire.

**Creating a link list**

A link list is used to identify specific directories and files in the integrated file system folders you want to include in a backup.

To create a list link for an existing control group, take the following steps from the Work with Backup Control Groups display:

1. Place a 2 (Edit entries) next to the control group to which you want to add the list.
2. At the Edit Control Group Entries display, type a sequence number at the top of the *Opt* column and press F23. This takes you to the Work with Backup lists display.
3. At the Work with Backup Lists display, type in the name of the list you want to create; in this case, a link list called LNKLIST.
4. Type a 1 (Add) in the *Opt* column.
5. Type the name of the link list you want to create in the *List name* field.
6. Type \*BKU in the *Use* column.
7. Name the list type, \*LNK, in the *Type* column.
8. Then press Enter. This takes you to the Add Link List display.

```

                                Add Link List                                RCHAS400

Use . . . . . : *BKU

Type choices, press Enter.

List name . . . . . LNKLIST
Text . . . . . Test link list

F3=Exit   F12=Cancel

```

9. At the Add Link List display, type in a short sentence describing the items in the list on the *Text* line and press Enter. This returns you to the Work with Backup Lists display, where the name of the new link list appears.

```

                                Work with Lists                                RCHAS400

Position to . . . . . Starting characters

Type options, press Enter.
  1=Add  2=Change  3=Copy  4=Remove  5=Display  6=Print

Opt  List Name  Use  Type  Text
-----
LNKLIST  *BKU  *LNK  Test link list
QALLSPLF *BKU  *SPL  All printed output
QIBMLINK *BKU  *LNK  All IBM directories
QLNKOMT  *BKU  *LNK  Associated user omit list for *LINK.
QLNKOMTLTS *BKU *LNK Associated user list for *LNKOMTLTS.
QLNKOMTONL *BKU *LNK Associated user list for *LNKOMTONL.
QLTSOMTONL *BKU *LNK Associated user list for *LTSOMTONL.

Bottom

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F12=Cancel
List LNKLIST of type *LNK is added.

```

10. To list the integrated file system objects you want to save, place a 2 (Change item) next to the new list and press Enter. This takes you to the Change Link List display.

```

Change Link List (CHGLNKLRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

List . . . . . > LNKLIST           Character value
Usage type . . . . . > *BKU         *BKU, *ARC
Objects:
  Name . . . . . '/'*
  Include or omit . . . . . *INCLUDE *INCLUDE, *OMIT
    + for more values
Directory subtree . . . . . *ALL     *ALL, *DIR, *NONE, *OBJ
Text . . . . . > 'Test link list'

F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel  F13=How to use this display  Bottom
F24=More keys

```

11. Type the name of the object you want to save in the *Name* field. If you want to add more objects, type a + on the short line next to the *+ for more values field*, and press Enter. This takes you to the Specify More Values for Parameter OBJ display. Type the names of the additional objects you want to add to the list.
12. In the *Include or omit* field, specify whether you want to include an item in the list or omit it from the save. You can also use a */\** symbol in this field to instruct BRMS to save all available integrated file system objects.

```

Specify More Values for Parameter OBJ

Type choices, press Enter.

Objects:
  Name . . . . . > '/'*
  Include or omit . . . . . *INCLUDE *INCLUDE, *OMIT
  Name . . . . . '/QSYS.LIB'
  Include or omit . . . . . *OMIT    *INCLUDE, *OMIT
  Name . . . . . '/QDLS.LIB'
  Include or omit . . . . . *INCLUDE *INCLUDE, *OMIT
  Name . . . . .
  Include or omit . . . . . *INCLUDE *INCLUDE, *OMIT

F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel  F13=How to use this display  More...
F24=More keys

```

13. After completing your additions to the link list, press Enter to return to the Change Link List display. This display shows the changes you made to the link list.
14. Press Enter to return to the Work with Backup Lists display, and then again to return to the Edit Backup Control Entries display. BRMS saves the new link list in the control group you specified earlier, in this case, the SAMPLE control group.

**Processing user exits in a control group**

A *user exit* (the \*EXIT special value) is a user-defined CL command that permits automatic processing of predefined user routines.

Place an \*EXIT special value inside a control group in the sequence order in which you want BRMS to process the request. Use the \*EXIT value to send messages or to call applications.

To create a user exit command, take the following steps:

1. At the Create/Edit Backup Control Group Entries display, treat the \*EXIT special value as a backup item and place it in the order in which you want BRMS to process it. Then press Enter. In this example, we use the \*EXIT special value to call an application in between the processing of two libraries.

**Note:** It is recommended that you never run a BRMS or native save command from a \*EXIT entry in a backup control group.

```

                                Create Backup Control Group Entries                                RCHAS400

Group . . . . . : ETEST2
Default activity . . . . . : *BKUPCY
Text . . . . . : *NONE

Type information, press Enter.

   Seq  Backup  List ASP  Weekly  Retain  Save  SWA  Sync
   Items  Type Device  Activity Object While Message Queue  ID
   10 *EXIT
   20 LIBA      *SYSBAS  *DFTACT *ERR  *NO
   30 *EXIT
   40 LIBB      *SYSBAS  *DFTACT *ERR  *NO
   50 *EXIT

                                Bottom

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F10=Change item   F11=Display exits
F12=Cancel F14=Display client omit status   F24=More keys

```

2. Place your cursor on the \*EXIT special value and press F10. This takes you to the User Exit Maintenance display.

```

                                User Exit Maintenance                                REESES

Type command, press Enter.

Sequence number . . . . . : 30
Where used . . . . . : *EXIT
Weekly activity . . . . . : *DFTACT SMTWTFS
Command . . . . . : CALL QGPL/STARTAPP

                                F3=Exit   F4=Prompt   F12=Cancel

```

3. Type the command you want BRMS to process in the *Command* field. To call the STARTAPP application, type the CALL QGPL/STARTAPP command in the *Command* field.
4. Press Enter to return to the Create Backup Control Group Entries display. Then press F3 to exit the display and save the control group. BRMS calls STARTAPP application after the first backup item completes processing and before the second control group begins processing.

If the first entry in a control group is \*EXIT, BRMS processes it before performing any **preprocessing** activities (such as ending subsystems or holding job queues). If the last entry in the control group is \*EXIT, BRMS processes this exit after performing any **postprocessing** activities (such as starting subsystems and releasing job queues).

## Backing up your control group

Use the Start Backup using BRM (STRBKUBRM) command to back up your control group.



1. Type STRBKUBRM at a command line and press Enter. This takes you to the Start Backup using BRM display.
2. At the STRBKUBRM display, place your cursor in the *Control group* field and type in the name of the control group you want to process. If you do not know the name of the control group, press F4 to prompt a list of control groups. Type in the name of the control group you want to save.
3. Review and change the other parameters on this command as needed, then press Enter to see the remaining parameters:
  - The text in the *Job description* field describes the job you want to submit. You can base the job description on the user profile or you can create your own description.
  - The value in the *Job queue name* field specifies the location of the job in the queue.
4. Press Enter to begin processing the backup.

After your backup completes, you should check the job log to make sure that it completed successfully. You can use the Backup Analysis display to review your save history. You can access the backup analysis displays from the Backup Planning menu. After you have designed your backup strategy, you can review the contents of your control groups at the Display Backup Plan display. You can also access this display from the Backup Planning menu.

### **How to automatically retry a backup that fails abnormally**

By default, the STRBKUBRM command ends abnormally if an unexpected error, such as a media error, occurs when a control group entry is being processed.

You can specify \*YES for the *Allow retry* parameter on the STRBKUBRM command to allow the backup to continue even if the entries in a control group fail unexpectedly. You can also use the *Retry time limit* and *Retry starting sequence* parameters to indicate how the retry processing should be performed.

### **How to resume a backup**

If you canceled the backup of a control group, you can restart it by using the STRBKUBRM command.

Type the name of the control group (for example, \*MYLIBS) that contains the user profiles in the *Control group* field. Use the Display BRM Log Information (DSPLOGBRM) command to see which items were saved. If BRMS saved items 10, 20, and 30, but not items 40, 50, and 60, you can restart \*MYLIBS by typing 40 in the *Starting sequence* field. Then BRMS can save the rest of the items in the control group.

## **Additional options for processing control groups**

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### **Using the save-while-active feature**

The save-while-active (SWA) feature allows users to resume activity after save processing reaches a certain point. IBM i refers to this point as the synchronization checkpoint. By using the save-while-active feature, you can reduce application downtime and increase user access to selected data or applications.

To use the save-while-active feature with a save that does not use journaling or commitment control, you need to prevent user access until BRMS reaches the synchronization point. Once the system reaches the checkpoint, the system releases the exclusive locks on the library, and users can resume normal activity. Meanwhile, BRMS continues to save the data.

If you have large libraries with single member physical files, it may take less time to reach the checkpoint than it takes to save the data to tape. For example, suppose you have a library that contains single member physical files and that it takes an hour to save. During regular save processing, the system locks the library, which prevents user access to any file in that library until the save completes. By using the save-while-active feature, users can access library files after BRMS reaches the checkpoint. Suppose, in this example, that BRMS reaches the checkpoint in 20 minutes. In this example, the save-while-active feature increased your application availability by nearly 40 minutes. IBM cannot determine the exact time at which BRMS reaches the checkpoint. The exact time depends on the size of the library or application to which you are applying save-while-active. Under most circumstances, however, the time it takes to reach the checkpoint is notably shorter than the time it takes to save the entire library or application.

This section provides several examples of how you can apply save-while-active to your save strategy. However, this section does not cover every topic associated with save-while-active. Therefore, you should review the [Backing up your system](#) topic for more information before implementing save-while-active.

### Activating save-while-active in BRMS

To activate the save-while-active (SWA) feature, take the following steps:

1. Go to Edit Backup Control Group Entries display. In this example, we use the save-while-active feature while processing the LIBB and LINKLIST backup items.

```

                                Edit Backup Control Group Entries                                RCHAS400
Group . . . . . : SAMPLE
Default activity . . . . . *BKUPCY
Text . . . . . *NONE

Type information, press Enter.

   Seq  Backup      List ASP      Weekly  Retain Save   SWA      Sync
   Seq  Items       Type Device   Activity Object While Message Queue  ID
   10 *EXIT
   20 LIBA          *SYSBAS     *DFTACT *ERR  *NO
   30 LIBB          *SYSBAS     *DFTACT *ERR  *YES  *LIB  *NONE
   40 LNKLIST      *LNK *SYSBAS  *DFTACT *NO   *YES  *LIB  *NONE
   50 *EXIT
                                Bottom

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F10=Change item   F11=Display exits
F12=Cancel F14=Display client omit status   F24=More keys

```

2. To activate save-while-active, type \*YES in the *Save-while-active* field. Additional values for this field are:

#### \*LIB

This value indicates that library objects can be saved while in use by another job. Because all of the library objects reach checkpoint together, BRMS saves them in a consistent state in relationship to each other. If you specify multiple libraries in the control group, BRMS performs the checkpoint processing individually for the objects within each specified library. For example, to save LIBA and LIBB, the system performs two separate SAVLIB commands and establishes two checkpoints.

**Note:** Physical files with members have the same save active date and time stamp. Libraries with thousands of objects may be too large for this option.

#### \*SYNCLIB

This value also specifies that objects in a library can be saved while in use by another job. However, in this case, all of the objects *and* all of the libraries reach a checkpoint together. BRMS saves them in a consistent state in relationship to one another. Before you use the \*SYNCLIB value to save data to a save file, keep the following in mind:

- IBM i restricts you to save single libraries to save files. BRMS adopts the same restriction.
- The control group must use the \*LIB level synchronization instead of \*SYNCLIB.
- If you specify a message queue in the *SWA Message Queue* field in the Edit Control Group Entries display, BRMS sends the synchronization message for every library.
- BRMS completes the save processing without any warning or error messages. BRMS does not warn you if it adopts \*LIB level of synchronization.

**Note:** Different items (including libraries, backup lists, and special values) have different effects on save-while-active processing. See [“Using the Monitor Save While Active for BRM \(MONSWABRM\) command” on page 163](#) for more information.

**\*NWSSTG**

This value specifies that all the integrated file system objects can be saved while in use by another job. However, in this case, all of the objects reach a different checkpoint. The value also allows network server storage spaces in directory '/QFPNWSSTG' to be saved when they are active.

**\*NWSSYNC**

This value specifies that all the integrated file system objects can be saved while in use by another job. However, in this case, all of the objects reach a checkpoint together. The value also allows network server storage spaces in directory '/QFPNWSSTG' to be saved when they are active.

**\*SYNC**

This value specifies that all the integrated file system objects can be saved while in use by another job. However, in this case, all of the objects reach a checkpoint together.

**\*SYSDFN**

This value also indicates that library objects can be saved while in use by another job. In this case, however, library objects can reach checkpoints at different times and may not exist in a consistent state in relationship to one another. You should not specify the \*SYSDFN value if you plan to use the Monitor Save While Active for BRM (MONSWABRM) command. Nor should you use it to perform operations when a checkpoint has been reached. In these situations, the \*SYSDFN values makes it more difficult to release the library.

If you specify a value other than \*NO in the Save-while-active field, an entry appears next to it in the *SWA Message Queue* field. The default value for this field is \*LIB, which instructs BRMS to use the message queue that matches the name of the library you want to save. You can also specify the name of the message queue that contains the checkpoint messages.

If you specify a value of \*SYNCLIB, \*SYNC, or \*NWSSYNC, an additional entry appears next to the *SWA Message Queue* field, called the *Sync ID* field. The default value for this field is \*NONE, which instructs BRMS there is no sync id to use for this save-while-active operation. This fields allows you to sync across multiple save jobs, all which will need to use the same id. An example on how to utilize this feature is found later in this chapter.

3. Press Enter to save. This returns you to the Work with Backup Control Groups display. BRMS uses the SWA feature as instructed during the next save of that control group.

**Note:**

1. When doing cumulative saves with save-while-active set to \*LIB, \*YES, and \*SYSDFN for \*ALLUSR, \*IBM or generic libs, you may see that the libraries are not saved alphabetically. This can occur because BRMS checks to see if the libraries have different reference dates and times, then BRMS will group the libraries by those dates.
2. When doing cumulative saves with save-while-active for an \*ALLUSR, \*IBM or generic libs, BRMS will initiate a full save of any libraries that are new or have never been saved by BRMS. This could cause libraries to not be saved alphabetically.

**Using the Monitor Save While Active for BRM (MONSWABRM) command**

The Monitor Save While Active for BRM command (MONSWABRM) monitors BRMS for system messages CPI3710 and CPI3712, which indicate that the synchronization checkpoint has been reached.

You can process the MONSWABRM command through an \*EXIT operation in your backup control group or by entering the MONSWABRM command from a command line. Use the MONSWABRM command inside an \*EXIT for better control over the monitoring function. \*EXIT entries that contain the MONSWABRM command must precede the control group entry for the item you want to monitor; otherwise, the command fails.

To use the MONSWABRM command in an \*EXIT, take the following steps:

1. Follow the steps listed in the Processing User Exits in a Control Group section of this chapter to create an \*EXIT that contains the MONSWABRM command.
2. In the following example, we use the MONSWABRM command to monitor the SWA status of LIBB and LNKLIST. If the control group entry types differ, which in this case they do, then a MONSWABRM \*EXIT must proceed each entry. Therefore, you need to create two separate exits containing the

MONSWABRM command. Place each \*EXIT before each control group entry you want the MONSWABRM command to monitor for synchronization.

```

                                Edit Backup Control Group Entries                                RCHAS400

Group . . . . . : SAMPLE
Default activity . . . . . *BKUPCY
Text . . . . . Create sample control group.

Type information, press Enter.

   Seq  Backup  List ASP  Weekly  Retain Save  SWA  Sync
   Seq  Items  Type Device Activity Object While Message Queue ID
   10 *EXIT
   20 LIBA      *SYSBAS  *DFTACT  *ERR  *NO
   30 *EXIT
   40 LIBB      *SYSBAS  *DFTACT  *YES  *YES  *LIB  *NONE
   50 *EXIT
   60 LNKLIST  *LNK *SYSBAS  *DFTACT  *NO   *YES  *LIB  *NONE
   70 *EXIT

                                                                    Bottom

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F10=Change item   F11=Display exits
F12=Cancel F14=Display client omit status   F24=More keys

```

3. Press Enter to return to the Work with Backup Control Groups display.

4. Press F3 to exit and save the control group.

If the control group entries are of the same type, you can use one \*EXIT special value to monitor messages for all entries. If all of the entries are the same type (all libraries, for example, or lists of the same type), place the exit before the first entry.

To synchronize libraries by set rather than by entry, list the libraries in sequence without interruption by special operations such as \*EXIT. In this example, LIBA monitors synchronization point messages for the first set, while LIBC monitors them for the second set.

```

                                Edit Backup Control Group Entries                                REESES

Group . . . . . : SAMPLE
Default activity . . . . . *BKUPCY
Text . . . . . Create sample control group.

Type information, press Enter.

   Seq  Backup  List ASP  Weekly  Retain Save  SWA  Sync
   Seq  Items  Type Device Activity Object While Message Queue ID
   10 *EXIT
   20 LIBA      *SYSBAS  *DFTACT  *NO   *SYNCLIB *LIB  *NONE
   30 LIBB      *SYSBAS  *DFTACT  *NO   *SYNCLIB *LIB  *NONE
   40 *EXIT
   50 LIBC      *SYSBAS  *DFTACT  *YES  *SYNCLIB *LIB  *NONE
   60 LIBD      *SYSBAS  *DFTACT  *YES  *SYNCLIB *LIB  *NONE
   70 *EXIT
   80 LNKLIST  *LNK *SYSBAS  *DFTACT  *NO   *YES  *LIB

                                                                    Bottom

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F10=Change item   F11=Display exits
F12=Cancel F14=Display client omit status   F24=More keys

```

You must ensure that the values for *Retain object detail*, *Weekly activity*, the *Save-while-active* fields *Save while active*, *SWA message queue* and *Sync ID*, *Private authorities*, *Parallel type* and *Encryption* fields are the same for each library in each set. However, you can specify different weekly activity and object detail information for each set. If you use generic names for the libraries such as A\*, B\*, C\*, and specify \*SYNCLIB, BRMS groups all of the libraries together. Then BRMS performs a single save operation and you receive a single synchronization message. A single save command supports up to 300 libraries in a list. This is an IBM i restriction. If you have more than 300 libraries, BRMS issues another save command to process the remaining libraries.

In this example, the SWA message queue value in the control group defaults to \*LIB. The SWA message queue name specified in the control group entry **must** match the message queue name in the LIB parameter of the MONSWABRM command. The MONSWABRM automatically creates and deletes the message queue in library QUSRBRM. You cannot place it in a different queue. If you use a name other than the first library name, the MONSWABRM command cannot monitor for the SWA synchronization message. Instead, it continues to run for a default of one hour before it ends. In the meantime, your control group finishes processing without any benefit from the SWA message queue function.

**Note:** By default, the system issues the synchronization message after 3600 seconds (one hour). Therefore, if your libraries require over an hour to reach synchronization, you need to increase the SWA wait time in the MONSWABRM command.

To use the Monitor Save While Active (MONSWABRM) display to set up a SWA monitoring job, take the following steps:

1. Type the MONSWABRM command and press F4. Then press F9 to get the complete parameter listing.

```

Monitor Save While Active (MONSWABRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

Saved library . . . . . MULTSWA      Name, *MSGQ
Command to run . . . . . STRSBSBRM

Job description . . . . . *USRPRF     Name, *USRPRF
  Library . . . . .           Name, *LIBL, *CURLIB
Job queue . . . . . *JOBID          Name, *JOBID
  Library . . . . .           Name, *LIBL, *CURLIB
Time limit in seconds . . . . . 3600      1-999999, *NOMAX
Message queue . . . . .           Name
Multiple save synchronization:
  Synchronization ID . . . . . MULTSWAID  Name, *NONE
  Number of operations . . . . . 2        2-32
  Start save wait time . . . . . 600     1-999999, *NOMAX

Bottom
F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel  F13=How to use this display
F24=More keys

```

2. At the Monitor Save While Active display, change the following fields as required:
  - Use the *Saved library* parameter to specify the library or message queue that you want to review for synchronization during the SWA process.
  - Use the *Command to run* parameter to issue a command after the synchronization message arrives. In this example, we ran the Start Subsystem using BRM command (STRSBSBRM) after the objects reached synchronization. BRMS can quiesce an application only prior to synchronization.
3. If you plan on using the new Multiple save synchronization, the following fields are needed:
  - The *Synchronization ID* field specifies the name of the ID to be used. This is the same *Sync ID* that will be used in the backup control group. Default is \*NONE, and if that is specified, no id is created.
  - The *Number of operations* parameter specifies how many save operations are going to be synced to this id. So if you plan on having 2 save operations all synced to MULTSWAID, then a 2 needs to be put in that field.
  - The *Start save wait time* parameter specifies how long the sync should wait for all the save operations to start. If the number of save operations was set to 3, and only 2 were ever started, the sync would fail.
4. Review and change the other parameters as needed. Then press Enter.
5. Press F3 to save and exit.

**Note:** By default, BRMS submits control group jobs and MONSWABRM jobs to the QBATCH subsystem. You must ensure that you have enough activity levels to perform all of your control group saves **and** all of the MONSWABRM commands. You can use another subsystem by specifying the job queue name or the job description name in the STRBKUBRM or the MONSWABRM commands.

**Note:** MONSWABRM is ideal for multiple libraries or library lists. It does not work well with object lists, link lists or folder lists.

### Working with the save-while-active message queue

Instead of using the MONSWABRM command to monitor SWA activity, you can instruct the SWA message queue to send a message when the libraries reach synchronization.

It is recommended that you use this approach rather than letting BRMS default to \*LIB. This allows better control by monitoring a specific message queue rather than one created by the name of the first library that BRMS saves. For example, if you want BRMS to save the first entry in the control group on certain days, the message queue would vary from day-to-day.

```

                                Edit Backup Control Group Entries                                RCHAS400
Group . . . . . : SAMPLE
Default activity . . . . . *BKUPCY
Text . . . . . Sample control group

Type information, press Enter.

Seq  Backup  List ASP  Weekly  Retain  Save  SWA  Sync
     Items  Type Device Activity Object While Message Queue ID
10  *EXIT
20  LIBA      *SYSBAS *DFTACT *NO    *SYNCLIB OPER01 *NONE
30  LIBB      *SYSBAS *DFTACT *NO    *SYNCLIB *LIB  *NONE
40  LIBC      *SYSBAS *DFTACT *NO    *SYNCLIB *LIB  *NONE
50  LIBD      *SYSBAS *DFTACT *NO    *SYNCLIB *LIB  *NONE
60  LNKLIST  *LNK  *ALLAVL *DFTACT *NO    *YES    *LIB  *NONE
70  *EXIT
                                Bottom
F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F10=Change item   F11=Display exits
F12=Cancel F14=Display client omit status   F24=More keys

```

In this example, the system uses the OPER01 message queue to log the following messages:

- 0 of 4 libraries processed. Started LIBA at 02/03/05 10:20:06.
- 1 of 4 libraries processed. Started LIBB at 02/03/05 10:20:07.
- 2 of 4 libraries processed. Started LIBC at 02/03/05 10:20:078.
- 3 of 4 libraries processed. Started LIBD at 02/03/05 10:20:09.

BRMS uses the first message queue (at LIBA) to monitor for the synchronization. Even if you specify different message queues for each of the other libraries, the SWA synchronization message still goes to message queue OPER01.

If you require synchronization messages to go to different message queues, you must separate the control group entries for libraries with values such as \*EXIT or \*LOAD. BRMS also separates the library groups if it detects a change of value in the *Retain object detail*, *Weekly activity*, and *Save-while-active* fields.

For more detailed information about the SWA feature, see [Recovering your system](#).

### Using multiple save synchronization

Using the **MONSWABRM** command and the *Sync ID* field in the Backup Control Group, you can utilize the multiple save synchronization feature. This feature allows you to synchronize libraries and/or integrated file system together to achieve one common checkpoint.

The following control groups provide an example on how you might use this function:

## Master backup control group

```

                                Edit Backup Control Group Entries                                RCHAS400

Group . . . . . : MASTER
Default activity . . . . . *BKUPCY
Text . . . . . Master Backup Control Group

Type information, press Enter.

Seq      Backup      Exit command
Items

10 *EXIT
20 *EXIT      MONSWABRM LIB(MULTSWA) CMD(STRSBSBRM) SYNCID(MULTSWAID)
                NUMSYNC(2) STRSAVWAIT(600)
30 *EXIT      SBMJOB CMD(STRBKUBRM CTLGRP(BKUCTLG1))
40 *EXIT      SBMJOB CMD(STRBKUBRM CTLGRP(BKUCTLG2))
50 *EXIT

                                Bottom
F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F10=Change item  F11=Advanced backup controls
F12=Cancel

```

## Backup control group 1

```

                                Edit Backup Control Group Entries                                RCHAS400

Group . . . . . : SAMPLE
Default activity . . . . . *BKUPCY
Text . . . . . Backup control group 1

Type information, press Enter.

Seq      Backup      List ASP      Weekly      Retain Save      SWA      Sync
Items    Type Device   Activity     Object While  Message  ID
                SMTWTFS  Detail Active  Queue

10 *EXIT
20 LIB1      *SYSBAS      *DFTACT     *YES   *SYNCLIB MULTSWA  MULTSWAID
30 LIB2      *SYSBAS      *DFTACT     *YES   *SYNCLIB *LIB    MULTSWAID
40 LIB3      *SYSBAS      *DFTACT     *YES   *SYNCLIB *LIB    MULTSWAID
50 *EXIT
                *DFTACT

                                Bottom
F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F10=Change item  F11=Display exits
F12=Cancel  F14=Display client omit status  F24=More keys

```

## Backup control group 2

```
Display Backup Control Group Entries                                RCHAS400
Group . . . . . : BKUCTLG2
Default activity . . . . : *BKUPCY
Text . . . . . : Backup Control Group 2

Backup List ASP Weekly Retain Save SWA
Seq Items Type Device SMTWTF S Detail Active Queue Sync
10 IFSLIST *LNK *SYSBAS *DFTACT *NO *SYNC MULTSWA MULTSWAID

Press Enter to continue.                                         Bottom
F3=Exit F11=Display exits F12=Cancel F14=Display client omit status
```

In the example, the Master Backup Control Group starts the **MONSWABRM** command with the appropriate set parameters and then submits off two backup control groups. Both of these control groups have backup entries that are syncing to the Sync ID of MULTSWAID. Backup Control Group 1 will run a save of libraries LIB01, LIB02 and LIB03 with one command and Backup Control Group 2 will run a save of integrated file system paths with one command. Since these two saves now meet the number of save operations specified on the *Number of save operations* parameter for the **MONSWABRM** command, a common checkpoint for both libraries and integrated file system objects will now be made. A checkpoint message will then be sent to the message queue MULTSWA. Once the message is sent to the queue, BRMS will then run the command **STRSBSBRM**, which was specified on the *Command* parameter for **MONSWABRM**.

**Note:** It is very important to get the number of save operations correct. If you specified three save operations, and only two were submitted, then the sync will wait for the third save to begin. If the third save never starts, then the sync attempt will fail after the specified value on the *Start save wait time* parameter for **MONSWABRM** command has been met.

## Console monitoring

Use the console monitor to perform an unattended save, process a SAVSYS save, or perform a function in a restricted state.

Use the \*SAVSYS value with the STRBKUBRM command when you want BRMS to save the operating system and related libraries. You can also use the console monitor to monitor selected activities. You can temporarily suspend the monitoring function to enter IBM i commands and then return the console to a monitored state.

Console monitoring allows users to submit the SAVSYS job to the job scheduler instead of starting the job in an interactive session. Previously, the SAVSYS, SAVSYSBRM, or STRBKUBRM with \*SAVSYS command required interactive processing. When you use \*CONSOLE as the value for the *Submit to batch* (SBMJOB) parameter on the STRBKUBRM command, you are submitting a job to the BRMS console monitor, an interactive job in the controlling subsystem. When you schedule a job to run on the console monitor, you do not need to be nearby when the system save process starts. You **must** start the console monitor job from the system console. Once you start the console monitor, the console waits for a BRMS command to process. You can suspend the console to process commands. However, if you do so, you must return the console to monitoring status so BRMS can monitor for the STRBKUBRM commands issued to the console monitor.

### Starting the console monitor

To start the console monitor, take the following steps from your system console:



1. To get to the BRMS Console Monitor display, select option 20 (Start console monitor) from the BRMS main menu at the system console. You will get message BRM1947 – Not in correct environment to start console monitor. if you are not at the system console when you start this function.

```

BRMS Console Monitor

Press F12 to cancel the monitor operation.
Press F9 to access command line. Control must return to this display
for BRMS activity to be monitored.
```

2. This starts the console monitor. You need to take no further action at the console monitor at this time.
3. On the job scheduler, submit a job that performs the STRBKUBRM command. Following is an example of an STRBKUBRM job you can submit to the job scheduler.

```

Start Backup using BRM (STRBKUBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

Control group . . . . . *SYSGRP          *BKUGRP, *SYSGRP, SAVSYS...
Schedule time . . . . . *IMMED          hhmm, *IMMED
Submit to batch . . . . . *CONSOLE      *CONSOLE, *YES, *NO
Starting sequence:
Number . . . . . *FIRST                1-9999, *FIRST
Library . . . . . *FIRST                Name, *FIRST
Append to media . . . . . *CTLGRPATR    *CTLGRPATR, *BKUPCY, *YES...
Job description . . . . . *USRPRF      Name, *USRPRF
Library . . . . . *LIBL                Name, *LIBL, *CURLIB
Job queue . . . . . *JOBID             Name, *JOBID
Library . . . . . *LIBL                Name, *LIBL, *CURLIB

Submit a System Save to Batch Using Console Monitor
```

4. Type the name of the control group you want the console monitor to process in the *Control group* field.
5. Ensure that the *Schedule time* is \*IMMED.
6. Type \*CONSOLE in the *Submit to batch* field.
7. Review and change the other parameters as needed.
8. Press Enter to process the request.

The console monitor must be running when the STRBKUBRM is submitted to batch. Once the backup has started, console activities (F9, F12, F3) will be suspended until the backup finishes. Ending the console monitor (for example with sys-req 2) while the backup is running will also end the backup.

**Interrupting the BRMS console monitor**

To interrupt the BRMS Console Monitor from the system console, take the following steps:

1. Press F9 from the BRMS Console Monitor display.
2. At the prompt, type the correct pass phrase and press Enter.
3. A pop-up window appears. Type the IBM i commands you want the system to process and press Enter. The BRMS Console Monitor is now interrupted.

If you interrupt the BRMS Console Monitor, BRMS queues any requests submitted through the console monitor. BRMS does not process the requests until you complete the command and return the system console to console monitoring status.

**Monitoring the console monitor**

BRMS logs the following messages to help you oversee the BRMS Console Monitor usage:

- BRM1948 – BRMS Console monitoring is now started when you start the console monitoring.
- BRM1950 – BRMS Console monitoring is inactive when you use the command line entry (F9).

- BRM1954 – BRMS Console monitoring is now ending when you quit the console monitoring (F3).

### Canceling the console monitor

To cancel the console monitor, take the following steps from your system console:

1. Take F3 (Exit) or F12 (Cancel) from the BRMS Console Monitor display. This takes you to the BRMS Console Monitor Exit display.
2. Type the correct pass phase at the BRMS Console Monitor Exit display and press Enter to end BRMS Console Monitoring.

### Submitting a backup to the controlling subsystem

The BRMS console monitor is an interactive process that emulates batch processing. If you run IPL quite often, you will need to sign on to the system console and start the console monitor to be prepared for the next backup scheduled for the console monitor. This can be a cumbersome task if you run IPL nightly and your backups are otherwise fully automated.

BRMS offers an alternative which allows for true batch processing of restricted state backups in the controlling subsystem and does not require you to sign on to the system console or start the console monitor. To select this option, you specify the special value \*CTLSBS on the *Submit to batch* (SBMJOB) parameter on the STRBKUBRM command. When you use this special value, BRMS creates the QBRM/Q1ACTLSBS job queue if it does not exist, adds the job queue as a job queue entry in the subsystem description of the controlling subsystem, then submits the backup job directly to this job queue.

The controlling subsystem cannot run more than one job when in restricted state. If you are running a backup in either the batch job or in the interactive job, any attempt to end all subsystems from one job will end the other job. This is important because it implies that if you are running a backup in batch and that backup requires all subsystems to be ended, the interactive session on the system console will be ended. Therefore, any backups submitted to batch in the controlling subsystem must be **fully** automated. You will not be able to respond to inquiry messages such as tape mount requests when running in batch mode. Always perform a test backup using \*CONSOLE for the SBJOB parameter of the STRBKUBRM command to assure automation before making the transition to the \*CTLSBS special value.

System reference code **A900 3C70** is displayed on the system operator panel while running in batch restricted state. Normal system operations will resume and the interactive session on the system console is restarted when subsystems are started following the backup. Should a problem occur and the subsystem cannot be started by BRMS, there are two methods by which you can terminate the batch backup job and restart the interactive session on the system console.

1. Select option 21 from the operator panel to start DST then select Option 14 – End batch restricted state.
2. Change the time limit for the *Restricted state time limit* prompt on the BRMS System Policy to a value which is comparable to your backup window. If the backup hangs and subsystems are not restarted in this time limit, the backup job is ended and the controlling subsystem is restarted.

#### Note:

1. Because of the implications of using batch restricted state, this function is not automatically enabled. You must set the *Allow backups in batch* prompt on the BRMS System Policy to \*YES to enable this function.
2. Due to the nature of batch restricted state processing, which ends the system console session, BRMS ignores Signoff Exception processing when running in this mode.
3. If you submit a backup job to the controlling subsystem which ends all subsystems, the controlling subsystem will be automatically restarted by IBM i when the backup job ends.

## Using missed object policies

You can have BRMS record library objects and members or directories and files that could not be saved when running backup control groups.

BRMS records the unsaved objects in a missed object policy which is nothing more than another backup control group containing one or more backup object lists or backup link lists containing these missed objects. You can then use the missed object policy to review which objects did not get saved, or to run the missed object policy in an attempt to re-save the missed objects.

**Note:** Missed object policies do not support folder and documents or spooled files.

To have BRMS record unsaved objects for all backup control groups, you can specify a missed object policy name on the *Missed object policy* prompt of the Backup policy. To have BRMS record unsaved objects for individual backup control groups, you can specify a missed object policy name on the *Missed object policy* prompt on specific backup control groups.

```
Change Backup Control Group Attributes

Group . . . . . : *BKUGRP

Type information, press Enter.

IPL after backup . . . . . *BKUPCY      *YES, *NO, *BKUPCY
How to end . . . . . *BKUPCY      *CNTRLD, *IMMED, *BKUPCY
Delay time, if *CNTRLD . . . . . *BKUPCY      Seconds, *NOLIMIT
Restart after power down . . . . . *BKUPCY      *YES, *NO, *BKUPCY
IPL source . . . . . *BKUPCY      *PANEL, A, B, *BKUPCY
IPL restart type . . . . . *IPLA      *FULL, *IPLA, *SYS ...

Save active wait time:
Object locks . . . . . 120      0-99999, *NOMAX
Pending record changes . . . . . 120      0-99999, *NOCMTBDY, *NOMAX
Other pending changes . . . . . 120      0-99999, *NOMAX
Backup item exit program . . . . . *NONE      Name, *NONE, *BKUPCY
Exit program library . . . . .      Name
Exit program format . . . . .      BKUI0100
Missed object policy . . . . . NOTSAVED      Name, *NONE, *BKUPCY
Clear missed objects . . . . . *YES      *NO, *YES
```

If the missed object policy does not exist when the backup control group runs, it will be created using the same attributes as the current backup control group. If the missed policy exists, you can also specify whether it is cleared of any existing missed objects using the *Clear missed objects* prompt.

Missed objects are recorded in backup object lists and/or backup link lists, and these lists are added to the missed object policy as backup items. The format of the backup lists name is Znnnnnnaaa where nnnnnn is the current job number and aaa is unique sequence identifier. These backup lists are created as needed depending on the auxiliary storage pool, object detail, and save-while-active attributes of the current backup items. These lists are deleted when a missed object policy is cleared. If you do not clear a missed object policy and use it for a subsequent backup, new lists are created and added as backup items to the missed object policy.

## Journaling report object list

If there are specific objects that are being backed up and require journaling, you can have BRMS report these objects when they are not journaled during the backup period.

To create this report, follow these steps:

1. Create an object list of these objects.
2. Type WRKCTLGBRM and press Enter.
3. Type an 8 next to the control group you plan to use.
4. Page down to the screen where parameter *Journaling report object list* shows, and enter the name of the object you created.

```
Change Backup Control Group Attributes
Group . . . . . : ALLNEW
Type information, press Enter.
Journaling report object list . . . . . JRNLIST *NONE, Name

F3=Exit F12=Cancel More...
```

5. Press Enter.
6. To view the report after your backup has completed, type WRKSPLF and view the Objects Not Journalled (QP1AOD) spoolfile.

## Software encryption using BRMS

BRMS provides you with the ability to encrypt your data to a tape device. This encryption solution is hardware independent, meaning no need for any encryption device.

To use the encryption function, you need to have the BRMS Advanced feature (5770-BR1 Option 2) and Encrypted Backup Enablement (5770-SS1 Option 44) installed on the operating system.

BRMS will not manage the keys used for encryption. The user is still responsible for key management. BRMS simply provides the interface for the user to ask for encryption, specify the keys they want to use for the encryption, and what items they want encrypted. The key information is also saved by BRMS, so for restoring, BRMS knows what key information is needed to decrypt on the restore. For more information about key management, refer to [Cryptographic services key management](#).

To set up BRMS to encrypt during a backup you will need to take the following steps:

1. Set up a media policy in BRMS that supports encryption. Type WRKPCYBRM \*MED, and press Enter.
2. Take option 1 and create a media policy. For this example we will create one called ENCRYPTPCY.
3. Page down to the last screen, the Encrypt Data Section.

```

                                Create Media Policy

Type choices, press Enter.

Encrypt Data . . . . . *YES          *NO, *YES
Key store file . . . . . Q1AKEYFILE  Name
Key store library. . . . . QUSRBRM   Name
Key record label . . . . . TESTENCRYPT

                                Bottom

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F12=Cancel

```

4. The following encryption parameters are displayed:

- The *Encrypt data* parameter specifies that an encrypted save should be performed.
- The *Keystore file* parameter specifies a database file that stores the operational keys that are used for encryption or decryption.

**Note:** The only valid keystore file is Q1AKEYFILE and it must exist in library QUSRBRM. This ensures that when saving media information via your control group or the SAVMEDIBRM command, the key file is also saved. The Q1AKEYFILE keystore file must exist in library QUSRBRM prior to any save or restore operation that requires encryption or decryption. Key values in the keystore file are encrypted under a master key. When moving the Q1AKEYFILE keystore file to another system, you must ensure that the master key is set correctly. To create this keystore file, refer to [Creating a new keystore file](#). To locate the topic in IBM i Information Center, expand IBM i information->Security->Cryptography.

- The *Keystore library* parameter specifies the name of the library containing the keystore file. The only valid library for this parameter is QUSRBRM, any other library entered will cause an error.
- The *Key record label* parameter specifies a unique identifier of a key record in a keystore file.

5. Review and change the remaining media policy parameters, and press Enter to create the media policy.

Now that the media policy that supports encryption has been created, you can specify it on any of the BRMS save commands. This will then encrypt the items being saved. The SAVSAVFBRM and DUPMEDBRM also support this type of media policy. You will have the ability to encrypt save file data onto media, just by specifying a media policy that supports encryption. If you would rather not encrypt your data during your backup, but would like to encrypt the data when you duplicate it to another media, simply specify a media policy that supports encryption.

In addition to all the ways you may encrypt data, further controls have also been provided in the backup and archive control groups that allow you to enable and disable encryption for each save item.

The following is an example of how to set up a backup control group to support encryption:

1. Type WRKCTLGBRM \*BKU, and press Enter.
2. Type option 1 (Create) or option 2 (Edit) and press Enter.
3. Press F11 two times, to bring up the *Advanced backup controls* display.

```

                                Edit Backup Control Group Entries                                RCHAS400
Group . . . . . : SAMPLE
Default activity . . . . . *BKUPCY
Text . . . . . *NONE

Type information, press Enter.

Seq   Backup   List Parallel   Private   Encrypt
     Items   Type  Type   Authorities
-----
 10 *EXIT
 20 LIBA           *DEFAULT   *NO       *MEDPCY
 30 LIBB           *DEFAULT   *NO       *MEDPCY
 40 LIBC           *DEFAULT   *NO       *NO
 50 *EXIT

Bottom

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F11=Display main  F12=Cancel

```

4. To encrypt a specific *Backup item*, type in \*MEDPCY under the *Encrypt* column. And if you desire to not encrypt a specific item, then type in \*NO under the same column.
5. Review and change the remaining parameters in the backup control group, press F3 to exit and option 1 to save the backup control group.
6. Now you should be at the Work with Backup Control Groups display, type an 8 next to the backup control group that you just created/updated.
7. Under the *Media policy for* parameter group, make sure you are using a media policy that supports encryption. In this screen, the media policy ENCRYPTPCY is being used.

```

                                Change Backup Control Group Attributes
Group . . . . . : SAMPLE

Type information, press Enter.

Media policy for:
  Full backups . . . . . ENCRYPTPCY  Name, F4 for list
  Incremental backups . . . . . ENCRYPTPCY  Name, F4 for list
  Backup devices . . . . . *BKUPCY      Name, F4 for list

Parallel device resources:
  Minimum resources . . . . . *NONE      1-32, *NONE, *AVAIL
  Maximum resources . . . . .           1-32, *AVAIL, *MIN
  Sign off interactive users . . . . . *BKUPCY  *YES, *NO, *BKUPCY
  Sign off limit . . . . . *BKUPCY      0-999 minutes, *BKUPCY
  Default weekly activity . . . . . *BKUPCY  SMTWTFS(F/I), *BKUPCY
  Incremental type . . . . . *BKUPCY    *CUML, *INCR, *BKUPCY
  Force full backup days . . . . . *BKUPCY  0-365, *NOMAX, *BKUPCY
                                                More...

F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F12=Cancel

```

8. Review and change the remaining parameters and press Enter to exit and save.

Now that you have set up your backup control group to use encryption, you can run the backup and should see the items saved with encryption. To view save history and it's encryption information do the following steps:

1. Type WRKMEDIBRM on command line and press Enter.
2. Press F11 three times to the Encryption information display.

Position to Date . . . . .

Type options, press Enter.

2=Change 4=Remove 5=Display 6=Work with media 7=Restore  
9=Work with saved objects ...

Opt	Saved Item	Encrypted	Key Store File	Key Store Library	Key Record Label
	LIB	*NO			
	LIBCOPY	*NO			
	LIBCOPY2	*NO			
	DLIB002	*YES	Q1AKEYFILE	QUSRBRM	TESTENCRYPT
	DLIB003	*NO			
	QUSRBRM	*NO			
	DLIB003	*NO			
	DLIB004	*NO			
	DLIB005	*NO			
	DLIB002	*YES	Q1AKEYFILE	QUSRBRM	TESTENCRYPT

More...

F3=Exit F5=Refresh F11=Volume identifier F12=Cancel  
F23=More options

### Note:

1. \*IBM, \*SAVSYS, \*SAVSECDTA, \*SAVCFG and any libraries beginning with the letter Q are not allowed to be encrypted in BRMS.
2. Be aware of a possible performance impact when encrypting data.
3. BRMS does not support encryption on optical or virtual optical devices.



**Attention:** It is extremely important that you understand Cryptographic services key management. Master keys, which are used to encrypt the key that BRMS uses, can have an effect on being able to recover your data. Refer to [Cryptographic services key management](#) to clearly understand the importance of these master keys as well as the required steps to ensure your data is truly encrypted and recoverable. To locate the topic in IBM i Information Center, expand IBM i information->Security->Cryptography.

## Performing serial, concurrent, and parallel backups

If you use a single tape device, all of your saves are *serial saves*. In a serial save, BRMS processes your saves sequentially, one at a time, one after another. However, if you have multiple tape devices, BRMS can perform concurrent and parallel saves. Concurrent and parallel saves can considerably reduce your backup window and streamline your backup operations. Following are brief descriptions of these two types of save operations.

### Concurrent backups

In a concurrent save operation, you send multiple save jobs to multiple tapes devices to process at the same time (concurrently).

If you are running concurrent backups, it is strongly suggested not to save media information with either backup. It is recommended you run the Save Media Information (SAVMEDIBRM) command after the concurrent backup control groups have completed.

For example, using a concurrent backup strategy, you might send one library or group of libraries to one tape device, and another set of libraries to a different tape device. Concurrent backup support also allows multiple SAVDLO operations from the same auxiliary storage pool (ASP). Anything that you can save concurrently, you can restore concurrently, thereby reducing your downtime after a system failure occurs when recovering multiple libraries or objects at the same time.

You set up the concurrent operation by specifying different device names inside the individual control groups or save commands that you want BRMS to process concurrently. You must try to evenly balance the contents of each job so that each tape device completes at about the same time. This results in more

efficient use of your tape resources. If you want to use \*INCR or \*CUML saves, keep in mind that processing time for each save varies by content size.

## Parallel backups

In a parallel save operation, one job saves data to multiple tapes devices.

BRMS implements parallel support by utilizing two methods provided by IBM i. The first method, **parallel save/restore** support, spreads each object across multiple resources. The second method, **multiple-library parallel** support, spreads libraries across multiple resources, such that each library is backed up to a single resource. Using these methods, BRMS will attempt to optimize performance and balance resources. Items saved with the second method will have a sequential restore behavior.

### Note:

1. Full backups of \*ALLUSR , \*IBM, generic library names and other special values are saved using only multiple-library parallel support.
2. See [“Performing selected recoveries” on page 187](#) for information about how to perform recoveries using parallel support.

## Parallel support restrictions

Before you set up a backup strategy using parallel support, review the following restrictions.

- IBM i does not support parallel saves of system data, security data, configuration data, or folder and documents.
- BRMS does not support parallel backup of the QUSRBRM library. See [“Sample backup scenarios: Working with multiple control groups and shared devices” on page 178](#) for information about how to save media information when using parallel support.
- BRMS does not restrict library QUSRSYS from a parallel backup. However, IBM i limitations related to spanned volumes when saving this library could result in the library not being recoverable if saved using parallel. Refer to [“Special considerations when saving selected libraries in a control group” on page 146](#) for additional information.

## When to use parallel and concurrent saves

You can gain the greatest benefit by designing a strategy that combines concurrent and parallel backup support.

You should, if possible, use concurrent backups to reduce backup windows for objects which can only be saved using serial mode; such as system data, security data, configuration data, or folders and documents. Use parallel support when you want to reduce your backup window for large libraries and objects, large directories and files, large spooled files, or large numbers of these objects. You can find more information about performing concurrent and parallel backups in [“Sample backup scenarios: Working with multiple control groups and shared devices” on page 178](#).

## How to set up a parallel backup

To use parallel support to process an existing control group, take the following steps:

1. At the Work with Backup Control Groups display, type option 8 (Change attributes) in front of the control group you want to work with, and press Enter. This takes you to the Change Backup Control Group Attributes display.



```

Change Backup Control Group Attributes

Group . . . . . : SAMPLE
Type information, press Enter.

Media policy for:
  Full backups . . . . . *BKUPCY      Name, F4 for list
  Incremental backups . . . . . *BKUPCY  Name, F4 for list
  Backup devices . . . . . *BKUPCY      Name, F4 for list

Parallel device resources:
  Minimum resources . . . . . 2          1-32, *NONE, *AVAIL
  Maximum resources . . . . . 4          1-32, *AVAIL, *MIN
  Sign off interactive users . . . . . *BKUPCY *YES, *NO, *BKUPCY
  Sign off limit . . . . . *BKUPCY      0-999 minutes, *BKUPCY
  Default weekly activity . . . . . *BKUPCY SMTWTFS(F/I), *BKUPCY
  Incremental type . . . . . *BKUPCY     *CUML, *INCR, *BKUPCY
  Force full backup days . . . . . *BKUPCY 0-365, *NOMAX, *BKUPCY

F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F12=Cancel

```

2. At the *Parallel device resources* parameter, indicate the minimum and maximum number of device resources you want to allocate to the processing of this control group. In this example, we instructed BRMS to save the contents of the SAMPLE control group to a minimum of 2 devices and a maximum of 4 devices.
3. Press Enter to save and return to the Work with Backup Control Groups display.
4. Then type option 2 (Edit entries) next to the control group you are editing and press Enter.
5. Press F11 twice to bring you to the Advanced backup controls panel.

```

Edit Backup Control Group Entries                                RCHAS400

Group . . . . . : SAMPLE
Default activity . . . . . *BKUPCY
Text . . . . . *NONE

Type information, press Enter.

Seq  Backup  List Parallel  Private  Encrypt
    Items  Type Type    Authorities
10 *EXIT
20 LIBA          *DEFAULT  *NO      *MEDPCY
30 LIBB          *PARALLEL *NO      *MEDPCY
40 LIBC          *NONE     *NO      *NO
50 GEN*         *SERIAL   *NO      *NO
60 *EXIT

Bottom

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F11=Display main  F12=Cancel

```

6. In the Parallel Type column, enter in the type of parallel you would like to be used for the backup item. The following are definitions of each type:
  - The value \*DEFAULT is the default value. BRMS will decide the best Parallel Type to use on the backup item. If the backup item doesn't support parallel, then a non-parallel backup will be performed.
  - The value \*PARALLEL specifies a parallel save format backup. This format spreads each object across multiple resources.

A \*PARALLEL type cannot be specified for the following backup items:

  - a. \*ALLUSR
  - b. \*ALLPROD
  - c. \*ALLTEST

- d. \*ASPnn
  - The value \*SERIAL specifies a multiple-library parallel format. This format spreads libraries across multiple resources. Each library is backed up to a single resource.
- A \*SERIAL type cannot be specified for the following backup items:
- a. \*LNK lists
  - b. \*EXIT containing a SAVDOMBRM command.
  - c. \*LINK
  - d. \*LNKOMTONL
  - e. \*LNKOMTLTS
  - f. \*LTSOMTONL
- The value \*NONE specifies a parallel backup is not being requested. This will force BRMS to use a single resource.

You can find a more complex example involving the use of parallel and concurrent saves in [“Sample backup scenarios: Working with multiple control groups and shared devices”](#) on page 178.

**Note:** You can also specify a parallel save when using the following commands:

- Save Library using BRM (SAVLIBBRM)
- Save Object using BRM (SAVOBJBRM)
- Save Object List using BRM (SAVOBJLBRM)
- Save Object using BRM (SAVBRM)

Use a job scheduler to assist you in scheduling parallel saves. You can find more information about job scheduling in [“Scheduling backup and recovery jobs”](#) on page 223.

## Sample backup scenarios: Working with multiple control groups and shared devices

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As you grow more familiar and comfortable with BRMS, you may decide to create additional control groups or to split larger control groups into smaller ones. This section provides information about the uses and benefits of a multiple control group operation in several different environments. Each scenario assumes a daily backup schedule.

Use multiple control groups to save applications or subsets of applications, and user libraries or subsets of user libraries. A backup strategy that uses multiple control groups can shorten your save window, and make the restore of selected data easier. In Scenario 1, you learn the benefits of using your own control groups rather than BRMS-configured ones such as \*ALLUSR. In Scenario 2, you learn how to shorten your save window still further by processing multiple control groups through concurrent and parallel backups. In Scenario 3, you learn how process a network backup by using shared devices.

### Scenario 1: Using multiple control groups in a serial backup

In this example, suppose you have only one tape device available, TAP01, available for backup operations. You can use a tape library, such as a 3570, 358x or 3590 device. For the purposes of this example, however, you are using the device as a stand-alone. You must decide how to save two packaged business applications (one for payroll, the other for inventory), a few company-designed programs, and several user libraries.

In this situation, you could use either of the following strategies to back up your data:

- You could perform an \*ALLUSR save on a weekly (\*FULL) and daily (\*INCR) basis.
- You could create multiple control groups containing applications, libraries, or related subsets, again with weekly (\*FULL) and daily (\*INCR) backups.

Utilizing an \*ALLUSR strategy saves all user libraries, but it does not allow specialized recoveries. An \*ALLUSR save may also require that you rebuild access paths when restoring the libraries.

Splitting your application and user data into multiple control groups provides the following benefits:

- Makes recovery easier by allowing you to separate and prioritize critical applications for a speedier, more business-efficient recovery. For example, if you use certain applications only on specific days (such as payroll), you might not need to restore that application immediately after a failure on a non-payroll day. Conversely, if the system fails on a heavy payroll day, you want to get the payroll application back on the system as soon as possible. Similarly, some user-specific libraries may be less critical than others or than the day-to-day business applications. If you use the simple \*ALLUSR approach, then selective or prioritized recovery is very difficult.

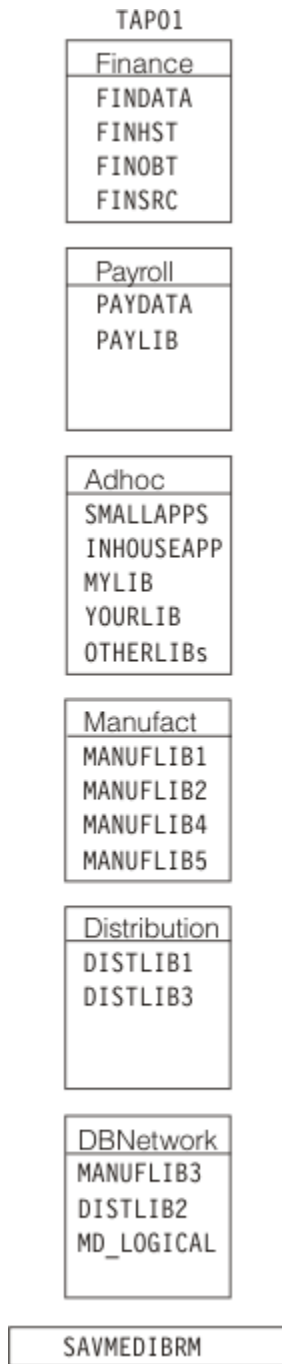
By splitting user libraries and business applications into separate control groups, you can prioritize the order in which BRMS restores your libraries and applications. In addition, a single control group has only one media policy, and one schedule for all the libraries and applications it contains. Multiple control groups, on the other hand, allow you to run different control groups on different days. And, because they use more than one media policy, multiple control groups allow for more flexible retention periods.

- Avoids access path rebuilds by grouping based-on physical files with their dependent logical files. In some instances, the system holds logical views of data in different libraries than their based-on physical files (this is called a Database Network). The system organizes library files alphabetically by save time, which can cause a problem if the logical files appear earlier in the list than their counterpart physical files. This problem makes recovery much more difficult. If you use an \*ALLUSR save, the system saves access paths for the logical files along with the physical files. However, you might need to perform lengthy access path rebuilds after a restore operation because the system cannot restore the based-on physical file.

To avoid lengthy rebuilds, design your backups so that you do not include database networks in an \*ALLUSR or a generic\* backup. Separate control groups can save the based-on physical files before their dependent logical files. This way, BRMS can restore the objects in the correct sequence, thereby avoiding lengthy access path rebuilds. However, you need to make sure that you save the physical and logical files with the same underlying system save command. If you save the logical and physical files with different save commands, BRMS cannot save the access paths, even if you specify ACCPTH(\*YES).

You can also consider a compromise between these two strategies, especially if you have smaller systems with fewer libraries. Under these circumstances, you can use a combination of \*ALLUSR and your own control groups. Use one or more control groups for specific libraries, and another control group containing the \*ALLUSR libraries. If you choose this strategy, you need to omit the libraries in your own control groups. This way, you can restore the items in your control groups selectively, on an as-needed basis. You can save less critical libraries on a less frequent basis.

If you save multiple control groups to single device, BRMS processes them serially, one after another. [Figure 7 on page 180](#) illustrates how you can design a number of control groups to run in sequence.



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Figure 7. Multiple Control Groups in a Serial Save

The manufacturing application (MANUFACT) consists of libraries MANUFLIB1 through MANUFLIB5, and DISTLIB1 through DISTLIB3. These libraries now exist in three separate control groups. You can find the logical files in library MD\_LOGICAL. The logical files were built over physical files in libraries MANUFLIB3 and DISTLIB2. To avoid rebuilding the access paths for these logical files after restore, MANUFLIB3 and DISTLIB2 were omitted from the MANUFACT and DISTRIBUTION control groups. Instead, they were included with library MD\_LOGICAL in a separate control group called DBNETWORK. The ADHOC control group contains a few user libraries and a few of the smaller applications. The FINANCE and PAYROLL control groups contain the more critical payroll and finance data.

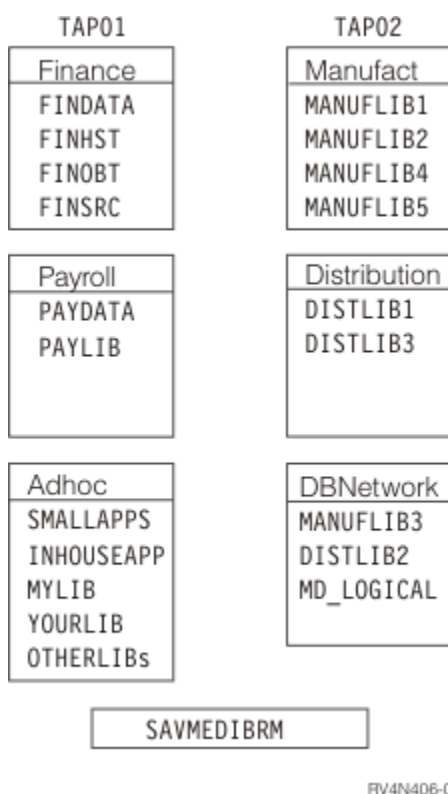
When you process multiple control groups serially, keep the following considerations in mind:

- **Saving Media Information:** BRMS usually saves media information at the end of each control group. However, if you are running the control groups serially, BRMS saves the media information files at the end of each control group, causing multiple saves of this information extending the runtime for the control groups. It is recommended that you save it separately by using the SAVMEDIBRM command or save it with just the last control group of that list. Whichever method you choose, you must save this information about a regular basis as BRMS uses it to restore your data. In [Figure 8 on page 181](#), BRMS processes the SAVMEDIBRM command in a separate job.
- **Appending to Media:** By default, BRMS uses an expired tape for each control group. Therefore, during serial operations, BRMS unloads the volume from the previous group and uses a new volume for each subsequent control group. However, you can add the later control groups to the end of the previous tape. To do that, specify ENDOPT(\*LEAVE) and APPEND(\*NO) on the Change Backup Control Group Attributes display for the first control group. Then specify ENDOPT(\*LEAVE) and APPEND(\*YES) for the second and subsequent control groups.

## Scenario 2: Using multiple control groups in parallel and concurrent backups

In this example, assume that you are using the multiple control group backup strategy discussed in Scenario 1. In this case, however, you want use two tape devices for your backup operation, TAP01 and TAP02.

[Figure 8 on page 181](#) shows how you can organize the control groups to run concurrently to two tape devices.



*Figure 8. Multiple control groups in a concurrent save*

Suppose that the FINHST library in the FINANCE group contains 50 small objects and 4 very large objects. At this point, you want to save the FINANCE group to TAP01. Your main concern at this point is to balance the backup window for both tape drives. For example, the size of the objects in the FINHST library might force TAP01 to process longer than TAP02. Thus, the control group processing would not end concurrently. To remedy this, you can split the FINHST library into two control groups of approximately 25 small objects and 2 large objects each, as shown in [Figure 9 on page 182](#). By doing so, you can better balance the save window for both devices.

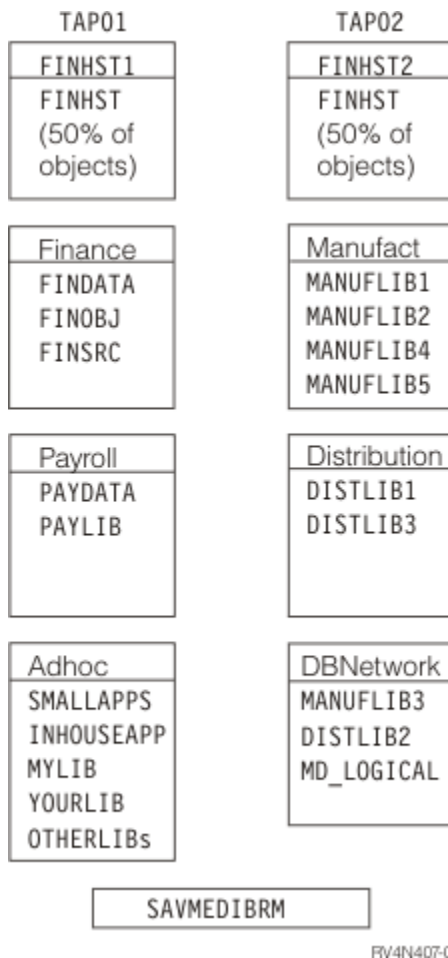
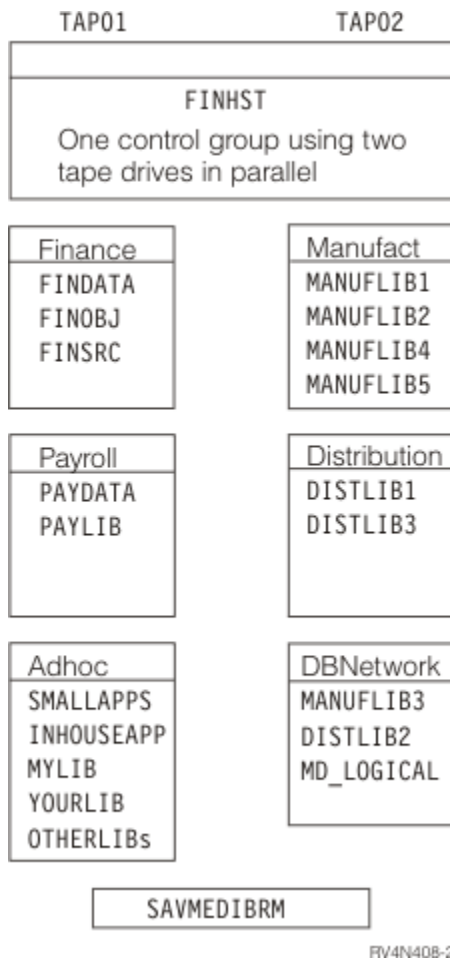


Figure 9. Differently weighted control groups in a concurrent save

Next suppose that the two FINHST libraries grow to contain 35 small and 3 large objects each. In this case, you need to change your backup strategy, and continually work to keep these jobs ending at the same time. Alternatively, however, you could return all of the FINHST objects to one control group and process it using a parallel backup. Figure 12 shows how BRMS can do this. The parallel backup support feature makes this job easier because it balances the workload for you, and sends the job to process at all available devices. By using the parallel support feature, you do not need to revise your backup strategy if libraries and objects grow, or if you add another tape drive to your system.

In this case, then, you can run the smaller jobs concurrently to TAP01 and TAP02, while using parallel support to process FINSHT across both devices. [Figure 10 on page 183](#) shows how BRMS can perform concurrently and parallel saves simultaneously.



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Figure 10. Multiple control groups in concurrent and parallel saves

In this case, the FINHST control group runs first to both TAP01 and TAP02 groups in parallel. Then the FINANCE, PAYROLL, and ADHOC control groups run to TAP01, while the MANUFACT, DISTRIBUTION, and DBNETWORK control groups run concurrently to TAP02.

In addition, if you share tape devices with other systems, sometimes you may have more or less resources available, depending on availability. Parallel backup support makes the best use of available devices when you want to save a large library.

To process multiple control groups by using concurrent and parallel support, keep the following in mind:

- **Control job running time:** In an environment such as described here, the timing of some jobs might be dependent on the outcome of others. For example, to save the media information, you need to run SAVMEDIBRM at the end of control group processing. You do not want this command to run concurrently with the control groups. To achieve this, consider using an advanced job scheduler such as the IBM Advanced Job Scheduler for i which allows you to define job dependencies.

### Scenario 3: Performing a backup across a network with shared devices

This example shows you how to use tape automation to perform backups across a network.

IBM manufactures several automated tape libraries (ATLs) that you can attach to your system to provide tape automation. An automated tape library is both a resource to the system and a device. A tape library contains one or more tape drives. ATL models available from IBM are:

- Magstar® MP Tape Library (IBM 3570 B and C models)
- 9427 8mm Tape Library
- 3575 Tape Library Dataserver

- 3494 Tape Library Dataserver
- 3582/3583 Ultrium Scalable Tape Library
- 3584 UltraScalable Tape Library

You can share any of the IBM tape libraries across multiple systems. However, due to drive connectivity limitations, you cannot attach individual drives to more than two systems at once unless these are attached using a Fiber Channel. ATLS with more than two drives (3575 and 3494) can attach to more than two systems. When IBM i uses a tape library, it allocates a drive resource to the job. If a library has more than one drive, IBM i selects one or more depending on the type of save operation (serial, concurrent or parallel). If a resource is unavailable, IBM i queues the request until one becomes available or until the device timeout period elapses. You can find more information about how to use devices in [“Working with devices in BRMS”](#) on page 85. You can find more information about ATLS in [Storage Solutions](#).

In this example, assume the use of a 3494 ATL with two 3590 devices shared between two systems. You have connected the two tape drives to two systems, SYSTEMA and SYSTEMB. These two systems exist in a BRMS network, and share a common tape pool. When working with tape libraries, you should have the stand-alone device description varied off, and the library device varied on. The tape drives appear as resources under the library device. With a 3494, although each tape subsystem appears to the IBM i as a library device, all library devices can access the resources for that library type. The IBM i command Work with Media Library Status (WRKMLBSTS) display illustrates this.

```

Work with Media Library Status                               System:  RCHAS400
Type options, press Enter.
 1=Vary on   2=Vary off   3=Reset resource   4=Allocate resource
 5=Allocate unprotected  6=Deallocate resource  8=Work with description

Opt  Device/Resource  Status           Allocation      Job name
-----
TAPMLB01  VARIED ON
TAP01     OPERATIONAL     UNPROTECTED
TAP02     OPERATIONAL     UNPROTECTED
TAPMLB02  VARIED OFF

Bottom

Parameters or command
===>
F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F9=Retrieve  F12=Cancel  F17=Position to
F23=More options

```

This example shows the preferred way to run, which is with one library device varied on and the other varied off. This way, both SYSTEMA and SYSTEMB can run jobs simultaneously. Both would be using library device TAPMLB01. Although only two tape resources (TAP01 and TAP02) are available, each system can run more than two jobs at the same time. The IBM i resource manager queues requests for resources by allocating them as needed and as they become available. To use one of the resources specifically (as you might in a more complex library setup), you can change the allocation of the non-required resource to DEALLOCATED. This makes the resource unavailable to that system. You can also change the resource allocation manually by using the WRKMLBSTS display. However, if you want to change the allocation dynamically, type the VRYCFG command in an \*EXIT command in your control group. For example, if we want IBM i to select TAPMLB02 to save the PAYROLL application, we could create the following control group items:



```

                                Edit Backup Control Group Entries                                RCHAS400

Group . . . . . : SAMPLE
Default activity . . . . . : *BKUPCY
Text . . . . . : Create sample backup control group

Type information, press Enter.

Seq   Backup      List   Auxiliary   Weekly   Retain   Save   SWA
      Items      Type  Storage    Activity Object   While  Message
                                           SMTWTFS Detail  Active Queue

 10 *EXIT
 20 PAYDATA          *SYSBAS    *DFTACT   *ERR    *NO
 30 PAYLIB          *SYSBAS    *DFTACT   *ERR    *NO
 40 *EXIT          *DFTACT

                                Bottom

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F10=Change item   F11=Display exits
F12=Cancel F14=Display client omit status   F24=More keys

```

Code the \*EXIT at sequence number 10 as follows:

```

                                User Exit Maintenance                                KITKAT

Type command, press Enter.

Sequence number . . . . . : 10
Where used . . . . . : *EXIT
Weekly activity . . . . . : *DFTACT SMTWTFS
Command . . . . . : VRYCFG CFGOBJ(TAPMLB01) STATUS(*DEALLOCATE)
RSRCNAME(TAP02) CFGTYPE(*MLBRSC)

                                ...

F3=Exit   F4=Prompt   F12=Cancel

```

Code the \*EXIT at sequence number 40 as follows:

```

                                User Exit Maintenance                                KITKAT

Type command, press Enter.

Sequence number . . . . . : 40
Where used . . . . . : *EXIT
Weekly activity . . . . . : *DFTACT SMTWTFS
Command . . . . . : VRYCFG CFGOBJ(TAPMLB01) CFGTYPE(*MLBRSC) STA
TUS(*UNPROTECTED) RSRCNAME(TAP02)

                                ...

F3=Exit   F4=Prompt   F12=Cancel

```

**Note:** You should not use \*MEDCLS as the device for a save or restore operation with multiple tape library devices. Instead, you should specifically name the library devices for each save and restore.

## Additional BRMS save commands

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In addition to the control groups that process backups, BRMS provides a variety of commands that allow you to save particular groups of information while using BRMS. These save commands are sometimes similar to the IBM i save commands. You should, however, use BRMS rather than IBM i commands because BRMS saves the media content, and library and object detail information that is essential for recovery.

Following is a summary of the other BRMS save commands you can use:

### **SAVBRM**

The Save BRMS command allows you to save Integrated File System objects.

### **SAVDLOBRM**

The Save DLO using BRM command allows you to save documents in the document library (QDOC).

### **SAVFLRLBRM**

The Save Folder List command using BRM command allows you to save backup folder lists.

### **SAVLIBBRM**

The Save Library using BRM command allows you to save a copy of one or more libraries.

### **SAVMEDIBRM**

The Save Media Information using BRM command saves a copy of the information compiled by BRMS on each saved item.

### **SAVOBJBRM**

The Save Object using BRM command saves a copy of one or more objects.

### **SAVOBJLBRM**

The Save Object List using BRMS command saves backup object lists.

### **SAVSAVFBRM**

The Save Save Files using BRM command saves save files that were created during BRMS processing to tape.

### **SAVSYSBRM**

The Save System using BRM command allows you to save a copy of the operating system library in a format compatible with the installation process. It does not save objects from any other library.

When used to perform backup functions, these commands do not automatically save the recovery data or media information in the QUSRBRM library. After completing one of these commands, you need to save media information with the Save Media Information using BRM (SAVMEDIBRM) command.

### **Note:**

1. Do not use these commands with an \*EXIT in a control group as the results may be unpredictable.
2. If you have processed any backups to save files, you must run the Save Save Files using BRM (SAVSAVFBRM) command with the appropriate control group. Run the SAVMEDIBRM command after the SAVSAVFBRM command and then print new recovery reports.
3. If you use a media policy that has encryption enabled on any of these save commands, that instructs BRMS to encrypt the data on the save command. BRMS will then encrypt the data, as long as it meets the required eligibility for encryption.

# Performing selected recoveries

This topic provides information about how to selectively restore single objects or groups of objects.

With BRMS, you can selectively restore system information, libraries, control groups, integrated file system objects, and other items. In case of disaster, a selective restore strategy allows you to recover critically needed applications and information prior to restoring the rest of your system.

There are several ways you can selectively recover items by using BRMS. The primary recovery command is the Start Recovery using BRM (STRRCYBRM) command. You can use other commands to facilitate the recovery of user profiles, objects, folders, and spooled files.

Many of the functions described in this topic are available in the BRMS graphical interface. For detailed information, see [“Using the BRMS graphical interface”](#) on page 233.

## Recovery policy

Use the recovery policy to instruct BRMS on how to implement your recovery plan. For example, you can use the recovery policy to select the types of media and devices you want to use for the recovery. You can also use the recovery policy to instruct BRMS to restore objects and libraries in specific ways.

To get to the recovery policy display, take the following steps:

1. Type WRKPCYBRM \*RCY at a command line. Press Enter.

```
Change Recovery Policy                                RCHAS400
Type choices, press Enter.
Recovery device. . . . . *MEDCLS                    Name, F4 for list

Parallel device resources:
  Minimum resources. . . . . *SAV                    1-32, *NONE, *AVAIL
  Maximum resources. . . . .                          1-32, *AVAIL, *MIN
  End of tape option . . . . . *REWIND                *REWIND, *LEAVE, *UNLOAD
  Option . . . . . *ALL                               *ALL, *NEW, *OLD, *FREE
  Data base member option . . . . *ALL                *MATCH, *ALL, *NEW, *OLD
  Restore spooled file data . . . *NONE               *NONE, *NEW
  Allow object differences . . . . *NONE               *NONE, *ALL, *AUTL,
                                                    *FILELVL, *OWNER, *PGP

F3=Exit   F4=Prompt   F5=Refresh   F9=System policy   More...
F12=Cancel
```

The following are brief summaries of the key parameters on this display.

- In the *Recovery devices* field, specify the device or devices that you want to perform the recovery. You can specify a specific device name or \*MEDCLS, which instructs BRMS to select any available device that matches the media class you plan to use.

**Note:**

- a. If you did not notify BRMS that you recently moved media from an off-site to an on-site location, the \*MEDCLS device search may fail. For this reason, it is better to explicitly name the device you want BRMS to use for the recovery.
  - b. If BRMS cannot find the media in its specified location and \*MEDCLS was specified, BRMS will try to locate the media in the available devices.
- In the *Parallel device resources* field, specify whether you want to perform parallel recoveries. In a parallel recovery, BRMS allocates multiple devices to process one large job. You need multiple

devices (at least two) to use this option. BRMS can only perform parallel restores on information that was saved with the parallel process. You can find more information about parallel and concurrent (multiple jobs to multiple devices) recoveries later in this chapter.

- Use the *Database member option* field to specify which members of database files you want to restore to the database.
- Use the *Restore spooled file data* field to specify whether spooled files saved concurrently with saved output queues are to be restored when the output queues are restored.
- In the *Allow object differences* field, you can instruct BRMS to allow differences between saved and restored objects.

**Note:** When restoring objects that BRMS saved with SAVOBJ or SAVCHGOBJ, BRMS will change the parameter to ALWOBJDIF(\*FILELVL \*AUTL \*OWNER \*PGP) for these objects to prevent the renaming.

2. Page to the next display to see additional recovery policy options.

```

Change Recovery Policy                                     RCHAS400
Type choices, press Enter.
Restore to library . . . . . *SAVLIB           Name, *SAVLIB
Auxiliary storage pool . . . . . *SAVASP      Name, *SAVASP, 1-32 ...
Document name generation . . . . . *SAME      *SAME, *NEW
System resource management . . . . . *ALL      *ALL, *NONE, *HDW, *TRA
Restore into folder . . . . . *SAME

Apply journaled changes:
Restore journal receivers . . . . . *YES       *YES, *NO
Apply option . . . . . *NONE                 *NONE, *APPLY, *REMOVE
Ending date . . . . . *CURRENT               Date, *CURRENT
Ending time . . . . . *CURRENT               Time, *CURRENT
Lotus point-in-time:
Ending date . . . . . *CURRENT               Date, *CURRENT, *FULL
Ending time . . . . . *CURRENT               Time, *CURRENT, *FULL
Create parent directories . . . . . *NO       *NO, *YES
Parent directories owner . . . . . *PARENT     Name, *PARENT
More...

F3=Exit   F4=Prompt   F5=Refresh   F9=System policy
F12=Cancel

```

The following are brief summaries of the key parameters on the second page.

- In the *Restore to library* field, indicate whether to restore library contents to a library different from the one in which they were saved. You should not leave this as \*SAVLIB. Instead, either name a specific default library (for example, RESTORES) or use the system-provided QTEMP library. If you leave the value at \*SAVLIB, you run the risk of overwriting a production library. To avoid this, you should change the default. If you want to restore the original library at a later time, you can override the name you specify here when you want to perform the recovery operation.
- In the *Auxiliary storage pool ID* field, indicate whether to restore libraries and objects to the same auxiliary storage pool (ASP) in which they originated.
- In the *Restore into folder* field, specify the name of the folder in which the restored folders and documents to be restored will be placed.
- In the *Restore journal receivers* field, specify whether you want journal receivers for journaled objects to be restored when the journaled objects are restored.
- Use the *Apply option* field to specify whether the journal changes are applied to journaled objects after the objects are restored.
- In the *Ending date/Ending time* field, specify the date and time of the last journal entry that is applied. See [“Recovery with apply journal changes” on page 203](#) for additional information about recovery of journaled objects.
- In the *Lotus point-in-time Ending date/Ending time* field, you can instruct BRMS how Lotus server objects are restored. You can specify whether only the full save is recovered, or the full save and all current incremental saves are recovered, or the full save and incremental saves up to a specific point in time are recovered. See [“Lotus server recovery” on page 309](#) for additional information about recovery of Lotus server objects.

- Use the *Create parent directories* field to specify whether parent directories are to be created automatically if the directories do not exist before the object is restored.

**Note:** This parameter only applies to "root" (/), QOpenSys, and user-defined file systems.

The *Parent directories owner* field specifies the name of the owner to be used for the parent directory when creating parent directories which do not exist.

3. Page to the next display to see additional recovery policy options.

```

Change Recovery Policy                                     RCHAS400
Type choices, press Enter.
Key store file . . . . . *SAV                               Name, *SAV, *NONE
Key store library . . . . . *SAV                           Name, *SAV, *NONE
Restore private authorities. . . . *NO                     *NO, *YES

Output options for recoveries:
Output. . . . . *NONE                                     *NONE, *OUTFILE
File to receive output. . . . .                               Name
Library. . . . . *LIBL                                    Name, *LIBL, *CURLIB
Output member options:
Member to receive output . . . *FIRST                       Name, *FIRST
Replace or add records . . . . *REPLACE                     *REPLACE, *ADD

Output options for directory object recoveries:
Output. . . . . *NONE

F3=Exit   F4=Prompt   F5=Refresh   F9=System policy
F12=Cancel

Bottom

```

The following are brief summaries of the key parameters on the third page.

- In the *Keystore file* and *Keystore library* fields, indicate what keystore file and library you need to use to restore saved items. Default is \*SAV, to use the saved file in our history. However you have the option, in a remote restore case, to specify a different key file since it may reside in a different file and location on the remote system.
- In the *Restore private authorities* field you may specify to restore any private authorities if they have been saved. The default value is \*NO. You need to have all object authority \*ALLOBJ to be able to restore private authorities.
- In the *Output options for recoveries*, you may specify an output option. Currently you can only specify \*NONE, for no output, or \*OUTFILE to produce a database file with data about the recovery
- In the *Output options for directory object recoveries*, you may specify an output option. Currently you can only specify \*NONE, for no output, or \*OUTFILE to produce a database file with data about the recovery.

4. After reviewing and changing the parameters as needed, press Enter to save and exit.

BRMS uses only one recovery policy to cover all of your recovery needs. You should only need to set recovery policy parameters once. However, it is possible to change recovery policy values on an item by item basis by using the Restore Command Defaults display. Later in this chapter, you learn how to access and use this display.

```

Select Recovery Items                                RCHAS400

Select action . . . . . : *ALL
Select volume . . . . . :

Type options, press Enter.
 1=Select   4=Remove   5=Display   7=Specify object

  Saved      Save      Save      Save      Parallel Volume      File      Expire
Opt Item     Date      Time      Type      Devices  Serial  Sequence  Date
LIB1        10/15/05  15:12:36 *FULL                                000C0D          1    5/19/06

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F9=Recovery defaults   F11=Object View
F12=Cancel F14=Submit to batch   F16=Select

Bottom

```

## Working with the STRRCYBRM command

The Start Recovery using BRM (STRRCYBRM) command performs two critical recovery functions. It generates the reports that guide your recovery, and it initiates and processes the restore commands.

This topic provides instructions on how to use the parameters on the STRRCYBRM command to recover selected saved items. You can use the STRRCYBRM command to selectively recover the following items:

- Control Groups
- Libraries
- integrated file system data and other LINKLIST items

### Understanding the STRRCYBRM parameters

On the STRRCYBRM display, you can select the items you want to recover and the saves from which you want them restored. The STRRCYBRM command bases its restores on the save date and time entries in the media content information that best match your restore specifications. The STRRCYBRM command always restores from the most recent full save of the specified item that precedes the date and time parameters you specify.

To get to the Start Recovery using BRM display, take the following steps:

1. Type STRRCYBRM from a command line and press F4 to prompt the display. This takes you to the initial STRRCYBRM display.

```

Start Recovery using BRM (STRRCYBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

Option . . . . . *SYSTEM      *SYSTEM, *ALLDLO, *ALLUSR...

F3=Exit   F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F10=Additional parameters  F12=Cancel
F13=How to use this display  F24=More keys
Bottom

```

2. Press F9 to prompt the remaining parameters.

```

Start Recovery using BRM (STRRCYBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

Option . . . . . *SYSTEM      *SYSTEM, *ALLDLO, *ALLUSR...
Action . . . . . *REPORT      *REPORT, *RESTORE
Time period for recovery:
  Start time and date:
    Beginning time . . . . . *AVAIL      Time, *AVAIL
    Beginning date . . . . . *BEGIN      Date, *CURRENT, *BEGIN
  End time and date:
    Ending time . . . . . *AVAIL      Time, *AVAIL
    Ending date . . . . . *END        Date, *CURRENT, *END
Use save files . . . . . *YES        *YES, *NO
Auxiliary storage pool . . . . . *SYSTEM  Name, 1-32, *SYSTEM
Library . . . . . *SYSTEM      Name, generic*
List . . . . . *ALL          Name, *ALL

F3=Exit   F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel  F13=How to use this display
F24=More keys
More...

```

Following are brief summaries of the key parameters on this display:

- At the *Option* parameter, you need to specify the kind of recovery you want BRMS to perform. The default value for this parameter is \*SYSTEM, which instructs BRMS to recover your entire system. You can change this value to specify a number of saved items to recover, including product and user libraries, control groups, and integrated file system data. Press F1 (Help) to prompt a list of the items you can recover from this parameter.
- At the *Action* parameter, you need to specify whether you want BRMS to generate recovery reports (\*REPORT) or perform a restore (\*RESTORE). The default value for this parameter is \*REPORT, so when you want BRMS to perform a recovery, you need to change this value to \*RESTORE.
- At the *Time period for recovery* parameters, specify a range of save dates and times between which BRMS should perform the restore. For example, when you select beginning and ending dates and times, you instruct BRMS to restore items that were saved only during those periods.
- If you are using the BRMS Network feature, you can use the *From system* parameter to create recovery reports for other networked systems, or to view and recover one or more of the saved items from a networked system to the local system. Refer to “Networking with BRMS” on page 275 for additional information about setting up and using the BRMS Network feature. If you are recovering the local system, use the default value for this field, \*LCL, which instructs BRMS to use the system currently in use.

3. Become familiar with the remaining parameters on this command and change them as needed to suit the type of recovery you want to perform.
4. Press Enter to begin the recovery.

**Note:** This command allows the user to manually select duplicate media to restore from, therefore the automatic selection of alternate input media as specified on the system policy will not affect restore operations initiated from this command.

## Recovering control groups with STRRCYBRM

While you cannot use the STRRCYBRM command to recover individual spooled files, document library objects (DLO), or folders, you can use it to recover the control group in which they were saved. To recover a control group with the STRRCYBRM command, take the following steps:

1. Type STRRCYBRM at a command line and press F4 to prompt the display.
2. Press F9 to prompt the remaining parameters.

```

Start Recovery using BRM (STRRCYBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

Option . . . . . *CTLGRP      *SYSTEM, *ALLDLO, *ALLUSR...
Action . . . . . *RESTORE     *REPORT, *RESTORE
Time period for recovery:
  Start time and date:
    Beginning time . . . . . *AVAIL      Time, *AVAIL
    Beginning date . . . . . *BEGIN      Date, *CURRENT, *BEGIN
  End time and date:
    Ending time . . . . . *AVAIL      Time, *AVAIL
    Ending date . . . . . *END        Date, *CURRENT, *END
Use save files . . . . . *YES        *YES, *NO
Auxiliary storage pool . . . . . *SYSTEM  Name, 1-32, *SYSTEM
Library . . . . . *ALL           Name, generic*
List . . . . . *ALL           Name, *ALL

More...
F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel  F13=How to use this display
F24=More keys

```

3. Type \*CTLGRP in the *Option* field.
4. Type \*RESTORE in the *Action* field.
5. Change the *Time period for recovery* parameters

```

Start Recovery using BRM (STRRCYBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

Journal . . . . . *JRNLIST      Name, *JRNLIST
Library . . . . . *ALL          Name
      + for more values

ASP device:
  From system . . . . . *LCL
  Auxiliary storage pool . . . . . *ALL      Name, *ALL
  Objects . . . . . *ALL        *ALL, *LIB, *LNK
      + for more values

Control group selection:
  Control group . . . . . *SELECT     Name, *SELECT, *NONE...
  Sequence number . . . . . *ALL      1-99
      + for more values

Libraries to omit . . . . . *DELETE   Name, generic*, *DELETE...
      + for more values

Allow duplicate entries . . . . . *NO      *NO, *YES

More...
F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel  F13=How to use this display
F24=More keys

```

6. If you want to restore only one control group and know its name, type it into the *Control group* field. Or you can use the \*SELECT value to select from a list of control groups. Since the \*SELECT value is the default value for this parameter, simply press Enter once to prompt the list.



```

                                Select and Sequence Control Groups                                RCHAS400
Type sequence number (1-99), press Enter.

Seq      Control      Text
--      Group          Text
--      *BKUGRP         Entry created by BRM configuration
--      *SYSGRP         Entry created by BRM configuration
1_      PAYROLL           Pay schedule for week of 05/05/05.
2_      INVENTORY         Warehouse content week of 05/05/05.
--      MYLIB             Library belonging to Jane Doe.
--      YOURLIB         Library belonging to John Smith

                                                Bottom

F3=Exit   F9=Review backup plan   F12=Cancel

```

7. Place a number in the *Seq* column next to the control groups you want to restore in the order in which you want BRMS to restore them.
8. Press Enter twice to get to the Select Recovery Items display.

```

                                Select Recovery Items                                RCHAS400
                                                Select action . . . . . : *ALL
                                                Select volume . . . . . :
Type options, press Enter.
  1=Select  4=Remove  5=Display  7=Specify object

Saved      Save      Save      Save      Parallel Volume      File      Expire
Opt Item    Date      Time      Type      Devices  Serial    Sequence Date
1  A/PAYABLE 5/27/05  16:51:56 *FULL    172534    1         6/10/05
1  A/REC     5/27/05  13:20:26 *FULL    172534    1         6/10/05
1  INV/DISKS 5/30/05  17:00:27 *FULL    1727C0    1         6/10/05
1  INV/DRIVES 5/30/05  17:15:10 *FULL    1727C0    1         6/10/05

                                                Bottom

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F9=Recovery defaults  F11=Object View
F12=Cancel F14=Submit to batch F16=Select

```

9. A list of the items contained in the control groups you specified appears on this display. Type a 1 (Select) next to the items you want BRMS to recover and press Enter. Press F16 to instruct BRMS to restore all of the items on the display.
10. Press Enter to confirm your selections at the Confirm Recovery Items display. This returns you to the STRRCYBRM display.
11. Review and change the other parameters on the STRRCYBRM display as needed.
12. To override any recovery policy values for this (or any other) specific job, press F9 from this display. This takes you to the Restore Command Default display, which contains most of the parameters and values from the recovery policy display.

```

Restore Command Defaults

Type information, press Enter.
Device . . . . . *MEDCLS      Name, *MEDCLS

Parallel device resources:
  Minimum resources. . . . . *SAV      1-32, *NONE, *AVAIL
  Maximum resources. . . . .          1-32, *AVAIL, *MIN
  End of tape option . . . . . *REWIND *REWIND, *LEAVE, *UNLOAD
  Option . . . . . *ALL           *ALL, *NEW, *OLD, *FREE
  Data base member option . . . . . *ALL *MATCH, *ALL, *NEW, *OLD
  Restore spooled file data . . . . . *NONE *NONE, *NEW
  Allow object differences . . . . . *NONE *NONE, *ALL, *AUTL,
                                         *FILELVL, *OWNER, *PGP

More...

F12=Cancel

```

At this display, you can override recovery policy values to, for example, specify a particular device or type of restore (for example, a parallel restore). Change the parameters as needed and press Enter to return to the Select Recovery Items display.

- 13. After reviewing and changing the parameters as needed, press Enter to begin the restore. As STRCYBRM processes your request, the Display Recovery Items display keeps you informed of the status of the recovery.

```

Select Recovery Items                                RCHAS400
:-----:-----:-----:-----:-----:-----:
: Display Recovery Items                                RCHAS400
:                                                    17:20:05
:
: Remaining items . . . . :                4
: Remaining objects . . . :                4
: Remaining size . . . . :          .1475 M  100.0 %
:
: Saved
: Item      Date      Time      Save  Volume
: 1  A/PAYABLE  5/27/05 16:51:56 *FULL 172534
: 1  A/REC     5/27/05 13:20:26 *FULL 172534
: 1  INV/DISKS 5/30/05 17:00:27 *FULL 1727C0
: 1  INV/DRIVES 5/30/05 17:15:10 *FULL 1727C0
:
:
: Press ATTN key to cancel recovery after current item completes.
: Restoring library LIB1 from volume 172534 sequence number 1.
:-----:-----:-----:-----:-----:-----:

```

When your recovery job completes, a message appears at the bottom of the Select Recovery Items display that indicates the status of your recovery.

```

Select Recovery Items                                RCHAS400

Select action . . . . . : *ALL
Select volume . . . . . :

Type options, press Enter.
  1=Select  4=Remove  5=Display  7=Specify object

  Saved      Save      Save      Save      Parallel  Volume      File      Expire
Opt Item      Date      Time      Type      Devices   Serial      Sequence  Date
1  A/PAYABLE  5/27/05  16:51:56 *FULL
1  A/REC      5/27/05  13:20:26 *FULL
1  INV/DISKS  5/30/05  17:00:27 *FULL
1  INV/DRIVES 5/30/05  17:15:10 *FULL
                                     172534
                                     172534
                                     1727C0
                                     1727C0
                                     1
                                     1
                                     1
                                     1

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F9=Recovery defaults  F11=Object View
F12=Cancel  F14=Submit to batch  F16=Select
4 libraries were restored from library PAYROLL and INVENTORY

Bottom

```

14. After the recovery processing completes, check the job log to make sure that the job completed successfully.

### Recovering multiple control groups

You can restore multiple control groups with a single STRRCYBRM command by naming multiple control groups in the command.

For example, issuing the command STRRCYBRM OPTION(\*CTLGRP) ACTION(\*RESTORE) CTLGRP((PAYROLL 1) (MANUFACT 2) (FINANCE 3)) instructs BRMS to recover the PAYROLL control group first. BRMS next recovers the manufacturing and finance control groups.

**Note:** If you are recovering by control groups and if you used one control group to perform full backups and another control group to perform incremental backups of the same objects, you **must** specify both control group names on the *Control group* prompt (CTLGRP parameter). In addition, sequence the incremental control group so that it is positioned after the full control group. This will cause the full and incremental saves to be processed together and assure correct selection of the saved items.

If you prefer using the displays to create the command, you can set up the command specifications as follows:

1. Change the value in the Option field to \*CTLGRP.
2. Change the value in the Action field to \*RESTORE.

```

Start Recovery using BRM (STRRCYBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

Option . . . . . > *CTLGRP      *SYSTEM, *ALLDLO, *ALLUSR...
Action . . . . . *RESTORE     *REPORT, *RESTORE

Time period for recovery:
  Start time and date:
  Beginning time . . . . . *AVAIL      Time, *AVAIL
  Beginning date . . . . . *BEGIN     Date, *CURRENT, *BEGIN
  End time and date:
  Ending time . . . . . *AVAIL      Time, *AVAIL
  Ending date . . . . . *END        Date, *CURRENT, *END
Use save files . . . . . *YES       *YES, *NO
Control group selection:
  Control group . . . . . *SELECT    Name, *SELECT, *NONE...
  Sequence number . . . . .          1-99
  + for more values

F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F10=Additional parameters  F12=Cancel
F13=How to use this display  F24=More keys

More...

```

3. Enter + for the *Control group selection* field, then press Enter to get to the *Specify More Values for Parameter CTLGRP* display.
4. Enter PAYROLL for the first control group sequence, MANUFACT for the second, and INVENTORY for the third.

```

Specify More Values for Parameter CTLGRP

Type choices, press Enter.

Control group selection:
Control group . . . . . PAYROLL      Name, *SELECT, *NONE...
Sequence number . . . . . 1          1-99

Control group . . . . . MANUFACT     Name, *NONE, *BKUGRP...
Sequence number . . . . . 2          1-99

Control group . . . . . INVENTORY    Name, *NONE, *BKUGRP...
Sequence number . . . . . 3          1-99

Control group . . . . .              Name, *NONE, *BKUGRP...
Sequence number . . . . . 1          1-99

Control group . . . . .              Name, *NONE, *BKUGRP...
Sequence number . . . . . 1          1-99

More...
F3=Exit   F4=Prompt   F5=Refresh   F12=Cancel   F13=How to use this display
F24=More keys

```

5. Review and change the other parameters as needed, and press Enter to process the command.

## Recovering libraries with STRRCYBRM

To recover a library with the STRRCYBRM command, take the following steps:

1. Type \*LIB at the *Option* parameter and \*RESTORE at the *Action* parameter.

```

Start Recovery using BRM (STRRCYBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

Option . . . . . > *LIB              *SYSTEM, *ALLDLO, *ALLUSR...
Action . . . . . > *RESTORE          *REPORT, *RESTORE
Time period for recovery:
Start time and date:
Beginning time . . . . . *AVAIL      Time, *AVAIL
Beginning date . . . . . *BEGIN      Date, *CURRENT, *BEGIN
End time and date:
Ending time . . . . . *AVAIL        Time, *AVAIL
Ending date . . . . . *END          Date, *CURRENT, *END
Use save files . . . . . *YES        *YES, *NO
Library . . . . .                  Name, generic*

Bottom
F3=Exit   F4=Prompt   F5=Refresh   F10=Additional parameters   F12=Cancel
F13=How to use this display   F24=More keys

```

2. Type the name of the library you want BRMS to restore in the *Library* field. You can also recover a string of libraries by using a generic library name. For example, you can restore all libraries that begin with P by specifying P\* at the *Library* parameter. After you have specified the library you want to restore, press Enter. This takes you to the Select Recovery Items display.

```

Select Recovery Items                                RCHAS400

Select action . . . . . : *ALL
Select volume . . . . . :

Type options, press Enter.
 1=Select  4=Remove  5=Display  7=Specify object

  Saved      Save      Save      Save      Parallel  Volume      File      Expire
Opt Item    Date      Time      Type      Devices   Serial      Sequence  Date
 1  LIB10    5/28/05  18:39:05 *FULL                                172534      4      7/01/05
 1  LIB20    5/28/05  18:55:21 *INCR                                172535      5      7/01/05

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F9=Recovery defaults  F11=Object View      Bottom
F12=Cancel  F14=Submit to batch  F16=Select

```

3. Select the items you want to recover and press Enter.
4. Press Enter at the Confirm Recovery Items display to confirm your selections.
5. If you want to override any of the recovery policy parameters for this specific job, press F9 to take you to the Restore Command Default display. If you do not want to change any recovery policy parameters, press Enter to begin processing the restore.
6. The Display Recovery Items display appears to inform you of the status of your restore.
7. When the recovery completes, a message appears at the bottom of the Select Recovery Items display. This message tells you the number of objects BRMS restored (for example, 1 object) and from which library (LIBA).
8. Check the job log to ensure that the restore completed successfully.

In addition to recovering selected individual libraries, you can use the STRRCYBRM command to restore all of your IBM libraries or all of your user libraries. To restore all of the \*IBM or \*ALLUSR libraries, specify \*IBM or \*ALLUSR at the *Option* parameter. Leave the *Library* field blank.

### Recovery of individual integrated file system objects

You can use the STRRCYBRM command to restore an individual link list, rather than the entire control group that contains the link list.

In “Tailoring your backup” on page 129, you learned how to save your integrated file system data in a control group by using a link list. The word *link* in the *link list* in this case refers to the connection between integrated file system directories. To restore an individual link list, take the following steps:

1. At the STRRCYBRM display, type \*LNKLIST in the *Option* field.

```

Start Recovery using BRM (STRRCYBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

Option . . . . . > *LNKLIST      *SYSTEM, *ALLDLO, *ALLUSR...
Action . . . . . > *RESTORE     *REPORT, *RESTORE

Time period for recovery:
Start time and date:
Beginning time . . . . . *AVAIL    Time, *AVAIL
Beginning date . . . . . *BEGIN    Date, *CURRENT, *BEGIN
End time and date:
Ending time . . . . . *AVAIL      Time, *AVAIL
Ending date . . . . . *END        Date, *CURRENT, *END
Use save files . . . . . *YES      *YES, *NO
List . . . . . *ALL              Name, *ALL

F3=Exit   F4=Prompt   F5=Refresh   F10=Additional parameters   F12=Cancel
F13=How to use this display   F24=More keys

Bottom

```

The \*LNKLIST special value restores all of the integrated file system objects that BRMS saved in the list between the start and end times you specify on this display.

2. Change the other parameters as needed.
3. Override recovery policy parameters if needed by pressing F9, which takes you to the Restore Command Defaults display. Or press Enter to process the recovery.
4. Check the job log to make sure that the job completed successfully.

### Restoring a storage space with BRMS

You can use either the Work with Link Information (WRKLNKBRM) or the Work with Media Information in BRM (WRKMEDIBRM) command to restore integrated file system storage space.

Before beginning the restore operation, vary off your Integrated PC server. This example uses the WRKLNKBRM command to restore two storage spaces, DRIVEK and DRIVEL, from the /QFPNWSSTG directory. To restore the storage space by using the WRKLNKBRM display, take the following steps:

1. Type WRKLNKBRM at a command line and press Enter.
  - Note:** In V5R3M0, the path name order will begin with the uppercase path names and be followed then by the lowercase path names.
2. Type a 9 (Work with directory information) in front of the directory you want to work with and press Enter. This takes you to the Work with objects display.
3. Type a 7 (Restore) in front of the objects you want to restore and press Enter.

```

Work with Objects                                RCHAS400
                                                06/30/04 14.53.21
Directory . . . . . : /QFPNWSSTG
Saved date/time . . : 05/12/05 10:37:41

Type options, press Enter.
  4=Remove  5=Display  7=Restore

Opt  Object                               Volume      Size
  7  DRIVEK                               ABC592     34816
  7  DRIVEL                               ABC592     29184

Command
===>
F3=Exit   F4=Prompt   F5=Refresh   F9=Retrieve   F12=Cancel   F17=Position to
F22=Display entire field

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```

```

Select Recovery Items                                RCHAS400

Select action . . . . . : *ALL
Select volume . . . . . :

Type options, press Enter.
 1=Select  4=Remove  5=Display  7=Specify object

  Saved      Save      Save      Save      Parallel  Volume  File      Expire
Opt Item     Date      Time      Type      Devices   Serial  Sequence  Date
 1 LANSTGS    6/12/05  10:37:41 *FULL
 1 LANSTGS    6/12/05  10:37:41 *FULL

                                                Bottom

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F9=Recovery defaults  F11=Object View
F12=Cancel  F14=Submit to batch  F16=Select

```

4. Select the items you want to recover from the Select Recovery Items display and press Enter.
5. Confirm the items you want to recover at the Confirm Recovery Items display.
6. Type a 9 (Work with objects) in front of the items you want to restore and press Enter. The recovery process begins.
7. After the restore completes, you can vary on the Integrated PC server. This can take several minutes. Once you activate the Integrated Windows server, you should also try out a few options from the Network Server Administration (NWSADM) menu to ensure that everything is working correctly.
8. To verify that BRMS successfully completed the restore, use the Work with Network Server Storage Spaces (WRKNWSSTG) command.
9. Link the storage names with the appropriate drive letters by using the Add Server Storage Link (ADDNWSSTGL) command. You can also use option 10 from the Work with Network Storage Space (WRKNWSSTG) display to perform the same task.

## Recovering user profiles

This example assumes that you saved your user profiles in a control group, for example, in the \*SECDDATA control group or in a control group created by you. To restore your user profiles, take the following steps:

1. Use the INZBRM \*DEVICE command to clear device information. This also initializes the files for the devices currently attached to your system.
2. Type STRRCYBRM at a command line and press F4.
3. Type \*CTLGRP in the Option field and press Enter.
4. Change the value in the *Action* field to \*RESTORE.
5. Type the name of the control group that contains the user profiles into the *Control group selection* field.
6. Make sure that the value in the *Library to omit* field is \*DELETE. Press Enter.
7. Press F9 (Recovery defaults) at the Select Recovery Items display.
8. On the Restore Command Defaults display, change the value in the *Allow object differences* field to \*ALL or to the specific differences you want to allow for the restore.

```

Restore Command Defaults

Type information, press Enter.
Device . . . . . *MEDCLS      Name, *MEDCLS

Parallel device resources:
  Minimum resources. . . . . *SAV      1-32, *NONE, *AVAIL
  Maximum resources. . . . .          1-32, *AVAIL, *MIN
  End of tape option . . . . . *REWIND *REWIND, *LEAVE, *UNLOAD
  Option . . . . . *ALL           *ALL, *NEW, *OLD, *FREE
  Data base member option . . . . . *ALL *MATCH, *ALL, *NEW, *OLD
  Restore spooled file data . . . . . *NONE *NONE, *NEW
  Allow object differences . . . . . *ALL *NONE, *ALL, *AUTL,
                                       *FILELVL, *OWNER, *PGP

More...

F12=Cancel

```

9. Select the items you want to restore at the Select Recovery Items display and press Enter.
  10. Press Enter once to return to the Select Recovery Items display and again to process the restore.
- You can use the IBM i command Restore User Profiles (RSTUSRPRF) to restore individual user profiles.

### Additional restore options in BRMS

This section provides information about how you can restore objects, folders, and spooled files by using other BRMS recovery commands.

#### Recovering objects with object detail

Use the Work with Media Information (WRKMEDIBRM) command to restore individual objects for which BRMS saved object detail.

**Note:** This command allows the user to manually select duplicate media to restore from; therefore the automatic selection of alternate input media as specified on the system policy will not affect restore operations initiated from this command.

To get there, take the following steps:

1. Type WRKMEDIBRM at a command line and press Enter.

```

Work with Media Information                                RCHAS400

Position to Date . . . . .

Type options, press Enter.
  2=Change  4=Remove  5=Display  6=Work with media  7=Restore
  9=Work with saved objects  ...

Opt  Saved      Save      Save      Save      Parallel  Volume  File      Expire
     Item       Date      Time      Type      Devices   Serial  Sequence  Date
-----
VETTEASP32  6/23/05  11:01:56 *FULL    SAM190    196     7/28/05
VETTE2      6/23/05  11:01:56 *FULL    SAM190    197     7/28/05
ZDRH001     6/23/05  11:01:56 *FULL    SAM190    198     7/28/05
ZDRH002     6/23/05  11:01:56 *FULL    SAM190    199     7/28/05
ZDRH003     6/23/05  11:01:56 *FULL    SAM190    200     7/28/05
QFILE       6/23/05  11:02:10 *FILE    SAM190    142     7/28/05
QUSRBRM     6/23/05  11:09:23 *FULL    SAM190    201     7/28/05
*ALLDL0     6/23/05  11:09:59 *FULL    SAM190    202     7/28/05
*LINK       6/23/05  11:10:28 *FULL    SAM190    203     7/28/05
9 QUSRBRM   6/23/05  11:28:00 *QBRM    SAM190    204     7/28/05
More...

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F11=Object detail  F12=Cancel
F23=More options

```

2. Type a 9 (Work with Saved Objects) in front of the saved item from which you want BRMS to perform the restore. If object level detail does not exist for that item, BRMS sends a message stating that object level detail does not exist for that entry.



3. Press Enter. This takes you to the Work with Saved Items display.

```

Work with Saved Objects                                RCHAS400

Position to Object . . .

Type options, press Enter.
 4=Remove  5=Display  6=Work with media  7=Restore object
 9=Work with saved members

Opt Object      Library      Type      Save      Save      Volume      Message
7 QA1ACN        QUSRBRM    *FILE     6/23/05   11:28:00   SAM190      ID
7 QA1ADV        QUSRBRM    *FILE     6/23/05   11:28:00   SAM190
  QA1ADXR       QUSRBRM    *FILE     6/23/05   11:28:00   SAM190
7 QA1AHS        QUSRBRM    *FILE     6/23/05   11:28:00   SAM190
  QA1ALR        QUSRBRM    *FILE     6/23/05   11:28:00   SAM190
  QA1AMD        QUSRBRM    *FILE     6/23/05   11:28:00   SAM190
  QA1AMM        QUSRBRM    *FILE     6/23/05   11:28:00   SAM190
  QA1AMT        QUSRBRM    *FILE     6/23/05   11:28:00   SAM190
  QA1ANET2      QUSRBRM    *FILE     6/23/05   11:28:00   SAM190
  QA1AOQ        QUSRBRM    *FILE     6/23/05   11:28:00   SAM190

More...

F3=Exit  F12=Cancel

```

4. Type a 7 (Restore object) in front of the object you want to restore and press Enter.

```

Select Recovery Items                                RCHAS400

Type options, press Enter.  Press F16 to select all.
 1=Select  4=Remove  5=Display

Opt Object      Library      Type      Save      Expiration  Volume      Message
1 QA1ACN        QUSRBRM    *FILE     6/23/05   7/28/05     SAM190      ID
1 QA1ADV        QUSRBRM    *FILE     6/23/05   7/28/05     SAM190
1 QA1AHS        QUSRBRM    *FILE     6/23/05   7/28/05     SAM190

Bottom

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F9=Recovery defaults  F12=Cancel
F14=Submit to batch  F16=Select all

```

5. At the Select Recovery Items display, type a 1 (Select) in front of the objects you want to restore. To restore all of the objects that are listed on the display, press F16, which selects all of them for you.
6. Press Enter to confirm your selections at the Confirm Recovery Items display.
7. Press Enter to begin processing the restore. At the completion of the recovery, BRMS sends a message that tells you how many objects it restored.
8. Check the job log to ensure that the job completed successfully.

### Recovering objects without object detail

Even if you have not instructed BRMS to retain object detail, you can still restore individual or groups of objects. To do so, use the Work with Media Information (WRKMEDIBRM) command to restore the library that contains the object or objects that you want to restore. To get there, take the following steps:

1. Type WRKMEDIBRM at a command line and press Enter.
2. Type a 7 (Restore) next to the item that contains the object you want to restore. Press Enter.

```

Work with Media Information                                RCHAS400

Position to Date . . . . .

Type options, press Enter.
 2=Change  4=Remove  5=Display  6=Work with media  7=Restore
 9=Work with saved objects  ...

Opt  Saved      Save      Save      Save      Parallel Volume  File      Expire
     Item       Date      Time     Type     Devices  Serial   Sequence  Date
VETTEASP32 6/23/05 11:01:56 *FULL    SAM190   196      7/28/05
VETTE2     6/23/05 11:01:56 *FULL    SAM190   197      7/28/05
ZDRH001    6/23/05 11:01:56 *FULL    SAM190   198      7/28/05
ZDRH002    6/23/05 11:01:56 *FULL    SAM190   199      7/28/05
ZDRH003    6/23/05 11:01:56 *FULL    SAM190   200      7/28/05
QFILE      6/23/05 11:02:10 *FILE     SAM190   142      7/28/05
QUSRBRM    6/23/05 11:09:23 *FULL    SAM190   201      7/28/05
*ALLDLO    6/23/05 11:09:59 *FULL    SAM190   202      7/28/05
*LINK      6/23/05 11:10:28 *FULL    SAM190   203      7/28/05
7  QUSRBRM    6/23/05 11:28:00 *QBRM    SAM190   204      7/28/05
                                           More...

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F11=Object detail  F12=Cancel
F23=More options

```

3. This takes you to the *Select Recovery Items* display. At this display, type a 7 (Specify object) in front of the item that contains the item you want to restore. Press Enter.

```

Select Recovery Items                                RCHAS400

Select action . . . . . : *ALL
Select volume . . . . . :

Type options, press Enter.
 1=Select  4=Remove  5=Display  7=Specify object

Opt  Saved      Save      Save      Save      Parallel Volume  File      Expire
     Item       Date      Time     Type     Devices  Serial   Sequence  Date
7  QUSRBRM    6/23/04 11:28:00 *QBRM    SAM190   204      7/28/04

                                           Bottom

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F9=Recovery defaults  F11=Object View
F12=Cancel  F14=Submit to batch  F16=Select

```

This takes you to the *Restore Object (RSTOBJ)* command display.

```

Restore Object (RSTOBJ)

Type choices, press Enter.

Objects . . . . . Q01AUSRRCY  Name, generic*, *ALL
+ for more values
Saved library . . . . . > QUSRBRM  Name, generic*, *ANY
Device . . . . . TAPMLB01  Name, *SAVF, *MEDDFN
+ for more values
Object types . . . . . > *ALL  *ALL, *ALRTBL, *BNDDIR...
+ for more values
Volume identifier . . . . . > SAM190  Character value, *MOUNTED...
Sequence number . . . . . > 0000000204  1-16777215, *SEARCH

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F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F10=Additional parameters  F12=Cancel
F13=How to use this display  F24=More keys

```

4. At the *Object* parameter, type in the name of the object you want to restore.
5. At the *Device* parameter, type in the name of the device where the volume is mounted.
6. Press Enter to process the restore.

**Note:** You can restore multiple objects from the Restore Objects display.

## Recovery with apply journal changes

BRMS keeps track of the files and members in user libraries which are journaled at the time of the save to provide you with additional assistance when recovering these objects.

**Note:** If the recovery includes objects saved with pending transactions, you must either apply or remove the journal changes for these objects to be usable.

**Note:** If you re-save objects with pending transactions without specifying *\*NOCMTBDY* for *Pending record changes*, you need to also specify *\*YES* for *Retain object detail* if you want to use BRMS for applying or removing journal changes for the most recent save. BRMS cannot assist with applying or removing journal changes for objects for which there is no object detail.

When you select *5=Display* from the *BRMS Work with Saved Objects* display, the last panel of the *Display Object Save Information* display shows you whether the object was saved with pending transactions, the associated journal and starting journal receiver. The journal and journal receiver information will always be filled in if the object was journaled at the time of the save.

```

                                Display Object Save Information

Pending transactions . . . . . : *YES
Journal . . . . . : JRN1
Journal library . . . . . : JRNLIB
Journal receiver . . . . . : RCV005
Journal receiver library . . . . . : JRNLIB

Press Enter to continue.                                Bottom
F3=Exit  F12=Cancel
```

You may also produce journal receiver reports, Journal Receiver Chain Report (QP1AJR) and the Journal Receiver Exception Report (QP1AJREXC). The Journal Receiver Chain report produces a listing and detailed report of the receiver chains associated with the specified journals. The Journal Receiver Exception report will be generated when BRMS detects a break or missing receiver from the receiver chain in the BRMS backup history information. To generate these reports, issue the following command:

**STRRCYBRM OPTION(\*JOURNAL) JRN(\*JRNLST)**

### System recovery

When you restore the entire system, the IBM i operating system correctly establishes the receiver chains when the journals and journal receivers are restored to the system. You can then use one of the following commands to have BRMS assist you in applying journaled changes:

```
STRRCYBRM OPTION(*APYJRNCHG) JRN(*JRNLST)
```

or

```
STRRCYBRM OPTION(*APYJRNCHG) JRN((library-name/journal-name))
```

The first form of the command retrieves a list of journals in user libraries which BRMS has saved.

**Note:** In order for BRMS to store information about saved journaled objects, journals and journal receivers, you must specify \*MBR for *Retain object detail* on the BRMS save command or backup control group attributes.

**Note:** BRMS does not save journal information for objects in libraries which begin with the letter Q or the # character. These are considered system libraries supplied by IBM program products.

The second form of the command allows you to specify up to 25 qualified names of journals to which you want to apply changes.

Either command takes you to the *Work with Journals using BRMS* display where you can view the status of the specified journals. From this panel you can select options to view the journal attributes and apply the journal changes. The *Status* column on the display indicates whether the journal exists on the system and can help you easily identify a missing journal.

```

                                Work with Journals using BRMS
                                System:  RCHAS400
Type options, press Enter.
  1=Apply journal changes   5=Work with journal attributes

Opt  Journal      Library      Save      Save      Status
     Date         Time
-----
  _   JRN1         JRNLIB      06/12/05  10:21:53  *FOUND
  1   JRN2         JRNLIB      06/12/05  10:21:53  *FOUND
  _   JRN3         JRNLIB      / /       : :       *NOTFOUND
  _   JRN4         JRNLIB      06/12/05  10:21:53  *FOUND

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Type command, press Enter.
====>
F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F9=Retrieve  F11=Show ASP view  F12=Cancel

```

When you specify *1=Apply journal changes* next to a journal in the list, you are taken to the *Apply Journal Changes using BRMS* display which lists the journal receiver chain for the selected journal. The *Status* column on the display indicates the journal receiver status and can help you easily identify missing journal receivers.

```

                                Apply Journal Changes using BRMS
                                System:  RCHAS400
Journal . . . . . : JRN2
Library . . . . . : JRNLIB
Auxiliary storage pool . . . : *SYSBAS

Press F16 to apply changes.
Press F3 or F12 to cancel.

Journal      Library      Sequence  Status      Save      Save
Receiver     Date         Time
-----
RCV001      JRNLIB      1         *SAVED      06/12/05  10:21:53
RCV002      JRNLIB      2         *SAVED      06/12/05  10:21:53
RCV003      JRNLIB      3         *SAVED      06/12/05  10:21:53
RCV004      JRNLIB      4         *SAVED      06/12/05  10:21:53
RCV005      JRNLIB      5         *ATTACHED

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Type command, press Enter.
====>
F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F9=Retrieve  F11=Show attach date/time  F12=Cancel
F16=Apply changes

```

Press F16 to apply the journaled changes.

### **Journalled file and member recovery**

BRMS can assist you in the recovery of journalled libraries, files, and members by recovering the associated journal if it does not exist on the system, recovering the corresponding journal receivers, and applying the journalled changes.

**Note:** BRMS will use *Recovery device* \*MEDCLS when recovering journals and journal receivers during journalled object recovery.

This additional support is provided when recovering journalled files or members in user libraries using the Restore Object using BRM (RSTOBJBRM) command or the *Work with Saved Objects* display, or when recovering user libraries containing journalled files or members using the Restore Library using BRM (RSTLIBBRM) command or the *Work with Media Information* display.

**Note:** In order for BRMS to store information about saved journals and journal receivers, you must specify \*MBR for *Retain object detail* on the BRMS save command or backup control group attributes.

The extent to which BRMS performs this additional recovery when restoring a journalled object is dependent on the current attributes of the Recovery Policy or Restore Command Defaults. The default is for BRMS to take no action. You must explicitly indicate through the attributes of the Recovery Policy or Restore Command Defaults what additional recovery actions you want BRMS to take (see the *Apply journalled changes* prompt in section [“Recovery policy” on page 187](#)).

The following outlines some restrictions on the BRMS capabilities regarding this additional recovery:

- BRMS will only apply/remove journalled changes to physical files and file members.
- BRMS will only apply/remove journalled changes to the objects saved and restored on the local system (no FROMSYS support).
- BRMS cannot apply/remove journal changes for objects restored to a different library than the saved library or to different object names.
- BRMS cannot apply/remove journal changes if journaling has not been started for the object.
- BRMS cannot restore journals and/or journal receivers, and apply/remove journal changes if the necessary object detail is not available. Saved journals and journal receivers must remain on the system until the backup job completes. In addition, if saved journals or journal receivers are removed from the system during the backup job, BRMS will not be able to retrieve information about these saved objects required to assist with applying/removing journal changes.

### **Recovering individual folders**

You can restore folders that BRMS saved in documents by using the \*ALLDLO special value on the STRRCYBRM command. However, you can only restore individual folders by using the Work with Saved Folders (WRKFLRBRM) command.

Also, you can restore *individual folders* only if BRMS saved them with the *Retain Object Detail* parameter set to \*YES, \*OBJ, or \*MBR.

**Note:** This command allows the user to manually select duplicate media to restore from, therefore the automatic selection of alternate input media as specified on the system policy will not affect restore operations initiated from this command.

To restore an individual folder by using BRMS, take the following steps:

1. Type WRKFLRBRM at a command line and press Enter.

```

Work with Saved Folders (WRKFLBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

Folder . . . . . *ALL

Select dates:
  From date . . . . . *BEGIN      Date, *BEGIN, *CURRENT, nnnnn
  To date . . . . . *END        Date, *END, *CURRENT, nnnnn
Save status . . . . . *ALL      *ALL, *ERROR, *NOERROR
Sequence option . . . . . *DATE   *DATE, *FLR
From system . . . . . *LCL
Output . . . . . *              *, *PRINT

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F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel  F13=How to use this display
F24=More keys

```

2. Following are brief summaries of the key parameters on this display:

- At the *Folder* parameter, indicate the name of the folder or subfolder that you want BRMS to restore. The default for this field is \*ALL. You can also specify the name of an individual folder or a generic name, which indicates a range. You can also prompt a list of saved folders to choose from by pressing F4.
- At the *Select date* parameter, specify a range of save dates from which BRMS should pull the folders that you want to restore. This instructs BRMS to restore items that were saved during a particular period.

3. Change the other parameters as necessary. Then press Enter to prompt a list of folders from which you can select the items you want to restore.

```

Work with Saved Folders                                RCHAS400

Position to save date . .

Type options, press Enter.
  4=Remove  5=Display  6=Work with media  7=Restore folder
  9=Work with saved objects

Opt  Folder                Save Date   Save Time   DLO   Not   Volume
     QDIADOCS              6/23/05   11:09:59   4     0     SAM190
     QFOSDIA                6/23/05   11:09:59   0     0     SAM190
     QFOSDIA/MRI2924        6/23/05   11:09:59   4     0     SAM190
     QFPNTWE                6/23/05   11:09:59   3     0     SAM190
     QFPNTWE/NLS           6/23/05   11:09:59   0     0     SAM190
     QFPNTWE/NLS/0         6/23/05   11:09:59   1     0     SAM190
     QFPNTWE/NLS/1         6/23/05   11:09:59   1     0     SAM190
     QFPNTWE/NLS/10        6/23/05   11:09:59   1     0     SAM190
     QFPNTWE/NLS/11        6/23/05   11:09:59   1     0     SAM190
     QFPNTWE/NLS/12        6/23/05   11:09:59   1     0     SAM190
                                     More...

F3=Exit  F12=Cancel

```

4. Type a 7 (Restore folders) in front of the folders you want to restore and press Enter. This takes you to the Select Recovery Items display.

```

                                Select Recovery Items                                RCHAS400
Type options, press Enter. Press F16 to select all.
  1=Select  4=Remove  5=Display  7=Specify document

Opt  Folder                Save      Expiration  DLO      Not      Volume
   1  QDIADOCs             Date      Date        Saved     Saved    SAM190
                                6/23/05   7/28/05     4         0

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F9=Recovery defaults  F12=Cancel
F14=Submit to batch  F16=Select all

                                Bottom

```

5. Type a 1 (Select) in front of the folders you want to restore and press Enter.
6. Press Enter to confirm the items you want to recover at the Confirm Recovery Items display.
7. Press Enter again to begin processing the command.
8. After the command completes, review the job log to make sure that your restore completed successfully.

**Note:** You can also use the Work with Saved Folders display to remove folder information from the media content information inventory. In addition, you can review folder detail from this display.

### Recovering spooled files saved with output queues

You can back up spooled files concurrently when saving output queues. Likewise, you can also restore these saved spooled files when restoring the output queue.

BRMS does not automatically restore the saved spooled files when restoring output queues, you must specify this recovery option on the Restore Command Defaults display before you restore the output queue or the library containing the output queue.

**Note:** If your backup strategy is to always save spooled files with saved output queues and you always want to restore these spooled files when restoring the output queues, run the WRKPCYBRM TYPE(\*RCY) command and change the *Restore spooled file data* prompt on the Change Recovery Policy display to \*NEW.

If you want spooled files recovered with restored output queue, specify \*NEW for the *Restore spooled file data* prompt on the Restore Command Default display before you restore the libraries or output queues.

```

                                Restore Command Defaults
Type information, press Enter.
Device . . . . . *MEDCLS      Name, *MEDCLS

Parallel device resources:
  Minimum resources. . . . . *SAV      1-32, *NONE, *AVAIL
  Maximum resources. . . . .          1-32, *AVAIL, *MIN
  End of tape option . . . . . *REWIND *REWIND, *LEAVE, *UNLOAD
  Option . . . . . *ALL           *ALL, *NEW, *OLD, *FREE
  Data base member option . . . . . *ALL *MATCH, *ALL, *NEW, *OLD
  Restore spooled file data . . . . . *NEW *NONE, *NEW
  Allow object differences . . . . . *NONE
                                           *NONE, *ALL, *AUTL,
                                           *FILELVL, *OWNER, *PGP

                                More...

F12=Cancel

```

You can determine whether a saved library contains saved spooled file data by viewing the save information for the library. Use option 5 (display) to view the save information for the library. A value of \*YES will be set for the *Saved spooled file data* prompt on the Display Save Information display if spooled files were saved with saved output queues.

```

                                Display Save Information

Auxiliary storage pool . . . . . : 01
Saved release . . . . . : V5R4M0
Target release . . . . . : V5R4M0
Save access paths . . . . . : *YES
Save contents of save files . . . . . : *YES
Saved spooled file data . . . . . : *YES
Compressed . . . . . : *NO
Compacted . . . . . : *NO
Reference date . . . . . :
Reference time . . . . . :
Object detail retained . . . . . : *YES
Successfully saved offline . . . . . : *NO
Save file name . . . . . : Q500653906
Save file library . . . . . : Q1ABRMSF01
Save file expiration date . . . . . : *PERM
Control group . . . . . : MYLISTSPCY

Press Enter to continue.                                More...

F3=Exit  F12=Cancel

```

## Recovering individual spooled files

You can use either the Work with Saved Spooled Files using BRM (WRKSPLFBRM) display or the WRKMEDIBRM command to restore spooled files. Though both commands work effectively, the WRKSPLFBRM command allows you a little more flexibility when you set up the restore.

To restore a spooled file by using the WRKSPLFBRM command, take the following steps:

1. Type WRKSPLFBRM at a command line and press F4.

```

                                Work with Saved Spooled Files (WRKSPLFBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

Output queue . . . . . QPRINT      Name, *ALL
Library . . . . . QGPL          Name, *ALL
Auxiliary storage pool . . . . . *ALL      Name, 1-255, *ALL, *SYSTEM
File . . . . . *ALL          Name, *ALL
Job name . . . . . STRMNTBRM     Name, *ALL
User . . . . . *ALL          Name, *ALL
User data . . . . . *ALL       Character value, *ALL
Select dates:
  From date . . . . . *BEGIN     Date, *BEGIN, *CURRENT, nnnnn
  To date . . . . . *END       Date, *END, *CURRENT, nnnnn
Save status . . . . . *ALL      *ALL, *ERROR, *NOERROR
Sequence option . . . . . *DATE  *DATE, *FILE, *JOB
From system . . . . . *LCL
Output . . . . . *             *, *PRINT

                                                                Bottom
F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel  F13=How to use this display
F24=More keys

```

2. Following are brief summaries of the key parameters on this display:

- The *Output queue* has two elements, the *Output queue* field, and the *Library* field. In the *Output queue* field, specify the output queue that you want BRMS to display in the list. In the *Library* field, specify the name of the library that contains the spooled files that you want to review. The default value for each field is \*ALL, though you can also indicate specific or generic names.
- In the *Auxiliary storage pool* field, indicate the name of the ASP in which you placed the spooled files. The default value is \*ALL, though specific or generic ASPs can be named.



- In the *File* field, indicate the name of the printer file that contained the spooled file when BRMS saved it. You can use the default value of \*ALL, or you can indicate a specific file name.
  - At the *Job name* parameter, specify the name of the job that created the spooled file you want to list. The default for this field is \*ALL. You can also indicate the name of a specific job.
  - At the *Select date* fields, indicate a range of dates for the saved spooled files you want to review.
3. Change the other parameters as needed. Press Enter to prompt a list of spooled files from which to select the items you want to restore.

```

Work with Saved Spooled Files

Position to date . . . . 9/29/05

Type options, press Enter. Press F16 to select all for recovery.
  4=Remove  5=Display  6=Work with media  7=Restore spooled file

Opt Library  Outq  File  Job  User  Date  Time
QGPL  QPRINT  QP1AVER  STRMNTBRM  BRMMAINT  9/29/05  0:00:21
QGPL  QPRINT  QP1AEAP  STRMNTBRM  BRMMAINT  9/29/05  0:00:27
QGPL  QPRINT  QP1AMM  STRMNTBRM  BRMMAINT  9/29/05  0:00:27
QGPL  QPRINT  QP1AHS  STRMNTBRM  BRMMAINT  9/29/05  0:00:28
QGPL  QPRINT  QP1ALE  STRMNTBRM  BRMMAINT  9/29/05  0:00:29
7  QGPL  QPRINT  QP1ARCY  STRMNTBRM  BRMMAINT  9/29/05  0:00:38
QGPL  QPRINT  QP1A2RCY  STRMNTBRM  BRMMAINT  9/29/05  0:00:38
QGPL  QPRINT  QP1AASP  STRMNTBRM  BRMMAINT  9/29/05  0:00:40
QGPL  QPRINT  QP1A2SL  STRMNTBRM  BRMMAINT  9/29/05  0:00:41
QGPL  QPRINT  QP1AVER  STRMNTBRM  BRMMAINT  9/30/05  0:00:10
QGPL  QPRINT  QP1AEAP  STRMNTBRM  BRMMAINT  9/30/05  0:00:16
QGPL  QPRINT  QP1AMM  STRMNTBRM  BRMMAINT  9/30/05  0:00:17
More...

F3=Exit  F12=Cancel  F16=Select all for recovery

```

4. At the Work with Saved Spooled Files display, type a 7 (Restore spooled file) in front of the spooled file you want to restore and press Enter. This takes you to the Select Recovery Items display

```

Select Recovery Items                                RCHAS400

Type options, press Enter. Press F16 to select all.
  1=Select  4=Remove  5=Display

Opt Library  Outq  File  Job  User  Volume
1  QGPL  QPRINT  QP1ARCY  STRMNTBRM  BRMMAINT  *ADSM

Bottom

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F9=Recovery defaults  F12=Cancel
F14=Submit to batch  F16=Select all

```

5. Type a 1 (Select) in front of the spooled file you want to restore. Press F16 to select all of the spooled files on the display.
6. Press Enter at the Confirm Recovery Items display to confirm the items you want to restore.
7. Press Enter to process the restore.
8. After the restore completes, review the job log to ensure that the job completed successfully.

**Note:**

1. During the save/archive and restore process, prior to V5R4, BRMS keeps the spooled file attributes, file name, user name, user data field. IBM i assigns a new job number, creation date, system date, and time of the restore operation. You cannot restore the original time and date. In V5R4, BRMS saves all the spooled attributes when backed up. Once you have restored the output queue, you can use the

WRKOUTQ OPTION(\*PRINT) to spool the contents of the output queue. You may want to compare this report to the report you generated after the save.

2. When archiving spooled files in V5R4, BRMS still only keeps the spooled file attributes, file name, user name, user data field. The IBM i still assigns a new job number, creation date, system date and time of the restore/retrieval option.
3. This command allows the user to manually select duplicate media to restore from, therefore the automatic selection of alternate input media as specified on the system policy will not affect restore operations initiated from this command.

In addition to its restore capability, the Work with Saved Spooled Files display allows you to remove spooled file information from the media content information. You can also review save information, and work with the media that contains the saved spooled files from this display.

## How to perform parallel and concurrent recoveries

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You can recover data by using serial, concurrent, or parallel restore operations. If BRMS performed your saves as serial or concurrent backups, BRMS can restore them either serially or concurrently. However, you can perform parallel restore operations only if BRMS used a parallel operation to perform the save. Both concurrent and parallel restore operations require multiple tape drives.

Following are brief summaries of the characteristics of, and the differences between, serial, concurrent and parallel recoveries.

### Serial Recovery

This straightforward recovery method is the simplest way to recover data that was saved by multiple control groups. In a serial recovery operation, BRMS issues one recovery job at a time to one tape drive. BRMS performs serial restores in a sequential manner, by restoring one tape and one control group after another. By default, BRMS considers every save and restore a serial operation unless otherwise specified by you.

### Concurrent Recovery

In a concurrent recovery operation, you send multiple recovery jobs to multiple tape drives to process at the same time (concurrently). You, not BRMS, set up the concurrent recovery. To do this, try to evenly balance the size of the jobs so that they end at the same time. Concurrent recovery operations can reduce your downtime after a system failure by allowing you to recover multiple libraries or objects at the same time.

### Parallel Recovery

BRMS will restore a saved item sequentially. However, if the item was saved by using *parallel save/restore* (spreading a single object across multiple media files), BRMS will use the number of resources that you specify up to the number of resources that were used to save the item. A saved item cannot be restored by using parallel recovery if the object was not saved by using parallel.

To perform a parallel restore of a saved item from fewer resources that were used for the save, a media library is recommended because of the additional media mounts that may be required.

## Recovering multiple control groups with concurrent support

To perform a concurrent recovery, you need to run multiple jobs by using the STRRCYBRM command.

Each command specifies one or more items that you want BRMS to recover. You must try to evenly balance the contents of the jobs so that they complete at about the same time. If you are using a media library with multiple drives, then BRMS will send the jobs there, as long as you specify that device in the recovery policy.

To process a concurrent restore with two or more stand-alone devices, you need to change the device name from the STRRCYBRM display before you can process the command. To make this change, take the following steps:

1. Set up the parameters on the STRRCYBRM command as needed. Then press Enter to prompt the Select Recovery Items display.

```

                                Select Recovery Items                                RCHAS400
                                Select action . . . . . : *ALL
                                Select volume . . . . . :
Type options, press Enter.
  1=Select  4=Remove  5=Display  7=Specify object

  Saved      Save      Save      Save      Parallel  Volume      File      Expire
Opt Item     Date      Time      Type      Devices   Serial      Sequence  Date
1  LIB20     7/28/05   9:30:33  *FULL    1          SAM192     126      9/01/05
1  LIB21     7/28/05   9:30:45  *FULL    1          SAM192     127      9/01/05

                                Bottom
F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F9=Recovery defaults  F11=Object View
F12=Cancel  F14=Submit to batch  F16=Select

```

2. From this display, press F9 (Recovery defaults) to change the device information. This takes you to the Restore Command Defaults display.

```

                                Restore Command Defaults
Type information, press Enter.

Device . . . . . TAP01      Name, *MEDCLS
                                TAP02

Parallel device resources:
  Minimum resources. . . . . *SAV      1-32, *NONE, *AVAIL
  Maximum resources. . . . .           1-32, *AVAIL, *MIN
End of tape option . . . . . *REWIND *REWIND, *LEAVE, *UNLOAD
Option . . . . . *ALL           *ALL, *NEW, *OLD, *FREE
Data base member option . . . . . *ALL  *MATCH, *ALL, *NEW, *OLD
Restore spooled file data . . . . . *NONE *NONE, *NEW
Allow object differences . . . . . *NONE
                                *NONE, *ALL, *AUTL,
                                *FILELVL, *OWNER, *PGP

                                More...
F12=Cancel

```

3. To concurrently process multiple jobs on different stand-alone devices, type the names of each of the devices that you want to use in the *Device* fields. If a stand-alone device that you specify is not available, the job fails because there is no queuing on stand-alone devices.
4. Press Enter twice to process the command.

## Performing parallel recoveries

Though you can find the parallel support parameters on the recovery policy display, you probably do not want to select the parallel option from this display. This is because the recovery policy sets the defaults for all of your recoveries, and you cannot perform all of your recoveries with parallel support. Therefore, the best way for you to use the parallel option is to take the following steps:

1. Set the *Option* field on the STRRCYBRM command to \*CTLGRP.
2. Set the *Action* field to \*RESTORE.
3. Indicate the control group you want BRMS to process with parallel support in the *Control group* field.
4. Press Enter to prompt the Select Recovery Items display.

5. Select the items you want BRMS to recover and press F9 to prompt the Restore Command Defaults display.

```

Restore Command Defaults
Type information, press Enter.
Device . . . . . *MEDCLS      Name, *MEDCLS

Parallel device resources:
  Minimum resources. . . . . *SAV      1-32, *NONE, *AVAIL
  Maximum resources. . . . .          1-32, *AVAIL, *MIN
  End of tape option . . . . . *REWIND *REWIND, *LEAVE, *UNLOAD
  Option . . . . . *ALL           *ALL, *NEW, *OLD, *FREE
  Data base member option . . . . . *ALL *MATCH, *ALL, *NEW, *OLD
  Restore spooled file data . . . . . *NONE *NONE, *NEW
  Allow object differences . . . . . *NONE
                                           *NONE, *ALL, *AUTL,
                                           *FILELVL, *OWNER, *PGP

F12=Cancel                                     More...

```

6. Use the *Device* fields to identify specific devices you want to use.
7. Specify the maximum and minimum devices that you want to allocate to the parallel job at the *Parallel device resources* parameter. The recommended value for this parameter is \*SAV. This value instructs BRMS to use the same number of resources for the parallel restore as it used to perform parallel save. You can specify \*SAV at the *Minimum resources* parameter. In addition to \*SAV, the possible values are:
  - *Minimum device resources* can be \*AVAIL (use any available devices), or any number between 1 and 32.
  - *Maximum device resources* can be \*MIN (the same value specified in the *Minimum device resource* field), \*AVAIL, or any number between 1 and 32.
8. After you review and change the parameters as needed, press Enter twice to process the command.

## Performing a recovery without the Recovery Analysis Report

Though you should not try to restore your system without a recovery report to guide you, circumstances may arise that necessitate doing so. This section provides information that can assist you in performing a recovery without the reports. It also tells you how you might be able to generate a report in the event of disaster if you do not have one available. If you cannot locate a recovery report, IBM i commands can help initiate the recovery process. You can use either BRMS or IBM i commands to perform the restore.

### Identifying the tapes you need

Identifying the tapes you need to make the recovery is more difficult without the reports. You can identify the data on your tapes by taking them to another IBM i platform and using the Display Tape (DSPTAP) command to review the contents of each tape. You can manually develop a recovery plan with the information shown on the DSPTAP command. At this point, you should consider making a list that prioritizes the items you want BRMS to restore.

### Generating a Recovery Analysis Report after a failure

If you can locate the tape containing the most up-to-date QUSRBRM data files, you can use this tape to generate a Recovering Your Entire System/Recovery Analysis report. BRMS saves the QUSRBRM recovery at the end of every save operation.

After you obtain the most up-to-date QUSRBRM tape, take the following steps to begin the restoration process:

1. Restore the Licensed Internal Code, operating system, and the required BRMS libraries from your backup tapes. The BRMS libraries you need include QBRM, QUSRBRM, QMSE, and, if applicable, information from save files.
2. Run the RSTOBJ(\*ALL) SAVLIB(QUSRBRM) MBROPT(\*ALL) command with the most up-to-date tapes you can find. Or you can run this command from save files that contain the QUSRBRM recovery files. This is the last QUSRBRM library on the tape. It should contain 14 files.
3. Run the STRRCYBRM command to generate an up-to-date Recovery Analysis report.
4. Run the WRKMEDBRM TYPE(\*ACT) OUTPUT(\*PRINT) command to generate a list of active media and their current status and location.
5. Use these reports to restore your system. You can only use the tapes that are listed on the reports to restore the licensed internal code, operating system data, and the BRMS libraries. If you used different tapes, then you need to restore these items again, this time with the tapes BRMS identifies.

## Using the recovery planning and activity displays

BRMS provides a display that allows you to create a detailed list of the very specific steps your organization may need to take in case of disaster recovery. BRMS also provides a display on which to list the names of the people that are associated with the steps on the list. You must use these displays in conjunction with, rather than in place of, the recovery reports you print after each save.

### Creating a recovery contact list

To get to the BRMS recovery planning and activity displays, take the following steps:

1. Type GO BRMRCYPLN at a command line and press Enter. This takes you to the Recovery Planning menu.

```
BRMRCYPLN                Recovery Planning                System:  RCHAS400
Select one of the following:
    1. Work with recovery policy
    2. Work with recovery contacts
    3. Work with recovery activities
    4. Print recovery activities
    5. Print recovery analysis

Selection or command
==> 2_____
F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F9=Retrieve  F10=Commands  F12=Cancel  F13=Functions
```

2. Select option 2 and press Enter to go to the Work with Recovery contacts display.

```

Work with Recovery Contacts                                RCHAS400
Position to . . . . . Starting characters
Type options, press Enter.
  1=Add  2=Change  4=Remove  5=Display
Opt  Recovery contact          Telephone number
  1   Jane Doe

```

F3=Exit F5=Refresh F12=Cancel

3. To add a recovery contact to the list, type a 1 in the *Opt* column and the contact name in the *Recovery contact* field.
4. Then press Enter to access the remaining contact information.

```

Add Recovery Contact
Type information, press Enter.
Recovery contact. . . . . Jane Doe
Telephone number. . . . . 123-4567
Contact information . . . . .

```

F3=Exit F12=Cancel

5. In the *Contact* information field, the name of the contact you added appears. On the other fields, add additional relevant contact information such as office location, department name, phone number, and title.
6. Press Enter to add the name to the Recovery Contact list. Once you have completed the list, you can access it again at any time to add, change, remove, or display contact names as needed.

**Creating a recovery activities list**

The BRMS recovery activity displays provide a point of reference when performing disaster recovery. The steps you list on the activity displays should be very specific, as in the following example.

**Note:** Before you can create a recovery activities list, BRMS requires that you create the contact list.

To get to the Work with Recovery Activities display, take the following steps:

1. Type GO BRMRCYPLN at a command line and press Enter. This takes you to the Recovery Planning menu.
2. Select option 3 and press Enter to go to the Work with recovery activities display.

```

Work with Recovery Activities                                RCHAS400
Position to . . . . . Starting characters
Type options, press Enter.
  1=Add  2=Change  3=Copy  4=Remove  5=Display
  9=Change recovery information
Opt  Activity      Seq  Text
  1   Hardware failure

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel  F15=Sort sequence

```

- To create a recovery activity, place a 1 in the *Option* field, followed by an activity name in the *Activity* field. This might be the abbreviation of a department name. Then press Enter to get to the Add Recovery Activities display.

```

Add Recovery Activity
Type information, press Enter.
Activity . . . . . Hardware failure
Recovery contact one. . . . . John Hernandez          F4
Recovery contact two. . . . . Michelle Syska         F4
Recovery contact three. . . . . Kristen Taylor         F4
Recovery contact four. . . . .                               F4
Recovery contact five. . . . .                               F4
Activity sequence . . . . . 1                               1-999
Text . . . . . Resolve hardware related failures

F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F12=Cancel

```

- At this display, you can provide contact detail information to match each activity.
 

**Note:** By placing your cursor and pressing Enter on any *Recovery contact* field on this display, you can select a name from the list of contact names you created earlier.
- Press Enter to return to the Work with Recovery Activities display. Complete and add contact names to the list as required.

Creating recovery contact and activity lists can be time-consuming. Only you can best assess the relationship between the time it takes to create them and the value that is gained by your organization.

You can print copies of your recovery activity lists by using the menu options available on the Recovery Planning menu.

## Additional BRMS restore commands

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BRMS provides other commands that can assist you in the recovery of various items. You should use these commands instead of the IBM i restore commands because the BRMS commands log restore information.

**Note:** If the media for the restore operation is not found, and the system policy allows the use of alternate input media, BRMS attempts to locate and use a duplicate volume to complete the restore for all the following commands except RSTAUTBRM.

### BRMS Commands

#### Command Description

#### RSTBRM

The Restore Object using BRM command restores a copy of one or more objects for use in the integrated file system. The RSTBRM command functions similarly to the IBM i RST command.

#### RSTDLOBRM

The Restore DLO using BRM command allows you to restore documents, folders, and distribution objects (mail) that BRMS saved by using the SAVDLOBRM command. The RSTDLOBRM command functions similarly to the IBM i RSTDLO command.

#### RSTLIBBRM

The Restore Library using BRM command allows you to restore up to 50 libraries from BRMS media content information. You can use the RSTLIBBRM command to restore any library that BRMS saved with the Save Library using BRM (SAVLIBBRM) command. You can also use the RSTLIBBRM command to restore libraries that BRMS saved in a control group. The RSTLIBBRM command functions similarly to the IBM i RSTLIB command.

**Note:** You can restore more than 50 libraries by using a BRMS object list. To use an object list, specify \*RSTLST for the Library (SAVLIB) parameter and specify the BRMS object list name for the Restore list of libraries (RSTLST) parameter.

#### RSTOBJBRM

The Restore Object using BRM command allows you to restore a copy of up to 50 objects from a specified library. You can use the RSTOBJBRM command to restore any object that you saved with the Save Object using BRM (SAVOBJBRM) command. You can also use the RSTOBJBRM command to restore objects that BRMS saved in a control group. The RSTOBJBRM command functions similarly to the IBM i RSTOBJ command.

#### RSTAUTBRM

The Restore Authority using BRM (RSTAUTBRM) command reestablishes the owner profiles, primary groups, and authorization list names for objects on basic user auxiliary storage pools (2–32) if this information was saved. This information is saved unless it was explicitly omitted from the save by specifying \*USRASPAUT as the omit for either a \*SAVSYS or \*SECDTA entry in the backup policy omit list.

**Note:** The RSTAUTBRM command does not replace the IBM i RSTAUT command. RSTAUTBRM is used in addition to the RSTAUT command when restoring the authority information of saved basic user auxiliary storage pool objects during a system recovery.



## Daily maintenance in BRMS

The BRMS maintenance function regularly and automatically cleans and updates media records. Regular removal of expired records from media and media content information files allows you to make more efficient use of your media.

The center point of the BRMS maintenance function is the Start Maintenance for BRM (STRMNTBRM) command, which processes the daily maintenance requirements that keep your system running effectively.

You can run maintenance as part of a backup by using the BRMS graphical interface. For detailed information, see [“Using the BRMS graphical interface”](#) on page 233.

### What the STRMNTBRM command does

The STRMNTBRM command provides assistance for a variety of housekeeping and maintenance tasks, and also produces useful reports that are based on your media information.

IBM recommends that you run this command each day after the last save has completed. You can place this command on an automatic scheduler or in the last \*EXIT entry in the last control group used to process your backup. Instructions to do this are provided later in this chapter. In either case, it is important that the STRMNTBRM command be run after the save of the BRMS media information. Failure to do so will result in an inaccurate recovery report.

The STRMNTBRM command works by processing existing commands, such as the STREXPBRM and WRKMEDBRM commands. It also performs unique tasks that are specified on the STRMNTBRM command.

```
Start Maintenance for BRM (STRMNTBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

Expire media . . . . . *YES          *YES, *NO
Expire media set volumes . . . . *NO          *NO, *YES
Remove media information:
  Media contents . . . . . *EXP          *EXP, *NONE, *REUSE
  Object level detail . . . . . *MEDCON    1-9999, *MEDCON
  Link level detail . . . . . *OBJDTL     1-9999, *OBJDTL, *MEDCON
  Spooled file level detail . . . *MEDCON    1-9999, *MEDCON, *OBJDTL
  Folder level detail . . . . . *OBJDTL     1-9999, *OBJDTL, *MEDCON
Remove migration information . . . 180         1-9999, *NONE
Run media movement . . . . . *NO          *NO, *YES
Remove log entries:
  Type . . . . . *ALL          *ALL, *NONE, *ARC, *BKU, *M...
  From date . . . . . *BEGIN      Date, *BEGIN, *CURRENT, nnnnn
  To date . . . . . 90          Date, *END, *CURRENT, nnnnn
Run cleanup operations . . . . . *YES          *YES, *NO
Retrieve volume statistics . . . . *YES          *YES, *NO

F3=Exit   F4=Prompt   F5=Refresh   F12=Cancel   F13=How to use this display
F24=More keys
```

### Start Maintenance for BRM (STRMNTBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

```

Audit system media . . . . . *NONE
      + for more values
Change BRM journal receivers . . *YES          *YES, *NO
Print expired media report . . . *YES          *YES, *NO
Print version report . . . . . *EXPMED      *EXPMED, *NO, *YES
Print media information . . . . *YES          *YES, *NO
Print recovery reports . . . . . *ALL          *ALL, *NONE, *RCYACT...
      + for more values
Recovery locations . . . . . *ALL          Name, *ALL, *HOME
      + for more values
Print system information . . . . *NO           *NO, *YES
Reorganize BRMS database . . . . *NO           *NO, *YES, *BATCH
Auto-retrieved objects:
  Refree . . . . . *NO           *NO, *YES
    
```

Bottom

F3=Exit   F4=Prompt   F5=Refresh   F12=Cancel   F13=How to use this display  
F24=More keys

The STRMNTBRM command can perform the following tasks and prints the following reports when processed:

- Expires media.
- Removes history records for expired media.
- Removes detail for objects, links, spooled files, and folders.
- Produces a report that lists expired media.
- Determines which, if any, libraries did not save.
- Produces a report on recovery activities (contact information).
- Collects volume error statistics and updates volume error logs.
- Cleans up any temporary files that are left over from prior operations.
- Cleans or changes journal receivers as needed and attaches new ones. Deletes old journal receivers that are based on the information in Q1APRM data area. The default is to keep the information for five days.
- Performs media movement (if specified).
- Optionally reorganize the BRMS databases so that the deleted records in the files are removed to minimize the BRMS storage requirements on the local system.

The key reports run by the STRMNTBRM command are:

#### Backup Activity Report

This report identifies libraries and objects that were not saved. Use it to look for errors in your save operation and take action as appropriate.

#### Save Strategy Exceptions Report

Use this report to see which libraries, if any, were not saved, and to help you devise save strategies for them. If the report indicates that BRMS did not save a library already in a control group, you need to investigate why the error occurred.

#### Note:

1. You can also run the WRKMEDIBRM SAVTYPE(\*NONE) command to see a list of unsaved libraries.
2. If you want the libraries on an independent auxiliary storage pool (I-ASP) to show on this report, you will need to run a SETASPGRP for the I-ASP prior to running this report option. You will have to repeat this process for every I-ASP.

#### BRMS Recovery Reports

The STRMNTBRM command can produce any number of the three essential recovery reports (Recovery Analysis, Volume Summary, and ASP Recovery). If desired, you can make this request from the *Print recovery reports* parameter.

### Centralized Media Audit Report

The STRMNTBRM command produces this report for each system in a network. BRMS does not generate this report if you have a single-system environment. See [“Networking with BRMS” on page 275](#), for more information about this report.

### Tape Volume Report, Volume Threshold Report, and Volume Statistics Report

The STRMNTBRM command generates these reports automatically. These reports show volumes that have equalled or exceeded the usage or read/write threshold limits that are set for the media class. Check these error thresholds and take appropriate action to replace volumes with errors.

Following is a summary of the commands that can be automatically processed by the STRMNTBRM command. You can also process these commands individually if desired.

- MOVMEDBRM = Runs media movement.
- RMVLOGEBRM = Removes BRMS log entries.
- RMVMEDIBRM = Removes media information from BRMS.
- STREXPBRM = Starts expiration for BRMS.
- STRRCYBRM = Runs the Recovery Analysis/Recovering Your Entire System, Volume Summary and ASP analysis reports.
- WRKMEDBRM = Runs the Expired media report.
- WRKMEDIBRM = Generates a media information summary report.
- WRKRCYBRM = Runs Recovery activities report.

**Because the STRMNTBRM command processes so many commands and reports, IBM strongly recommends that you review and select each of the parameters on the STRMNTBRM command very carefully.** You can review complete descriptions of all of the parameters on the STRMNTBRM command by using the online help that is available for each parameter on the command.

To review the STRMNTBRM display, type STRMNTBRM at a command line and press F4 to prompt the display.

## Scheduling the STRMNTBRM command

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You can process the STRMNTBRM command manually, or you can schedule it to run automatically at selected dates and times. You can process the STRMNTBRM command through either of the IBM Advanced Job Scheduler for i, or through a user-defined scheduler.

To schedule the STRMNTBRM command on the IBM i job scheduler, take the following steps:

1. Enter the ADDJOBSCDE command from any command line. This retrieves the Add Job Schedule Entry (ADDJOBSCDE) display.
2. Type STRMNTBRM in the *Command to run* field of the ADDJOBSCDE display.

```

Add Job Schedule Entry (ADDJOBSCDE)

Type choices, press Enter.

Job name . . . . . > BRMMANT      Name, *JOBID
Command to run . . . . . > STRMNTBRM

Frequency . . . . . > *WEEKLY      *ONCE, *WEEKLY, *MONTHLY
Schedule date . . . . . > *NONE     Date, *CURRENT, *MONTHSTR...
Schedule day . . . . . > *ALL       *NONE, *ALL, *MON, *TUE...
+ for more values
Schedule time . . . . . > '00:01:00' Time, *CURRENT

F3=Exit   F4=Prompt   F5=Refresh   F10=Additional parameters   F12=Cancel
F13=How to use this display   F24=More keys
Bottom

```

3. Then press F4 to prompt the STRMNTBRM display.

```

Start Maintenance for BRM (STRMNTBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

Expire media . . . . . *YES      *YES, *NO
Expire media set volumes . . . . *NO      *NO, *YES
Remove media information:
  Media contents . . . . . *EXP      *EXP, *NONE, *REUSE
  Object level detail . . . . . *MEDCON  1-9999, *MEDCON
  Link level detail . . . . . *OBJDTL   1-9999, *OBJDTL, *MEDCON
  Spooled file level detail . . . *MEDCON  1-9999, *MEDCON, *OBJDTL
  Folder level detail . . . . . *OBJDTL   1-9999, *OBJDTL, *MEDCON
Remove migration information . . . 180      1-9999, *NONE
Run media movement . . . . . *NO      *NO, *YES
Remove log entries:
  Type . . . . . *ALL      *ALL, *NONE, *ARC, *BKU, *M...
  From date . . . . . *BEGIN    Date, *BEGIN, *CURRENT, nnnnn
  To date . . . . . 90        Date, *END, *CURRENT, nnnnn
Run cleanup operations . . . . . *YES     *YES, *NO
Retrieve volume statistics . . . . *YES     *YES, *NO

F3=Exit   F4=Prompt   F5=Refresh   F12=Cancel   F13=How to use this display
F24=More keys
More...

```

4. Review and change the remaining parameters as needed.
5. Press Enter to save and return to the Add Job Schedule Entries display.
6. At the ADDJOBSCDE display, indicate the job name, frequency, date, day, and time you want BRMS to process the STRMNTBRM command.
7. Press Enter to add the job to the scheduler.

**Note:** For additional information about using and setting up job scheduler with BRMS, review "Chapter 10. Scheduling Backup and Recovery Jobs."

## Processing the STRMNTBRM command in a backup control group

You can also set the STRMNTBRM command to run as the last step on the last backup control group of the day. You can do that by submitting a batch job that uses an \*EXIT in the backup control group. To put the command in an exit, take the following steps:

1. Type WRKCTLGBRM at a command line and press Enter.
2. You can add an \*EXIT to an existing control group, or you can create an entirely new control group. As appropriate, go to either the Create Backup Control Group Entries display (option 1), or to the Edit Backup Control Group Entries display (option 2).

3. Type \*EXIT in the *Backup items* field as the last entry in the control group. Place your cursor on the word \*EXIT and press F11 (Display exits).
4. Then press F10 (Change item). This takes you to the User Exit Maintenance display.

```

User Exit Maintenance                                RCHAS400

Type command, press Enter.

Sequence number . . . . . :    70
Where used . . . . . :    *EXIT
Weekly activity . . . . . :    *DFTACT SMTWTFS
Command . . . . . :    STRMNTBRM

...

F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F12=Cancel

```

5. At this display, type STRMNTBRM in the *Command* field and press Enter. The STRMNTBRM command will now process at the end of this control group.

To ensure that the STRMNTBRM does not process until the control group has completed, you should hold the batch job queue for the duration of the control group processing. Use the Change Control Group Attributes display to hold the batch job queue.

## Notification of failure to process STRMNTBRM

If the STRMNTBRM command fails to process, review the error messages and take action as needed.

BRMS sends error messages to the following locations:

- The BRMS log. Use the DSPLOGBRM command to view the entries in this log.
- The message queue specified in the BRMS system policy.

To view the current setting:

1. Type GO BRMSYSPCY, then press Enter.
2. Select Option 6 – Change notification controls, then press Enter.

To view the messages, use the command WRKMSG MSGQ(library-name/message-queue-name).



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## Scheduling backup and recovery jobs

You can run many of the functions that are performed by BRMS under the control of a job scheduler.

For example, you can schedule daily backups to begin after nightly processing, and schedule the MOVMEDBRM or STRMNTBRM commands to run after the saves complete. You can also schedule jobs to run across networks. And, as discussed in [“Tailoring your backup” on page 129](#) you can also use the console monitor to schedule an unattended save.

While this topic provides some information about the IBM Advanced Job Scheduler for i, it assumes primary use of the IBM i job scheduler. For additional information about how to use the IBM i job scheduler or the IBM Advanced Job Scheduler for i, refer to the [Work management](#) topic.

Many of the features in this topic are available in the BRMS graphical interface. For detailed information, see [“Using the BRMS graphical interface” on page 233](#).

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## Scheduling backup and recovery jobs

To access the BRMS scheduling menu, select option 10 (Scheduling) from the main BRMS menu.

```
BRMSCD                               Scheduling                               System:  RCHAS400
Select one of the following:
    1. Work with all BRM scheduled jobs
    2. Work with all scheduled jobs
    3. Change job scheduler

Selection or command
===>

F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F9=Retrieve  F10=Commands  F12=Cancel  F13=Functions
```

You can access the BRMS scheduling commands and tasks by using the menu options or by commands. This chapter emphasizes the use of commands.

### Scheduling control group backups

The Work with Control Groups (WRKCTLGBRM) display makes it easy to schedule backups by providing a direct interface to the IBM i job scheduler. To schedule a control group backup, perform the following steps:

1. Type WRKCTLGBRM at a command line and press Enter.

```

Position to . . . . . Starting characters
Type options, press Enter
  1=Create   2=Edit entries   3=Copy   4=Delete   5=Display
  6=Add to schedule 8=Change attributes 9=Subsystems to process ...
Control      Full      Incr      Weekly
Opt Group    Media      Media      Activity
              Policy     Policy     SMTWTFS   Text
  *BKUGRP    *BKUPCY    *BKUPCY    *BKUPCY    Backs up all user data
  *SYSGRP    SAVSYS     SAVSYS     *BKUPCY    Backs up all system data
6  *SYSTEM    FMT3590H   FMT3590H   *BKUPCY    Backs up the entire system
   QLTSDOM00 QLTSSVR    QLTSSVR    *BKUPCY    Lotus server 1
   QLTSDOM01 QLTSSVR    QLTSSVR    *BKUPCY    Lotus server 2
   QLTSSVR    QLTSSVR    QLTSSVR    *BKUPCY    Online backup of all Lotus ser

More...

F3=Exit      F5=Refresh   F7=Work with BRM scheduled jobs
F9=Change backup policy  F23=More options  F24=More keys

```

2. At the Work with Control Groups display, place a 6 (Add to Schedule) in front of the control groups you want to schedule and press Enter. This takes you to the Add Job Schedule Entry (ADDJOBSCDE) display.

```

Add Job Schedule Entry (ADDJOBSCDE)

Type choices, press Enter.
Job name . . . . . > QBRMBKUP      Name, *JOBID
Command to run . . . . . > STRBKUBRM CTLGRP(*SYSTEM) SBMJOB(*NO)

Frequency . . . . . > *WEEKLY      *ONCE, *WEEKLY, *MONTHLY
Schedule date . . . . . > *NONE      Date, *CURRENT, *MONTHSTR...
Schedule day . . . . . > *ALL        *NONE, *ALL, *MON, *TUE...
      + for more values
Schedule time . . . . . > '00:01'    Time, *CURRENT

More...

F3=Exit      F4=Prompt    F5=Refresh   F10=Additional parameters  F12=Cancel
F13=How to use this display  F24=More keys

```

```

Add Job Schedule Entry (ADDJOBSCDE)

Type choices, press Enter.

Additional Parameters

Text 'description' . . . . . > 'Entry created for BRMS job.'

Bottom

F3=Exit      F4=Prompt    F5=Refresh   F10=Additional parameters  F12=Cancel
F13=How to use this display  F24=More keys

```



The *Command to run* field identifies the command that processes the control group you added to the scheduler. In this case, BRMS uses the STRBKUBRM CTLGRP(\*SYSTEM) SBMJOB(\*NO) command.

3. At the *Scheduled time* parameter, specify the time on the scheduled date that you want the job submitted.
4. Review or change the other parameters as needed.
5. Press Enter to apply your changes.

### Precautions when scheduling customized weekly activity

If you customize control group weekly activity and also schedule backups late at night, you need to make sure the backup completes before the start of the next day.

Scheduling delays could cause the backup control group to run later than scheduled, resulting in missed saves. Assume the following backup control group is scheduled to run nightly at 23:00.

```

Display Backup Control Group Entries                                RCHAS400
Group . . . . . : SAMPLE
Default activity . . . . . : *BKUPCY
Text . . . . . : Create sample backup control group

Seq  Backup  List ASP      Weekly  Retain Save   SWA      Sync
   Items  Type Device  Activity SMTWTFS Object While Message Queue ID
10 *EXIT
20 LIB1          *SYSBAS      F  *NO   *NO
30 LIB2          *SYSBAS      FIIIIII *NO   *NO
40 *EXIT
      *DFTACT

Bottom

Press Enter to continue.

F3=Exit  F11=Display exits  F12=Cancel  F14=Display client omit status

```

Suppose that the job scheduler submits the control groups to the same job queue that is used by the month-end batch job such that this backup control group does not start running on Saturday night as 23:00, but on Sunday morning as 00:00:03. When the backup starts to run, BRMS will retrieve the current date and because it is Sunday instead of Saturday, the following occurs:

- LIB1 is **Not** saved.
- A **full** rather than incremental LIB2.

You can easily avoid these problems by ensuring that the batch job queue allows more than one job to process, or use different batch job queues.

### Scheduling backups of BRMS save commands

You can also schedule backups of individual libraries, objects, and document library objects (DLOs) through individual BRMS commands.

To schedule individual items for backup, add any of the following commands to the *Command to run* parameter on the Add Job Schedule Entries display:

- Use the SAVLIBBRM command to schedule the save of a library.
- Use the SAVOBJBRM command to schedule the save of an object.
- Use the SAVDLOBRM command to schedule the save of a DLO.
- Use the SAVBRM command to schedule the save of an integrated file system object.

## Scheduling selected recovery items

While you cannot run the Start Recovery using BRM (STRRCYBRM) \*RESTORE command from the job scheduler, you can schedule selected recoveries.

You can schedule selected recoveries in the same way that you schedule individual save items. You can also schedule the STRRCYBRM \*REPORT command to generate reports.

To schedule selected recoveries, add any of the following commands to the *Command to run* parameter on the Add Job Schedule Entries display:

- Use the RSTLIBBRM command to restore selected user or system libraries.
- Use the RSTOBJBRM command to restore specific objects.
- Use the RSTDLOBRM command to restore documents and folders.
- Use the RSTBRM command to restore integrated file system objects.

These commands can restore the latest copy of the selected items. You can schedule these commands to run in batch mode.

## Working with scheduled jobs

To work with BRMS jobs that are already added to the scheduler, press F7 from the Work with Control Groups display. This will take you to the Work with BRM Schedule Job Entries display. You can also access the Work with BRM Schedule Job Entries by taking option 1 (Work with all BRM scheduled jobs) from the BRMS Scheduling display.

```

Work with Job Schedule Entries                                RCHAS400
                                                           10/23/05 14:47:11

Type options, press Enter.
 2=Change  3=Hold  4=Remove  5=Display details  6=Release
 8=Work with last submission 10=Submit immediately

Opt Job      Status  -----Schedule-----  Frequency  Recovery Action  Next Submit Date
   QBRMBKUP  SCD     *ALL      00:18:00  *WEEKLY   *SBMRLS  10/23/05
   BRMMAINT  SCD     *ALL      00:01:00  *WEEKLY   *SBMRLS  10/24/05

Parameters or command                                     Bottom
====>
F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F6=Add  F9=Retrieve
F11=Display job queue data  F12=Cancel  F17=Top  F18=Bottom

```

The Work with BRM Job Schedule Entries display allows you to change, hold, remove, work with, or release scheduled jobs. It is similar to the IBM i Work with Job Schedule display, but provides fewer options. You can, however, add a new job to the schedule by pressing F6, which will take you to the Add Job Schedule Entry display. Also note that if you choose option 4 (Remove) a confirmation display does not appear and the selected entries are immediately removed.

To review or work with **all** scheduled jobs, take option 2 (Work with all scheduled jobs) from the BRMS Scheduling menu.



**Note:** If you specified \*NO at the *Command prompt for add* prompt, then you will remain at the Work with Backup Control Groups display. The job scheduler will process the job.

- **List jobs command:** Use this command to list jobs that are scheduled in the job scheduler. BRMS uses the list command that you change to interface with the list function of the scheduler. For example, if you are at the Scheduling menu and you want to list all jobs in the job scheduler, take menu option 2 (Work with all scheduled jobs). If you are using the default values that are supplied with BRMS, you see the WRKJOBSCDE command that is used by the IBM i scheduler. If you are using IBM Advanced Job Scheduler for i, you will see the WRKJOBJS command. If you have changed the list function by using the **List jobs command** parameter, you will see the list command that you specified.
- **Select jobs command:** You can change the command that is used to select jobs from the job scheduler. BRMS uses the select command that you change to interface with the select function of the scheduler. For example, if you are at the Scheduling menu and you want to select all BRMS jobs in the job scheduler, take menu option 1 (Work with all BRM scheduled jobs). If you are using the default values that are supplied by BRMS, you will see the Work with BRM Job Schedule Entries display. If you change the select function by using the **Select jobs command** parameter, the display you specified will appear.

### Some notes on substitution variables

You can specify substitution variables in any of the command strings that are used on the CHGSCDBRM command parameters that are described above.

The information BRMS passes to the substitution variables depends on the BRMS function you are using. The variables are:

- **&JOBNAME** - BRMS assigns an identifier to every job: QBRMBKUP.
- **&REQUEST** - Submit the full BRMS command to the scheduler. Use the STRBKUBRM or STRARCBRM command with parameters (if applicable).
- **&APPL** - Always contains BRMS identifier that is assigned to every job. This can be used to assist a non-IBM scheduler locate jobs by an application code if they support this function.
- **&GROUP** - Control group name (if applicable).

For example:

```
Change Job Scheduler (CHGSCDBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

Scheduler type . . . . . > *USRDFN      *SYSTEM, *IJS, *USRDFN
Add a job command . . . . . > 'ADDJOBOS JOB(&JOBNAME) APP(&APPL)
SCDCDE(*DAILY) TIME(2300) CMD(&REQUEST) '

Command prompt for add . . . . . > *YES          *NO, *YES
List jobs command . . . . . *SYSTEM

More...
F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel  F13=How to use this display
F24=More keys
```

Not all variables are applicable in each case. If the variable name is not relevant, place an asterisk (\*) in the variable.

**Note:** Before you can use the **&APPL** variable, you need to set up the application in the IBM i job scheduler. To do so,

1. From a command line type **GO JS**, press Enter.
2. Select option 4 (Job controls).

3. Select option 6 (Work with applications).
4. Type **1** for *Opt* and **BRMS** for *Application*, press Enter.
5. Type in contact information and text describing application if desired, press Enter.

```
                                Add Application

Type information, press Enter.

Application . . . . . BRMS
Application contact one . . . . .
Application contact two . . . . .
Application contact three . . . . .
Application contact four . . . . .
Application contact five . . . . .
Text . . . . . Backup, Recovery and Media Services

F3=Exit   F4=Prompt   F12=Cancel
```

**Note:** Although it is possible to use both the IBM i job scheduler and a vendor scheduler for BRMS, IBM does not recommend it. You will find it easier to track and control scheduling activities when using only one scheduler.



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## Advanced topics in BRMS

BRMS provides many advanced features that allow you to manage a complex environment.





# Using the BRMS graphical interface

Learn how to work with BRMS functions on the IBM Navigator for i.

## BRMS interface differences

You can manage backups, recovery operations, and your media with BRMS by using either the BRMS graphical interface or the character-based interface.

**Note:** *BRMS graphical interface* refers to the IBM Navigator for i BRMS plug-in.

If you have used the character-based interface in the past and want to use the BRMS graphical interface, you need to be aware of the differences between these interfaces.

### Terminology differences

The following table describes the different terminology that exists in each interface and the definitions of these terms.

BRMS graphical interface	Character-based interface	Definition
Changes-only save	Nonincremental cumulative backup	Saves only those items that have changed since the last full save was performed.
Media pool	Media class	A grouping of media based on similar characteristics, such as density and capacity.
Disk pool	Auxiliary storage pool	A software-defined group of disk storage units on a system.
Disk pool group	Auxiliary storage pool class	A group of disk pools that are organized by similar purpose.
Container pool	Container class	A grouping of similar types of containers that hold similar media volumes.

## Setting up the BRMS plug-in

You can work with the IBM Backup, Recovery and Media Services for i plug-in on the IBM Navigator for i after you have installed BRMS on your system.

A *plug-in* is a program that is created separately from the IBM Navigator for i, but, when installed, it looks and behaves like the rest of the functions in the interface.

The BRMS plug-in is automatically installed when the IBM Backup, Recovery and Media Services for i product is installed. After installing the BRMS product or a BRMS PTF, you should restart the TCP/IP HTTP servers with the following commands:

```
ENDTCPSVR SERVER(*HTTP) HTTPSVR(*ADMIN)  
STRTCPSVR SERVER(*HTTP) HTTPSVR(*ADMIN)
```

Then you can use the IBM Navigator for i from a Web browser.

## Navigating to the BRMS graphical interface

To navigate to the BRMS graphical interface, follow these steps.

1. Access the following URL from a Web browser, where *systemName* is your IBM i name:

**http://systemName:2001**

2. Log in to your system.

3. In the navigation pane, expand **IBM i Management** and click **Backup, Recovery and Media Services**.

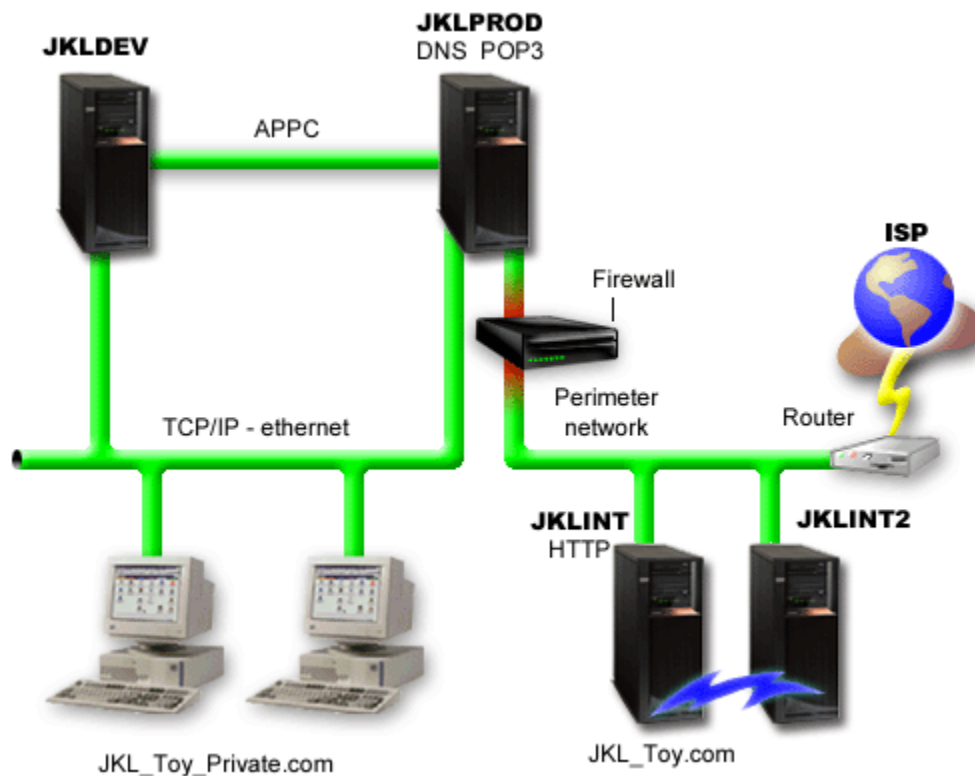
**Note:** The first pane that is shown may be a simple view of the most basic BRMS functions. It provides actions to save your system and user data, and to restore previously saved items. It also shows a summary of the most recent full system save. The summary area includes the date and time of the save and actions to view the BRMS log and history associated with the recent save. To use additional BRMS functions, click **Advanced**.

**Note:** You can also expand **Backup, Recovery and Media Services** in the navigation pane to use additional BRMS functions.

## Scenarios: How one company uses BRMS

JKL Toy Company, a fictitious business, uses Backup, Recovery, and Media Services (BRMS) to perform backup and recovery operations on three of their systems. You can use these examples to create your own backup control groups and media management strategy with BRMS.

Sharon Jones, the system administrator for the JKL Toy Company, is responsible for ensuring that all of their data is backed up and that they can recover their systems in the event of a disaster or system failure. Following is a diagram of JKL's network:



JKL has four IBM i platforms that each serve a different purpose and have different backup, recovery, and availability needs. These systems are as follows:

- JKLDEV: This system is for development and is used primarily during the week and during the day, although there is some development activity into the evening hours and on weekends.
- JKLPROD: This is the system that JKL uses for all of their customer orders and where their business applications are installed (inventory control, customer orders, contracts and pricing, accounts receivable).
- JKLINT and JKLINT2: These systems are used for the JKL Web site and e-mail.

Sharon spends considerable time initially planning the backup strategy that would best meet JKL's needs. In doing so, she has to answer the following questions:

- What will it cost JKL if a system goes down?
- What are the availability requirements for each system?
- What is the backup window for each system?
- What data has to be backed up and how often does it have to be backed up?

### **Scenario: System policy properties**

You can specify system properties to control how BRMS operates in your environment.

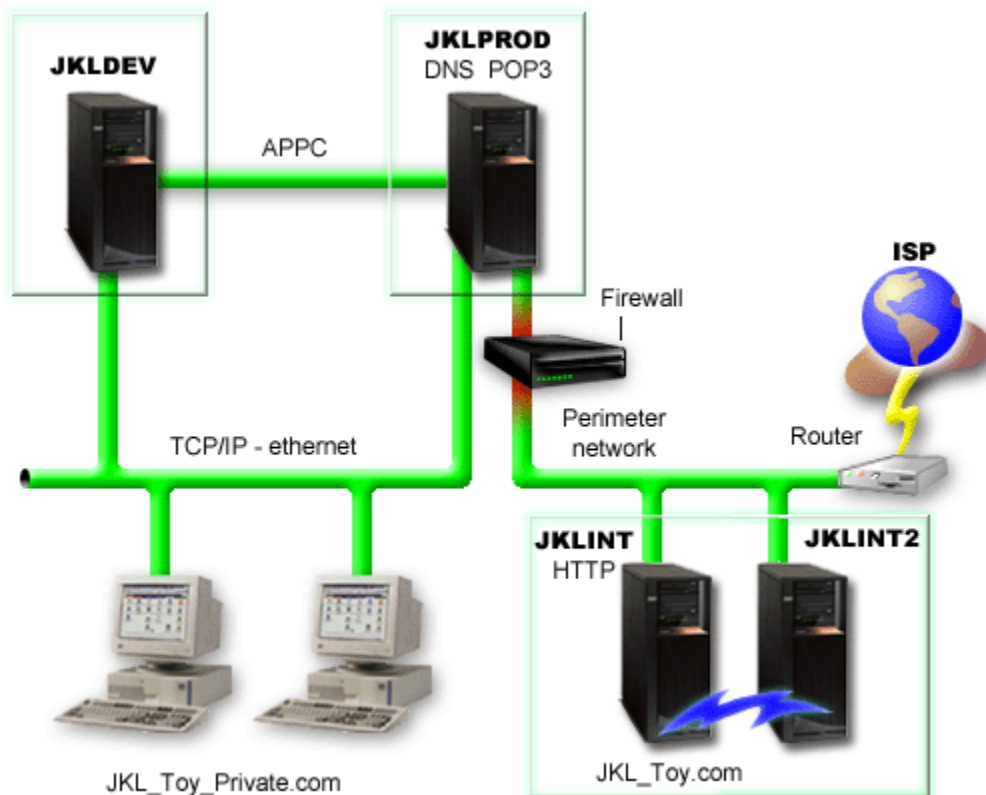
To access these settings, Sharon selects **Backup, Recovery, and Media Services** in IBM Navigator for i, and then clicks **System Policy Properties** from the main IBM Backup, Recovery and Media Services for i menu. First, she wants to ensure that she is able to access the system during backup processing. She clicks the **Signoff Exceptions** tab and specifies the security officer user name.

Second, she wants to tailor how BRMS interacts with her during processing. She wants to be sure that she sees messages about a program or function ending abnormally, but she isn't interested in seeing messages that are purely informational. She clicks the **Notification** tab and specifies the settings she wants to use.

### **Scenario: Backup using BRMS**

Sharon's backup plan for JKL takes into account each system's purpose, workload, and availability requirements.

She also plans carefully for how the media that are used for each backup would be moved to and from offsite locations. Her strategy is reflected in the following diagram of JKL's network.



After Sharon establishes the backup strategy for each system (JKLPROD, JKLDEV, and JKLINT), she needs to decide how often the media from those backups would be rotated and moved to an offsite location for safekeeping.

### JKLDEV backup strategy

JKLDEV is JKL's development system and does not require continuous availability. It is used primarily during the week and during the day, although there is some development activity into the evening hours and on weekends.

#### JKLDEV



This system can be taken down for a full backup on a weekend night and have changes backed up on all of the other nights.

To accommodate these requirements, Sharon uses the \*System control group that was included with BRMS. She schedules this control group to run every Saturday night at midnight. Sharon tests this backup and finds that the amount of data being backed up would fit on a single tape, so the backup can be run unattended. She must verify that the tape device is available and that an expired tape is mounted before leaving for the weekend.

During the week, Sharon also schedules the control group to start running at midnight every night. She chooses to override the control group setting and do a backup for cumulative changes only, which means that she saves all of the data that has changed since the last full backup.

### JKLPROD backup strategy

JKLPROD is the system that JKL uses for all of their customer orders and where their business applications are installed (inventory control, customer orders, contracts and pricing, accounts receivable).

#### JKLPROD



Right now the company's Web site is static, so customers place orders by telephone or e-mail. The telephone hours are 8 a.m. through 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday; if a customer wishes to place an order outside of those hours, they can send an e-mail.

The information on this system is extremely critical to the business, so it is important that Sharon does frequent backups. Sharon has scheduled a full system backup to start every Saturday night at midnight. She uses the \*System control group that came with BRMS to do these backups. Because a large amount of data is backed up on this system, Sharon determines that she cannot do an unattended backup. A system operator must be there to change tapes during the backup. Sharon is planning on writing a proposal to her manager asking for a tape library that can eliminate the need for an operator to be present during the full backups.

During the week, she backs up all changed user data using the \*Bkugrp control group that is included in BRMS. She overrides the default full backup with an incremental backup, which means that every night she backs up the changes since the previous night's incremental backup.

### JKLINT backup strategy

JKLINT is the system that JKL uses for their Web site and e-mail. While this data is critical to their business, it is fairly static--they don't make a lot of changes to the user profiles or configuration data on the system.

#### JKLINT

#### JKLINT2



They need continuous availability for the critical data on this system, and they accomplish that by having a second system, JKLINT2, that shadows JKLINT. They use a high availability replication solution to copy the data from JKLINT to JKLINT2. Then, if JKLINT goes down, they can switch to JKLINT2.

Sharon does not have enough time to turn off JKLINT for a full backup, so, instead, she backs up JKLINT2, because it is a replication of JKLINT. She does a full backup of JKLINT2 every weekend using the \*System backup control group that came with BRMS. She uses the Lotus server control group (QLTSSVR) to do an online backup of the company's Lotus Notes® mail databases every night except the night of the full backup.

**Another possible setup:** Sharon investigates using logical partitions on JKLINT and JKLINT2 to increase the security of these systems. They could use a firewall to filter all but e-mail on one partition and all but Web traffic on the other partition. Then, the Web partition would be protected from any security threats that might come through e-mail, which is a common route of attack. While this setup would have allowed for greater security, it also increased the level of complexity in their network, and Sharon decides that at this point they would stay with the simpler setup.

## Scenario: Archiving data

Sharon Jones, the system administrator at the JKL Toy Company, wants to archive older data currently stored on one of the systems to media. You can use this example to plan and configure archive control groups using BRMS.

### Situation

The JKL Toy Company stores large monthly sales invoices in an Accounts database on its JKLPROD system. Unfortunately these records have been kept on the system for several years and the large volume of data is negatively affecting the performance of the application. JKL wants to archive any records that are older than two years. For this older data, the company wants to save it off the system to media, but ensure that it can be accessed, if necessary. Although this data is not current, employees occasionally need to access payment histories and other account information for these accounts. Users typically respond to a customer inquiries about this data, such as validating payment or addresses. Accounts that have a history shorter than two years are considered active. Data in these accounts are updated regularly and are saved as part of the backup control group for JKLPROD system.

For data that is older than two years, the company would like to save it to media but retain it in case it is needed. Using the BRMS archive function, Sharon plans to save these monthly sales records to write once, read many (WORM) media and set criteria on what objects are saved. Sharon plans to create an archive control group for this data.

### Objectives

JKL Toy Company has the following objectives for this scenario:

1. To improve application performance by removing older data from the system.
2. To allow the access to data that has been archived.

### Prerequisites and assumptions

This scenario assumes that several prerequisite steps have been completed and tested before beginning any steps. These prerequisites are assumed to have been completed for this scenario:

Ensure that the following requirements have been installed on your system:

- IBM i (5770-SS1)
- Media and Storage Extensions (5770-SS1 Option 18)
- IBM Backup, Recovery and Media Services for i (5770-BR1 \*BASE)
- BRMS -- Network feature (5770-BR1 Option 1)
- BRMS -- Advanced feature (5770-BR1 Option 2)
- The latest PTFs

Ensure that these planning tasks have been completed:

- All backup and recovery planning has been conducted and documented.
- All storage planning has been conducted and documented.

### Configuration details

#### Preparing media

Sharon needs to define write once, read many (WORM) with BRMS to save information that she wants to archive.

Because invoice information does not change after an account is paid she feels that WORM media is a good choice. Active and delinquent accounts will continue to be part of regular backups that are performed weekly. You can save once, but allow read access to the data. To add WORM media to BRMS, complete the following steps:

1. Navigate to the BRMS graphical interface.
2. In the BRMS pane, click **Media Pools**.
3. In the Media Pools pane, from the menu for media pool **Qic1000**, click **Properties**.  
**Note:** The media pool name is generated automatically based on the tape density of the media. To create a new media pool, from the menu for an existing media pool, click **New based on**.
4. In the Properties pane, select the **Write once media** check box to indicate that this media pool contains write once media.
5. Click **OK**.

### **Adding media**

To store her archived data, Sharon Jones needs to add media to the system.

Sharon Jones completes these steps:

1. Navigate to the BRMS graphical interface.
2. From the **Volumes** menu in the BRMS pane, click **Add**.
3. On the Welcome page, click **Next**.
4. On the Select Media Pool page, select **Qic1000**, and click **Next**.
5. On the Add Volumes page, type **vol1** in the **Volume name** field and click **Add**. This volume is used for data that is over two years old. Click **Next**.
6. On the Add Volumes--Select Media Storage Location page, select **Vault** in the **Location** field. Click **Next**.
7. On the Add Volumes--Initialize Volumes page, select **Initialize** for **Vol1** in the **Volume to initialize** field. In the **Device** field, select **Tap01** for **Vol1**. In the **Media action when done** field, select **Rewind**. Click **Next**.
8. On the Add Volumes--Summary page, validate the entries and click **Finish**.

### **Creating archive control group for older data**

Sharon Jones also decided to create a new archive control group for older data.

Sharon Jones completes these steps to create a new control group:

1. Navigate to the BRMS graphical interface.
2. From the **Archive Control Groups** menu in the BRMS pane, click **New**.
3. On the Welcome page, click **Next**.
4. On the New Archive Control Group--Control Group Name page, type **OLDACCTS**. In the **Description** field, enter **Archive control group for accounts older than 2 years**. Click **Next**.
5. On the New Archive Control Group--Select Items to Save page, click **Add**. Navigate to the Accounts library and select the folder called "Accounts". Click **Next**.
6. On the Lists to Create page, click **Next**.
7. On the Selected Items for Save Summary page, click **Finish** to return to the Select Items to Save page. Click **Next**.
8. On the New Archive Control Group--Save Order page, click **Next**.
9. On the New Archive Control Group--Disk Pool Threshold page, select **No minimum value** and click **Next**.
10. On the New Archive Control Group--Frequency Used Threshold page, select **No maximum** and click **Next**.
11. On the New Archive Control Group--Inactivity Threshold page, enter **730** in the **Number of days inactive** field and select **Since last used or last changed** for the **Inactivity type**. Click **Next**.
12. On the New Archive Control Group--Object Size Threshold page, enter **50** in the **Save objects with a size greater than** field. Click **Next**.
13. On the New Archive Control Group--Storage Freed Objects page, select **No** for **Enable dynamic retrieval of storage freed objects**. Click **Next**.

14. On the New Archive Control Group--Retrieved Object Retention page, specify **Indefinitely or until archived by a subsequent archive operation**. Click **Next**.
15. On the New Archive Control Group--Select Media Policy page, select **Medplcy01** and then select **Manage Media Policies**.
16. On the Media Policies page, select **Medplcy01**, and then select **Item actions > Properties**. Click **OK** on the Media Policy Usage Warning page.
17. On the Media properties page, select the **Retention** tab and enter **730** for the number of days to keep the data. Click **OK** to return to the Select Media Policy page. Click **Next**.
18. On the New Archive Control Group--Select Devices page, select **Use the selected devices** and click **Add** to browse for *Tap01*. Click **Next**.
19. On the New Archive Control Group--Add Media page, click **Next**. This was completed in Step 2: Add media.
20. On the New Archive Control Group--Summary page, validate the properties of the new archive control group and click **Finish**.

### Viewing archive control group report

Sharon Jones wants to ensure that the properties for the archive control group are correct. She uses BRMS to create a report that she can view and validate the archive control group that she just created.

She completes the following steps to create the archive control group report:

1. Navigate to the BRMS graphical interface.
2. In the BRMS pane, click **Archive Control Groups**.
3. In the Archive Control Groups pane, from the menu for control group **OLDACCTS**, click **View Report**.
4. In the Report pane, select the **Include lists used by control group** check box and click **View or Save to File**.

**Note:** You can also choose to save the report to a file or print the report. The information in the reports reflects what is on the system at the time the reports print, not at the time you schedule the report to print.

5. Validate that the items on the Archive report are accurate.

### Scheduling archive control group

After creating and testing her archive control group, Sharon now is ready to schedule the control groups to run.

She completes the following steps:

1. Navigate to the BRMS graphical interface.
2. In the BRMS pane, click **Archive Control Groups**.
3. In the Archive Control Groups pane, from the menu for control group **OLDACCTS**, click **Schedule**. Sharon chose to schedule these archives to occur once every 6 months.

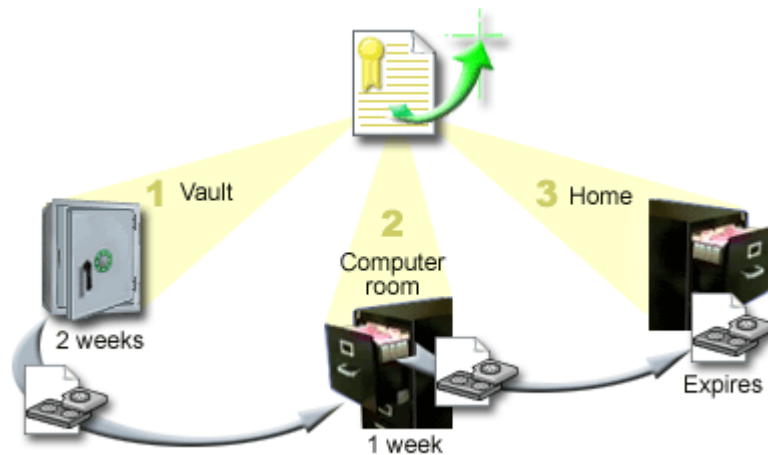
## Scenario: Moving media

This scenario describes how to create a move policy to track your backup media.

Sharon knows that media management is critical to the success of her backup strategy. If her media is damaged or destroyed, her backups are destroyed with it. If the correct media cannot be located when it is needed, her recoveries can be unnecessarily delayed. Sharon knows that it is important to have multiple copies of her media, and to have at least one copy stored offsite. Sharon creates a move policy in BRMS that she uses to track her media.

The following figure shows the locations that Sharon establishes:





She defines three locations in the move policy where the media will reside:

### **Vault**

This is Sharon's secure offsite location. She has a contract with a local company who picks her media up every day and takes it to this facility for safekeeping. She indicates that the media will stay here for two weeks.

### **Computer room**

Sharon defines this location as the filing cabinet in the computer room. The media will move from the vault to here and will stay here one week.

### **Home**

Sharon defines her home location as the filing cabinet in her office. This is the final location for the media. This is where the media expires, which means that it can be used again.

Every morning, Sharon prints out a copy of the BRMS recovery report for each system and makes two copies of each report. She also makes two copies of the media used for each backup. She gives one copy to the courier, stores one copy in a filing cabinet in her office, and stores the third copy in the computer room.

## **Scenario: Reclaiming media**

This scenario describes how to copy active data from old tapes to new tapes. This process is called *reclaiming media*.

**Note:** Reclaim is not supported for optical volumes.

Periodically, Sharon retrieves a special set of tapes from the vault. These tapes contain some of their business records that need to be kept for several years. She decides to run reclaim to copy only the active data to new tape volumes. This saves the latest data that has not expired on the tape volumes to the new volumes and then they are sent back to the vault.

To determine which volumes to reclaim, Sharon completes the following steps:

1. Navigate to the BRMS graphical interface.
2. From the **Volumes** menu in the BRMS pane, click **Include**.
3. In the Volumes - Include pane, select **Active** from the **Status** list and click **OK**.
4. In the BRMS pane, click **Volumes** to display the list of active volumes.
5. In the Volumes pane, from the menu for a tape volume that you want more information about, click **Open**.
6. In the Save History - Include pane, click **OK** to view all the saved items within the volume.
7. In the Save History pane, click **Select Action > Columns and Sorts**.
8. In the Set Columns to Display and Sort pane, add **File Sequence** to the columns to be displayed, and click **OK**.

9. In the Save History pane, look at the tape volume information and determine which volumes should be reclaimed. Look for large gaps in the sequence numbers that indicate expired data. (For example, 1 ..... 10 .... 35 .....100 might be a good candidate. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7... might not.)
10. Click **Close** to return to the Volumes pane.
11. In the Volumes pane, click **Select Action > Reclaim** to use the Reclaim wizard to reclaim the media.

## Scenario: Performing recovery operations

One of the reasons that the JKL Toy Company chose BRMS as its backup and recovery solution is because it makes full system recoveries much easier.

Sharon and her team are developing ways for JKL to expand their business over the Internet, and they recognize that system availability is key if they want to play in the Internet market. Any system downtime could mean a loss of sales and a loss of customer satisfaction. BRMS simplifies system recoveries so that, should disaster strike, they can get their system back online as quickly as possible.

BRMS also makes it very easy to restore a single item that has been accidentally deleted or corrupted. This is a task that Sharon does pretty regularly, as their developers work in a fast paced environment.

In addition to using BRMS, Sharon has a contract with IBM Business Continuity and Recovery Services. This contract ensures that she has an offsite system to use in the event of a disaster; Sharon goes to the recovery hot site twice a year to perform full system recoveries. Her contract with IBM Business Continuity and Recovery Services gives her an extra measure of security because she knows she can recover any of her systems should the need arise.

### Recovering a system after a natural disaster using BRMS

This scenario shows how Sharon Jones uses BRMS to recover one of her systems after a natural disaster.

In the middle of the night during a particularly wet spring, 8 inches of rain fell on the main office of the JKL Toy Company. A leak started in the corner of the roof that quickly turned into a small stream. The development system, JKLDEV, was positioned near the corner of the building where the water was leaking in. By the time Sharon arrived for work the next morning, JKLDEV was ruined.



While repairs were being made to the roof and she was waiting for the new system to be delivered, Sharon contacted her storage service provider and had them bring over the latest recovery report and media for JKLDEV. Then, she went to the recovery hot site provided by IBM Business Continuity and Recovery Services. With the assistance of the skilled staff at the hot site, Sharon followed each of the steps in the recovery report for JKLDEV, referring to the instructions in Recovering your system when necessary, until the system was recovered.

After the roof was repaired and they had a new system to take JKLDEV's place, Sharon did a full backup of the system at the recovery hot site and then restored the latest data on the new JKLDEV system.

## Restoring an accidentally deleted item using BRMS

Sharon Jones uses BRMS to recover an important file that was deleted from the system.



Nate Anderson is a recent college graduate who was hired by JKL for his Java™ programming and Web systems administration skills. His primary duty is to ensure that the JKL Web site is easy to use and functions correctly.

In his free time, he likes to work on innovative ideas for the future. He has a library on the JKL development system, JKLDEV, where he stores any programs he is working on for the future--ideas he hopes to implement one day when the JKL Web site becomes interactive. Last Thursday, another programmer accidentally deleted this library. Nate called on Sharon to restore the library for him.

Sharon uses the BRMS Restore wizard to restore Nate's library on JKLDEV. Because she uses BRMS to manage the backups on JKLDEV, she can restore the library right from the backup history. The backup strategy for JKLDEV includes a weekly full backup on Saturday night and a changes-only backup every other night of the week.

## Specifying system policy properties

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System policy properties are settings that are used with values that you specify in your control groups. You can use these properties to control how BRMS works in your environment.

To change the system policy properties on your system, complete the following steps:

1. [Navigate to the BRMS graphical interface.](#)
2. In the BRMS pane, click **Select Action > System Policy Properties.**
3. In the System Policy Properties pane, click the following tabs to specify the settings that you want to use:

### General

You can specify how you want to perform save operations of the Licensed Internal Code and IBM i. You can specify the output queue that is used for output of print jobs, as well as FlashCopy® settings.

### Media

You can specify how devices will be selected for saves, whether you want to allow BRMS to monitor media, and whether you want to allow restore operations from alternate media. You can also specify an optical volume prefix for short names if you have optical devices.

### Notification

You can specify how and when you want BRMS to communicate with you about backup processing.

### Power down

You can specify the earliest and latest times that you want your system to be restarted, and you can specify the subsystems that you want to check for activity before the system restarts.

### Signoff exceptions

You can specify any users or display devices that you want to stay active when BRMS does a backup. For example, you might add the security officer or the system console to this list to ensure that the system can be accessed by that person or device during processing.

### **Maintenance**

You can customize the maintenance options that are to be run when maintenance is selected to be run from a backup control group.

### **Network**

You can manage the systems in your BRMS network and specify options such as whether TCP/IP or SNA should be used as your networking protocol for BRMS operations.

### **Presentation**

You can specify values to be used in the weekly activity fields by the BRMS character-based interface.

### **Logging**

You can specify which messages that you want to include or exclude from the BRMS log.

## **Backing up your system**

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Backup control groups allow you to control and manage your backup operations.

One of the advantages of using Backup, Recovery, and Media Services (BRMS) is that you can use global settings and backup control groups to control your backups and other operations. Global settings control how your system processes backups in a general way.

A backup control group is a group of defaults that controls what information is saved, how it is saved, and where it is saved. After you set up your backup control groups, you can run them at any time or schedule them to run at particular times. This way, you can ensure that your backups are complete and are done when it is most convenient and appropriate for your business.

Several basic backup control groups are included with BRMS. You might be able to meet your backup needs by using these control groups, either alone or in combination. If so, you might not have to create any control groups of your own.

When you back up data using a BRMS backup control group, information about each item backed up is stored in the **save history**. This information includes the item name, type of save operation done on that item, the date of the save operation, and the volume on which each item is saved. You specify the level of detail you want to track for each item in the properties for the control group. You can then restore items by selecting them from the save history. The information in the save history is also used for full system recoveries.

### **Backup control groups included with BRMS**

To help you in creating backup control groups on your system, IBM includes several standard backup control groups with the BRMS product.

The following backup control groups are included with BRMS:

- **\*System:** Backs up the entire system (except printer output).
- **\*Sysgrp:** Backs up all system data.
- **\*Bkugrp:** Backs up all user data.
- **Lotus Server control groups QLTSSVR, QLTSDOM or QLTSQPL:** Perform online backups of Lotus servers. These control groups only appear in the list if you have Lotus servers.

If you do not have a complicated environment, these backup control groups might be all you need to protect your data.

### **Creating a backup control group**

You can use the **New Backup Control Group** wizard to create a new backup control group that is tailored to your needs.

To access the wizard follow these steps:

1. Select **Backup, Recovery, and Media Services > Backup Control Groups > New** action item.

2. Follow the wizard to create a new backup control group.

The wizard gives you the following options for creating your backup control groups:

Option	Description
Back up all system and user data	Enables you to do a full system backup of all user and IBM-supplied data. Printer output is not included in this backup.
Back up all user data	Enables you to back up the data that belongs to users on your system, such as user profiles, user libraries, folders, configuration data, security data, and objects in directories.
Back up Lotus server data online or a customized set of objects	Enables you to do online and incremental online backups of Lotus servers (such as Domino and QuickPlace) or choose the items that you would like to back up.

When you finish creating the control group, you can run the control group or schedule it to run later. If you want to modify the control group later, you can do that by editing the properties of the control group. Many customization options are available in the properties of the control group that are not available in the New Backup Control Group wizard. To access the control group properties, select **Properties** action item on the control group.

## Changing backup control group properties

Backup control groups contain information about what, where, and when objects are being saved. You can change the properties associated with a control group.

To view or change the properties of a control group, follow these steps:

1. Select **Backup, Recovery, and Media Services > Backup Control Groups**.
2. Select the control group you want to change and select the **Properties** action item.
3. On the Backup Control Group Properties page, select from the following options to change backup control group activities:

### Before

Specifies what activities should occur before the save operation runs. These settings prepare your system for the save operation. You can specify commands to run before the save operation begins, whether to sign off interactive users, and whether to shut down integrated servers, hosted logical partitions, TCP/IP servers, and Lotus servers.

### What

Controls the items to save and whether to unmount the user-defined file systems before the control group runs. You can select **Advanced** to specify more detailed information about the items you are backing up, or select **Change All Activities** to change all the actions for the saved items that are associated with this control group. You can customize the columns, or search and filter the items shown on this page.

### Where

Specifies where you want to save items in this control group. This includes the media policy that you would like to use with this control group for full save operations, the minimum and maximum number of device resources to be used in a parallel save operation, whether you want to have a serial save operation, how devices are selected for save operations using this control group, and whether you want the items in this control group to be saved on new volumes or to be added to media that already contains active files.

### Activity

Changes values associated with save activity for the entire control group. This includes whether to override the backup activity and retention settings in the control group every time the control group is run or scheduled, the type of changes-only save operation that occurs for every save item in this control group, and whether to force a full save after the specified number of days has passed.

**After**

Specifies what activities should occur after the save operation runs. These activities are performed on your system after the save operation is completed. You can specify commands to run after the save ends, where you want the last volume used in the save operation to be positioned when the save operation ends, whether to automatically save the media information needed for recovery each time a save operation is performed using this control group, and the name of the object list for which you want to check journaling status.

**Power down**

Specifies how you want the system to be powered down after the control group runs.

**Job queues**

Specifies the job queues that you want to hold before a save operation runs with this control group and want to release after the operation ends.

**Subsystems**

Specifies the subsystems that you want to stop before the save operation begins and want to start after the operation is completed.

## Copying a backup control group to a remote system

You can copy a backup control group to other remote systems either within or outside of the BRMS network group.

To copy a backup control group to a remote system, follow these steps:

1. Select **Backup, Recovery, and Media Services > Backup Control Groups > Open** action item.
2. On the backup control group that you want to copy, select **Copy** action item.
3. In the Copy control group panel, specify the target systems that you want.
  - Select **Copy to the BRMS network group** to copy the control group to all the systems in the network group. Select **Manage BRMS Network Group** to view all the systems currently in the BRMS network.
  - Select **Copy to these systems** to copy the selected control group to one or more systems outside of the BRMS network group. You can click **Browse** to select from all available systems. You can also add a system by clicking **Add** to enter the name of a specific system.
4. Specify the copy lists that you want to copy to the target system. The following options are available:

**All**

All lists associated with this control group are copied to the target systems.

**New**

Only new lists associated with this control group are copied to the target systems.

**None**

No lists associated with this control group are copied to the target systems.

5. Select **Copy over existing control group** to overwrite the existing control group on the target system.
6. Click **Ok**.

## Performing a fully automated backup

In BRMS, you can start and run a system backup without using the interactive console monitor. This ability allows you to run your system backups unattended.

To run a fully automated backup, you must make sure that you have enough tape capacity so that your backup can run without getting tape volume mount messages. For example, if you schedule an automated system backup over the weekend, you need to verify that the tape device and enough expired tapes are available before leaving for the weekend. You can use System Policy Properties to ensure that you specify enough time for the backup to run.

To schedule a fully automated backup, follow these steps:

1. Navigate to the BRMS graphical interface.
2. In the BRMS pane, click **Backup Control Groups**.

3. In the Backup Control Groups pane, from the menu for the control group that you want to schedule, click **Schedule**.
4. In the Schedule Backup Control Group - Backup Overrides pane, clear the **Use interactive console monitor** check box and click **OK**.

**Note:** To do this, you need to clear the **Only use interactive console monitor** check box on the general tab of the System Policy Properties pane first.

## Scheduling a backup control group

When you use BRMS, you can do backup, restore, and media operations without having to be nearby when they occur.

To schedule a backup control group, complete these steps:

1. Navigate to the BRMS graphical interface.
2. In the BRMS pane, click **Backup Control Groups**.
3. In the Backup Control Groups pane, from the menu for the control group that you want to schedule, click **Schedule**.

When you schedule a control group to run, keep in mind that only the items that are scheduled to be backed up on the day you run the control group will be backed up. For example, you have a backup control group that includes library MYLIB. In the control group properties, you have MYLIB scheduled to be backed up every Thursday. If you schedule the control group to run on Thursday, MYLIB will be backed up. If you schedule the same control group on any other day, MYLIB will not be backed up.

Also, be aware that some operations (such as a full system backup) require that your system be in a restricted state when they run. With BRMS, the interactive console monitor allows you to submit a backup job, either scheduled or directly, to the interactive session that is running on the system console. A system operator can use the interactive system console session to monitor the progress of the backup and respond to tape mount messages. When you schedule a backup using the interactive console monitor, you will see the instructions on how to start the console monitor.

If you choose not to use the interactive console monitor and no one will be present to process commands as the backup runs, then you must ensure that your backup can run without intervention. A restricted state backup that does not use the interactive console monitor can also be scheduled if the backup can run unattended.

The following actions can be scheduled from the BRMS graphical interface.

- Backup control groups
- Archive control groups
- BRMS maintenance
- Movement of media

## Online backups of Lotus servers

Backup, Recovery, and Media Services (BRMS) supports online backups of Lotus server databases (such as Domino, QuickPlace, or Quickr® databases).

An *online backup* is a backup that you do while your Lotus server databases are in use. There are no save-while-active synchronization points. You can direct your online backups to a tape device, media library, or save file.

**Important:** Do not use online Lotus server backups in place of complete system backups. Lotus server online backups only back up Lotus server databases. Other important Lotus server data and system data should be backed up on a regular basis.

## Using archives

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Archiving provides a method of saving disk space by saving infrequently used objects to media, and then removing them from the disk.

During the archive operation, the disk storage on the system is freed, thus allowing you to store more vital data in that disk space. Therefore, you have the benefit of retaining the data, but without an impact to the storage capacity of your primary disk space. BRMS tracks the information associated with the objects that you archive.

**Note:** To use archive capabilities within BRMS, you must install the Advanced feature of BRMS (5770-BR1 Option 2).

There are two concepts related to archiving: storage freed objects and dynamic retrieval of those objects.

### Storage freed objects

Archiving saves objects, then deletes those objects or just the content of that object. When you archive objects that can be storage freed, you archive the data associated with the object to alternate media, but the object's description remains on the system. This description uses very little space and acts as a placeholder in the event that the object data needs to be retrieved. Only certain objects can have their data storage freed. They include: Database files, source files, stream files, and document library objects (DLOs).

### Dynamic retrieval of storage freed objects

Dynamic retrieval of storage freed objects provides a way to access archived objects. When you need to use a storage freed object, such as a database file, BRMS locates and restores that object's data dynamically, using the description stored on the system. See [“Managing dynamic retrieval”](#) on page 250 of storage freed objects for details on how to use dynamic retrieval.

With BRMS, you can manage archives by creating an **archive control group**. Unlike backup control groups, archive control groups save objects that are used infrequently, but might need to be accessed for later use if needed. The saved objects are removed from the system. For example, you might have seldom-used customer information stored in a database and you want to free disk space by archiving this data to media. Another difference between backup and archive is the difference between restore and retrieve. In general, objects saved as part of a backup control group are recovered from the save media. Archived objects are retrieved from the media, and then after they are used, can be re-archived back to the media.

**Note:** Objects that are saved using an archive control group are not included in the system disaster recovery report.

## Creating an archive control group

An archive control group allows you to handle infrequently used objects on your system. You can create a new archive control group to control what items you archive and when.

The **New Archive Control Group** wizard enables you to create an archive control group, select the media that you want to use for that control group, and then run or schedule the control group after it is created. You can also create an archive control group that is based on the properties of an existing archive control group. To create a new archive control group, see the example scenario in [“Creating archive control group for older data”](#) on page 239.

## Changing archive control group properties

Archive control groups contain information about what, where, and when objects are being archived. You can change the properties associated with a control group.

To view or change the properties of a control group, follow these steps:

1. Select **Backup, Recovery, and Media Services > Archive Control Groups > Open** action item.
2. Choose the control group you want to view and select **Properties** action item.
3. On the **Archive Control Group Properties** page, select from the following options to change archive control group activities:



**Before**

Specifies what activities should occur before the archive operation runs. These settings prepare your system for the save operation. You can specify commands to run before the save operation begins, and whether to sign off interactive users.

**What**

Controls what activities should occur during the archive operation. This includes what items are archived, where those items are archived, what level of information is kept about the save operation, when the control group is run, and what disk pools are associated with this control group.

**Where**

Specifies where you want to archive items in this control group. This includes the media policy that you would like to use with this control group for full save operations, the minimum and maximum number of device resources to be used in a parallel archive operation, how devices are selected for archive operations using this control group, and whether you want the items in this control group to be archived on new volumes or to be added to media that already contains active files.

**Activity**

Enables you to choose the type of save that will occur for every save item in this control group.

**Archive criteria**

Sets criteria that determines how and when a given archive control group is run. You can specify how long an item must be inactive before the archive control group is run and whether objects are to be included in the archive control group based on the size of the object and frequency that the object has been used. You can also specify whether you want the objects whose storage can be freed are to be included in the archive operation, and the percentage of storage utilization that, if exceeded, allows objects that meet all other archive criteria to be archived.

**Retrieve retention**

Specifies how long retrieved archived objects are retained on the system before being re-archived by a BRMS maintenance or archive operation.

**After**

Specifies what activities should occur after the archive runs. These activities are performed on your system after the archive is completed. You can specify commands to run after the save operation ends, where you want the last volume used in the save operation to be positioned when the save operation ends, and whether to automatically save the media information needed for recovery each time a save operation is performed using this control group.

**Power down**

Specifies how you want the system to be powered down after the control group runs.

**Job queues**

Specifies the job queues that you want to hold before an archive operation runs with this control group and want to release after the operation ends.

**Subsystems**

Specifies the subsystems that you want to stop before the archive operation begins and want to start after the operation is completed.

## Copying an archive control group to a remote system

You can copy an archive control group to other remote systems either within or outside of the BRMS network group.

To copy an archive control group to a remote system, follow these steps:

1. Select **Backup, Recovery, and Media Services > Archive control groups > Open** action item.
2. Choose the archive control group that you want to copy and select **Copy** action item.
3. In the Copy control group window, specify the target systems that you want.
  - Select **Copy to the BRMS network group** to copy the control group to all the systems in the network group. Select **Manage BRMS Network Group** to view all the systems currently in the BRMS network.

- Select **Copy to these systems** to copy the selected control group to one or more systems outside of the BRMS network group. You can click **Browse** to select from all available systems. You can also add a system by clicking **Add** to enter the name of a specific system.
4. Specify the option for the copy lists that you want to copy to the target system. The following options are available:
    - All**  
All lists associated with this control group are copied to the target systems.
    - New**  
Only new lists associated with this control group are copied to the target systems.
    - None**  
No lists associated with this control group are copied to the target systems.
  5. Select **Copy over existing control group** to overwrite the existing control group on the target system.
  6. Click **Ok**.

## Managing dynamic retrieval

Storage freed objects allow you to archive certain object types, such as database files, source files, stream files, and document library objects (DLOs), off your system to media.

When you archive an object that can be storage freed, you archive the data associated with the object to alternate media, but the description of the object remains on the system. This description uses little space and acts as a placeholder in the event that the object data needs to be retrieved.

Dynamic retrieval of storage freed objects provides a way to access archived objects. If a user accesses the object, BRMS locates and restores that object's data dynamically, using the description stored on the system. You can either create an archive control group to handle storage freed objects or you can change the archive criteria of an existing control group. To manage how retrieved objects are handled, follow these steps:

1. Navigate to the BRMS graphical interface.
2. In the BRMS pane, click **Select Action > Retrieve Policy Properties**.
3. You can select the type of media from which you want to retrieve objects. You can also specify how long retrieved objects will be retained on the system, whether to extend the retention of an object if it was used, and monitor use of that object after it was retained. For specifics on these retrieval options, click the **Help** icon in the Retrieve Policy Properties pane.

## Restoring items on your system

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When you back up your system using BRMS, information about each backed-up item is recorded in the save history. The information in the save history allows BRMS to provide the function of restoring individual objects or files.

The primary reason for having a backup and recovery strategy and doing regular backups is to be ready if an item needs to be restored, or if your entire system needs to be recovered. The only way to ensure that you are fully protected by your backup and recovery strategy is to perform a full system save and then recover your system from that save.

### Restoring individual saved items

It is sometimes necessary to restore individual items on your system (for example, if a file is corrupted or accidentally deleted).

When you use BRMS backup control groups to back up items on your system, you can restore those items from the backup history. When you restore an item from the backup history, you can view details about the item, such as when it was backed up or how large it is. If several versions of the item exist in the save history, you can select which version of the item you want to restore. The items must have been backed up with a BRMS backup control group.

**Note:** In order to have details about the item, you must be saving the item with object level detail. These are options when setting up your BRMS backup control group.

For example, if a mail database was corrupted by a user, you can easily find and restore the database file by following these steps:

1. Select **Backup, Recovery, and Media Services > Restore** action item.
2. Under **Saved items** on the Save History - Include window, select **Directories or file** for the **Type** field and enter *userName.nsf* (for example, *msmith.nsf*) in the **File** field and click **OK**.

Other include criteria can also be specified to further filter the search.

3. On the **Save History** window, choose the file you wish to restore and select **Restore**.
4. Follow the instructions of the **Restore** wizard to restore the items.

## Printing a recovery report

When you back up your system using BRMS, information about each backed-up item is recorded in the save history. The information in the save history is used to create a recovery report, which guides you through a full system recovery.

Should your system fail or a disaster occur, you can use the recovery report to recover your system to the point it was at before the failure. Because your recovery report contains critical information about your system, it is important that you take a few precautions to ensure that this information is current and accessible when you need it.

- The successful completion of nearly every step in the recovery report relies on information in the *Recovering your system* topic. It is recommended you review this topic first as well as use it along with the BRMS recovery report.
- Your recovery is only as good as your backup, so be sure to test your backup and recovery strategy any time you change it by doing a full system recovery. You might need to adjust your strategy to ensure that a full recovery is possible.
- You should test your recoveries at a disaster recovery hotsite, or by using a test system. **Do not** use your production system.
- Print your recovery report every time you do a backup. By doing this, you ensure that your report includes the most current information.
- Print at least two copies of your recovery report every time you do a backup. Keep one copy with your system and keep the other in a safe place offsite, such as an offsite vaulting location.

To print your recovery report, follow these steps:

1. Navigate to the BRMS graphical interface.
2. In the BRMS pane, click **Select Action > Print Reports**.
3. Select **Disaster Recovery** and click **Print**.

## Managing devices

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You can use Backup, Recovery, and Media Services (BRMS) to display, add, remove, and change the properties of any stand-alone devices and media libraries used for your save operations.

BRMS enables you to back up your data to stand-alone devices and media libraries. You can also use DVD, CD-ROM, optical libraries and virtual optical devices. Any device you want to use in your BRMS processing must be known to BRMS. You can display, add, remove, and change the properties of these devices through the Manage Devices window. For example, you can specify in the properties of a device whether the device is shared with other systems.

## Managing disk pools

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Backup, Recovery, and Media Services (BRMS) allows you to manage information about the disk pools that are used during save operations.

A disk pool, also referred to as an auxiliary storage pool (ASP) in the character-based interface, is a software definition of a group of disk units on your system. BRMS stores information about the disk pool to perform migration of data between disk pools during save operations. This information is updated in the BRMS database but does not update the information of the actual disk pool on the system. To manage a disk pool, complete the following steps:

1. Select **Backup, Recovery, and Media Services > Manage Disk Pools** action item.
2. On the **Manage Disk Pools** panel, you can select to edit disk pools or manage disk pool. For more detailed descriptions of each of these options, click **Help**.

## Managing your media

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Backup, Recovery, and Media Services (BRMS) keeps an inventory of media and simplifies media management by tracking everything in that inventory--what pieces of information are saved where and which media have available space.

When you create your policies, you can specify the following locations for storing the save items--serial media, parallel media, or save files. Then, when you do a save, BRMS selects the media it needs from the available pool of that type of media. You don't have to worry about accidentally writing over active files or using an invalid piece of media because it is all tracked for you.

Once you back up your data, you can use BRMS to help you track your media as it moves through the different storage locations you define. For example, you might move your backups offsite for storage; BRMS will keep track of when the media leaves and when it is scheduled to return.

You can use the **Add Media** wizard to add media to BRMS and prepare it for use. You can also manually expire media, which returns it to the inventory of available media. You can also create media pools which are groupings of media based on similar characteristics, such as density or capacity. Over time, you might find that you have media that have many expired items on them and only a few active items. You can reclaim this media by moving the active items onto media that have other active items on them.

### Adding media

Before you can perform save operations using Backup, Recovery, and Media Service (BRMS), you need to add media to the BRMS inventory and initialize it.

You can use the "Add media" wizard to add media to the BRMS inventory. To access the wizard, follow these steps:

1. [Navigate to the BRMS graphical interface.](#)
2. From the **Volumes** menu in the BRMS pane, click **Add**.
3. Follow the instructions in the "Add media" wizard to add the media to BRMS.

### Working with media

After media is added to the BRMS inventory, you can view that media based on the criteria that you specify, such as the volume name, status, media pool, or expiration date.

Knowing the expiration date for the media helps to manually expire a piece of media, which returns that piece of media to the BRMS media inventory.

To filter which media you see in the list, follow these steps:

1. [Navigate to the BRMS graphical interface.](#)
2. From the **Volumes** menu in the BRMS pane, click **Include**.

## Creating a media policy

A media policy defines the type and length of media retention. It also defines the media class and move policy that you want to use for the save operation.

To create a new media policy, follow these steps:

1. Select **Backup, Recovery, and Media Services > Media policies > New** action item.
2. Follow the wizard to create a new media policy.

You can specify the following options for the media policy that you are creating:

### Where

Specifies where data that is associated with this media policy is saved. You can choose to encrypt the media that this media policy uses for save operations. You need to understand how to work with keystore files, keystore libraries, and key record labels if you want to encrypt the media.

### Notes:

- To use the encryption function, you need to have the BRMS Advanced feature (5770-BR1 Option 2) and Encrypted Backup Enablement (5770-SS1 Option 44) installed on your operating system.
- Encryption is not supported for save files and optical media.

### Retention

Specifies the type of retention for media and save files that this media policy uses for save operations.

### Automatic duplication

Specifies whether you want to duplicate data to other media using multiple devices when a save operation ends.

## Changing media policy properties

Media policies contain information about what, where, and when media are being used. You can change the properties associated with a media policy.

To view or change the properties of a media policy, follow these steps:

1. [Navigate to the BRMS graphical interface.](#)
2. From the **Media Policies** menu in the BRMS pane, click **Open**.
3. In the Media Policies pane, from the menu for the media policy that you want to change, click **Properties**.
4. Specify the properties you want to change on each tab and click **OK**.

## Reclaiming your media

Backup, Recovery, and Media Service (BRMS) enables you to efficiently reuse old fragmented tape volumes by copying active file sequences to unused media.

You can use the reclaiming media function to duplicate a volume or set of volumes that have become fragmented to new volumes. Typically, over time, you have volumes that just sit in storage unusable. These volumes are highly fragmented with gaps in the active file sequences due to the varying expiration dates of the saved items on the media. The reclaim function allows you to copy only the unexpired or active file sequences to unused (scratch) media. The old volumes will be expired and the backup history of the active saved items is updated to reflect the new volume. This allows you to remove the old volumes from the media inventory or make the old volumes available for reuse. Ultimately, this should reduce the number of active volumes you must manage plus reduce the total number of volumes being managed and minimize your media and media storage costs.

You can use the Reclaim wizard to reclaim one or more volumes in BRMS. To access the Reclaim wizard, complete these steps:

1. [Navigate to the BRMS graphical interface.](#)
2. From the **Volumes** menu in the BRMS pane, click **Reclaim**.
3. Follow the instructions in the wizard to reclaim your media.

## Balancing your media

The media balancing function enables you to balance the number of media owned by each system within a BRMS network so that each system has the required number of media.

This function requires that the system is running IBM i 6.1, or later.

To balance media across systems in a BRMS network, follow these steps:

1. [Navigate to the BRMS graphical interface.](#)
2. From the **Volumes** menu in the BRMS pane, click **Manage Volume Balancing**.
3. Select **Add** action item to add BRMS systems to participate in media balancing.
4. On the Add Available Systems for Media Balancing page, enter the name of the system, its associated media pool and location, and set a priority for this system as well as the number of required media that it uses for save operations. Prioritizing your systems ensures that those system with more critical data have the necessary media to complete the save operations.
5. Select **OK** to add the system to the list of systems that will balance media among them.
6. From the Manage Volume Balancing page, run media balancing for all the selected systems by selecting **Balance Volumes for All Systems** action item. You can also run a report that shows the results of balancing your media among these systems.

## Creating a move policy

As part of your backup plan, you need to manage media protection and rotation. Using Backup, Recovery, and Media Services (BRMS), you can create move policies to manage media movement.

To ensure the safety of your data, it is recommended that you keep at least the last two versions of your full system backups and the most current backed up version stored on media. In addition, you should duplicate the media for each backup and keep the copies in a safe, offsite location to ensure that in the event of a natural disaster, such as a fire, these versions of your data can be obtained.

You can use move policies to keep track of where your media is and when it is scheduled to be in each storage location. Move policies include information about the different storage locations that your media resides in during its lifecycle. For example, when you do weekly full backups of your system, you have a courier come to pick up your media and take it to a vault, where it stays for 21 days. At the end of the 21 days, the media is returned to your site and placed in a filing cabinet in your computer room. A move policy for your full backups would keep track of where your media was at each step of its journey, and would include information about each storage location, such as how long it would take to retrieve the media from this location in the event of an emergency.

To create a move policy, follow these steps:

1. Select **Backup, Recovery, and Media Services > Move Policies > New Policy** action item.
2. Follow the wizard's instructions to create a new move policy.

**Note:** Media management and movement is a very important part of your backup strategy. If your media is lost or not adequately protected, you could lose data in the event of a disaster or system failure. If you would like help in implementing an effective backup strategy for your company, including media management, contact IBM Business Continuity and Recovery Services.

## Verifying media movement

By creating a move policy, you can optionally choose to have BRMS automatically verify media movement or you can choose to manually verify the move operation.

When you create a move policy, you are asked if you want to verify the actions that take place when the move policy runs--what volumes move where and when. Verifying moves keeps BRMS synchronized with what actually happens.

You can choose to manually verify move operations, or you can have BRMS automatically verify move operations. Because you need to be sure that your media is where BRMS says it is, it is recommended that you verify move operations manually at first. You may choose to have BRMS verify move operations

automatically after your media movement procedures are established and have been working smoothly for some time.

To manually verify a move operation, follow these steps:

1. Select **Backup, Recovery, and Media Services > Move Policies > Verify Moves** action item. You will see a table of all volumes of media currently scheduled to be moved. For each volume listed, the table columns display the current location, the next location the volume is moving to, the move date, as well as the name of the move policy the volume is associated with.
2. Contact the storage location by telephone or e-mail to ensure that the media has arrived at the location.
3. Select the volumes you want to verify and click **Verify**.

If you opt to have BRMS verify moves automatically, no action is required on your part to verify moves. When the date and time of the move passes, BRMS will automatically update the information about that media. In addition, BRMS will print a media movement report when you run or schedule the move policy.

**Important:** Remember that if you verify moves automatically, BRMS will update the information about the media whether the physical move of the volume takes place or not. If the move does not take place, the information in the BRMS database will not be accurate.

## Managing containers

Containers are any holders that store multiple media volumes on your system. You can also manage containers with Backup, Recovery, and Media Services (BRMS).

Containers typically hold one media pool, although you can specify any media pool. Using containers adds complexity to your storage management system and is optional. You can specify that you want to store media in physical containers at specified locations, and use these containers to move volumes in the container according to a move policy.

1. Select **Backup, Recovery, and Media Services > Move Policies > Manage Containers** action item.
2. From this panel you can complete the following tasks:
  - Create a new container
  - Delete a container
  - Edit a container
  - Manage a container pool
  - View volumes in a container

## Managing locations

Move policies allow you to define the movement of media between storage locations and the length of time that the media stays in each location.

To create, delete, edit, or view the volumes that are at a particular location, follow these steps:

1. [Navigate to the BRMS graphical interface.](#)
2. From the **Move Policies** menu in the BRMS pane, click **Manage Locations**.
3. In the Manage Locations pane, follow the steps below for the specified action:
  - To create a new location, click **Select Action > New**.
  - To create a location using an existing location as a base, click **New Based On** from the menu for the location.
  - To delete a location, click **Delete** from the menu for the location.
  - To change an existing location, click **Properties** from the menu for the location.
  - To view a list of the volumes that are at a particular location, click **View Volumes** from the menu for the location.

## Running BRMS maintenance

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Running maintenance on your system automatically performs Backup, Recovery, and Media Services (BRMS) cleanup, updates save information, and runs reports.

You should run maintenance every day. You can customize which activities you want to perform when you run maintenance.

If you do not customize the maintenance activities, the following are performed:

- Expire media
- Remove media information
- Remove migration information (180 days old)
- Remove log entries (from beginning entry to within 90 days of current date)
- Run cleanup
- Retrieve volume statistics
- Audit system media (if you are working in a network)
- Change journal receivers
- Print expired media report
- Print media audit information
- Print version report
- Print media information
- Print recovery reports

To run maintenance, select **Backup, Recovery, and Media Services > Run Maintenance** action item. If you want to customize the maintenance activities, click **Options**. There is also an option to run maintenance at the end of a backup in the properties for each backup control group.

## Viewing or printing BRMS reports

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Backup, Recovery, and Media Services (BRMS) provides powerful reporting capabilities to help you manage your save operations more effectively and track the information that BRMS records.

You can change the parameters for the server command for each report. To print reports, select **Backup, Recovery, and Media Services > Print Reports** action item.

You can also view or save selected reports in HTML format. HTML reports for backup and move policies contain the details for all policies or a selected policy. There are also reports available for volume information and BRMS log entry information. To view or save one of these reports in HTML format, choose the folder or item that you want and select the **View Report** action item.

### Related reference

[A summary of BRMS reports](#)

BRMS provides powerful reporting capabilities to help you manage your save operations more effectively and track the information that BRMS records.



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# BRMS Enterprise

BRMS Enterprise allows administrators to monitor backup operations for their BRMS systems from a central site called an Enterprise Hub. The systems being monitored by the Hub are called Enterprise Nodes. The Enterprise Network is comprised of Nodes that can be stand-alone BRMS systems, part of a BRMS Network or any combination of stand-alone and BRMS Networked systems. Configuration and management of the Nodes are handled through the Hub and does not impact the existing operations of traditional BRMS Networks.

The Hub can monitor Node backup activity in several ways:

- STRRCYBRM, STRMNTBRM and DSPLOGBRM reports
  - manually run or scheduled
  - stored on the Hub
  - optionally stored on the Node
  - email notifications for report errors
  - email reports
- status for backup control group runs
- display and filter the BRMS log
- connectivity status

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## BRMS Enterprise concepts

Learn about important concepts in BRMS Enterprise.

### Contact

Contacts are users associated with the Hub and Nodes. The Contacts are used for a variety of notifications including reports or errors encountered while generating reports.

### Hub

The Enterprise Hub is a central site that monitors BRMS backups for other BRMS systems called Enterprise Nodes. The Nodes being monitored by the Hub are called an Enterprise Network.

The Enterprise Network may include BRMS stand-alone and BRMS Networked systems. Communication is configured through each of the Nodes in the Enterprise Network and is completely independent of traditional BRMS Network configuration.

**Note:** The Enterprise Hub must be at IBM i 7.1 or higher.

### Node

Enterprise Nodes are BRMS systems that are being monitored by an Enterprise Hub. Enterprise Node properties are defined by and maintained on the Hub. No Enterprise specific configuration is currently required on the Nodes. However, if reports will be run on the Node, remote writers will have to be configured and if the spooled files are being saved on the Node, an output queue will need to be created.

### Node Policy

Each Node has an associated Node Policy. The Node Policy defines properties that can be shared between multiple Nodes. Each Node can reference the Node Policy for any of its properties.

### Node Group

Node Groups allow an administrator to assign a name to a group of Nodes. The Node Groups can be based on attributes the Nodes have in common, for example - owner, location, time zone, etc.

### Report Definition

Report Definitions define how and when a report will be generated for a Node. The Report Definition can be run manually or it can be scheduled to run at defined intervals.

The output created by running a Report Definition will be stored in a user designated output queue on the Hub. The output can also be stored in a user designated output queue on the Node and/or emailed to the Contacts for the Node.

### **Report Policy**

Each Report Definition has an associated Report Policy. The Report Policy defines properties that can be shared between multiple Report Definitions. Each Report Definition can reference the Report Policy for any of its properties.

### **Report**

When a Report Definition is run for a Node, a Report is generated. Each Report will identify when the Report Definition was run, what Report Output was produced and where the Report Output was stored.

### **Report Output**

Report Output is produced when a Report is run for a Report Definition. The Report Output can be found through the Report that identifies when the Report Definition was run. Report Output may include multiple files.

## **Using BRMS Enterprise**

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Learn how to monitor backup operations for BRMS systems from a central site.

### **Navigating to the Enterprise Hub Center panel**

To navigate to the Enterprise Hub Center panel, follow these steps:

1. [Navigate to the BRMS graphical interface.](#)
2. In the BRMS pane, click **Enterprise Services**.

### **Changing hub administration options**

Learn how to change options that control how backups are monitored for nodes in the network of a hub.

To change options associated with a hub, follow these steps:

1. [Navigate to the Enterprise Hub Center panel.](#)
2. In the Enterprise Services pane, click the **Hub Administration** tab.
3. Enter the details for the hub and click **OK**.

### **Creating a node**

To create a new Node to monitor BRMS backups, follow these steps:

1. [Navigate to the Enterprise Hub Center panel.](#)
2. On the Hub Center page, click **Add**.
3. In the Add node pane, enter the details for the node and click **OK**.

### **Creating a node policy**

To create a new node policy that can be referenced by multiple nodes, follow these steps:

1. [Navigate to the Enterprise Hub Center panel.](#)
2. In the Enterprise Services pane, click the **Node Policies** tab.
3. On the Node Policies page, click **Add**.
4. In the Add node policy pane, enter the details for the node policy and click **OK**.

### **Creating a report definition**

To create a new report definition to run on a node, follow these steps:

1. [Navigate to the Enterprise Hub Center panel.](#)

2. On the Hub Center page, select a node and click **Actions > Properties**.
3. In the Node Properties pane, click the **Report definitions** tab.
4. On the Report definitions page, click **Add**.
5. On the Add report definition page, enter the details for the report definition and click **OK**.

## Creating a report policy

To create a new report policy that can be referenced by multiple report definitions, follow these steps:

1. [Navigate to the Enterprise Hub Center panel.](#)
2. In the Enterprise Services pane, click the **Report Policies** tab.
3. On the Report policies page, click **Add**.
4. In the Add report policy pane, enter the details for the report policy and click **OK**.

## Running a report definition

To run a report definition on a node, follow these steps:

1. [Navigate to the Enterprise Hub Center panel.](#)
2. On the Hub Center page, select a node and click **Actions > Properties**.
3. In the Node Properties pane, click the **Report definitions** tab.
4. On the Report definitions page, from the menu for a report definition, click **Run report**.

A page will be displayed indicating whether the report was successful.

**Note:** Do not take any actions until the report is complete.

## Sending reports to contacts

To have reports sent to the contacts for a node, follow these steps:

1. [Navigate to the Enterprise Hub Center panel.](#)
2. On the Hub Center page, select a node and click **Actions > Properties**.
3. In the Node Properties pane, click the **Report definitions** tab.
4. On the Report definitions page, from the menu for a report definition, click **Properties**.
5. In the Report Definition Properties pane, click **Yes** for Send reports to contacts?
6. Click **OK**.

## Viewing all reports for a node

To view all the Reports that were run on a Node, follow these steps:

1. [Navigate to the Enterprise Hub Center panel.](#)
2. On the Hub Center page, select a node and click **Actions > View Reports**.
3. In the Reports for node pane, from the menu for a report, click **View Report Output**.
4. In the Report output pane, from the menu for a report, click **View Report**.

## Viewing reports for a report definition

To view the report output for a report definition that was run on a node, follow these steps:

1. [Navigate to the Enterprise Hub Center panel.](#)
2. On the Hub Center page, select a node and click **Actions > Properties**.
3. In the Node Properties pane, click the **Report definitions** tab.
4. On the Report definitions page, from the menu for a report definition, click **View Reports**.
5. In the Reports for report definition pane, from the menu for a report, click **View Report Output**.
6. In the Report output pane, from the menu for a report, click **View Report**.

## BRMS Enterprise considerations and requirements

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Learn about important considerations and requirements for using BRMS Enterprise.

### BRMS Licenses

The Hub and the Nodes must all have current base licenses for IBM Backup, Recovery and Media Services for i. The Hub must also have current licenses for the BRMS - Network Feature and BRMS - Advanced Feature options.

### User Interface

BRMS Enterprise is supported only through the BRMS graphical interface. If the user interface does not function as you expect, consider the following tips.

Disable software to block pop-up ad windows in your web browser when you use BRMS Enterprise. Enterprise might display new windows during normal activity.

Whenever you apply a BRMS PTF, enable the latest level of the BRMS graphical interface code. If you use IBM Navigator for i, end and restart the TCP/IP HTTP server. If you use System i Navigator, uninstall and reinstall the BRMS plug-in. For more information, see the PTF cover letter.

To troubleshoot IBM Navigator for i problems, run the following non-graphical commands on the Hub:

1. Enter STRQSH.
2. From the Qshell command line, enter `/QIBM/ProdData/OS/OSGi/LWI71/native/lwihealth.sh admin2 /home/admin2hc.txt`.
3. When the previous command is complete, press PF3 to exit Qshell.
4. Use the Display File (DSPF) command to view the following files:
  - `/home/admin2hc.txt` - complete log from the health check
  - `/home/admin2hc.summary.txt` - potential problems from the health check log

### Enterprise Network Connectivity

BRMS Enterprise Networks do not use traditional BRMS Network configuration. Node communication can be configured on the Hub by clicking the **Communications** tab on the **Node Properties** panel. The Enterprise Hub Center indicates whether a Node in the Enterprise Network is communicating with the Hub. If the Hub Center indicates that a Node is not communicating, follow these steps:

1. On the **Hub Center** panel, locate a Node that has the **BRMS Status** field set to Not connected or the **BRMS PTF** field set to \*NONE.
2. Select the **Properties** action for the Node to view the properties for the Node.
3. Review the properties on the **Communications** tab for the Node. Click **OK** to save the Node properties.
4. If there are any communications problems with the Node, a **Connection could not be established to node *SystemName*** dialog is displayed. Click **Details** to view communications errors.
5. If you cannot determine the connection problem from the communication errors, review the setup procedure that was used.

**Note:** You can check the BRMS Enterprise Network configuration by specifying \*VFYENT for the Option (OPTION) parameter on the Initialize BRMS (INZBRM) command.

### Report Output Configuration

The spooled files that are generated for a report on a Node are stored in a remote output queue. The spooled files are then copied or moved to the Hub by using a remote writer. The remote writer requires that a TCP/IP interface is configured in the operating system, an IP address on the printer side, and a Line

Print Daemon (LPD) TCP/IP process running on the print server. If reports cannot be generated for a Node, see Troubleshooting Report Problems in Enterprise for more information.

### **Email Notification Configuration**

Email addresses can be specified for Enterprise Contacts. The Contacts can be used to indicate where to send email for Enterprise functions. For example, reports or report error notifications can be sent to the Contacts for a Node.

BRMS uses TCP/IP SMTP to send emails so it must be configured by the user for Enterprise email functions to work properly. For more information about SMTP configuration, see [Simple Mail Transfer Protocol on IBM i](#).

TCP/IP SMTP requires a system directory entry for a user to send an email. Since scheduled Report Definitions run in a BRMS job under user QBRMS, BRMS automatically adds a directory entry for QBRMS if one does not exist. If a Report Definition is run manually using the 'Run report' action, the user that is running the report must have a directory entry defined to work with SMTP. For more information, see the Work with Directory Entries (WRKDIRE) command.

Run the following command to help determine if SMTP is working correctly:

```
SNDSMTPEMM RCP((userid@my.company.com)) SUBJECT('SMTP test') NOTE('SMTP test')
```

If emails are each getting split into multiple emails that contain random unformatted MIME data, increase the POP server 'Message split size' attribute to a larger size or to no maximum:

```
CHGPOPA MSGSPLIT(2048)
```

or

```
CHGPOPA MSGSPLIT(*NOMAX)
```

The SMTP server can be started automatically when TCP/IP is started by setting the following SMTP attribute:

```
CHGSMTPA AUTOSTART(*YES)
```

### **Time Zone Considerations**

Dates and times used for scheduled activities that are initiated through the Hub, such as Report Definition run times, are relative to the Hub. For example, if the Hub is in the Central Standard Time (CST) time zone and has a Report Definition run time defined as 6:00 AM, the Report Definition will run on the Node at 6:00 AM CST regardless of the time zone of the Node.

### **User Requirements to Access Nodes**

Node operations that can be initiated from a Hub require a remote connection to the Node. An RDB entry Node is required for the user profile that is initiating the operation on the Hub.



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# The functional usage model and BRMS security considerations

As a BRMS administrator, you understand the importance of protecting user and system data from deletion, distortion, and theft. The BRMS functional usage model allows you to customize user access to BRMS functions (backup, recovery, and media management) and to the different components of each function. For example, you can give one user authority to change a control group, and another the authority only to use and view it. You can also use the functional usage model to grant *all* users access to a particular function or functional component.

You need to access the BRMS functional usage model through the IBM Navigator for i interface. You can find instructions on how to use IBM Navigator for i with the functional usage model later in this chapter. If you do not have IBM Navigator for i installed on your system, you can find some tips on how to secure your BRMS functions in [“Working with IBM i security controls”](#) on page 268.

BRMS also provides another security option, the SETUSRBRM command, that allows you to reset a user or group profile by job category, \*OPERATOR or \*ADMINISTRATOR. Use the Set User Usage for BRM (SETUSRBRM) command as a starting point for controlling access to BRMS functions, and use the IBM Navigator for i interface to tailor your security setup to better meet your requirements. You do not need to have IBM Navigator for i installed to use this command.

BRMS provides effective control over user access to BRMS functionality. Use IBM i security options to prevent users from causing accidental or intentional damage to your files or system. However, because BRMS ships its databases with \*PUBLIC \*USE authority (which allows use but not change), irreparable damage is unlikely to occur.

**Note:** If you have the Advanced Functions feature installed, you can apply the functional usage model to the archive, retrieve, and migration components. For information about how to do so, see the [Hierarchical Storage Management](#) book for more information.

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## How the functional usage model works

Use the functional usage model when you want to customize user access to certain functions or when you want to grant all users the same access to a certain function. The functional usage model provides two levels of security for each BRMS function, functional component, and specific backup and media management item (such as a policy or control group).

### **ACCESS or NO ACCESS**

In the functional usage model, a user either has access to a BRMS function or component, or does not have access to it. If a user has access to a function or component, that user can use and view it. If a user has no access to that function or component, then that user cannot use or view it. At this basic level of access, a user can process a specific item (such as a library or control group) in a backup operation, but does not have the ability to change it.

### **SPECIFIC CHANGE or NO CHANGE**

Another level of access allows a user to change a *specific* function, component, or item. For example, to change a backup list, a user must have access to a *specific* backup list. Similarly, to change a media policy, a user must have access to a *specific* media policy. The functional usage model provides lists of existing items (control groups, backup lists, media and move policies, and so on) for which you can grant specific access.

With the functional usage model, you can give a user both types of access (so that the user can both use and change a particular function, component, or item). Or you can give a user just one type of access, for example, access to use, but not change, a particular function, component, or item.

The following section summarizes your security options.

## Backup function

In the backup area, the following usage levels are available:

### Basic Backup Activities

This is the basic level of backup usage. Those with Basic Backup Activities access can use and view the backup policy, control groups, and lists. Use access also allows these users to process backups by using control groups (through the STRBKUBRM command) or by libraries, objects, or folders (SAVLIBBRM, SAVOBJBRM, or SAVFLRLBRM). A user without access to basic backup activities cannot see backup menu options or command parameter options.

### Backup Policy

Users with access to the backup policy can change the backup policy, in addition to using and viewing it. Users without access to the backup policy cannot change it.

### Backup Control Groups

Users with access to backup control groups can change specific control groups, in addition to using and viewing them. You can find a list of all of your existing control groups under the backup control groups heading in IBM Navigator for i. You can grant a user access to any number of specific control groups. Users without access to the backup control groups cannot change them.

### Backup Lists

Users with access to backup lists can change specific backup lists, in addition to using and viewing them. You can find a list of all of your existing backup lists under the backup lists heading in IBM Navigator for i. You can grant a user access to any number of specific backup lists. Users without access to a backup list cannot change it.

## Recovery function

In the recovery area, the following usage levels are available:

### Basic Recovery Activities

This is the basic level of recovery usage. Users with basic recovery activities access can use and view the recovery policy. In addition, they can also use the WRKMEDIBRM command to process basic recoveries, and the RSTOBJBRM and RSTLIBBRM commands to perform individual restores. Users without access to basic recovery activities cannot see recovery menu options or command parameter options.

### Recovery Policy

Users with access to the recovery policy can change the recovery policy, in addition to using and viewing it. Users without access to the recovery policy cannot change it.

## Media management components

In the area of media management, the following usage levels are available:

### Basic Media Activities

This is the basic usage level for this function. Users with access to basic media activities can perform basic media-related tasks such as using and adding media to BRMS. Users with this access can also use and view, but not change, media policies, and media classes. Users without access to basic media activities cannot see related menu options or command parameter options.

### Advanced Media Activities

Users with access to the advanced media activities can perform media tasks such as expiring, removing, and initializing media.

### Media Policies

Users with access to the media policies can change specific media policies, in addition to using and viewing them. You can find a list of all of your existing media policies under the media policies heading in IBM Navigator for i. You can grant a user access to any number of media policies. Users without access to a media policy cannot change it.

### Media Classes

Users with access to the media classes can change specific media classes, in addition to using and viewing them. You can find a list of all of your existing media classes under the media classes heading



in IBM Navigator for i. You can grant a user access to any number of media classes. Users without access to a media class cannot change it.

#### **Media Information**

Users with Media Information access can change media information from the Work with Media Information (WRKMEDIBRM) displays.

#### **Basic Movement Activities**

Users with access to basic movement activities can manually process or display MOVMEDBRM commands but cannot change them.

#### **Move Verification**

Users with access to move verification can perform move verification tasks.

#### **Move Policies**

Users with access to move policies can change specific move policies, in addition to using and viewing them. You can find a list of all of your existing move policies under the move policies heading in IBM Navigator for i. You can grant a user access to any number of move policies. Users without access to a move policy cannot change it.

### **System-related functions**

In the system area, the following usage options are available:

#### **Basic System Activities**

Users with basic system-related activities can use and view device displays and commands. They can also view and display auxiliary storage pool (ASP) information and commands. Users with this access level can also use and view the system policy.

#### **Devices**

Users with device access can change device-related information. Users without this access are unable to change device information.

#### **Auxiliary Storage Pools**

Users with access to ASP information can change information about BRMS ASP management.

#### **Maintenance**

Users with maintenance access can schedule and run maintenance operations.

#### **System Policy**

Users with access to the system policy can change system policy parameters.

#### **Log**

Any user can display log information, but only those with Log access can remove log entries.

#### **Initialize BRM**

Users with this access can use the INZBRM command.

#### **Enterprise**

Users with this access can monitor backup operations for their BRMS systems from a central site.

## **Implementing the functional usage model**

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Use IBM Navigator for i to access the functional usage model feature.

To get to a list of BRMS function and components, complete the following steps:

1. In IBM Navigator for i, expand **IBM i ManagementSystem** and click **Application Administration**.
2. In the Application Administration pane, click the **Host Applications** tab.
3. Expand **Backup Recovery and Media Services for IBM i** to see the functions and components available.

Following is a summary of what you can see or do in the Application Administration pane:

- In the **Function** column, you can see the names of the BRMS functions and functional components.

- If you select a check box in the **Default Usage** column, you are granting all users access to the function or component in that row.
- If you select a check box in the **All Object Usage** column, you are indicating that a user or number of users have \*ALLOBJ authority at the user level. The IBM i operating system provides a special \*ALLOBJ security value, which allows user access to all objects on the IBM i. A user with (\*ALLOBJ) authority automatically has complete access to the BRMS functions and components that you mark. If you do not check this box, then BRMS ignores the users \*ALLOBJ authority and requires customized access.
- To customize user access, click **Customize** in the lower right of the pane. In the Customize Access pane, you can select individual users by name and tailor their access as needed. When you customize user access to any of the functions or functional components, the check box is selected in the **Customize Access** column in the Application Administration pane.

## Registering new BRMS activities with the functional usage model

Once you establish the Functional Usage Model for BRMS users, BRMS begins registering new activities with the IBM i security system. Each time you create a new control group, list, media policy, media class, or move policy, BRMS adds it to the usage model. When this happens, BRMS records the name of the new item in the log. You can use the DSPLOGBRM \*SEC command to review the log message. BRMS registers each of the new items with the default usage level that you specified in the system policy.

To get to the Change System Policy display, take the following steps:

1. Type GO BRMSYSPCY at a command line and press Enter.
2. Select option 1 (Display or change system policy).

```

Change System Policy

Type choices, press Enter.

Media policy . . . . . FULL           Name, F4 for list
Devices . . . . . TAPMLB04          Name, F4 for list

Home location for media . . . . . *HOME      Name, F4 for list
Media class . . . . . CART3490E      Name, F4 for list
Sign off interactive users . . . . . *NO      *YES, *NO
Sign off limit . . . . . 30          0-999 minutes
Output queue . . . . . *PRTF         Name, *PRTF
  Library . . . . .                  Name, *LIBL
Day start time . . . . . 0:00:00      Time
Media monitor . . . . . *YES         *YES, *NO
Shared inventory delay . . . . . 60     30-9999 seconds
Auto enroll media . . . . . *NO       *NO, *YES
Default usage . . . . . *NO          *NO, *YES

F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel
More...

```

3. The value in the *Default usage* field specifies whether to give default access to the specific BRMS object that you are creating, for example, a control group, backup list, or policy.
4. Press Enter to save your changes and exit.

## Working with the SETUSRBRM command

Use the SETUSRBRM command as a starting point to grant system operators and administrators access to BRMS functions and components. Then use the functional usage model to customize access by user or when you want to grant all users access to a certain function. BRMS bases these default operator and administrator categories on the kinds of activities that are usually performed by users in these roles.

To get to the Set User Usage for BRM (SETUSRBRM) display, take the following steps:

1. Type SETUSRBRM at a command line and press F4 to prompt the display.

```

Set User Usage for BRM (SETUSRBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

User . . . . . Character value, *DEFAULT
Usage . . . . . *OPERATOR *OPERATOR, *ADMIN

F3=Exit F4=Prompt F5=Refresh F12=Cancel F13=How to use this display Bottom
F24=More keys

```

2. In the *User* field, type in the name of an existing group or user profile or use the \*DEFAULT value. \*DEFAULT means that the default user has access to the functions associated with the job category that is specified in the *Usage* field.
3. In the *Usage* field, select either the \*OPERATOR or the \*ADMIN value.

If you select the \*ADMIN value, the user named in the *User* field has use and change access to all of the BRMS functions and functional components.

If you select the \*OPERATOR value, the user named in the *User* field has use of the following BRMS functions:

- Basic backup activities
- Basic media activities
- Basic movement activities
- Basic archive activities (when Advanced feature is installed)
- Basic migration activities (when Advanced feature is installed)

However, this user is removed access to the function components. This provides a basic set of functions to which you can grant additional function and functional component authority.

4. Press Enter to apply your changes.

**Note:** SETUSRBRM is a one time reset of access to functions. Information about user job categories \*OPERATOR or \*ADMIN is not kept.

Suppose you want to restrict user BRMSOPER to basic activities but allow this user to initialize media. You would:

1. Run this command to limit the user to basic activities:

```
SETUSRBRM USER(BRMSOPER) USAGE(*OPERATOR)
```

2. Go to BRMS host application in the System i Navigator Application Administration.
  - Click the system under **My connections**.
  - Click the **Configure Application Administration** task.
  - Click the **Host Applications** tab.
3. Grant the user access to *Advanced media activities* to enable media initialization.
  - Open the **Backup, Recovery, and Media Services** folder.
  - Open the **Media folder**.
  - Right-click **Advanced media activities**.
  - Click **Customize**.
  - Add the BRMSOPER to the Access allowed list.
  - Click **OK**.

4. Grant the user access to the *Media class* functional components which will be required by the initialization function.

- Right click a media class in the list.
- Click **Customize**.
- Add user BRMSOPER to the Access allowed list for this media class.
- Click **OK**.
- Right click the media class again.
- Click **Copy Access Settings**.
- Right click the **Media class** folder.
- Click **Paste**.

Application Administration copies the access information from the customized media class to all media classes in the Media classes folder.

## Securing the console monitor

You can run saves that require a restricted state, such as \*SAVSYS, from the system console in a secure, unattended mode.

Enter a password to suspend the console. Once suspended, the console is again fully available. To avoid this security exposure, create a new user profile (for example, CONSOLE) that uses QBRM as the current library. The new user profile calls the console monitor program (Q1ACCON) as its initial program, and uses the \*SIGNOFF menu as its initial menu.

```

                                Create User Profile (CRTUSRPRF)

Type choices, press Enter.

User profile . . . . . CONSOLE          Name
User password . . . . .                  Character value, *USRPRF...
Set password to expired . . . . . *NO    *NO, *YES
Status . . . . . *ENABLED                *ENABLED, *DISABLED
User class . . . . . *SECOFR              *USER, *SYSOPR, *PGMR...
Assistance level . . . . . *SYSVAL        *SYSVAL, *BASIC, *INTERMED...
Current library . . . . . QBRM            Name, *CRTDFT
Initial program to call . . . . . Q1ACCON  Name, *NONE
Library . . . . . QBRM                    Name, *LIBL, *CURLIB
Initial menu . . . . . *SIGNOFF           Name, *SIGNOFF
Library . . . . . *LIBL                    Name, *LIBL, *CURLIB
Limit capabilities . . . . . *NO          *NO, *PARTIAL, *YES
Text 'description' . . . . . BRMS Console Monitor Profile
  
```

Start the console monitor by signing on with this new user profile. Use F9 to enter commands at this display only if you enter the CONSOLE profile password. Any attempt to end the console monitor results in a signoff.

The backup which uses the console monitor runs with the authorities of the user profile used to start the console monitor. Ensure that this profile has enough authorities to perform the backups.

**Note:** Ending the console while the backup is running will also end the backup.

## Working with IBM i security controls

To achieve increased security, combine IBM i security controls with on-site security measures and the BRMS functional usage model. User management is responsible for the evaluation, selection, and

implementation of security features, administrative procedures, and appropriate controls in application systems and communication environments.

IBM i security features include the use of passwords, a security option to limit read/write access for files, libraries, and folders during normal operations. To better understand IBM i security options, review the [Security Reference](#) topic.

To ensure that you are protecting your media, IBM recommends that you restrict access to the following BRMS-specific commands. Do this in addition to the other security measures that are discussed in this chapter.

- CHGMEDBRM
- CHGSCDBRM
- RMVMEDBRM
- ADDMEDIBRM
- RMVMEDBRM
- RSTAUTBRM
- RSTxxxBRM
- INZMEDBRM

IBM also recommends that you restrict access to the following IBM i commands:

- INZTAP

Use the Grant Object Authority (GRTOBJAUT) command to grant users access to these BRMS and IBM i commands. Use the Remove Object Authority (RMVOBJAUT) command to remove user access from these commands.

**Note:**

1. IBM also recommends that you restrict user access to the QBRM library to BRMS users.
2. IBM ships a default user profile that is called QBRMS as part of the basic IBM i package. Do not delete this profile. This profile resolves security and authority issues between BRMS and IBM i during a recovery, thereby restoring the BRMS profile in advance of other user profiles. For more information about QBRMS and network security, see [“Networking with BRMS” on page 275](#).

## BRMS media security

BRMS monitors and protects media operations in the following ways:

- BRMS provides media protection against overwriting by checking the media inventory before BRMS uses a tape. This ensures that the volume is available for use in the media scratch pool. If the volume is unavailable, BRMS rejects it, and tries to select another volume.
- Media output to each function requires that the media be of the correct class. If it is not, BRMS rejects it, logs the attempted use, and tries to select another volume.

At the *Secure media* parameter on the media policy, you can specify whether to apply volume security to volumes in a selected media class.

**Note:** Only users with \*ALLOBJ or \*SAVSYS authority can read a secured volume. BRMS logs any unauthorized attempts, and denies read access. To use the secure option, you also need \*ALLOBJ or \*SAVSYS authority. You can secure media by changing the value in the *Secure Media* field on the media policy that you want to use for this backup to \*YES.

To prevent the accidental initialization of media, set the INZMEDBRM command to CHECK(\*YES). This way, BRMS will not initialize media that contains active files. You cannot use the IBM i INZTAP command to initialize BRMS media unless you have the appropriate user authority.

You can use the Remove Media Volumes from BRM (RMVMEDBRM) command to secure the process of removing media and media information. You can also use the Remove Media Info from BRM (RMVMEDIBRM) command. BRMS processes commands that contain the 4=Remove option (for media or media information) through the RMVMEDBRM and RMVMEDIBRM commands. For example, BRMS uses

the RMVMEDBRM command to process remove requests from the Work with Media (WRKMEDBRM) command. You can process any command that allows the removal of media information, such as WRKMEDIBRM, WRKSPLFBRM, WRKOBJBRM, WRKLIBBRM, through the RMVMEDIBRM command.

## Saving to save files

Save files can be used for unattended save operations (such as backups scheduled for times when an operator will not be present to mount media volumes to receive save output).

Save files can be created in the system auxiliary storage pool, in user auxiliary storage pools 2 - 32 by number or name, or in independent auxiliary storage pools 33 - 99 by name. BRMS does not allow save files to be created in auxiliary storage pools 100 - 255. See the [Recovering your system](#) book for more information about save files and auxiliary storage pools and their use in planning your backup strategy.

## Specifying use of save files in the media policy

In the Media Policy, you specify whether you want to save items to save files or directly to removable media. If you save to save files, you can use the *Save file retention type* and *Retain save files* fields to specify the method that is used in the media policy to expire save files.

If the media policy specifies media retention in addition to the use of save files, the saved data is kept in both a save file and on removable media according to the retention specified for each.

The *Save file retention type* field specifies how save files expire. The *Save file retention type* field is used with the *Retain save files* field to define any of four different retention methods for save files. The four methods of save file retention that can be specified in the media policy are:

- Expire save file on a specific date. This method requires a date entry be specified in the *Retain save files* field. Save files saved with this media policy will expire after the specified date has passed.
- Expire save file after a specific number of days. This method requires number of days be specified in the *Retain save files* field. Save files saved with this media policy will expire after the specified number of days has passed.
- Permanent retention of save files. Save files saved with this media policy are kept permanently.
- No retention of save files. Save files saved with this media policy are deleted after it has been successfully saved to media using the SAVSAVFBRM command.

**Note:** Save files created by a save operation which also contains a device name are never deleted until the save file is saved successfully to media, regardless of the save file retention specified in the media policy. The save file retention merely serves as an extension of this media retention. If save files are created by saves which do not also specify a removable media device, these save file are deleted by BRMS maintenance if the save files have expired.

```
                                Create Media Policy

Type choices, press Enter.

Media policy . . . . . BKUP5      Name
Retention type . . . . . 2         1=Date, 2=Days,
                                   3=Versions, 4=Permanent
                                   Date, Number
                                   Number, *NONE
   Retain media . . . . . 35        Name, *NONE, *ADSM, F4
   Deleted library retention. . . . *NONE   Name, *SYSPCY, *ADSM, F4
Move policy . . . . . *NONE        Name, *ANY, F4 for list
Media class . . . . . *SYSPCY     *YES, *NO
Storage location . . . . . *ANY     Name, *SYSTEM, 1-32
Save to save file . . . . . *YES    1=Date, 2=Days,
   ASP for save files . . . . . 2    3=Permanent, 4=None
   Save file retention type . . . . 2    Date, Number, *NONE
                                   *SYS, 1-99
   Retain save files . . . . . 15    *YES, *NO, *ADSM
   ASP storage limit . . . . . 90
Secure media . . . . . *NO

F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel  More...
```

The preceding Create Media Policy display for media policy BKUP5 specifies the use of save files as follows:

- Save files created by saves of control groups using this media policy are saved to basic user auxiliary storage pool 2.
- Save files are kept online for 15 days and then are eligible for deletion.
- The storage limit for auxiliary storage pool 2 is 90%.

## Specifying use of save files in control groups

You specify your intent to use save files for a backup or archive by specifying in the control group attributes (or a BRMS save command) the media policy containing the save to save file attributes.

You optionally can specify a device to be used when saving the save files to media. If you do not specify a device and instead specify \*NONE, this instructs BRMS to store the saved data in save files but also indicates that these save files are intended for online use only and that BRMS is not allowed to save these save files to media.

```

Change Backup Control Group Attributes

Group . . . . . : WEEKLY1

Type information, press Enter.

Media policy for:
  Full backups . . . . . BKUP5      Name, F4 for list
  Incremental backups . . . . . BKUP5  Name, F4 for list
  Backup devices . . . . . *NONE      Name, F4 for list

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Parallel device resources:
  Minimum resources . . . . . *NONE    1-32, *NONE, *AVAIL
  Maximum resources . . . . .         1-32, *AVAIL, *MIN
  Sign off interactive users . . . . . *BKUPCY *YES, *NO, *BKUPCY
  Sign off limit . . . . . *BKUPCY     0-999 minutes, *BKUPCY
  Default weekly activity . . . . . *BKUPCY SMTWTF5(F/I), *BKUPCY
  Incremental type . . . . . *BKUPCY   *CUML, *INCR, *BKUPCY
  Force full backup days . . . . . *BKUPCY 0-365, *NOMAX, *BKUPCY
                                          More...

F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F12=Cancel

```

## Managing save files using BRMS

Once data has been saved to a save file through either a BRMS backup or archive process, the save file data can be copied to media or deleted from the save file library.

There are situations where you may decide to only save data to a save file without ever copying it to media. In this way you are likely to keep the save file on the system for a longer period of time in case the saved data is needed for quick recovery. Most often, however, once data is copied from the save file to tape, the save file will be deleted. There may be situations where the save file is needed to be kept on the system for a period of time after the copy of the save file to tape. The following table shows the different options associated with copying save files to media and deleting save files from the system.

<i>Table 4. Options for copying save files to media</i>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Device: *NONE</b>	<b>Device: device-name</b>
<i>Copied To Media</i>	No	Yes
<i>Deleted from disk</i>	On expiration	On expiration or when copied to media (which ever happens last)

There are five commands that can be used to manage the save files. These are:



- Remove Media Information from BRM (RMVMEDIBRM)
- Save Save Files using BRM (SAVSAVFBRM)
- Start Expiration for BRM (STREXPBRM)
- Start Maintenance using BRM (STRMNTBRM)
- Work with Save Files using BRM (WRKSAVFBRM)

**Note:**

1. The RMVMEDIBRM and SAVSAVFBRM commands delete only those save files that have expired. The STREXPBRM command must run prior to these commands to flag such save files as expired. The STREXPBRM and RMVMEDIBRM commands can be scheduled to run periodically or can be processed as part of the daily BRMS maintenance processing (see [“Daily maintenance in BRMS”](#) on page 217).
2. The SAVSAVFBRM and STREXPBRM commands determine those save files that need to be saved or expired and deleted from the system based on the object and retention information specified in the control group attributes.
3. The RMVMEDIBRM and STREXPBRM commands can be run independently, but are also components of the BRMS maintenance procedures. These procedures must be run nightly. As such, if you are performing regular maintenance with the STRMNTBRM command, then this will ensure that no expired save files are kept on the system, thus reducing disk usage. Refer to [“Daily maintenance in BRMS”](#) on page 217 for more information about setting up daily maintenance operations.
4. The SAVSAVFBRM command should not be confused with the option to save contents of save files which is on the second screen of the control group attributes, backup, and archive policies. These options refer to the ability to save data in user save files to the media defined in your control group or policy. SAVSAVFBRM is a command to save BRMS save files to media under BRMS control. You can specify the SAVSAVFBRM command on the command line or schedule it through the system job scheduler.
5. The *Allow subsequent saves (ALWADLSAVE)* parameter of the SAVSAVFBRM command can be used to save the save files to media and not have the save file deleted from the system. Specifying \*YES for this parameter indicates you intend to save the save files on subsequent save operations. The save files will not be deleted from the system when maintenance is run. If you specify this value, you must run a subsequent SAVSAVFBRM command using ALWADLSAVE(\*NO) to enable removal of these save files from the system.

## Working with save files

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The *Work with Save Files* display allows you to expire save files and remove them from the system.

From this display you can also use option 9 (*Work with saved objects*) to view the saved object contained in the save file and subsequently select the one or more objects for recovery from the save file, or use option 5 to display detailed information about the save file itself. You can get to the *Work with Save Files* using the *Work with Save Files (WRKSAVFBRM)* command.

```

Work with Save Files                                RCHAS400

Position to Library . . .                          Starting characters

Type options, press Enter.
4=Remove  5=Display  7=Expire  9=Work with saved objects

Opt Library      Date      Time      Save   Save file  Save file
PATJRN          12/23/05  16:00:30 *FULL  *NONE     1       544,768
PATJRN          12/23/05  16:00:50 *FULL  *NONE     1       544,768
PATJRN          12/24/05  14:03:57 *FULL  *NONE     1       217,088

Bottom

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel

```

### Libraries containing BRMS save files

The *ASP for save files* field in the media policy specifies the auxiliary storage pool (ASP) number in which you want to store save files that are created as a result of BRMS processing.

You can specify any valid auxiliary storage pool number in the range 1 - 32 for the auxiliary storage pool that is used to store save files. You can specify an independent auxiliary storage pool (IASP) name for the ASP for save files field if the independent auxiliary storage pool has a number in the range 33 - 99. BRMS creates a library on the auxiliary storage pool that it uses to store the save files. The names of these libraries are Q1ABRMSF01 for the system auxiliary storage pool (1), Q1ABRMSF02 for basic user auxiliary storage pool 2, and so on. These save file libraries are not deleted from the system when you delete the BRMS product from the system.

**Note:** BRMS does not support saves to save files in auxiliary storage pool devices that have a number in the range 100 - 255.

You can also specify an auxiliary storage pool storage limit in the media policy as a percent of the total available auxiliary storage pool space. For instance, 90 percent in the auxiliary storage pool storage limit field indicates that save files can be written to the auxiliary storage pool until it reaches 90 percent utilization. When the limit is reached, a message is sent to the message queue designated in the system policy, indicating that the auxiliary storage pool storage limit has been exceeded. This gives you the opportunity to ignore, cancel, or try the save to save file operation again. You can remedy the situation by using the SAVSAVFBRM command to move save files to media. You can also increase the auxiliary storage pool storage limit percent in the media policy and then try the save to save files again.

Individual save file names are generated automatically by BRMS based on the date/time stamp. BRMS manages its own save file environment. It is not important to know the save file names or the names of the libraries that contain the save files.

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# Networking with BRMS

This topic provides information about how to create and manage a network of IBM i platforms that use BRMS.

**Note:** The Network feature is required to use this function.

The primary reasons for implementing a BRMS network are to maintain a shared media inventory for the systems in the network or to share the backup history information.

In the sections that follow, the term system is used generically to refer to stand-alone IBM i platforms or logical partitions in IBM i platforms. Each system in a BRMS network must have a unique system name.

**Note:** BRMS is limited to using 8-character system names. Typically this is the same name as the default local location name in the system network attributes. Any system name you use, whether using APPC or TCP/IP networking must be no longer than 8 characters. The first character of the system name must be alphabetic. The remaining characters of the system name must be alphanumeric or the underscore special character.

You can use TCP/IP to connect with other systems in the BRMS network. However, you must also configure the current system to use APPN/APPC networking if other systems in the BRMS network are not using TCP/IP when communicating with the current system.

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## An overview of BRMS network functionality

By placing multiple IBM i platforms in a BRMS network, you can share BRMS policies, media information, and storage locations across the network group. This allows you to manage backups across all of your systems in a consistent manner. It also optimizes media use.

BRMS shares the following information across the network:

- Container classes
- Container inventory
- Duplication references
- History information (optional)
- Media classes
- Media inventory
- Media policies
- Move policies
- Network groups
- Storage locations

Each system in a network group receives updates to the media inventory, regardless of which network member makes the change. For example, suppose you have a network of three systems, SYSTEM01, SYSTEM02, and SYSTEM03, and that you add a media volume (A001) on SYSTEM01. BRMS conveys information about this new volume to all of the systems in the network through a process called *synchronization*. The system receiving synchronization updates from other systems in the network either accepts or rejects the update based on the time stamp of the updated record compared to the time stamp on the current record. Records with newer dates and times are accepted while records with older dates and times are rejected. So the dates and times of the systems within a BRMS network become very important.

Ideally, a BRMS network performs best if all systems in the network are in the same time zone and are running with dates and times which are consistent across all systems. However, BRMS allows for time differences up to 24 hours between these systems in the event the systems are in different time zones.

Care needs to be taken to avoid systems in a BRMS network which have a time difference that is more than 24 hours resulting in these systems having different dates. BRMS uses dates to determine expiration of media, when volumes need to be moved, and whether synchronization updates are applied.

If business reasons dictate a need to have systems in the network with a greater time difference than 24 hours, you must set up BRMS on these systems as follows:

1. No sharing of media.

The system that has a different time and date compared to the current time and date, need to use volumes in a no shared media class. This is necessary to ensure any saves to media from this system are not overwritten by other systems or this system does not overwrite the saves on media used by the other systems.

2. No centralized movement.

Media movement on this system will need to be run by control group, move policy or system name as volumes may not move as otherwise expected.

The recommended approach is to avoid time differences between systems that exceed 24 hours.

## How shared media inventory synchronization works

The Q1ABRMNET subsystem starts on all of the IBM i platforms that participate in the network. BRMS establishes this shared subsystem relationship when you set up the network. BRMS stores job and subsystem descriptions, and information about the job queue it used during network processing, in the QBRM library.

To update data across a network, BRMS performs the following steps:

- BRMS journals the files that contain the shared resource information. These files are QA1AMM for the media, and QA1A1RMT for the systems in the network group. When SYSTEM01 updates media, a policy, or any shared resources, an entry is logged in the QJ1ACM journal in the QUSRBRM library. BRMS captures both before images and after images in the journal receiver for any changes that relate to the media inventory on the networked systems. However, BRMS uses only the after images to update the shared media inventory.
- The Q1ABRMNET subsystem then begins an autostart job that is called QBRMNET. This job periodically monitors the QJ1ACM journal entries and performs the following tasks:

- Adds one record to the QA1ANET2 file for each change on each system.
- Adds records to the QA1A2NET file for each file and system change that is reflected in QA1ANET2.

In this example, the network group consists of three systems. If you make updates to SYSTEM01, the Q1ACNET program creates two entries in the QA1ANET2 file. These entries instruct BRMS to send the updates to the remaining two systems.

- At regular intervals, the QBRMNET job in subsystem Q1ABRMNET checks to see if BRMS should transfer any activity to other systems in the network. You can change the interval value that BRMS uses to synchronize media information at the *Shared inventory delay* parameter in the system policy. You can set intervals between 30 and 9999 seconds.
- When there is data in file QA1ANET2, the QBRMNET job submits the QBRMSYNC job through the Q1ABRMNET job queue.

BRMS uses QA1A2NET as a key, and reads records from file QA1ANET2. BRMS establishes a distributed data management (DDM) link with the remote system to update the corresponding file on the remote system.

Before performing the update, BRMS compares the date and time stamp of the target record you want to update with the date and time stamp of the source record. BRMS does not perform the update if the source record has the older time stamp.

- Once this update completes, QBRMSYNC deletes the record from QA1ANET2 file and continues with the next record. The QBRMSYNC job ends when the QA1ANET2 file is empty.

To see if your network is working properly, display the QA1ANET2 file. When the network is running properly, the number of records in QA1ANET2 file should be none or decreasing. If the QA1ANET2 file contains any records or does not show a decrease, there may be a problem with the network. In that case, check the QSYSOPR message queue on all of the networked systems. You also need to ensure that:

- Subsystem Q1ABRMNET starts properly.
- Job queue Q1ABRMNET releases properly.
- You vary on the APPC controllers.
- You can PING and/or APING all the systems in BRMS network.
- QBRMS user profile is not in a \*DISABLED state.

**Note:** When performing network synchronization tasks, BRMS always attempts to go through the Q1ABRMNET subsystem first. This subsystem contains a default communications entry that uses the QBRM mode. You should not create your own subsystem descriptions for synchronizing the BRMS network.

## How BRMS networks communicate

As with many communication products, BRMS uses the default local location name (LCLLOCNAME) rather than the system name (SYSNAME). In most cases, the IBM i platforms have the same value specified in LCLLOCNAME as in SYSNAME. BRMS also uses the local network identifier LCLNETID. You can change these values at the Change Network Attribute (CHGNETA) display. You can review the values at the Display Network Attribute (DSPNETA) display. Other network attributes do not affect BRMS.

When you install BRMS Networking, many of the BRMS commands like WRKMEDBRM, WRKMEDIBRM, and STRRCYBRM support a FROMSYS parameter, allowing you to perform the operation using the data retrieved from the networked system using Distributed Data Management (DDM). If your BRMS network is configured to use TCP/IP, BRMS attempts to create the DDM file using TCP/IP and if that fails, will attempt again using APPC. If a connection to networked system cannot be made, BRMS will use data available on the local system.

## How to set up a BRMS network

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This section provides instructions on how to set up your network group. IBM delivers the BRMS Network feature with a predefined network group that is named \*MEDINV. Currently there is no way in which you can create different network groups. You can only work with the one that is included with BRMS. \*MEDINV contains no entries for systems that participate in the network group. Setting up the BRMS network group is simple as long as you follow these steps.

Before you begin, make sure that you fully understand the implications of adding and removing systems to and from the BRMS network. Some of the planning issues you should consider are:

- Ensure that you have a full backup of the QUSRBRM library on all of the IBM i platforms that you plan to put in the network group. The BRMS network setup changes some critical files in the QUSRBRM library. If the network fails, you need to restore the QUSRBRM libraries to their original state.
- Ensure that you have the latest BRMS PTFs installed on your systems. You should also install any dependent IBM i PTFs and the Licensed Internal Code.
- Ensure there is no current BRMS activity (for example, backup, recovery, or maintenance) on the systems that you plan to connect to the network.
- Ensure that your BRMS operation is error free, and that there are no outstanding issues with the normal operations. You also need to give some thought to volume names, media policies, containers, and classes. You cannot have duplicate volume names within a shared media inventory.

## Setting up your BRMS network

This example shows how to establish a BRMS network between two IBM i platforms, SYSTEM01 and SYSTEM02. To achieve the best performance, follow the steps in the order in which they appear, and

complete each step before you move on to the next step. Be sure that you perform all of the steps when you set up your network.

1. Save library QUSRBRM on SYSTEM01.
2. Save library QUSRBRM on SYSTEM02.
3. Ensure that the communications link on SYSTEM01 for SYSTEM02 is active.
4. Designate SYSTEM01 to be your initial system.
5. Ensure that there is no BRMS activity on either system.
6. On SYSTEM01, type WRKPCYBRM \*SYS to get to the system policy menu. Then, take the following steps:
  - a. Select option 4 (Change Network Group) and press Enter.
  - b. Set the *Communication method* field to **\*RDB**. If you want BRMS to use a different communication method, then change it to the appropriate value.

For information about system network configuration, see [Networking](#) on the BRMS website.

Restricted state TCP/IP can be used to select expired volumes from other systems during backups that are run in restricted state. For more information, see [How do I setup to use TCPIP in a restricted state](#) on the BRMS website.

- c. To add SYSTEM02 to the master system to create the network, type SYSTEM02 in the *Remote location* field. Then, type the name of the remote network in the *Remote Network ID* column.

```

Change Network Group                                SYSTEM01 APPN
Network group . . . . : *MEDINV                    Position to . . . . :
FlashCopy state . . . : *ENDPRC                    *AVAIL, *IP, *SNA, *NONE, *RDB
Communication method  : *RDB                        30-99999 seconds
Notify period . . . . : 30
Type options, press Enter.
  1=Add  4=Remove

  Remote Local  Remote  System  Network
  Opt Location Name Network ID Status  Status
  1   SYSTEM02   APPN    Online Inactive

More...

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F11=BRMS Media Information  F12=Cancel

```

- d. Press Enter. BRMS searches the network for the system name that you specified. Depending on the network configuration and the number of systems in the network, this can take a few minutes. When BRMS finds the system name (in this example, SYSTEM02), BRMS adds it to \*MEDINV (the BRMS network group name). SYSTEM02 is still an inactive member of the network group and does not share its media inventory with other active systems in the network. To change the inactive status to active, media inventory must be copied to the system that is being added to the network group. The process to copy the media inventory and media history information occurs in Step 10.
7. On SYSTEM02, use the Work with Media (WRKMEDBRM) command to see whether any media information exists. If media information does not exist, go to step 9. Because BRMS is fully operational, media information exists on SYSTEM02. Perform the following steps to copy media information from one file to another:
  - a. Use the CPYMEDIBRM OPTION(\*TOFILE) (Copy Media Information to file) command to copy the contents of the media inventory file. You can copy the information to a temporary file (QA1AMED) or to a file name you create. BRMS creates this temporary file in your *Current Library*. You can also copy media information from the *Copy media information* parameter on the Copy Media

Information display. Use the default value of \*NO unless you plan to restore media information to a non-networked system.

**Note:**

- a. You do not need to perform step 8 if the system you want to add to the network does not contain media information.
  - b. The CPYMEDIBRM command copies the files for the following: media class, locations, media policy, containers, container classes, move policies, move policy rules, media, and possibly history.
  - c. If you put the \*FROMFILE value in the *Type of copy* field, BRMS changes the system name for media and history records to the new system name. The \*TOFILE value copies the media and history records that are on the current system.
8. Now activate SYSTEM01 in the BRMS network with SYSTEM02. Enter the following command from SYSTEM02.

```
INZBRM OPTION(*NETSYS) FROMSYS(APPN.SYSTEM01)
```

BRMS clears the media management files on the inactive system (SYSTEM02) during the copy process and replaces them with the network media management files. BRMS sends a message when it overwrites the SYSTEM02 files with files that come from SYSTEM01.

```
Display Program Messages

Job 047122/A960103D/QPADEV0001 started on 05/31/99 at 09:15:55 in subsystem:
Entries exist for Media. (R I C)
Entries exist for Media policy. (R I C)
Entries exist for Media class. (R I C)
Entries exist for Location. (R I C)
Entries exist for Move policy. (R I C)

Type reply, press Enter.
Reply . . .-----
-----

F3=Exit F12=Cancel
```

BRMS copies the following media management files to the inactive system:

- QA1ACN: Container status inventory
- QA1ACT: Container class
- QA1ADXR: Media duplication reference
- QA1AHS: History information
- **Note:** This file is only copied when you specify \*LIB in the *Receive media information* field on the Change Network Group display.
- QA1AMM: Media inventory
- QA1AMP: Move policies
- QA1AME: Media policy attributes
- QA1AMT: Media class attributes
- QA1ASL: Storage locations
- QA1ARMT: Network group
- QA1A1MP: Move policy entries
- QA1A1RMT: Remote system name entries

After BRMS copies the network media inventory to the inactive system (SYSTEM02), the status of the inactive system changes to active. Then, its media inventory becomes part of the network media inventory.

On SYSTEM02, select the option to ignore all of the messages by replying with an "I." These messages indicate that you are about to overwrite files on SYSTEM02.

**Note:**

- a. When BRMS networking is working, these physical files are journaled to QUSRBRM/QJ1ACM \*JRN. These files should never be journaled to any other library or journal.
- b. You need to ensure that the QBRMS and QUSER user profiles are not in a \*DISABLED state. Communication entries in subsystem Q1ABRMNET use the QBRMS user profile, and if it is disabled, you cannot establish a DDM connection.

After you add the new system to the network, the *Network Status* for SYSTEM01 shows active status indicating that it has been activated on the network, and the *System Status* for SYSTEM01 shows online status if SYSTEM02 and SYSTEM01 are communicating.

**Note:** *System Status* is the state of the network system the last time the current system attempted communication. The status is updated periodically as determined by the current setting of the *Shared inventory delay* prompt in the System Policy.

Because this example uses only two systems, you can only see the status for the system you are currently adding, in this case SYSTEM01. This display does not show an entry for the system you are on.

```

Change Network Group          SYSTEM02 APPN
Network group . . . . : *MEDINV      Position to . . . . :
FlashCopy state . . . . : *ENDPRC
Communication method : *RDB          *AVAIL, *IP, *SNA, *NONE, *RDB
Notify period . . . . : 30           30-99999 seconds
Type options, press Enter.
  1=Add  4=Remove

  Remote Local   Remote   System   Network
  Opt Location Name Network ID Status    Status
  -----
      SYSTEM01     APPN    Online   Active

                                                    Bottom

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F11=BRMS Media Information
F12=Cancel

```

In addition, the process of connecting the two systems automatically starts a new subsystem that is called Q1ABRMNET. You can find a description of Q1ABRMNET in library QBRM. BRMS also adds an autostart job entry for this subsystem to the QSYSWRK library on both systems.



Type options, press Enter.

4=End subsystem 5=Display subsystem description  
8=Work with subsystem jobs

Opt	Subsystem	Total Storage (K)	-----Subsystem Pools-----									
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
--	QBATCH	0	2									
--	QCMN	0	2									
--	QCTL	0	2									
--	QINTER	0	2	4								
--	QSERVER	64000	2	5								
--	QSNADS	0	2									
--	QSPL	0	2	3								
--	QSYSWRK	0	2									
--	Q1ABRMNET	0	2									

- On SYSTEM02, check the system value QDATE and make corrections as needed.
- On SYSTEM01, check the system value QDATE and make corrections as needed.
- Go to SYSTEM02. Now you can merge the media inventory data that BRMS saved prior to adding the system to the network under Step 9. Enter the following command on SYSTEM02: CPYMEDIBRM OPTION(\*FROMFILE).

**Note:** You must perform this step if the old system contained BRMS media inventory.

BRMS ignores media information that is inconsistent with the new network level media information. BRMS adds all entries except duplicates to the network media inventory. If duplicate media contains active files, you must keep track of the information. If the media does not contain active files, you should reinitialize the tape with a new volume ID.

**Note:** When you copy the media inventory from the temporary file (QA1AMED or a file name you created), review the common classes for inconsistencies. For example, the media class SAVSYS on one system might use a media density of \*QIC120, while the same media class on another system uses \*FMT3490E. All media density now belongs to the network class SAVSYS.

- Enter the WRKMEDBRM command on SYSTEM02. There you can see the media inventory for SYSTEM01 and SYSTEM02.
- Enter the WRKMEDBRM command on SYSTEM01. There you can see the media inventory for SYSTEM02 and SYSTEM01.

## Verifying the systems in a BRMS network

If a BRMS network does not function properly, you can use the **Initialize BRMS (INZBRM)** command to verify the BRMS network configuration.

To verify the configuration, take the following steps:

- Type INZBRM OPTION(\*VFYNET) at the command line and press Enter.
- Look for messages in the job log that indicate a connection cannot be established with a remote system.
- For each system that was unable to establish a connection, type INZBRM OPTION(\*VFYSYS) SYSNAME(*system-name*) and press Enter.
- Use the messages in the job log to help determine why a connection could not be established with the remote system.

## Managing your BRMS network with the BRMS graphical interface

A simpler approach to managing your BRMS network is to add and remove systems in the network using the BRMS graphical interface.

The BRMS graphical interface performs many of the setup functions for you and minimizes the number of steps. To use the BRMS network functions:

- Navigate to the BRMS graphical interface.
- In the BRMS pane, click **Select Action > System Policy Properties**
- In the System Policy Properties pane, click the **Network** tab.
- Click **Manage Systems**.
- Click **Select Action > New**.
- In the Add BRMS Network System pane, enter the system name and network identifier of the remote system.
- You can enter alias names to identify the remote system on the network that differ from the default local location name as defined in the network attributes of the remote system. You can specify the value None in the **TCP/IP name**, **APPC name**, or **Relational database** fields, if you want to prevent BRMS from using that particular communication method.
- Add the relational database name, if any, that is to be used to connect to the remote system for remote relational database operations. This name must have a matching Relational Database Directory Entry on the current system. Use the Work with Relational Database Directory Entries (WRKRDBDIRE) command to view the current entries.
- Click **OK**.
- Click **Activate**.

The system will be added to the current network.

## Changing the system name

You should change a system name very carefully. Many internal definitions can depend on the system name, including PC networking definitions and the system directory. Consult your network support personnel to resolve issues that relate to configuration objects.

Inherent in a system name change is a change in the default local location name, and hence, a change for BRMS. When this happens, BRMS does the following:

- Updates the network to remove the old system name and add the new system name.
- Transfers all of the media previously owned by the old system name to the new system name.

To change your system name, take the following steps:

1. Change the system name and run IPL.

**Note:** After you change the system name and run IPL, you must change the BRMS network immediately. BRMS did not yet update the media inventory to reflect the name change. Thus, the old system name still owns the media volumes. In addition, the other systems in the network will continue to try to contact the old system because they are not yet aware of the name change. **To avoid missing any information in the shared media inventory data, you must change the BRMS network immediately after the IPL.**

2. Ensure no BRMS activity occurs on the system between the IPL and adding your system name to the BRMS network. Also ensure that you have a copy of the latest save of the BRMS QUSRBRM library.
3. Enter GO BRMSYSPCY on the system for which you have just changed the name.
4. Select option 4 (Change network group) from the System Policy menu. On the top right corner of the display, you can see your new system name.

```

Change Network Group                                RCHAS400 APPN
Network group . . . . : *MEDINV                    Position to . . . . :
FlashCopy state . . . : *ENDPRC
Communication method : *IP                          *AVAIL, *IP, *SNA, *NONE, *RDB
Notify period . . . . : 30                          30-99999 seconds
Type options, press Enter.
  1=Add  4=Remove

```

Opt	Remote Location Name	Local Network ID	Remote Network ID	System Status	Network Status
-	NEWSYS		APPN	Online	Active
4	OLDSYS		APPN	Offline	Active

Bottom

F3=Exit    F5=Refresh    F11=BRMS Media Information  
F12=Cancel

5. Select option 4 (Remove) to remove the old name. Press Enter to confirm the name you want to remove.
6. On the Confirm Remove of Network Systems display, specify \*RENAME on the *Remove media* field so that BRMS can transfer ownership of the media inventory from the old system to the new one.

### How the networked systems receive media information

Every IBM i platform in a BRMS network group receives media inventory updates, regardless of which system makes the change. You can instruct BRMS to update the media content information. To do so, take the following steps:

1. Type WRKPCYBRM \*SYS at a command line and press Enter. This takes you to the System Policy menu.
2. Select option 4 (Change Network Group). This takes you to the Change Network Group display.

```

Change Network Group                                RCHAS400 APPN
Network group . . . . : *MEDINV                    Position to . . . . :
FlashCopy state . . . : *ENDPRC
Communication method : *IP                          *AVAIL, *IP, *SNA, *NONE, *RDB
Notify period . . . . : 30                          30-99999 seconds
Type options, press Enter.
  1=Add  4=Remove

```

Opt	Remote Location Name	Local Network ID	Remote Network ID	System Status	Network Status
-	SYSTEM04		ITSCNET	Offline	Inactive

Bottom

F3=Exit    F5=Refresh    F11=BRMS Media Information    F12=Cancel

3. Press F11 to get to the BRMS Media Information panel. You will then see the BRMS Media Information for both the local system and the remote system.

```

Change Network Group                                RCHAS400 APPN
Network group . . . . : *MEDINV                    Position to . . . . :
FlashCopy state . . . : *ENDPRC
Communication method : *IP                        *AVAIL, *IP, *SNA, *NONE, *RDB
Notify period . . . . : 30                        30-99999 seconds
Type options, press Enter.
  1=Add  4=Remove

      Remote Local      Remote      -----BRMS Media Information-----
Opt Location Name  Network ID  Local  -----Remote-----
  -  SYSTEM04      ITSCNET  *NONE  *LIB    *NO

                                                                    Bottom

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F11=Main Network Panel  F12=Cancel

```

4. Change the value in the BRMS Media Information panel's *Local Receives* column to \*LIB. The default value for this field is \*NONE, which indicates that BRMS can share only media information with this system. Thus, to review the contents of a volume belonging to another system on this system, BRMS must use DDM to retrieve the information. In this case, then, BRMS must have an active communications link to DDM.

The system **does not** require DDM to retrieve this information if you use the \*LIB option. To do so, select option 13 (Display contents) from the Work with Media display. Option 13 takes you to the Work with Media Information display. If a failure occurs, you can use synchronized media information to build a recovery report for the failed system. You can use this local database to recover objects that belong to another system.

**Note:** In releases previous to 7.1, the local systems BRMS media information receive value is for all the systems in the network. Once you specify \*LIB for the local systems *Receive Media Information* field, that meant all systems in the network will send their media information to the local system. In release 7.1 or later we have provided the ability to customize more at the system level. You may choose to only allow specific systems to send their media information.

5. Press Enter to apply your changes.

You can change the BRMS Media Information panel's *Local Receives* column at any time. The synchronization process may take longer if your network contains a large number of media information records. Therefore, you should not change this field frequently.

If you want to add a previously networked system that still contains a media inventory, ensure that you do not move the media inventory from the old system to an existing one. Specifically, **do not** run the INZBRM \*NETSYS command on the existing system when you add the old system to the network. Instead, run the INZBRM \*NETSYS command on the new system to the existing system by using the FROMSYS parameter.

**Note:** If you share a 3494 tape library device with multiple IBM i platforms in a BRMS network, you must use identical library names throughout the network systems.

Once the network is operational, you should regularly verify that it is working properly. For more information about how to verify your network, see [“Checking BRMS network synchronization”](#) on page 287.

## Joining two BRMS networks

With careful planning and implementation, you can join two or more BRMS networks in a single network group.

[Figure 11 on page 285](#) shows the wrong way to join the networks.

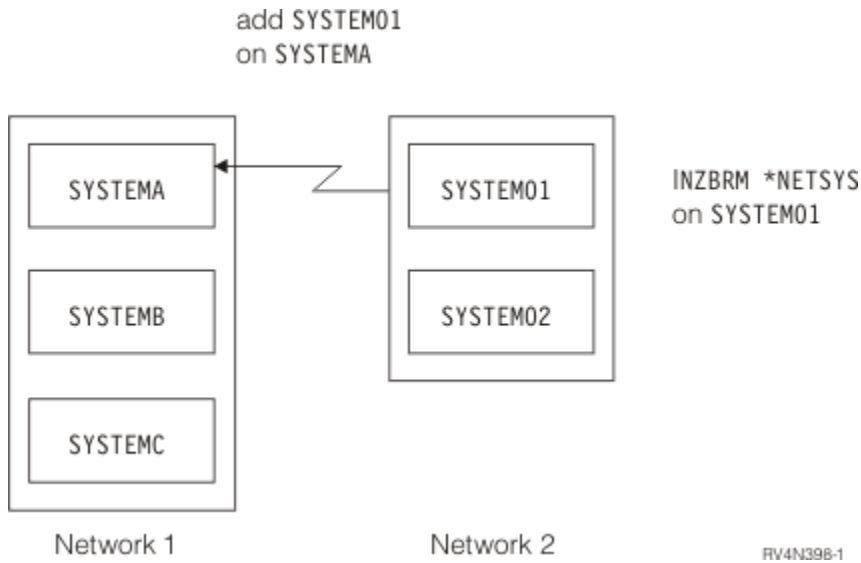


Figure 11. The wrong way to join two BRMS networks

Figure 12 on page 285 shows the correct way to join two networks. In this example, the administrator set up a network between SYSTEM01 (NETWORK2) to SYSTEMA (NETWORK1). By using this approach, SYSTEM02 remains unknown to all of the systems in NETWORK1. The INZBRM OPTION(\*NETSYS) command that you ran on SYSTEM01 erased its knowledge of SYSTEM02. To avoid this, you must split one of the networks before joining them so that all of the systems in the network have knowledge of each other.

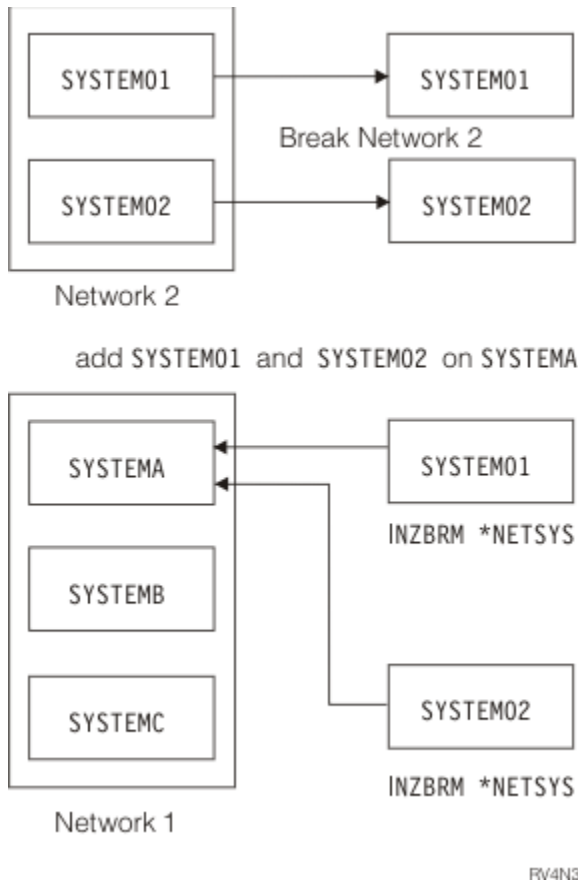


Figure 12. The correct way to join two BRMS networks

Take the following steps to successfully join two BRMS networks:

1. Remove all of the entries on the Change Network Group display on SYSTEM01 for SYSTEM02, including its media information.
2. Remove all of the entries on the Change Network Group display on SYSTEM02 for SYSTEM01, including its media information.
3. Enter the CPYMEDIBRM OPTION(\*TOFILE) CPYMEDI(\*YES) command on SYSTEM01 and SYSTEM02 to save the media information for both systems.
4. Add SYSTEM01 on any system in NETWORK1 by using the Change Network Group option. In this example, you used SYSTEMA to add SYSTEM01.
5. On SYSTEM01, enter INZBRM OPTION(\*NETSYS) FROMSYS(SYSTEMA) to overwrite the media information files on SYSTEM01 from SYSTEMA.
6. On SYSTEM01, you need to enter CPYMEDIBRM OPTION(\*FROMFILE) command to append the media information about SYSTEM01. This synchronizes the SYSTEM01 media information about all other IBM i platforms within the network. You will receive several messages when BRMS overwrites the files. Reply with an "I."
7. On SYSTEM01, you can use the WRKMEDBRM command to check the media information.
8. Repeat steps 4, 5, 6, and 7 for SYSTEM02 by substituting the name of SYSTEM01 with SYSTEM02 in these steps.

## Copying control groups between networked IBM i platforms

With BRMS, you can specify whether to copy control groups on your own system or send the information to other systems in the BRMS network.

\*LCL is the default value when you copy a control group, which means that BRMS copies the control group to another name on your local system. You can also specify a remote system name and the network identifier for the remote system or \*NETGRP for all the systems in the BRMS network. This copies the control group to the target system or systems that you specified. BRMS uses DDM to copy the information across to the QA1ACM file.

```
Copy Backup Control Group

To copy control group, type New Name, press enter.

Control Group      New Name      Remote Location  Remote Network ID  Overwrite
ALLUSR             ALLUSR       *NETGRP          *NETGRP            *YES

F3=Exit  F12=Cancel
```

Though this is a useful option, you should keep the following limitations in mind:

- BRMS copies control group attributes across to the target system. These attributes revert to the system defaults.
- There is an *Overwrite* field that you can specify. This will overwrite the same named control group on the remote system. Any list contained within the control group being copied that exists on the remote system will not be overwritten. Any list that does not exist on the remote system will be created on the remote system.

- If your control group has data inappropriate for the new system (for example, an unknown library), BRMS does not issue a warning message at the time of the copy. If the target system does not support a backup item, you need to remove them. In such cases, you need to edit the control group to make the appropriate changes.
- BRMS does not copy the control group text across the system. You must manually add the text on the target system.

Because of these limitations, you should review the control group after the copy to ensure that BRMS copied it correctly. You may need to tailor the values to fit the operational requirements for that particular system.

## Checking BRMS network synchronization

The *System status* field on the *Change Network Group* display should provide you with an easy means of determining whether the current system is communicating with the other networked systems.

A status of *Online* indicates that synchronization is running between the two systems. A status of *Offline* may be an indication of a problem.

**Note:** *Network Status* only indicates whether the system has or has not been activated into the network.

You can take the following steps to run a daily check of media synchronization:

1. On one system in the BRMS network, create a dummy media class (for example, NETCHK, which stands for Network Checking). Because you will not use this media class for real backups, you can simply use the default values.
2. On each system (SYSTEMxx, where xx = name of the system), type: ADDMEDBRM VOL(SYSxx) MEDCLS(NETCHK)
3. Every morning, on each system in your BRMS network, use the job scheduler to run the CL command:  
 RMVMEDBRM VOL(SYSxx) MEDCLS(NETCHK)  
 Delay Job (DLYJOB) DLY(300)  
 ADDMEDBRM VOL(SYSxx) MEDCLS(NETCHK).
4. After you submit the CL command, your media should have a creation date equal to the current date. This should be true on the system that will run the command. If not, it means that you did not submit the CL command, and should check the job log for error information. The other systems in the BRMS network should also have the current date as the creation date for this media. If not, it means that system did not process the update correctly.

Assuming that the current date is July 6, 2005, the WRKMEDBRM command for each system should display the following information:

```

Work with Media                                SYSTEM01

Position to . . . . . Starting characters

Type options, press Enter.
 1=Add  2=Change  4=Remove  5=Display  6=Work with serial set  7=Expire
 8=Move  9=Remove volume error status  10=Reinitialize ...

  Opt  Volume      Status  Creation  Expiration  Location  Move  Media  Dup
  ---  Serial      Status  Date      Date      Location  Date  Class  Sts
  ---  -----
  xxxxxx          xx/xx/xx *NONE    xxxxxxxx  xx/xx/xx xxxxxxxx
  xxxxxx          xx/xx/xx *NONE    xxxxxxxx  xx/xx/xx xxxxxxxx
  SYS01          *EXP    07/06/05 *NONE    *HOME     *NONE   NETCHK
  SYS02          *EXP    07/06/05 *NONE    *HOME     *NONE   NETCHK
  SYS03          *EXP    07/06/05 *NONE    *HOME     *NONE   NETCHK
  SYS04          *EXP    07/06/05 *NONE    *HOME     *NONE   NETCHK
  xxxxxx          xx/xx/xx *NONE    xxxxxxxx  xx/xx/xx xxxxxxxx
More...

Parameters or command:
====> -----
F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F11=Volume system  F12=Cancel  F17=Top
F18=Bottom  F23=More options

```

Press F11 to view the owning system. Reviewing the following display, you might conclude that SYSTEM01 did not receive the SYSTEM04 media update.

```

Work with Media                                SYSTEM01
Position to . . . . . ----- Starting characters
Type options, press Enter.
  1=Add  2=Change  4=Remove  5=Display  6=Work with serial set  7=Expire
  8=Move  9=Remove volume error status  10=Reinitialize ...

Opt  Volume      Status      Creation  Expiration  Location  Move      Media      Dup
    Serial        Date        Date        Location  Date      Class      Sts
---
SYS01 *EXP  07/06/05 *NONE    *HOME    *NONE    NETCHK
SYS02 *EXP  07/06/05 *NONE    *HOME    *NONE    NETCHK
SYS03 *EXP  07/06/05 *NONE    *HOME    *NONE    NETCHK
SYS04 *EXP  07/04/05 *NONE    *HOME    *NONE    NETCHK

More...

Parameters or command:
====>
F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F11=Volume system  F12=Cancel  F17=Top
F18=Bottom  F23=More options

```

In this case, it could be that a communications problem occurred subsequent to July 4th.

## Removing a system from a network

Take the following steps to remove a IBM i platform from a network group:

- Perform these steps from system SYSTEM02 to remove it from a network also consisting of systems SYSTEM03, SYSTEM04 and SYSTEM05. If the system SYSTEM02 no longer exists, skip to the next step.
  1. Type GO BRMSYSPCY. Press Enter.
  2. Type 4 (Change network group). Press Enter.
  3. Type 4 (Remove) next to each *Remote Local Location Name* in the network group. Press Enter.

```

Change Network Group                                SYSTEM02 APPN
Network group . . . . . : *MEDINV                Position to . . . . . :
FlashCopy state . . . . : *ENDPRC                *AVAIL, *IP, *SNA, *NONE, *RDB
Communication method : *AVAIL                    30-99999 seconds
Notify period . . . . . : 30
Type options, press Enter.
  1=Add  4=Remove

Remote Local  Remote  System  Network
Opt Location Name Network ID Status  Status
---
  4  SYSTEM03  ITSCNET  Online  Active
  4  SYSTEM04  ITSCNET  Online  Active
  4  SYSTEM05  ITSCNET  Online  Active

Bottom

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F11=BRMS Media Information
F12=Cancel

```

4. On the Confirm Remove of Network Systems display, you are given the opportunity to remove the shared media entries of the systems being removed from the media inventory of the current system.
  - Type \*NO in the *Remove media* field to retain the shared media entries.
  - Type \*YES in the *Remove media* field to remove the shared media entries.



**Note:** If a system is displayed as inactive, you should use caution in using the \*YES parameter, since it removes all media entries for that system, *even if the system was never an active member of the network.*

```

Confirm Remove of Network Systems                                SYSTEM02 ITSCNET

Press Enter to confirm your choices for 4=Remove.
Press F12 to return to change your choices.

Remove media . . . . . *NO          *YES, *NO, *RENAME

Remote Local Remote Receive System Network
Opt Location Name Network ID Media Info Status Status
4 SYSTEM03 ITSCNET *NONE Online Active
4 SYSTEM04 ITSCNET *NONE Online Active
4 SYSTEM05 ITSCNET *NONE Online Active

Bottom

F12=Cancel

```

- On one of the remaining systems in the network group:
  1. Type GO BRMSYSPCY. Press Enter.
  2. Type 4 (Change network group). Press Enter.
  3. Type 4 (Remove) next to system SYSTEM02. Press Enter.
  4. Press Enter on the Confirm Remove of Network Systems display to remove the system from the active network group.

Alternatively, you could rename (\*RENAME) the media used by SYSTEM02 to the name of the system you are on. In the following example, an operator changes the names of media SYSTEM02 to SYSTEM03, which is the system currently in use.

```

Confirm Remove of Network Systems                                SYSTEM03 ITSCNET

Press Enter to confirm your choices for 4=Remove.
Press F12 to return to change your choices.

Remove media . . . . . *RENAME      *YES, *NO, *RENAME

Remote Local Remote Receive System Network
Opt Location Name Network ID Media Info Status Status
4 SYSTEM02 ITSCNET *NONE Offline Active

Bottom

F12=Cancel

```

## Removing the Network feature from a previously networked system

To remove the Network feature from a previously networked system, take the following steps:

1. Follow the steps in the previous section (Removing a System from a Network Group).

2. After you remove all of the systems and media from the network group, Enter the GO LICPGM command from a command line.
3. At the Work with Licensed Programs display, take option 12 (Delete licensed programs).
4. Type a 4 (Delete) in front of the BRMS Network feature (5770-BR1) entry and press Enter.
5. Press Enter again to confirm your deletion and return to the Work with Licensed Programs display.

## Media balancing across systems

This function gives you the ability to balance a number of scratch volumes owned by each system in the BRMS network. With the scratch volumes balanced, a restricted state save will be less likely to run out of scratch media, and the system will not need to remotely ask other systems for more media. It is recommended that you run this when there is no other BRMS activity going on.

To balance your scratch media follow these steps:

1. List your systems in order of highest priority to lowest priority.

*Table 5. Example: List of systems and their hierarchy.*

System	Priority	Media Required
PROD1	1	5
PROD2	2	3
PROD3	3	4
DEV01	4	2
DEV02	5	2

2. Once you have established your hierarchy of systems, you must issue the following command to set the above priority:

**STRBALBRM ACTION(\*SET) MEDCLS(media-class) LOC(location) SYSNAME(system-name) MEDPTY(number) MEDREQ(number)**

The following are brief descriptions of the parameters you need to specify:

**ACTION(\*SET)**

Sets the media requirement as specified by the other parameters

**MEDCLS(media-class)**

Specifies the media class for the media balancing.

**LOC(location)**

Specifies the media storage location of the media for balancing.

**SYSNAME(system-name)**

Specifies the name of the system whose media will be used for balancing.

**MEDPTY(number)**

Specify the priority number to assign this system (SYSNAME) while balancing media.

**MEDREQ(number)**

Specify the number of media required for this system (SYSNAME).

Using the above list as an example you would issue the command five times, once for each system.

```
STRBALBRM ACTION(*SET) MEDCLS(FMT3590H) LOC(TAPMLB01) SYSNAME(PROD1) MEDPTY(1) MEDREQ(5)
STRBALBRM ACTION(*SET) MEDCLS(FMT3590H) LOC(TAPMLB01) SYSNAME(PROD2) MEDPTY(2) MEDREQ(2)
STRBALBRM ACTION(*SET) MEDCLS(FMT3590H) LOC(TAPMLB01) SYSNAME(PROD3) MEDPTY(3) MEDREQ(3)
STRBALBRM ACTION(*SET) MEDCLS(FMT3590H) LOC(TAPMLB01) SYSNAME(DEV01) MEDPTY(4) MEDREQ(2)
STRBALBRM ACTION(*SET) MEDCLS(FMT3590H) LOC(TAPMLB01) SYSNAME(DEV02) MEDPTY(5) MEDREQ(2)
```

This will set the required volumes and the priority of each system. BRMS will then use these two values in deciding how to balance the pool of scratch media. The priority of the system determines who gets

media first. If there isn't enough media to meet all the requirements, then the systems prioritized last will most likely not meet its required media specification, depending on how much total media is needed. To know how much media is needed, you can evaluate past backups, and gauge the amount of media that was used.

3. Produce and evaluate the Media Balance report to ensure that your systems are setup correctly. To do so run the following command: **STRBALBRM ACTION(\*REPORT) MEDCLS(media-class) LOC(location)**

Using the same example sample from above, we would issue STRBALBRM ACTION(\*REPORT) MEDCLS(FMT3590H) LOC(TAPMLB01). The report would then appear like the following:

```

Display Spooled
File
File . . . . . :
QP1AMBL                                         Page/L

Control . . . . .
      Column

Find . . . . .

*...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8...+...9...+
...0...+...1.
5770BR1 V6R1M0 080215           Media Balancing
Report                               6/29/07 13:56:1
Selection
Criteria

      Media Class . . . . . :
FMT3590H
      Location . . . . . :
TAPMLB01
      System . . . . . :
*NETGRP

of                                     Number of Number
System      Network      Media           Media      Media
Media
Name        ID           Class          Location   Priority   Required   Available
Status
PROD1       APPN          FMT3590H      TAPMLB01   1          5           3
Communicating
PROD2       APPN          FMT3590H      TAPMLB01   2          3           3
Communicating
PROD3       APPN          FMT3590H      TAPMLB01   3          4           3
Communicating
DEV01       APPN          FMT3590H      TAPMLB01   4          2           4
Communicating
DEV02       APPN          FMT3590H      TAPMLB01   5          2           3   Communicating
      * * * * *   E N D   O F   L I S T I N G   * * * * *
*

```

4. From the report, if the actual amount of media is not greater to or equal to the required amount, then you will need balance your media. To balance your media, you need to run the following command:**STRBALBRM ACTION(\*BALANCE) MEDCLS(media-class) LOC(location)**

For this example, we would issue STRBALBRM ACTION(\*BALANCE) MEDCLS(FMT3590H) LOC(TAPMLB01)

**Note:**

- a. It is best to run media balancing after your movement, to ensure that media that have expired off site are potentially back on site and at the location you are balancing.
  - b. You will only need to balance media once for the entire network group.
5. Produce the media balance report, to ensure that the balancing succeeded. Repeat Step 3.

In this example, the report appears to show that the balancing was successful.

```

Display Spooled
File
File . . . . . :
QP1AMBL                                         Page/L

Control . . . . .
      Column

Find . . . . .

*...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8...+...9...+
...0...+...1.
5770BR1 V6R1M0 080215          Media Balancing
Report                          6/29/07 13:56:1
Selection
Criteria

      Media Class . . . . . :
FMT3590H
      Location . . . . . :
TAPMLB01
      System . . . . . :
*NETGRP

of
System      Network      Media      Media      Number of
Media      Name      ID      Class      Location      Priority      Required      Available
Status
PROD1      APPN      FMT3590H      TAPMLB01      1      5      5
Communicating
PROD2      APPN      FMT3590H      TAPMLB01      2      3      3
Communicating
PROD3      APPN      FMT3590H      TAPMLB01      3      4      4
Communicating
DEV01      APPN      FMT3590H      TAPMLB01      4      2      2
Communicating
DEV02      APPN      FMT3590H      TAPMLB01      5      2      2      Communicating
* * * * * E N D   O F   L I S T I N G   * * * * *
*

```

To remove a system from the list of systems, simply run the following command:

**STRBALBRM ACTION(\*REMOVE) MEDCLS(media-class) LOC(location) SYSNAME(system-name)**

For this example, we would issue: STRBALBRM ACTION(\*REMOVE) MEDCLS(FMT3590H) LOC(TAPMLB01) SYSNAME(DEV01)

## BRMS FlashCopy support

ESS FlashCopy creates a clone of the source system onto a second set of disk drives which are then attached and used by another system or LPAR partition. BRMS provides a mechanism to perform a backup on the second system such that it appears to have been done on the original system.

The following are the steps needed to succeed in this special backup:

1. On the primary system.
  - a. Prepare BRMS for FlashCopy.
    - 1) First enable BRMS for FlashCopy by setting the *Enable FlashCopy* parameter on the *System Policy* to \*YES. Type WRKPCYBRM \*SYS, select option 1 and page to the bottom screen. This only needs to be done once.

```

V7R2M0                      Change System Policy                      RCHAS400

Type choices, press Enter.

End all subsystems options
  Controlled end delay time . . . . . 60          1-99999 seconds,*IMMED
  Abnormal end delay time . . . . . 10          10-999 minutes,*NOLIMIT
  End servers wait time . . . . . 6            0-9999 seconds
Controlling subsystem:
  Allow backups in batch . . . . . *NO          *NO, *YES
  Restricted state time limit . . . . . *NOMAX    5-9999 minutes, *NOMAX
  Allow alternate input media. . . . . *YES      *NO, *YES
  Volume prefix . . . . . Prefix
  Enable FlashCopy . . . . . *YES              *NO, *YES
BRMS submitted jobs:
  Job description. . . . . *USRPRF            Name, *USRPRF
  Library. . . . . *LIBL                      Name, *LIBL, *CURLIB
  Job queue. . . . . *JOB                      Name, *JOB
  Library. . . . . *LIBL                      Name, *LIBL, *CURLIB
BRMS flight recorder size . . . . . 050        001-999 megabytes
                                                    Bottom
F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel

```

2) Next you will need to notify BRMS, that this system's data is being copied via ESS FlashCopy and the backup could be performed on the clone system. This step is required prior to performing FlashCopy function. Run this command:

**INZBRM OPTION(\*FLASHCOPY) STATE(\*STRPRC)**

**Note:** When the system is in FlashCopy mode, a BRMS synchronization job will not run on the production system. BRMS activity should not be performed on the production system until all steps in post FlashCopy steps are completed. Any update to the BRMS database on the production system via any BRMS activity such as save, restore, BRMS maintenance will be lost. When the system is in FlashCopy state, all BRMS incoming communication from the BRMS networked system will be blocked. BRMS backup information about the current system might be outdated when backup is being performed on the clone system.

- b. Quiesce system (PWRDWN SYS) to ensure all main storage content is written to disk.
  - c. Issue the FlashCopy.
  - d. Restart the primary system.
2. On the secondary system.
- a. Change system attributes and network configuration during manual IPL. For example:
    - At Dedicated Service Tools (DST), change the IP address of Service Tools Server (STS).
    - During the IPL, change the IPL attributes to start system to RESTRICTED STATE.
    - Change the IP information in CFGTCP.
  - b. Set BRMS system state to FlashCopy mode.
    - 1) Use the following command to set the BRMS system state to the backup FlashCopy state:

**INZBRM OPTION(\*FLASHCOPY) STATE(\*STRBKU)**

- c. Secondary system is treated as the primary system in the BRMS network.
- d. Complete saves using BRMS.
- e. Set BRMS state to FlashCopy backup complete mode.
  - 1) Use the following command to set the BRMS state back to complete mode:

**INZBRM OPTION(\*FLASHCOPY) STATE(\*ENDBKU)**

- f. Save QUSRBRM and transfer it to the primary system. To save QUSRBRM issue the following command:

**SAVLIBRM LIB(QUSRBRM) DEV(tape-media-library-device-name) MEDPCY(media-policy) OMITOBJ(\*ALL \*JRN) (\*ALL \*JRNRCV) OBJDTL(\*OBJ) SAVTYPE(\*FULL) SEQNBR(1) ENDOPT(\*REWIND)**

3. Back on the primary system.

- a. Restore the QUSRBRM that was saved and brought over from the secondary system. Run this command:

```
QSYS/RSTLIB SAVLIB(QUSRBRM) DEV(tape-media-library-device-name)  
VOL(volume-identifier) SEQNBR(1) OMITOBJ((QUSRBRM/*ALL *JRN))  
ALWOBJDIF(*FILELVL *AUTL *OWNER *AUTL) MBROPT(*ALL)
```

- b. Use the following command to set the BRMS FlashCopy state back to complete mode:

```
INZBRM OPTION(*FLASHCOPY) STATE(*ENDPRC)
```

**Note:** This will start Q1ABRMNET subsystem if system is not in restricted state. This will start all BRMS synchronization jobs.

- c. Resume BRMS activities on the primary system.

For additional information on FlashCopy, please refer to the [IBM i and IBM System Storage®: A Guide to Implementing External Disks on IBM i](#) Redbooks publication.

## Seasonal time changes of BRMS

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BRMS has a significant reliance on the timestamp in each record synchronized between systems in a BRMS network.

There are two recommended methods for adjusting the time for Fall (see [“Setting clocks back” on page 294](#)) and one method for adjusting the time for Spring (see [“Setting clocks ahead” on page 295](#)).

**Note:** The following methods also apply to seasonal time changes of non-networked BRMS systems.

### Setting clocks back

Here are two recommended methods for adjusting the time for Fall or when the system time needs to be set earlier than its current setting. One method involves restarting your system while the other does not.

#### IPL Method

Checklist for setting clock backwards in time: Ensure that BRMS operations have halted and none are scheduled to start. Run command DSPPFM FILE(QUSRBRM/QA1ANET2) and ensure that there are no records in the file.

1. Ensure that BRMS operations have halted and none are scheduled to start.
2. Run command DSPPFM FILE(QUSRBRM/QA1ANET2) and ensure that there are no records in the file. If there are records, then updates have not been synchronized yet. Allow the records to synchronize to all systems.
3. Ensure that no BRMS operations are occurring on any system in the network, such as saves, movement or maintenance.
4. Issue the PWRDWNSYS RESTART(\*NO) command and put the system into manual mode.
5. Wait almost an hour (allow for the amount of time to IPL also) and start the IPL.
6. At the Date/Time screen, change the system time 1 hour backwards, and continue the IPL.
7. When all systems have been set, resume BRMS operations.

**Example:** Clocks will be set at 2 a.m. and will be going back 1 hour. At 2 a.m., issue the PWRDWNSYS command. Wait almost one hour. Start the IPL of the system. When the system comes back up, set the clock to 2 a.m. (and whatever minutes have passed). This prevents the repetition of the 1 a.m. - 2 a.m. hour on your system, and ensures that all system journals and BRMS have no problems with duplicated time stamps or time stamps that are out of sequence with real time.

If necessary, nightly system backups (STRBKUBRM) can be run even though not all systems have been reset as long as the following are true:

1. The target system volume record is more than 1 hour old.

**Example:** The last time volume X was updated was when it was moved this morning. Under these circumstances, an update for volume X from a system with a one hour earlier time will still be accepted on a system with a one hour later system time, and an update from a system with a later time will still be accepted on a system with an earlier system time because there is more than 1 hour difference between the time the save and the move were done. If the difference between the updates would be less than the 1 hour time difference on the systems, problems could result and the wrong update could be ignored.

2. The system owns plenty of scratch media (so it will not need to use DDM to 'borrow' media from other systems). During the time period that clocks are being reset, it is best to avoid operations that involve the update of a record on another system.
3. Do not run other BRMS operations, such as movement or maintenance or use WRKMEDBRM Option 2 on a volume that is not owned by the system that you are working on.
4. Resume normal BRMS operations only after all systems have been reset, and the last 1 hour of repeated time has passed on every system in the network.

### **Non-IPL Method**

The general recommendation is to use the IPL Method as stated above. This protects all time stamp dependent operations on your system as well as BRMS. However, if this is not possible due to operation schedules, you must carefully plan your BRMS activities so that only the system that owns a piece of media will try to update it during the time that system clocks are not yet all reset and the hour is being repeated.

#### **Note:**

1. Do not perform any BRMS activities during the period of resetting clocks, and during the one hour of repeated time. If you must start backups during the repeated hour, ensure that the system owns enough scratch media for the backups, and that no other update operation will occur on that media during the repeated time period.
2. If you repeat a period of time by setting the clocks backwards, and during that period, you cause the same volume to be updated, those updates might not be synchronized correctly. BRMS relies upon time stamps on the records to order the records in the file and decide if an update should occur or not.
3. Save jobs will synchronize an update to the volume information about all network systems to show that the volume is active and owned by the saving system. If one of the other systems had a record for that volume that appeared to be more recent (because that system did not yet have its clock reset), that system would throw away the update record, and synchronize its view of the volume to the other network systems, causing an otherwise valid update to be ignored. It would be possible for BRMS to then overwrite such a tape, and the integrity of your system recovery plan would be compromised.
4. On the day that times will be changed, you should ensure that while you are doing your nightly saves, no other update activity is occurring for the same volume on another system. The best way to avoid this is to ensure that you have sufficient expired media owned by each system for the backups during this time change period (so that systems will not try to 'borrow' another system's media). Also make sure maintenance, movement, WRKMEDBRM opt 2, and all other update activity do not occur. That way, updates to media records will only be initiated by save activities from systems which already own the volumes.

### **Setting clocks ahead**

Setting clocks forward in the Spring or when the system time needs to be set later than its current setting does not present any special problems.

If the system is not networked with other BRMS systems, do only Step 4. To change the system time on a networked system, follow steps 1–5.

1. DSPPFM on QA1ANET in QUSRBRM and ensure that there are no records in the file. If there are records, then updates are not synchronized yet. Allow the records to synchronize to all systems before you change the time.

2. Ensure that no BRMS operations are occurring on any system in the network, such as saves, movement, or maintenance.
3. Hold the job queue Q1ABRMNET in the Q1ABRMNET subsystem. (Use the WRKJOBQ command).
4. Change the clocks forward on all systems by using the CHGSYSVAL SYSVAL(QTIME) command.
5. When the clocks on all systems are set, release the Q1ABRMNET job queue and resume BRMS operations.



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# Advanced Functions feature

This chapter briefly describes the advanced functions available in the Advanced Functions feature, product Option 2.

The Advanced Functions feature includes the following advanced functions:

- Hierarchical storage management (HSM)
- Media library management
- System defined name
- Tape media library status tool
- Software encryption
- High availability for I-ASPs in a BRMS Network

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## Hierarchical Storage Management (HSM)

Hierarchical storage management (HSM) provides an automatic way of managing and distributing data between the different storage layers in order to meet the users' needs for accessing data while minimizing the overall cost.

The concept of HSM involves the placement of data items in such a way as to minimize its accessibility. BRMS provides an interface to utilize this feature.

**Note:** The following are brief descriptions of the HSM features. To find out more information about how to setup BRMS for HSM, refer to [Hierarchical Storage Management](#).

### Migration

Through the use of BRMS migration control groups, you can select which data to move from faster, relatively expensive DASD to slower but less costly DASD. You might also set these control groups up to move the data in the opposite direction if it become more frequently accessed.

### Archive

Through the use of BRMS archive control groups, you can define criteria to archive less frequently used data from disk to less expensive media (tape or optical). The criteria can be based on inactivity limit, size, or even days used per month. Once the data meets the criteria, it is then saved to tape and deleted from the system, no longer taking up that much-needed space.

**Note:** The archive feature supports independent ASPs and encryption. Archive control groups have restrictions and setup for these capabilities that are similar to the restrictions and setup for backup control groups. For more information about independent ASPs, refer to [“Backup and recovery of auxiliary storage pool devices”](#) on page 317. For more information about encryption, refer to [“Software encryption using BRMS”](#) on page 172. Independent ASPs and encryption are not documented in [Hierarchical Storage Management](#).

### Dynamic Retrieval

Besides having the ability to archive the data off to removable media, it is just as important to recover the data. A user can easily recover the data using the normal BRMS recovery process; however, BRMS also provides Dynamic Retrieval of the data. This allows the recovery action to be prompted by a simple access of the data. For example, if a database file has been archived, but an application actually tries to access

this file, BRMS will then be asked to restore the file. After the file is restored, the application continues on. There is no major disruption in the application other than a delay for the restore of the file.

## Media library management

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BRMS becomes the media libraries manager by utilizing the BRMS network.

Each media library can have a user-defined set of systems in the BRMS network assigned to it. By having this list of systems assigned to the media library, BRMS will send updates to these systems whenever a media library operation occurs. For example, if System A ejects a volume from TAPMLB01, and System B shows the status of the volume to be in \*INSERT mode. System A will actually update the status of System B to \*EJECT. The volumes status will be synchronized amongst the systems. To set this environment up, you must use the BRMS graphical interface. For more information, see [“Using the BRMS graphical interface”](#) on page 233.

To add a user-defined set of systems for a media library, complete these steps:

1. Use IBM Navigator for i to connect to a system that is connected to the media library.
2. Expand **IBM i Management** and click **Backup, Recovery and Media Services**.
3. In the BRMS pane, click **Select action > Manage Devices**.
4. In the Manage Devices pane, from the menu for the media library that you are using, click **Properties**.
5. In the Edit Device pane, click the **Network Connections** tab.
6. Click **Manage Connections**.
7. In the Manage Connections for Device *device-name* pane, click **Select action > Add**.
8. In the Add Device Connections pane, select the systems that are connected with the media library.
9. Click **OK**. These systems should now show up as connections for the device in the Manage Connections for Device pane.
10. Click **Close**.
11. Click **OK**.

## BRMS user-defined system name support

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This function allows a user to specify a user-defined system name for BRMS regardless of network configuration of the system.

A BRMS user-defined system name is independent of the operating system's attribute. What does that enable a user to do? A user-defined system name might give you the capability to add two systems with exactly the same network attributes, for example, same system names for the operating system. This provides an easier role swap in a high availability environment (HA) between production and backup systems. This also enables HA and production systems to be in the same BRMS network and share the same tape resources.

To setup a BRMS user defined system name, perform the following steps:

1. Use the following command to set the required system name for BRMS.

```
QSYS/CALL QBRM/Q1AOLD PARM('BRMSYSNAME' '*SET ' 'User_defined_system')
```

**Note:**

- a. BRMS System Name will be used for all backup history instead of network attribute.
- b. 'User\_defined\_system' should be a unique name that can be used for system names across the BRMS network. This value cannot exceed 8 characters.
- c. Any backup performed by this system will be treated as if backup were performed on this specified system.
- d. It is recommended that the system be taken out of any BRMS network before this is done.

2. Display the BRMS system name by issuing the following commands:

- **QSYS/CALL QBRM/Q1AOLD PARM('BRMSYSNAME' '\*DISPLAY' )**
- Or, you can use **WRKPCYBRM \*SYS** option 4 for Change network group. The right top corner of the screen will show the BRMS user-defined system name.

```
Change Network Group                                RCHAS001 APPN
Network group . . . . : *MEDINV                    Position to . . . . :
FlashCopy state . . . : *ENDPRC
Receive media info . . : *NONE                     *NONE, *LIB
Communication method . : *AVAIL                     *AVAIL, *IP, *SNA, *NONE, *RDB
Notify period . . . . : 30                          30-99999 seconds
Type options, press Enter.
  1=Add  4=Remove

  Remote Local  Remote  Receive  System  Network
  Opt Location Name Network ID Media Info Status Status
  -----
  RCHAS002      RCHAS002  *NONE   OnLine  Inactive

Bottom

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel
```

## Tape library status tool

This tool will produce a report that displays the users of the resources in a tape library for all systems in a BRMS network that share that library.

To find the tape library resource status for a specific system, issue the following command:

**QSYS/CALL QBRM/Q1AOLD PARM('DEVUSESTS ' 'SYSTEM1 SYSTEM2')**

**Note:** The second parameter can specify multiple systems, restricted only by the parameter length of 200 characters.

To find the tape library resource status for all systems in the BRMS network, issue the following command:

**QSYS/CALL QBRM/Q1AOLD PARM('DEVUSESTS ' '\*NETGRP')**

Both of the commands will generate an output file, QTEMP/DEVICELOG, and a printer report, QP1ADEVUSE.

**Note:** In order to get status from a particular system, that system must have the appropriate PTF applied and must be in the BRMS network.

## Software encryption

Software encryption allows you to securely encrypt your data as it is being written to media.

You can selectively choose which data you want encrypted or simply encrypt all of your user data. To use this function you need to have Cryptographic Service Provider (5770-SS1 Option 44) installed on the operating system. More details about how to set up encryption in BRMS are available in “Software encryption using BRMS” on page 172. You are also encouraged to reference [Cryptographic services key management](#) to better understand key management.

## High availability support for I-ASPs in a BRMS network

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With this feature, you can run a recovery report on both System A and System B, and the I-ASP save information that is sent to the remote system will be included in both systems' recovery reports.

Since each system owns and has the same I-ASP history, a full save can be done on one system and an incremental on the other, when the I-ASP is attached to both systems. Without this feature, the save information only resides on the system that did the save. Additional systems in the BRMS network would have to save the full I-ASP again and do separate incremental saves.

This feature is only available in the BRMS graphical interface.

Follow these steps to configure:

1. [Navigate to the BRMS graphical interface.](#)
2. In the BRMS pane, click **Select Action > System Policy Properties**
3. In the System Policy Properties pane, click the **Network** tab.
4. Click **Manage Disk Pool History**.

**Note:** The BRMS graphical interface refers to I-ASP's as disk pools.

5. In the Manage Disk Pool History to Send pane, click **Select Action > New**.
6. Enter in the disk pool name, the system name and network identifier of the system you wish the history information to be sent to and decide on whether to use the BRMS media information remote receives value that is defined by the "Send to system". You may override that systems value by selecting the "Always send" option. To know what the remote receives value is for that remote system, you may view it by going back to the **Network** tab in the System Policy Properties pane and clicking **Manage Systems**. The value will be listed under the **Remote Receives** column for that remote system.
7. Once complete, select **OK**.
8. The disk pool is displayed in the list of items in the Manage Disk Pool History to Send pane.
9. You may repeat steps 5 through 7 for each system that you wish to have disk pool history sent to.

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## Online Lotus server backups

BRMS supports an online backup of Lotus servers. Online backup implies that Lotus Server databases on the IBM i platform can be saved while they are in use and requires no save-while-active synchronization points. This is true online backup support.

You can direct your online backups to a tape device, media library, or save files.

Lotus Server online backups only back up the Lotus server databases. There are other important Lotus server data objects including libraries and files in the Lotus server integrated file system directories, and other non-Lotus server system data that should be backed up on some regular basis. It is important that you do not replace your complete system backup with only Lotus Server online backups to assure that the system is protected should full recovery be required.

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### How Lotus server online backup works

A *full online backup* of Lotus servers consists of two files, the *database* files, and the *changes* files which contain the updates to the databases while they are being backed up. These files must be bound together during the backup in order to properly restore the databases in the event of a recovery. An *incremental online backup* is a save operation of the *transaction logs* for the server.

Lotus Server backups use a BRMS concept called a *package* to bind the backup of the databases to the changes files and associated transaction logs. When a full online backup is run, the Lotus Server uses the PKGID parameter on the SAVBRM command to specify the package association between the databases and the changes files. At the time of backup, the Lotus Server also uses the RCYEXITPGM parameter to specify a Lotus Server exit program which BRMS calls after the package is recovered.

When an incremental online backup is run, BRMS will add the transaction logs to the associated package of the prior full online backup. If the Database Instance Identifier (DBIID) of a database has changed or this database is recognized as a new database, a full online backup of the database will be performed followed by an incremental online backup. The new database can now be recovered using point-in-time recovery. If a database is not being logged, either because it was explicitly removed from the transaction log or the database isn't at the correct level to support transaction logging, and it has changed, it will be saved when the incremental online backup request is processed.

Online backups of Lotus servers are stored in the BRMS history information as packages. The number of elements in the package is determined by the type and number of online backups performed. In the case of full online backups, the package number is 2. For every subsequent incremental online backup, 1 is added to the full package number. The maximum package number is 99 which allows for a full online backup and 97 incremental online backups for each Lotus server.

When you request BRMS to recover a Lotus Server database that was saved as a package, BRMS restores the entire package consisting of the database files, changes file and transaction logs. After these are restored, BRMS calls the Lotus Server exit program which in turn applies the transaction log changes to the restored databases.

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### Initializing BRMS for Lotus server backups

When you run the STRMNTBRM command or the INZBRM OPTION(\*DATA) command, BRMS automatically configures the backup control groups and media policies that you need to perform online backups of the Lotus Server databases.

The following table lists the objects that are automatically created by BRMS. These objects along with the BRMS System Policy and Backup Policy determine whether your backup is directed to a device or a save file. These BRMS objects are automatically updated to include new Lotus Servers when you run the Start

Maintenance using BRM (STRMNTBRM) command, or the Initialize BRMS (INZBRM) command with \*DATA specified for the OPTION parameter.

<i>Table 6. Objects that are automatically created by BRMS</i>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Object type</b>	<b>Description</b>
QLTSSVR	Backup control group	Backs up all Lotus Servers on the system, including both Domino and QuickPlace servers. The entries in this control group are dynamic; however, BRMS attempts to preserve modifications you might make to the entries. New Lotus servers will be appended after the existing entries and before the post exit.
QLTSDOMnn	Backup control group	Backs up all databases for Lotus Domino Server nn, where nn is 01-99.
QLTSQPLnn	Backup control group	Backs up all databases for Lotus QuickPlace Server nn, where nn is 01-99.
QLTSSVR	Media policy	Media policy that specifies the media class and expiration to be used for Lotus Server backups.
<p>The following backup items and link lists are provided to help you manage your backup windows. If you run these lists while the Domino servers are active, see Note “4” on page 303. If you encounter locks on objects when you run the following lists, consider using save-while-active, ending any subsystems or applications that are holding locks against the objects, or saving in a restricted state by ending all subsystems to include these objects in the backup.</p>		
*LNKOMTONL	Backup item for backup control groups	Control group backup item that includes all integrated file system objects except the online data listed in Note “3” on page 303.
*LTSOMTONL	Backup item for backup control groups	Control group backup item that includes all Lotus Server directories objects except the online data listed in Note “3” on page 303.
*LNKOMTLTS	Backup item for backup control groups	Control group backup item that includes all integrated file system objects except all Lotus Server directories and objects.
QLNKOMTONL	Backup Link List	User-defined omits to be added automatically to *LNKOMTONL.
QLTSOMTONL	Backup Link List	User-defined omits to be added automatically to *LTSOMTONL.
QLNKOMTLTS	Backup Link List	User-defined omits to be added automatically to *LNKOMTLTS.

**Note:**

1. The Lotus Server databases are integrated file system files that have extensions of \*.box, \*.nlo, \*.ns? and \*.nt?.
2. Be sure to back up your entire system immediately after you install BRMS and before you start an online Lotus Server backup. (See “[Backing up your entire system](#)” on page 17). For current BRMS users, these steps do not necessarily apply, but you can apply the information to your own environment as appropriate.

3. The following files are excluded when you run either the \*LNKOMTONL (QLTSEXCL) or \*LTSOMTONL (QLTSXCLONL) backup link lists from a control group. Names without a leading '/' are excluded from the Lotus Server data directory and any of its subdirectories.

```
*.box
*.dtf
*.ft
*.lck
*.log
*.mtc
*.NLO
*.NOTESHST
*.ns?
*.nt?
*.tmp
S*.TXN
brmschgs
brms/copiedlog/*
brms/incrsave/*
fault_recovery.hst
IBM_TECHNICAL_SUPPORT/*
nlogctrl.lfh
pid.nbf
workspace
/tmp/QACX*
<DAOS directory>
<transaction log directory>
```

4. If you run \*LNKOMTONL or \*LTSOMTONL while the servers are active, specify the path to the notes.ini file for each server to omit them. If you are running Lotus Enterprise Integrator® (LEI) version 5 and earlier, omit also/QIBM/USERDATA/LOTUS/LEI/LCCSMP. Starting at Version 6.01 of LEI, this file moved to /tmp and the naming convention changed (LEI server name + LCCSMP), that is, /tmp/LEIMED02LCCSMP. Back up these files when the servers are down. If the transaction logs are in a directory that is not under the Domino data directory, then add the path to the transaction log directory to this omit list.

If you use WRKDOMSVR or other domino commands during a save operation of the backup link lists \*LNKOMTONL, \*LTSOMTONL, or \*LNKOMTLTS - the /tmp directory might be locked and interfere with the operation of the command. One symptom of this interference might be a blank screen on the WRKDOMSVR command. In this case, you must wait for the lock on the /tmp directory to be released before the command will work correctly. To avoid this situation, you can omit the /tmp directory by adding it to one of the user-defined additional omit lists, QLNKOMTONL, QLTSOMTONL, or QLNKOMTLTS.

5. To run a save of these dynamic lists, you must have the authority to read and traverse the domino directories.
6. After a FULL save of the integrated file system directories, for example, after a save using a control group with a \*LINK backup item, any incremental save of an online domino server will be changed to a FULL. If you want to ensure that an incremental save is done, replace the \*LINK with \*LNKOMTONL (QLTSEXCL) or an equivalent list that excludes your online domino data in the control group that you use to save your integrated file system directories.

## Performing an online Lotus server backup



**Attention:** Backing up your Lotus Servers should not replace your regular complete system backups.

IBM Lotus Domino 8.5 for i provides the Save Domino Server using BRMS (SAVDOMBRM) command that BRMS uses in \*EXIT backup control group entries to back up your Lotus servers while they are online.

BRMS initialization has created the required setup to enable you to perform online backups of Lotus servers using the Lotus server backup commands. A backup control group named QLTSSVR is available for you to use to back up all the Lotus server databases on your system.

The following steps must be performed before you can back up your Lotus servers.

## Determining the device and media class to use

During the installation process, BRMS chooses a default device based on the fastest and most automated tape drive that is attached to your system. BRMS also creates media classes based upon the density and formats supported by the devices attached to your system.

Refer to [“Determining media classes” on page 18](#) to determine the default device and media class configured by BRMS. Make a note of the device and media class names in the system policy.

## Adding media to the media class scratch pool

Adding media to a BRMS media class allows the use, tracking, and protection of active data on the media by BRMS. You should add media to the media class. Once media is added to a media class of available media, BRMS will drive backup operations and use this media, asking you to load tapes as necessary.

It is important to have sufficient media enrolled in the media class before performing a save operation. To perform the backup discussed in this chapter, we recommend that you enroll at least three pieces of media. In determining the number of media to add, you need to consider the capacity of your media and the size of your Lotus server data.

To add media, refer to either [“Enrolling media for use by a stand-alone device” on page 18](#) or [“Enrolling media for use by a media library” on page 19](#). If you are unsure of what kind of device you have, a media library would be an enclosed unit holding multiple media cartridges that allows access to media cartridges using a robotic loader.

**Note:** You do not need to add media if you are saving to a save file. However, if you are saving only to save files, you need to run the Save Media Info using BRM (SAVMEDIBRM) command following the backup to assure the most recent save information is available for recovery.

## Starting the backup

To start the online backup of all Lotus server using the QLTSSVR backup control group in your current job, enter the following command after loading the media into the devices.

```
STRBKUBRM CTLGRP(QLTSSVR) SBMJOB(*NO)
```

During the backup processing, you might encounter messages that require user intervention such as loading a tape. A message symbol at the bottom of the screen might appear, indicating that a message has been sent to the system operator for a reply. To view the system operator messages, press the SYS REQ key, enter a 6 on the line at the bottom of the screen, and then press Enter to go to the Display Messages panel for the system operator. Position the cursor over the message requiring a reply and press the F1 key to see more information about how to handle the message. Perform the corrective action, enter a reply to the message, and then press Enter. Return to your interactive session using the F12 key.

The processing time of the backup will depend on system processor size, device capabilities, amount of data being saved, and activity associated with your Lotus server.

After completion of the backup, review the job log to ensure that the backup completed successfully. To display the job log, enter the following command:

```
DSPJOBLOG
```

On the display, press F10 and page up to see the details of any messages logged during backup processing.

**Note:** BRMS stores the history of the objects saved during the backup into database files located in library QUSRBRM. The *Automatically backup media information* attribute in the backup control groups directs BRMS to automatically back up this information when the backup ends. This data is saved because it is necessary for BRMS to successfully recover the system.

## Recommendations

BRMS recommends the following relative to performing backups of Lotus servers:

- Perform complete system backups routinely (once per week at the very least).



- Perform full online backups daily.
- Perform a save of the BRMS media information after each back up.

## Restrictions

Saves of Lotus servers are restricted as follows:

- A media policy retention type of **VERSIONS** is not supported.
- Saves of integrated file system objects which includes the including Lotus servers files cannot be performed using parallel devices.
- Do not use the SAVDOMBRM command outside of a backup control group. This command should only be used with \*EXIT entries within a BRMS backup control group.

## Lotus server backup performance tuning

Backing up individual Lotus server databases does not perform well. Therefore, the Lotus server databases are backed up in groups to improve the save performance.

You can change the number of databases in the groups by changing an entry in the NOTES.INI file. Follow these steps to change the number of databases backed up in a group.

1. Type WRKDOMSVR on a command line.
2. Choose 13=Edit NOTES.INI on the server you want to modify.
3. Position to the following entry and modify as required.

```
SAVDOMBRM_FILES_IN_GROUP=nnn
```

where nnn is the number of databases to be grouped in one BRMS package.

As you increase the number of databases in a group, your Lotus server is backed up more quickly. However, all databases in the group will be journaled during the backup with the changes backed up separately. Because all the databases in the group are journaled until all databases in the group are backed up, the time during which changes to the databases can occur is increased and the size of the changes backed up will increase. When the databases are recovered, the changes to the database that occurred during the backup will be reapplied. The reapply process takes longer as the number of changes increases.

If your server is being backed up during heavy server usage, you will want to keep this group value relatively small, so that fewer changes occur to the database during the backup operation. As a result, recovery of the database can occur in a reasonable amount of time.

If your server is being backed up during off hours when server use is low, you can set the group value higher to speed up the backup operation, while keeping the recovery time reasonable.

The maximum group value is 120.

## Preprocessing and postprocessing \*EXITs in control groups

If the first entry in a control group is an \*EXIT, it is processed before any subsystem or job queue processing prior to starting the save operations. This is referred to as the preprocessing exit.

If the last entry in a control group is an \*EXIT, it is processed after any subsystem or job queue processing following the end of the saves. This is referred to as the postprocessing exit.

Because SAVDOMBRM commands is an \*EXIT entry, the BRMS control groups supplied for Lotus server backups contain an empty preprocessing \*EXIT to ensure that the Lotus server \*EXITs occur in the correct order relative to any preprocessing and postprocessing. You can change the preprocessing and postprocessing \*EXIT if you need to perform some operation during the Lotus server backups.

Examples of good SAVDOMBRM entries in the QLTSSVR control group are illustrated below. QLTSSVR is correctly specified for the CTLGRP parameter on the SAVDOMBRM command in the \*EXIT entries.

```

Display Backup Control Group Entries                                RCHAS400

Group . . . . . : QLTSSVR
Default activity . . . . : *BKUPCY
Text . . . . . : Online backup of all Lotus servers

Seq   Backup
     Items   Exit command
10   *EXIT
20   *EXIT   QNOTES/SAVDOBMRM SERVER('LTSSERV01') CTLGRP(QLTSSVR)
30   *EXIT   QNOTES/SAVDOBMRM SERVER('LTSSERV02') CTLGRP(QLTSSVR)
40   *EXIT

Press Enter to continue.                                         Bottom

F3=Exit  F11=Display main  F12=Cancel

```

**Copying Lotus server control groups**

The backup control groups that are created by BRMS for online backup on Lotus servers include one or more \*EXIT entries which contain the Save Domino Server using BRMS (SAVDOBMRM) command. The control group (CTLGRP) parameter on this command needs to be changed for each entry if one of these control groups is copied to another control group. The value for the CTLGRP parameter must contain the same name as the control group it is contained in. This is required because the Domino application uses the Save Object using BRM (SAVBRM) command to perform the backup of the Lotus servers and must be able to specify the correct backup control group name on the CTLGRP parameter of the SAVBRM command.

*Failure to change the CTLGRP parameter to match the backup control group name will result in an exception when the control group is run.*

Assume you copied the QLTSSVR backup control group to a new backup control group named MYLTSSVR. The exits at sequence 20 and 30 below are examples of invalid SAVDOBMRM entries because the CTLGRP parameter on the command does not match the name of the MYLTSSVR backup control group. QLTSSVR must be changed to MYLTSSVR in this backup control group for the backup to complete successfully.

```

Display Backup Control Group Entries                                RCHAS400

Group . . . . . : MYLTSSVR
Default activity . . . . : *BKUPCY
Text . . . . . : My online backup of all Lotus servers

Seq   Backup
     Items   Exit command
10   *EXIT
20   *EXIT   QNOTES/SAVDOBMRM SERVER('LTSSERV01') CTLGRP(MYLTSSVR)
30   *EXIT   QNOTES/SAVDOBMRM SERVER('LTSSERV02') CTLGRP(MYLTSSVR)
40   *EXIT

Press Enter to continue.                                         Bottom

F3=Exit  F11=Display main  F12=Cancel

```

## BRMS incremental online Lotus server backup

### Setting up your Lotus servers for incremental online backup

When setting up your Domino for IBM i platforms for incremental online backup support, you must enable *archived transactional logging* for each Lotus Notes® server. You must also identify BRMS as an additional server by issuing either:

```
CFGDOMSVR ADLSVR(*BRMS)
OR
CHGDOMSVR ADLSVR(*BRMS)
```

Please refer to your *Domino and Administrator's Guides* for details about how to enable archived transactional logging.

#### Note:

1. Failure to enable archived transactional logging on a database will result in that database being missed from the incremental online backup.
2. Circular transactional logging is not supported for incremental online backup or incremental restore. Therefore, under the Transactional Logging tab, Logging style needs to be changed from "Circular" to "Archived". If this is not done, backups using BRMS will be canceled with error LNT0950 and return code 12.

### Setting up BRMS for incremental online backup

You must take the following actions to set up BRMS for Lotus server incremental online backup support:

- Verify the Lotus servers and the associated databases are enabled for archived transactional logging.
- Complete a normal full online backup of your Lotus servers.

**Note:** You must run a backup of type \*FULL of all Lotus servers that are to be backed up before using the incremental online backup support.

- Use the WRKCTLGBRM command to view the list of backup control groups.
- Use Option 2 (Edit entries) on each control group you use to perform online backups of your Lotus servers that have been enabled for archived transactional logging.
- Set the Weekly Activity for the \*EXIT entries which contain SAVDOMBRM to "I" for each day of the week on which you want incremental online backup to be run.

BRMS recommends that you leave one day of the week set to "F" so that a full online backup is performed at least once a week.

**Note:** Starting with Lotus Domino release 8.5.2, Lotus Domino databases (nsf files) can be separated from the directory attach object services (DAOS) objects (nlo files) to reduce storage utilization by a Lotus Domino server. When an on-line backup of a Lotus Domino server is done using a control group entry, the weekly activity for the control group entry indicates how nsf and nlo files are backed up.

Traditional weekly activity values are supported for Lotus Domino objects:

- "F" - full backup of nsf and nlo objects
- "I" - incremental backup of nsf and nlo objects

Two additional weekly activity values are also supported for Domino backups:

- "N" - full backup of nsf objects and incremental backup of nlo objects
- "D" - incremental backup of nsf objects and full backup of nlo objects

### Restrictions

1. Some Lotus server databases are not valid for transaction logging. This can happen if the database is defined as an older database structure or the database has been explicitly removed from the list of databases being logged. If a database is not being logged, then an incremental backup will not be able

to save the changes for this database and a point-in-time recovery will not be valid. To determine if you have any databases which are not transaction logged, do the following:

- Enter the WRKDOMSVR command.
- Use Option 8=Work console next to a Domino server name where the status of the server is \*STARTED.
- Enter the command **sh directory** on the command line.
- Page up to the top of the page and locate the Logged column.
- Any database where the value in this column is not set to YES cannot be backed up using the incremental online backup support.

**Note:** When changes do occur to these non-logged databases, and an incremental backup is requested, a full online backup will be performed on the changed, non-logged databases.

2. The value of the *Incremental type* prompt on the attributes of backup control groups used for incremental online backup support is ignored. A value of \*CUMML or \*INCR produces the same results.
3. If a backup control group is set up to run an incremental online backup and BRMS detects that no prior full backup exists, BRMS will perform a full online backup instead of an incremental online backup.
4. You must use the same type of media for the incremental online backup that you use for the full online backup. If the full online backup goes to tape media, the incremental online backup cannot go to a save file or save files. BRMS recommends you use the same media policy for the *Media policy for full backups* and *Media Policy for incremental backups* attributes of the backup control groups used for incremental online backups to assure the same media types and retentions.
5. You are limited to 97 incremental online backups of a Lotus server. Before you perform an incremental backup, you must perform a full online backup. BRMS recommends that you perform a full online backup of your Lotus servers at least once a week.

## Viewing the catalog of Lotus server saved items

To see the BRMS catalog of save history (what has been saved), do the following:

- Type GO BRMBKUACTION on a command line to go to the BRMS Display Backup Activity menu.
- Choose 3 (Display backup history) to review backup history.
- Choose 7 (Work with saved link information) and press Enter twice to see the contents of your saved directories (links).
- Choose 9 (Work with directory information) and press Enter on a particular directory to see the saved dates and times for that directory.
- Choose 7 (Restore) to restore a directory saved at a specific date and time.

or

- Choose 9 (Work with saved objects) and press Enter to work with the individual saved objects in the saved directory.

### Note:

1. The Work with Media Information (WRKMEDIA) command can also be used from any command line to get the same view. This command also supports many filtering options you can use to limit the amount of entries on the display.
2. The Work with Link Information (WRKLNKB) command can also be used from any command line to get the view of the saved directories.
3. Use the BRMS System i Navigator client to view the backup history and search for the exact database file you want to restore.

## Lotus server recovery

This section discusses the methods for recovering individual Lotus server database files using either the command line interface or the new BRMS System i Navigator client. For a complete recovery of your system, no special action is required because BRMS automatically includes in the System Recovery Report any Lotus server backups you performed.

### Note:

1. Just performing a backup of your Lotus servers does not protect you in the event a full system recovery is required. You should use BRMS to backup the remainder of your system on a regular basis. Refer to [“Backing up your entire system” on page 17](#), and [“Recovering your entire system” on page 27](#).
2. The NNDILOCK.NSF file is a Lotus Notes file used for locking and is automatically created if it does not exist and is therefore never backed up by the SAVDOMBRM command.

You can perform point-in-time recovery of a Lotus server databases saved using online incremental backup. You can perform recovery of these databases using the **Restore System Data** task provided by the BRMS System i Navigator client. For detailed information about the BRMS System i Navigator client, see [“Using the BRMS graphical interface” on page 233](#).

You can also use the recovery defaults (F9) on the Work with Media Information display to specify a point-in-time as shown on the following panel. Refer to the help on *Lotus point-in-time* prompt for detailed information about recovery using a point in time.

```
Restore Command Defaults

Type information, press Enter.

Restore to library . . . . . *SAVLIB      Name, *SAVLIB
Auxiliary storage pool . . . . . *SAVASP   Name, *SAVASP, 1-32...
Document name generation . . . . . *SAME     *SAME, *NEW
System resource management . . . . . *ALL      *ALL, *NONE, *HDW, *TRA
Apply journalled changes:
  Restore journal receivers . . . . . *YES      *YES, *NO
  Apply option . . . . . *YES          *NONE, *APPLY, *REMOVE
    Ending date . . . . . *CURRENT    Date, *CURRENT
    Ending time . . . . . *CURRENT    Time, *CURRENT
Lotus point-in-time:
  Ending date . . . . . *CURRENT    Date, *CURRENT, *FULL
  Ending time . . . . . *CURRENT    Time, *CURRENT, *FULL
Create parent directories . . . . . *NO       *NO, *YES
Parent directories owner . . . . . *PARENT   Name, *PARENT
Key store file . . . . . *SAV        Name, *SAV, *NONE
Key store library . . . . . *SAV        Name, *SAV, *NONE

F12=Cancel                                     More...
```

## Recovering a single Lotus server database using the command interface

Use the RSTBRM command to recover a specific Lotus server database.

For example, to restore a Lotus server database called *names* using device TAP01, you would enter the following command:

```
RSTBRM DEV(TAP01) OBJ('/notes/data/names.nsf')
```

You can also use the WRKLNKBRM (list of directories) or the WRKMEDIBRM command to narrow down selections using the available filtering options.

**Note:** You do not need to specify the media identifier on RSTBRM because BRMS knows what media contains the most current version of the data and will prompt the system operator to load the required media if it is not currently loaded in TAP01.

After the recovery completes, review the job log to ensure that the recovery was successful. To display the job log, enter the following command:

```
DSPJOBLOG
```

On the display, press F10 and page up to see the details of any messages that were logged during recovery processing.

**Note:** Multiple objects are associated with online backup of a Lotus server database. Therefore, multiple messages are typical during recovery.

## Recovering a single Lotus server database using the BRMS System i Navigator client

There are several approaches to locating and restoring a single Lotus server database file using the BRMS System i Navigator client.

- If you know the path and the database file already exists, but you want to restore an earlier version:
  1. Open the File Systems folder in System i Navigator for the system.
  2. Open the integrated file system folder.
  3. Traverse the integrated file system tree until you find the path/file you want to restore.
  4. Right-click the file.
  5. Click Restore.

This will start the BRMS Restore Wizard primed with your selection.

- If you know the database file, but do not know the path or are unsure of the path:
  1. Click the Backup, Recovery, and Media Services folder for the system.
  2. Click the Restore IBM i Data task.
  3. Select *Files and directories* for the type of backup item on Backup History - Include panel.
  4. Enter the path for *Directory*. If you do not know the path, select \*ALL to see all files saved in the directory.
  5. Enter the file name for *File*. If you do not know the file name, specify \*ALL to see all files saved in the directory.
  6. Click OK.
  7. Right-click the file you want to restore.
  8. Click Restore.

This will start the BRMS Restore Wizard primed with your selection.

## Restrictions

- Restoring a saved Lotus server database across a BRMS network is supported only if the target system is receiving media information from other systems in the network. To determine if this system is receiving media information:
  1. Type GO BRMSYSPCY on a command line on the system.
  2. Select option 4 - Change network group.
  3. Verify the *Receive media info attribute* is set to \*LIB.
- Lotus servers use subsystem descriptions. These subsystem descriptions must exist on the system prior to recovering the Lotus servers.

## Restoring online backups

There is no special setup to recover online or online incremental Lotus server backups. If the backup was an online incremental save, BRMS automatically recovers the full online backup and any subsequent online incremental backups, plus any unsaved transactions. This allows you to recover a database past the point in time of the last incremental save.

For example: If you delete a database file *my.nsf* and then request it to be restored, BRMS will restore the full online backup, any saved transactions, and since the current transactions are on the system, these will also be used to bring the database back to the most current level.

If you need to recover a version of a database file earlier than the latest version, specify the required date and time on the *Lotus point in time: Ending Date/Ending Time* prompt on the *Recovery Policy* or *Restore Command Defaults* panels.

When viewing full online backups of Lotus servers using the WRKMEDIBRM command, BRMS identifies these saves using the \*LTSONL special value for the *Save Type* field. In addition, the Lotus server subsystem name is listed in the *Saved Item* field. The number of saved items for a full online backup of a Lotus server depends on the number of databases that are grouped with each save as determined by the current setting of SAVDOMBRM\_FILES\_IN\_GROUP entry in the NOTES.INI file as discussed in [“Lotus server backup performance tuning”](#) on page 305. To recover an entire Lotus server, you would specify option 7 for each saved item entry having the same Lotus server subsystem name with similar save dates and times.

```

Work with Media Information                                RCHAS400

Position to Date . . . . .

Type options, press Enter.
 2=Change  4=Remove  5=Display  6=Work with media  7=Restore
 9=Work with saved objects  ...

  Saved      Save      Save      Save      Parallel  Volume      File      Expire
Opt Item     Date      Time      Type      Devices   Serial      Sequence  Date
LTSSRV01    1/27/05   20:59:22 *LTSONL   000EA6    27          3/02/05
LTSSRV01    1/27/05   21:01:23 *LTSONL   000EA6    29          3/02/05
LTSSRV01    1/27/05   21:03:39 *LTSONL   000EA6    31          3/02/05
LTSSRV01    1/27/05   21:05:24 *LTSONL   000EA6    33          3/02/05
LTSSRV01    1/27/05   21:15:19 *LTSONL   000EA6    35          3/02/05
 7  LTSSRV02    1/27/05   21:31:36 *LTSONL   000EA6    37          3/02/05
 7  LTSSRV02    1/27/05   21:35:42 *LTSONL   000EA6    39          3/02/05
    LTSSRV03    1/27/05   21:40:46 *LTSONL   000EA6    41          3/02/05
    LTSSRV03    1/27/05   21:45:55 *LTSONL   000EA6    43          3/02/05
    LTSSRV03    1/27/05   22:05:24 *LTSONL   000EA6    45          3/02/05
                                     More...

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F11=Object detail  F12=Cancel
F23=More options

```

The \*LTSINC special value for the *Save Type* field identifies incremental online saves of Lotus servers. This saved item includes the most recent full online backup and all subsequent online incremental backups for the server. Since this saved item includes the full online backup, you do not need to recover the full backup when selecting these saved items for recovery, BRMS automatically recovers the full online backup for you, as well as all online incremental backups.

```

Work with Media Information                                RCHAS400

Position to Date . . . . .

Type options, press Enter.
 2=Change  4=Remove  5=Display  6=Work with media  7=Restore
 9=Work with saved objects  ...

  Saved      Save      Save      Save      Parallel  Volume      File      Expire
Opt Item     Date      Time      Type      Devices   Serial      Sequence  Date
LTSSRV04    1/28/05   6:31:36 *LTSINC   000C11    24          3/03/05
LTSSRV04    1/28/05   6:31:38 *LTSINC   000C11    26          3/03/05
LTSSRV04    1/28/05   6:31:39 *LTSINC   000C11    28          3/03/05
LTSSRV05    1/28/05   6:31:40 *LTSINC   000C11    31          3/03/05
 7  LTSSRV06    1/28/05   6:31:41 *LTSINC   000C11    33          3/03/05
 7  LTSSRV06    1/28/05   6:31:46 *LTSINC   000C11    35          3/03/05
    LTSSRV07    1/28/05   6:31:52 *LTSINC   000C11    37          3/03/05
    LTSSRV08    1/28/05   6:31:54 *LTSINC   000C11    39          3/03/05
    LTSSRV08    1/28/05   6:31:55 *LTSINC   000C11    41          3/03/05
    LTSSRV09    1/28/05   6:31:59 *LTSINC   000C11    45          3/03/05
                                     More...

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F11=Object detail  F12=Cancel
F23=More options

```

## Incremental recovery to a different Lotus server or different directory

The Save Domino Server using BRMS (SAVDOMBRM) command uses the Lotus C Backup and Recovery Application Programming Interface (API) to provide backup and restore services for Domino databases. The Lotus C APIs operate on a database level. To recover a document in a database, the entire database must be restored to a point in time when the document was available. If you need to recover a document and preserve new documents created after this point in time, then you must either restore the database to a different server, or restore the database to a different directory under the data directory of the current Domino server. The desired document or documents can then be copied to the original database. This preserves the original database and allows recovery of the requested documents. The ability to restore to a point in time is available if your currently active server has been previously set up to be incrementally saved, and at least one full save has occurred.

### Choosing a database recovery method

Below are two different sets of instructions documenting how to restore a database so documents can be recovered from that restored database.

If you choose to restore the database to a different server, then follow the set of instructions in [“Recovering a database by restoring to a different Domino server” on page 312](#). If you choose to restore the database to a different directory under the current Domino server, then follow the set of instructions in [“Recovering a database by restoring to a different directory under the data directory of an active server” on page 315](#). Both sets of instructions are designed to guide you in the recovery process of the database. Whichever set of instructions you follow, you should read those instructions in their entirety before attempting the restore.

Restoring to a different server, while a little more time consuming to set up, may be marginally safer than restoring the database to the same server, but a different directory under the data directory. There is less of a chance of an inadvertent mistake causing you problems on the active server when restoring to a completely different Domino server. Restoring to the same server, but a different directory under that Domino server, is much quicker to set up, and if no mistakes are made, can be as safe as the option for restoring to a different server. If you are still unsure, read both sets of instructions and then choose which one you want to try.

### Recovering a database by restoring to a different Domino server

To clarify which Domino server is being referenced in the following instructions, these terms will be used:

#### Recovery server

This is a newly configured, non-started server to which the database is recovered.

#### Active server

This is the server that has the database that needs to be recovered.

**Note:** Steps 1-3 used to create the recovery server need only be done once.

1. Configure a non-started recovery Domino server to be used in this recovery process using the Configure Domino Server (CFGDOMSVR) command.

**Note:** Make sure AUTOSTART(\*NO) and STRDOMSVR(\*NO) are specified on the CFGDOMSVR command.

If you have previously created a recovery server, you can use that server without having to configure another recovery server. Just follow the instructions for cleaning up data from previous recovery requests.

2. Copy the NOTES.INI database file in the recovery server to the same data directory and give it a new name.

If you have previously created and used this recovery server, and copied the original NOTES.INI, you will not need to make a new copy of the NOTES.INI. Just follow the instructions in the following steps for editing the NOTES.INI file.

3. Make QNOTES the owner of the copied NOTES.INI using the Change Owner (CHGOWN) command.
4. Edit the current NOTES.INI of the recovery server:



- a. Run the Work with Domino Servers (WRKDOMSVR) command to get to the Work with Domino Servers display.
- b. Select option 13 for the recovery server.
- c. Change the NOTES.INI for the recovery server as follows:

```
[Notes]
Directory=data-directory
KeyFilename=data-base-name
Timezone=time-zone
TRANSLLOG_Status=1
TRANSLLOG_Style=1
TRANSLLOG_Path=data-directory/log-directory
TRANSLLOG_MEDIAONLY=1
```

where:

**data-directory**

This is the path of the data directory for the recovery server that was specified on the CFGDOMSVR command.

**data-base-name**

This is a database name as it existed on the active server.

**time-zone**

This line should match the line in the active server that contains the database you want to restore on this recovery server. It is optional, but if you are having trouble recovering to the correct point in time, then adding this line may help correct the problem.

**log-directory**

A subdirectory under the recovery server data directory that will receive a copy of the transaction log from the active server.

**Note:** If you have previously used the recovery server, or this is the first time using this server, there will be extra lines in the NOTES.INI that need to be deleted or changed so that you only have the lines identified above in the NOTES.INI.

5. Use the Create Directory (MKDIR) command to create the *data-directory* path.
6. Use the Change Owner (CHGOWN) command to change the owner of the subdirectories in *data-directory* to QNOTES.
7. Use the Work with Object Links (WRKLNK) command to verify database file *data-base-name* does not exist in the *data-directory* of the recovery server. Use option 4 (Remove) to delete the file if it exists.
8. Use option 3 (Copy from the Work with Object Links display) to copy the database file identified by *data-base-name* from the active server data directory to the recovery server data directory.
9. Use the CHGOWN command to make QNOTES the owner of the *data-base-name* database file on the recovery server.
10. Verify that there are no files found under the directory specified by *log-directory*. Use option 4 (Remove) to delete any files that exist.

The first time you use the recovery server there won't be any objects in that subdirectory to be deleted. If you have used this recovery server previously there could be files in that subdirectory and they need to be deleted. Failure to delete these files may cause the recovery process to fail.

11. An incremental save must now be done on the active server.

The active server needs to be set up to support incremental saves. To save the active server incrementally on a V5R1 or later system, you can issue the STRBKUBRM command and specify ACTIVITY(\*INCR). If you are on a V4R5 system, you need to change the control group appropriately to get an incremental save. This assumes you have a BRMS control group to save this particular active server. This also assumes that a full save had been done on that active server, with that control group, prior to the attempt to do this incremental save. Failure to have a prior full save will cause the recovery attempt to fail. Depending upon what release of BRMS you are using, you might also be able to do this incremental save using the BRMS System i Navigator client interface.

12. The current active transaction log database, from the active server that was just saved, must be copied to the transaction log subdirectory of the recovery server.

When the incremental save occurred in the previous step, the current active transaction log was copied to the following location: */data-directory/BRMS/COPIEDLOG/Sxxxxxxx.TXN*, where *xxxxxxx* is a 7 digit number. Do the following to the copy of this most current transaction log:

- Run the command *WRKLNK '/data-directory/BRMS/COPIEDLOG/\*'*
- Specify option 3 (Copy) next to the file named *Sxxxxxxx.TXN* (there should be only one, if more than one select the largest numbered name).
- Press F4 to prompt.
- For the To Directory (TODIR) parameter, specify *'/log-directory'*.
- For the Data Format (DTAFMT) parameter, specify *\*BINARY*.
- For the Owner (OWNER) parameter, specify *\*KEEP* so QNOTES remains the owner of the copied file.
- Press Enter to copy the file.
- Verify that the file is copied successfully to the recovery servers *log-directory* path.
- Verify that QNOTES is the owner of the copied file. If QNOTES is not the owner, issue a *CHGOWN* command to change the owner to QNOTES.

**Note:** It is important to note that the transaction log must be the same name in the recovery server as the name in the active server where it was copied from.

13. If the database to be recovered needs to be restored to a specific date and time, to be able to recover a document, depending upon what release of BRMS you are using, you may need to create a data area and change the data area to contain the date and time of the recovery. If you are recovering the database to the most current time, no data area or point in time needs to be specified.
14. Use *WRKMEDIBRM* to select the database to be restored and specify that the database is to be placed in the data directory of the recovery server.

The name of the database to be restored to the recovery server must be the same name and case as is found on the active server. Depending upon what release of BRMS you are using, you may be able to use the BRMS System i Navigator client interface to do this point-in-time restore request.

15. Once the database has been recovered, copy (or FTP in binary mode), that newly recovered database to a Domino server that can be accessed from a client.

Because we never want to start the recovery server, it is desirable to copy this recovered database to a Domino server that is active and can be accessed by a client. Remember to use the *CHGOWN* command to make QNOTES the owner of the newly copied version of the database file before accessing the database. Be careful where you move the database to. You wouldn't want to move it to a server that could replicate this database file and either cause problems for the newly recovered database file or the existing database file.

16. If you are trying to recover a document from the database, then you can use cut and paste from this database to the database on the active server.
17. Having successfully recovered the database, do not forget to delete the database from the recovery server. At some point you will also want to delete the copied database from the active server that you copied the database file to.

It is important to follow the above instructions in the order they are presented. Failure to follow the steps as presented can cause failures when trying to recover a Domino database.

Having read the above steps, here are some items of interest summarizing the above or further explaining some of the details:

- You must have archival transaction logging enabled for the active server and for the databases you will want to recover.
- You must be using IBM Backup, Recovery and Media Services for i to back up your active servers.
- A full online save, using the BRMS control group, has been done previously for this server so an incremental save can occur and be used in the recovery process.

- You must have enough authority to successfully run the CFGDOMSVR command.
- You must have enough authority to copy Domino database files.
- You must have enough authority to run the necessary BRMS commands to recover a Domino database.
- QNOTES must be the owner of objects that the Domino server references and you have enough authority to change the owner of a file to QNOTES when necessary.
- You should copy the recovered database to a server that will not try to replicate with this recovered database.
- If a database you are recovering is being restored to the active server and you are replicating that database, you need to consider if temporarily turning off replication for this database is necessary or not. You may not need to turn off replication, but this is intended to make you consider what is happening to this database prior to actually restoring the database.
- You must have enough authority to cut and paste the identified documents from the recovered database to the active database.
- Do not try and use CHGDMSVR on the modified NOTES.INI of the recovery server. This doesn't work and could cause problems. Since the recovery server is not recommended to be started, there are no valid Domino console entries to be displayed. By never starting the recovery server you reduce the chances of problems occurring on the recovery of a database
- Until there are some additional changes made available from BRMS, the saved transaction logs that are restored, and used in the recovery process, are initially restored to the active server's directory that they were saved from and then copied to the recovery server. This means that either you need to restore to a recovery server that is located on the same system as the save occurred OR if restoring to a different system, you might need to create the directories and subdirectories of the active server as it existed when it was saved. When the BRMS changes are made available, then the saved transaction logs will be restored to the recovery server specified on the restore.

### **Recovering a database by restoring to a different directory under the data directory of an active server**

If you have a problem restoring a database using the following steps, you may want to try restoring the database to a different server as outlined above. As in the scenario above, you must have archival transactional logging enabled and have previously saved the database you want to restore. You are restoring this database to a point in time to be able to recover a document or documents (that point in time may be very recent, but you need to specify a point in time for this restore to work).

1. Create a subdirectory under the data directory of the active server where the current database file is located.
2. Make sure QNOTES is the owner of that subdirectory. You can use this command to change the owner: `CHGOWN '/data directory of the current server/subdirectory' QNOTES`
3. Do an incremental save of the current active server.
4. Use WRKMEDIBRM to select the database to be restored and specify that the database is to be placed in the subdirectory of the active server.

The name of the database to be restored to the subdirectory of the active server must be the same name and case as is found on the active server. Depending upon what release of BRMS you are using, you may be able to use the BRMS System i Navigator client interface to do this point-in-time restore request. Otherwise follow the instructions for specifying a date and time for the point-in-time restore.

During the actual recovery process of the selected databases, no new saves of this particular server should occur. It could affect the recovery process adversely.

5. Verify that the restore worked. Open the new database to recover the documents. This new database will have a new DBIID associated with it. If you want to be able to recover this version of the database, you will need to do a full save. If this is only a temporary file, and no longer needed after recovering the documents, then there is no need to do a full save.

Failure to do the steps above, and in the order presented, could adversely affect your current active server environment.

## Restore missing Domino DAOS objects

You can generate a list of missing Domino Attachment and Object Service (DAOS) objects by running the following command from the Domino console:

```
daosmgr listnlo missing
```

Use the Restore Object using BRM (RSTBRM) command to restore missing DAOS objects by using the file that was created by the daosmgr command. On the RSTBRM command, specify \*LIST for the Objects (OBJ) parameter and \*DAOS and the DAOS stream file name for the List (LIST) parameter.

# Backup and recovery of auxiliary storage pool devices

This topic describes techniques and strategies for backup and recovery of auxiliary storage pool devices using BRMS. When you add an auxiliary storage pool device to your system configuration, you will need to plan for the backup and recovery of the user data on these devices because these devices operate differently than the system (1) or basic user (2–32) auxiliary storage pools. These differences mean that you have to carefully plan your backup strategy to assure that you have a complete system backup.

Auxiliary disk pool devices are specified in IBM i operations by the 10-character device description name rather than by specifying an identifying number. BRMS also uses the device name when targeting save or restore operations to auxiliary storage pool devices. Refer to the [Disk management](#) topic collection if you are not familiar with auxiliary storage pool device operations or terminology.

To assure a successful recovery of a system which includes auxiliary storage pool devices, you should run BRMS maintenance after each backup. The auxiliary storage pool devices must be available when you run maintenance; otherwise, BRMS will not be able to locate the libraries and will consider the libraries on unavailable auxiliary storage pool devices as having been deleted from the system. By default, deleted libraries are not included in the *Recovering Your Entire System Report*. You can specify OMITLIB(\*NONE) on the STRRCYBRM command to include deleted libraries in the report, but this will also include libraries that were saved and then subsequently deleted which may not be your intention.

## Backup of auxiliary storage pool devices

The Edit Backup Control Group Entries panel as shown below provides an Auxiliary Storage Pool Device field for targeting saves of backup items to auxiliary storage pool devices. This field will not appear for backup items which cannot reside on auxiliary storage pool devices. The Auxiliary Storage Pool Device prompt will automatically add a default value if you do not specify a value when you add a new backup item. You can change the default value at any time after the backup item is added to the list of entries. The \*SYSBAS value on the \*ALLUSR backup item saves all user libraries on the system (1) and any basic user (2–32) auxiliary storage pools. The \*ALLAVL value for the \*LINK backup items saves the links on the system (1) and any basic user (2–32) auxiliary storage pools as well as the links on all available auxiliary storage pool devices. The \* value for backup items saves the system (1), any basic user (2–32) auxiliary storage pools and any independent auxiliary storage pools in the auxiliary storage pool group for the current thread.

```

                                Edit Backup Control Group Entries                                RCHAS400
Group . . . . . : SYSTEM
Default activity . . . . . FIIIIII
Text . . . . . Backs up the entire system

Type information, press Enter.

Seq  Backup  List ASP  Weekly  Retain  Save  SWA  Sync
   Items  Type Device Activity Object While Message Queue ID
                                SMTWTFS Detail Active Queue ID

 10 *EXIT                                *****
 20 *SAVSYS                             FIIIIII
 30 *IBM                                 FIIIIII   *NO   *NO
 40 *ALLUSR                             *SYSBAS  FIIIIII   *ERR  *NO
 50 *ALLDLO                             FIIIIII   *NO   *NO
 60 *LINK                               *ALLAVL  FIIIIII   *YES  *NO
 70 *EXIT                                *****

                                Bottom

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F10=Change item   F11=Display exits
F12=Cancel F14=Display client omit status   F24=More keys
```

## Backing up user libraries on auxiliary storage pool devices

Assume the system is configured with an auxiliary storage pool group consisting of a device named PAYROLL serving as the primary auxiliary storage pool device, and ACCOUNTS serving as the secondary auxiliary storage pool device. The following screen shows that in order to perform a save of all user libraries, three separate \*ALLUSR backup items are required. One \*ALLUSR with \*SYSBAS is specified to save the libraries on the system and basic user auxiliary storage pools, and one \*ALLUSR for each of the PAYROLL and ACCOUNTS auxiliary storage pool devices.

You might consider using this approach if the auxiliary storage pool devices have been configured as private (non-switchable) disk pools. Notice that the \*ALLUSR backup items directed to the PAYROLL and ACCOUNTS auxiliary storage pool devices is after the \*LINK backup item. This was done to optimize the recovery because objects saved from auxiliary storage pool devices are always recovered after the objects on the system and basic user auxiliary storage pools are recovered.

```

                                Edit Backup Control Group Entries                                RCHAS400
Group . . . . . : SYSTEM
Default activity . . . . . FIIIIII
Text . . . . . Backs up the entire system

Type information, press Enter.

Seq  Backup      List ASP      Weekly  Retain Save   SWA      Sync
   Items      Type Device   Activity Object While Message  ID
                                SMTWTFS Detail Active Queue

10 *EXIT
20 *SAVSYS      FIIIIII
30 *IBM        FIIIIII      *NO     *NO
40 *ALLUSR      *SYSBAS      FIIIIII  *YES   *NO
50 *ALLDLO      FIIIIII      *YES   *NO
60 *LINK        *ALLAVL      FIIIIII  *YES   *NO
70 *ALLUSR      PAYROLL      FIIIIII  *YES   *NO
80 *ALLUSR      ACCOUNTS     FIIIIII  *YES   *NO

                                More...

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F10=Change item   F11=Display exits
F12=Cancel  F14=Display client omit status   F24=More keys

```

## Backing up the system and basic user auxiliary storage pools

Suppose the auxiliary storage pool group is configured for use in a clustered environment where the group is automatically switched to an alternate system by the cluster management software when it detects the primary system is no longer operational. It may be useful in this environment to set up a backup strategy consisting of two backup control groups, one to back up the base system, and one to back up the switchable auxiliary storage pool group. The following screen shows the backup control group entries that would be used on primary and alternate systems to save only the objects on the system and basic user auxiliary storage pools. The \*SYSBAS special value used for the Auxiliary Storage Pool Device parameter of the backup items restricts the scope of the saves to the system and basic user auxiliary storage pools. The exception to this is the \*SAVSYS backup item which saves the private authorities for all objects on all available auxiliary storage pool devices.

```

                                Edit Backup Control Group Entries                                RCHAS400

Group . . . . . : SYSTEM
Default activity . . . . . FIIIIII
Text . . . . . Backs up the entire system

Type information, press Enter.

Seq  Backup      List ASP      Weekly  Retain  Save   SWA      Sync
     Items       Type Device    Activity Object While Message  ID
                                SMTWTFS Detail Active Queue

10 *EXIT          *****
20 *SAVSYS       FIIIIII
30 *IBM          FIIIIII   *NO   *NO
40 *ALLUSR       *SYSBAS   FIIIIII   *YES  *NO
50 *ALLDLO       *SYSBAS   FIIIIII   *YES  *NO
60 *LINK         *SYSBAS   FIIIIII   *YES  *NO
70 *EXIT          *****

                                Bottom

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F10=Change item   F11=Display exits
F12=Cancel F14=Display client omit status   F24=More keys

```

### Backing up multiple switched auxiliary storage pool devices

The example backup control group in the previous section illustrated how the basic system can be backed up. If that system also had switchable auxiliary storage pool devices, you might consider backing them up separately using a different backup control group. The following backup control group could be scheduled to run on the primary system after the SYSTEM backup control group is run. It would not be scheduled to run on the alternate system unless the switch of these auxiliary storage pool devices had occurred. As you can see from the entries, only the user libraries and links on the auxiliary storage pool devices are saved by this backup control group.

**Note:** When using a switched auxiliary storage pool device, you need to consider any private authorities that may be defined for objects of these types of devices. All user profiles and all private authorities for objects on auxiliary storage pool devices will be saved with the \*SAVSYS or \*SAVSECDTA backup items. You need to consider how to restore these private authorities if these authorities have changed while the device was switched to an alternate system. This might require that as part of the recovery, you restore the associated user profiles from the alternate system to the primary system before restoring any objects to the switched auxiliary storage pool device.

When running multiple backup control groups, you need to consider the order these control groups run and which control group manages the restart of subsystems to return from restricted state.

Another not so obvious implication of switched auxiliary storage pool devices is when incremental has been specified for the Weekly Activity. When the auxiliary storage pool device switches to the alternate system, the alternate system will have no history of the switched objects. Therefore the first save of the objects on the switched auxiliary storage pool devices will be a full save rather than an incremental.

```

                                Edit Backup Control Group Entries                                RCHAS400
Group . . . . . : ASPS
Default activity . . . . . FIIIIII
Text . . . . . Backs up the switched ASPs

Type information, press Enter.

Seq   Backup      List ASP      Weekly   Retain Save   SWA      Sync
     Items      Type Device   Activity Object While Message Queue   ID
10 *EXIT
20 *ALLUSR          PAYROLL      FIIIIII *YES  *NO
30 *ALLUSR          ACCOUNTS     FIIIIII *YES  *NO
40 *LINK            PAYROLL      FIIIIII *YES  *NO
50 *LINK            ACCOUNTS     FIIIIII *YES  *NO
60 *EXIT          *****

                                Bottom

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F10=Change item   F11=Display exits
F12=Cancel F14=Display client omit status   F24=More keys

```

**Using \*SETASPGRP to back up auxiliary storage pool devices**

Specifying the individual auxiliary storage pool devices in the above example can be a bit cumbersome, especially if you have a large number of secondary auxiliary storage pool devices in the group. If the objects on these auxiliary storage pool devices can be saved using save while active, you can use the \*SETASPGRP backup item to attach the device to the job. To do so, add a \*SETASPGRP backup item and specify the primary auxiliary storage pool device name in the *Auxiliary Storage Pool Device* prompt for this backup item. Then use the \*CURASPGRP special value for the *Auxiliary Storage Pool Device* prompt on all subsequent backup items to be backed up from that primary auxiliary storage pool device and any of its associated secondary auxiliary storage pool devices as shown in the following panel.

```

                                Edit Backup Control Group Entries                                RCHAS400
Group . . . . . : ASPS
Default activity . . . . . FIIIIII
Text . . . . . Backs up the switched ASPs

Type information, press Enter.

Seq   Backup      List ASP      Weekly   Retain Save   SWA      Sync
     Items      Type Device   Activity Object While Message Queue   ID
10 *EXIT
20 *SETASPGRP      PAYROLL      FIIIIII
30 *ALLUSR          *CURASPGRP  FIIIIII *YES  *NO
40 *LINK            *CURASPGRP  FIIIIII *YES  *NO
50 *SETASPGRP      *SYSBAS     FIIIIII
60 *EXIT          *****

                                Bottom

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F10=Change item   F11=Display exits
F12=Cancel F14=Display client omit status   F24=More keys

```

- Note:**
1. When more than one \*SETASPGRP is used as backup items, any previously attached primary auxiliary storage pool is detached from the job when the subsequent \*SETASPGRP backup item is processed.
  2. To explicitly remove an attached primary auxiliary storage pool from the job, use \*SETASPGRP with \*SYSBAS for the *Auxiliary Storage Pool Device* prompt.

Using the \*SETASPGRP and \*CURASPGRP special value combination is the preferred method of backing up objects on auxiliary storage pool devices. BRMS has many operations which need access to the objects during the save processing. Using these options assures the objects are available to BRMS. This may not be the case when saving the objects using named auxiliary storage pool devices.



## Backing up spooled files on auxiliary storage pool devices

If the libraries on the auxiliary storage pool device contain output queues and you want to save the spooled files associated with these output queues, you need to use the \*SETASPGRP special item to assure the output queue libraries are attached to the backup job before the spooled file list is processed. The following panel illustrates the use of a spooled file list named PAYROLL that identifies the specific output queues, libraries and spooled files to be backed up. The PAYROLL primary auxiliary storage pool containing these output queues is set to the backup job just prior to the backup items being processed, and removed from the job after the save of the backup items is complete.

```

                                Edit Backup Control Group Entries                                RCHAS400
Group . . . . . : ASPS
Default activity . . . . : FIIIIII
Text . . . . . : Backs up the switched ASPs

Type information, press Enter.

Seq  Backup  List ASP  Weekly  Retain Save  SWA  Sync
     Items  Type Device Activity Object While Message  ID
                                     SMTWTFS Detail Active Queue

10 *EXIT                *****
20 *SETASPGRP          PAYROLL  FIIIIII
30 *ALLUSR             *CURASPGRP FIIIIII *YES *YES *LIB
40 *LINK               *CURASPGRP FIIIIII *YES *YES *LIB
50 PAYROLL            *SPL     *DFTACT
60 *SETASPGRP          *SYSBAS  FIIIIII
70 *EXIT                *****

                                                                Bottom

F3=Exit   F5=Refresh   F10=Change item   F11=Display exits
F12=Cancel F14=Display client omit status   F24=More keys

```

## Recovery of auxiliary storage pool devices

When the system recovery includes objects that were saved from auxiliary storage pool devices, the following additional steps are added to the System Recovery Report to aid you in recovering your system.

This step provides the guidance to configure the auxiliary storage pool devices during system recovery.

```

*****
**
__ STEP 015 : Configure Auxiliary Storage Pool
Devices

Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
-----

pool The recovery includes objects saved from auxiliary storage
      devices. The auxiliary storage pool devices must be re-
configured before recovery can
continue.

Use the "Display ASP Information" report (QP1AASP) to review
the names of the auxiliary storage pool devices of the saved
system.

----- Attention
-----
Verify the proper authorizations before performing any disk
management tasks using IBM Navigator for i. Refer to the "Requirements for
disk management"
topic.
-----

--- Attention
-----
If the auxiliary storage pool devices are intended to be used
as switched auxiliary storage pools in a clustered environment,
review the documentation provided with your cluster management product
to identify any pre-configuration steps that may be required prior
to configuring these auxiliary storage pool
devices.
-----

Auxiliary storage pool devices may be re-configured using
the following green screen
command:

          CFGDEVASP ASPDEV(auxiliary-storage-pool-name)
ACTION(*CREATE)
          TYPE(auxiliary-storage-pool-type)
UNITS(*SELECT)
*****
**

```

The following step verifies the names of the configured auxiliary storage pool devices to the names of the saved auxiliary storage pool devices. When you configure the auxiliary storage pool devices, these devices might or might not be assigned the same auxiliary storage pool number depending on the number of disk resources and the order in which they are configured. Because the auxiliary storage pool number might change, it is important to keep the name the same to allow for automated recovery.

If you are restoring objects to a different auxiliary storage pool device from which it was saved, you will need to change the default recovery options to specify the auxiliary storage pool where the objects are to be restored.

```

*****
**
__ STEP 016 : Verify Auxiliary Storage Pool Device
Names

      Start date/time _____ Stop date/time _____ Duration
      _____

      Display the configured auxiliary storage pool device
      descriptions.

      To do so, type the following command then press
      "Enter".

      WRKDEVD
      DEVD(*ASP)

      Verify the configured auxiliary storage pool device names match
      the
      names of the auxiliary storage pool devices listed in report
      QP1AASP.

      Use option 8=Work with status to verify the status of each
      auxiliary
      storage pool device status is
      AVAILABLE.

      Display, verify and update the BRMS auxiliary storage pool
      information
      as
      required.

      To do so, type the following command then press
      "Enter".

      WRKASPB RM
*****
**

```

BRMS saves the history information for auxiliary storage pool devices by the auxiliary storage pool device name. This device name is displayed adjacent to the saved item name as shown in the sample report below. The step shown below will be included in the report if there are libraries saved from auxiliary storage pool devices. You would also see a similar section for recovery of any directories and files that might have been saved from auxiliary storage pool devices.

**Note:** You should always make sure the auxiliary storage pool devices are available when running the Start Maintenance for BRM (STRMNTBRM) or the Start Recovery using BRM (STRRCYBRM) commands.

When recovering libraries on auxiliary storage pool devices and recovering them to the same system and the same auxiliary storage pool device, you need to consider the following:

- When you vary on an auxiliary storage pool device, library QSYS200nnn (where nnn is the auxiliary storage pool number) is created on the auxiliary storage pool device as well as several objects.
- You should recover the saved QSYS200nnn library to the auxiliary storage pool device before you recover the other libraries on that auxiliary storage pool device.
- When you recover the saved QSYS200nnn library, you should use *F9=Recovery defaults* from the *Select Recovery Items* display and set the *Allow object differences* prompt on the *Restore Command Defaults* panel to \*ALL.
- When you recover the remaining libraries, you should use *F9=Recovery defaults* from the *Select Recovery Items* display and set the *Allow object differences* prompt on the *Restore Command Defaults* panel to \*FILELVL.

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\*\*  
STEP 026 : Recover Additional User  
Libraries

Start date/time \_\_\_\_\_ Stop date/time \_\_\_\_\_ Duration  
-----

You should restore the current version of additional user  
libraries  
saved from auxiliary storage pool devices (33-255).

If you are performing a complete system restore, run the  
following  
command to  
continue:

STRRCYBRM  
OPTION(\*RESUME)

Otherwise, run one or more of the following commands to recover  
these  
saved  
items.

Run the following command to recover additional libraries in  
auxiliary  
storage pool devices saved from the current  
system:

STRRCYBRM OPTION(\*ASPDEV)  
ACTION(\*RESTORE)  
ASPDEV((\*LCL \*ALL  
\*LIB))

Run the following command to recover additional libraries in  
auxiliary  
storage pool devices saved from another  
system:

STRRCYBRM OPTION(\*ASPDEV)  
ACTION(\*RESTORE)  
ASPDEV((system-name auxiliary-storage-pool-name  
\*LIB) (system-name auxiliary-storage-pool-name  
\*LIB) ... )

Type your command choice then press  
"Enter".

----- Attention -----  
Any logical/physical file dependencies are now handled by BRMS. A  
BRMS defined ID of Q1ARSTID will be used for the Defer ID (DFRID)  
parameter on RSTLIB and RSTOBJ commands. This parameter allows you  
to restore all objects in a set of libraries when the libraries with  
dependent objects are restored before the libraries with the objects  
they depend on.

----- Attention -----  
If you use journaling, the libraries containing the journals must  
be  
restored before restoring the libraries containing the journaled  
files.  
-----

```

--- Attention
-----
If you are restoring libraries to an auxiliary storage pool
device
with the same name but a different auxiliary storage pool
number
the following libraries will automatically be renamed when
restored:

QSYS2nnnnn
QRCLnnnnn
SYSIBnnnnn
where nnnnn is the number of the auxiliary storage pool
device.

```

```

--- Attention
-----
The QSYS2nnnnn libraries must be restored before all other
libraries.

```

To recover the QSYS2nnnnn libraries, do the following:

```

__ Press F9 to go to the Recovery Defaults
Display.
__ Change the value of Allow object differences to
*ALL.
__ Press "Enter" to return to the Select Recovery Items
display.
__ Select and recovery the QSYS2nnnnn
libraries.
__ Press F9 to go to the Recovery Defaults
Display.
__ Change the value of Allow object differences to *NONE or
*FILELVL.
__ Press "Enter" to return to the Select Recovery Items
display.
__ Continue recovery of the remaining
libraries.

```

```

-----
Select the saved item(s) listed below from the "Select Recovery
Items"
display then press "Enter" to recover these saved items. Recovery
of
these saved items will require the volumes listed on the report
or
duplicate
volumes.

```

Saved Volume Item Identifier	Type	----- ASP ----- Name	Number	Save Date	Save Time	Objects	Omit	Sequence Number	Control Group
SAVS2	*FULL	PAYROLL	00033	8/22/02	13:09:52	6		1	SYSTEM
SAVS2	*FULL	ACCOUNTS	00034	8/22/02	13:21:57	6		2	SYSTEM

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STEP 027 : Recover Additional Directories and Files

Start date/time \_\_\_\_\_ Stop date/time \_\_\_\_\_ Duration  
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You should restore the current version of additional directories and files saved from auxiliary storage pool devices (33-255).

If you are performing a complete system restore, run the following command to continue:

STRRCYBRM  
OPTION(\*RESUME)

Otherwise, run one or more of the following commands to recover these saved items.

--- Attention

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If you are performing a complete system recovery and the user-defined file systems on auxiliary storage pool devices were saved unmounted, type the following command and press "Enter" to unmount the file systems:

UNMOUNT TYPE(\*ALL)  
MNTOVRDIR(\*ALL)  
-----

Run the following command to recover additional directories and files in auxiliary storage pool devices saved from the current system:

```

          STRRCYBRM OPTION(*ASPDEV)
ACTION(*RESTORE)
          ASPDEV((*LCL *ALL
*LKNK))

```

Run the following command to recover additional directories and files in auxiliary storage pool devices saved from another system:

```

          STRRCYBRM OPTION(*ASPDEV)
ACTION(*RESTORE)
          ASPDEV((system-name auxiliary-storage-pool-name
*LKNK)
                (system-name auxiliary-storage-pool-name
*LKNK) ... )

```

Type your command choice then press "Enter".

Select the saved item(s) listed below from the "Select Recovery Items" display then press "Enter" to recover these saved items. Recovery of these saved items will require the volumes listed on the report or duplicate volumes.

--- Objects										
Saved Item Identifier	Type	ASP Name	Number	Save Date	Save Time	Saved	Not Saved	Sequence Number	Control Group	Volume
__ *LINK	*FULL	LOTUS	00035	2/07/03	11:54:06	5		4	QLTSDOM01	1959AF
__ *LINK	*FULL	LOTUS	00035	2/07/03	11:56:14	5		5	QLTSDOM01	1959AF

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# Using BRMS with Cloud Storage Solutions for i

Learn how to use BRMS to backup virtual save media to and perform restores from data stored in the cloud

IBM Backup, Recovery and Media Services for i cloud support offers another option for data storage within the BRMS interface. Used in conjunction with IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i (5733-ICC) BRMS can leverage the cloud to integrate into the overall IT industry for cloud. BRMS cloud support is standard in the BRMS product. It ships with turnkey functionality that simplifies the connectivity with cloud resources by automatically creating BRMS objects used during backups.

Virtual tape or virtual optical media in an image catalog that resides in the BRMS media inventory can be transferred to the cloud. BRMS supports the transfer of the virtual save media to and from the cloud using product 5733-ICC - IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i . Consult the topic [IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i V1.2.0 User's Guide](#) for information about IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i .

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## BRMS with Cloud Storage Solutions for i considerations and requirements

Review important considerations and requirements for using BRMS and IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i for cloud-based backup and restore functions

Before deploying a cloud storage strategy with BRMS consider the following points:

### Hardware considerations

BRMS is compatible with all IBM i system models. Additional media or tape library devices are not required if using cloud storage as your sole storage repository because only virtual save media is used with cloud storage. However, your hardware considerations must address physical storage capacity, as the virtual media is saved locally before transfer to the cloud location. If considering a solution using FTP cloud storage, a second IBM i system or physical storage resource will be necessary.

### Software considerations

Make sure that the latest PTF groups are installed on your system. It is important to install the Media and Storage Extensions (MSE) feature, option 18, on your IBM i platform before you install BRMS. If MSE is not installed, BRMS cannot register the exit points and your saves will not complete. The product IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i (5733-ICC) is required for BRMS to access the cloud resources. Make sure that you meet the requirements for these products.

### Cloud storage

To use BRMS with IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i , you must obtain cloud storage space. There are a variety of solution providers offering object storage accounts or you can use a secondary computer as a cloud server by configuring it for File Transfer Protocol (FTP).

### Disk storage space

As a general rule, you will require the same amount of free storage on your system as the amount of data you are saving. This is because BRMS writes the backup to virtual media on physical disk space stored in the system before the backup transfers its data to the cloud.

### Network connectivity

Implementing BRMS cloud functionality may have network performance implications. Cloud backups require disk space on the system to save selected data and running large backups may affect system performance. Network speeds and cloud connectivity have varying overhead depending on your specific topology and connection methods.

### Product Licenses

BRMS functionality with IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i and the cloud is available in the Base BRMS product. A license for BRMS allows you to install BRMS on one IBM i machine where it may be available to all partitions. With an IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i license, you can install one instance of the program on one partition. Both BRMS and IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i are available for a 70-day trial period. After this period, both software packages require license keys.

When you purchase these products, IBM sends licensing information, including keys. For more information about IBM i license keys, consult the topic [Software license keys](#).

## BRMS with Cloud Storage Solutions for i concepts

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Learn about unique terms and concepts for BRMS and IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i

Some terms referred to in BRMS documentation have particular definitions when used in conjunction with IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i environments.

In this chapter, the following terms are defined:

### Cloud resource

A cloud storage resource created with IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i . IBM Cloud Storage Solutions commands or APIs are used to create, display and change cloud resources. Information about creating cloud resources for different cloud service providers is located in the [IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i V1.2.0 User's Guide](#).

### Cloud location and storage location

A BRMS storage location that is associated with a Cloud Storage Solutions for i cloud resource. BRMS uses storage locations to indicate where backup media is located, including cloud-based storage. BRMS creates a storage location for each cloud resource on the system using the same name. When BRMS moves virtual media to a cloud storage location, the media is transferred to the cloud. Likewise, whenever media is transferred from a cloud storage location, a copy of the media moves back to the system into location \*HOME.

### Media

In BRMS with IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i topics, the media referenced is virtual media stored in an image catalog. Either virtual tape or virtual optical media can be used.

### Movement

Movement (or move) specifies that the media changes from one BRMS storage location to another. This is a logical movement, reflected only in the BRMS database; the media itself may not have changed its physical location.

### Transfer

Media transfer indicates that the media changed position from an IBM i storage location to cloud storage associated with a cloud resource. Within cloud backup procedures, BRMS media movement to and from a cloud location causes the media to transfer physically to or from that cloud resource.

## BRMS-created objects for cloud backup and recovery

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BRMS provides turnkey cloud functionality, enabling users to take advantage of cloud storage services with minimal configuration.

After adding a new cloud resource with IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i , BRMS automatically creates a set of default configurations it uses to store media in the cloud space.

When the command **INZBRM OPTION (\*DATA)** or **STRMNTBRM** runs, BRMS discovers and creates a set of default configurations for each cloud resource located. These configurations include:

- [Storage locations](#)
- [Control groups](#)
- [Media class and Media policy](#)
- [Move policy](#)
- [“Virtual devices” on page 333](#)

The turnkey feature creates these objects based on the resource discovered by BRMS when BRMS maintenance or initialization is run on the system. Users do not need to configure these objects. If necessary, users can create their own objects and use them in place of the turnkey solution.

When a turnkey backup or move operation is run, BRMS creates the additional objects:

- [Image catalogs](#)
- [Virtual media](#)

The type of media, either virtual tape or virtual optical disk, depends on the media class. These objects can be created independently by users and loaded into the virtual device manually, see [User initiated data transfers to the cloud](#) for instructions.

## Cloud storage locations

A cloud storage location is a BRMS storage location that is associated with a IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i cloud resource.

Storage locations are used in BRMS to indicate where media is located, including cloud-based storage. BRMS creates a storage location for each cloud resource on the system using the same name. Cloud storage locations and storage locations appear the same to BRMS. Cloud storage locations may be thought of as a storage location that stores and manages virtual media transfers associated only with created cloud resources.

A difference between storage locations and cloud storage locations in BRMS is in the descriptions of movement and transfer in the concepts section of this chapter. Movement of an object with BRMS specifies that the media changes from one BRMS storage location to another. This is a logical movement, reflected only in the BRMS database; the media itself may not have changed physical location. Transfer refers to a actual change in location. When BRMS moves virtual media to a cloud storage location, the media actually transfers to the cloud space. Likewise, whenever media moves from a cloud storage location, a copy of the media is transferred back to the system.

## Control groups

BRMS uses control groups for cloud resources to determine which data to process

Similar to other backup and recovery operations, BRMS creates a number of cloud resource control groups. These are created for each cloud resource detected on the system. BRMS creates control groups with a QCLDB prefix for each cloud resource on the system. If using BRMS turnkey cloud functions for backups, BRMS automatically creates and transfers media to the cloud for control groups with the QCLDB prefix.

BRMS creates the following control groups for cloud transfers:

### **QCLDBIPLnn**

This control group performs the **SAVSYS** and the full backups of the system and user objects required for performing transfers of media to the cloud. This data must be written to optical media before use during a recovery. BRMS does not create this control group for cloud connectors using compression or encryption.

The BRMS implementation enforces the use of the default media class QCLDVRTOPT with a value of IMGSIZ(\*DVD4700) for virtual optical media volumes. Copying this control group for use as a modified user control group named QCLDUIPLnn also results in the same implementation that enforces the default media class value.

### **QCLDBGRPnn**

Control group used to perform cumulative incremental backups of system and user objects required for performing transfer of media to the cloud. Like the data in the QCLDBIPLnn control group the data from the QCLDBGRPnn group must be written to optical media before use during a recovery. BRMS does not create this control group for cloud connectors using compression or encryption.

The BRMS implementation enforces the use of the default media class QCLDVRTOPT with a value of IMGSIZ(\*DVD4700) for virtual optical media volumes. Copying this control group for use as a modified user control group named QCLDUGRPnn also results in the same implementation that enforces the default media class value.

### **QCLDBSYSnn**

Control group used to perform full backups of system and user objects and transfers to the cloud. Saved objects in this group can be restored directly from the cloud media without writing to physical optical media.

### **QCLDBUSRnn**

Control group used to do cumulative incremental backups of system and user objects to media and transfer the media to the cloud. Saved objects in this group can be restored directly from the cloud media without writing to physical optical media.

In these control groups, *nn* is a unique number assigned to each cloud resource. The control groups using the QCLDB prefix are restricted for internal BRMS processing, users must not use the QCLDB prefix in their own naming conventions. These QCLDB control groups cannot be deleted and should not be changed by users.

### **Using encryption or compression with cloud connector control groups**

Learn about special considerations that need to be taken when using BRMS and IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i with encryption and compression

QCLDBIPLnn and QCLDBGPRnn BRMS control groups only work for basic cloud connectors and cannot be used with cloud connectors created using IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i V1.2.0 with compression or encryption. The control groups QCLDBSYSnn and QCLDBUSRnn can be backed up with a cloud connector resource using any configuration.

When using 5733-ICC V1.2.0, a full system backup requires that the data from QCLDBIPLnn and QCLDBGPRnn control groups are backed up using a cloud connector resource that does not use encryption and/or compression. To use cloud connector resources with encryption and/or compression for a full system backup scenario, you must create two different sets of cloud connectors to the same resource. One control group pair using compression and/or encryption and another pair using neither compression nor encryption to back up all the system data needed for a disaster recovery.



**Attention:** Do not copy the QCLDBIPLnn and QCLDBGPRnn control groups and modify the copies to use encryption or compression connectors. They will not function in a disaster recovery scenario.

### **Creating control groups for automatic transfers to the cloud**

Create and configure cloud control groups to leverage the turnkey cloud storage features of BRMS

As stated, the QCLDB prefixed control groups must not be changed by users. Instead, a QCLDB prefixed control group can be copied to a QCLDUuuuuuu control group, where *uuuuuu* is a user-specified suffix, which the user can assign. Since the QCLDUuuuuuu control group has a QCLD prefix, it will also indicate to BRMS to automatically create and transfer media to the cloud when it is used to do a backup.

Create a control group associated with a BRMS move media policy to automatically transfer contents to the cloud space.

1. Type **WRKCTLGBRM** at the command line and press Enter. This opens the Work with Backup Control Groups display.
2. In the Control Group column, locate the default cloud control group for the cloud resource you want to work with. Copy a control group by typing 3, Copy in the Options column and press Enter to open the Copy Backup Control Group display.
3. In the Copy Backup Control Group display, type the name of the control group in the New Name field. Selecting a name with the QCLD prefix allows the new group to participate in the BRMS automatic cloud support functions.
4. In the same display, specify the location for the new control group in the Remote Location field and provide the network identifier (ID) for the network in the Remote Network ID field. Then specify whether to overwrite the control group on the remote system or create a separate copy in the Overwrite column.
5. Review and press Enter to create and save the copy of the control group.

After a QCLDB control group has been copied to QCLDU control group, the QCLDUuuuuuu group will be associated with the move policy that was created by BRMS for the cloud resource.

**Note:** The move policy associated with the control group can be changed but the move policy that is used must contain a cloud location at sequence 10 otherwise automatic cloud transfers will not occur as part of the backup operation.

**Important:** The BRMS implementation enforces the user system control groups named **QCLDUGRPnn** and **QCLDUIPLnn** to use the default media class QCLDVROPT with a value of IMGSIZ(\*DVD4700) for virtual optical media volumes.

## Media class and media policy

Media classes define groups of media based on properties of storage devices detected on the system by BRMS. BRMS uses media policies to define how media is used.

Depending on the type of media, BRMS creates one of two media classes that are used with all cloud resources on the system. These are specified in the media policy created for each cloud resource to associate groups of media with the policy.

The two media classes are:

### QCLDVRTTAP

The class QCLDVRTTAP is used for virtual tape media. This class is created automatically when the command **INZBRM OPTION (\*DATA)** or **STRMNTBRM** is run.

**Note:** To use virtual tape media for backup to a cloud, IBM licensed product 5770-SS1, option 18, Media and Storage Extensions must be installed on the system.

### QCLDVROPT

This class is used for virtual optical media. QCLDVROPT is created automatically when the command **INZBRM OPTION (\*DATA)** or **STRMNTBRM** is run.

In cloud storage backup settings, media policies govern the use of the virtual media used in cloud backups. BRMS will create a media policy for each cloud resource on the system using the same name. Each of these media policies are specified in the control groups that were also created for the cloud resource.

## Move policy

Move policies indicate the storage location where the media reside after use in a backup operation

BRMS installs with a default move policy to track movement of media in the system. When using BRMS with IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i, BRMS creates a move policy for each cloud resource on the system using the resource name. Each move policy contains an entry for the storage location that was created for the cloud resource and is specified in the media policy for that cloud resource.

## Virtual devices

Learn about virtual devices created by BRMS

A virtual storage device is a device description that supports virtual storage, like an actual tape, or optical device description supports actual storage. BRMS provides support for both optical and tape virtual devices. A description for a virtual device can specify one of several media densities and format types.

IBM i virtual tape images are stored in files on your system disk units. Virtual tape can perform all the physical tape tasks. For additional information about IBM i virtual tape consult the [IBM i virtual tape](#) section of the IBM Knowledge Center.

IBM i virtual optical storage devices create images of your data that can be used for backups, distribution, or archiving purposes. These can use either UDF or HPOS formats for the media. For additional information about virtual optical storage, consult the [IBM i virtual optical storage](#) section of the IBM Knowledge Center.

The IBM Knowledge Center section, [Virtual storage](#), contains in-depth information about virtual storage and the IBM i.

## Image catalogs

BRMS uses only virtual media for transfers to the cloud

IBM i supports and BRMS cloud functionality requires virtual storage devices and virtual media. Virtual tape volumes or virtual optical media volumes associated with the virtual device are contained in image catalogs. Image catalogs are objects associated with an integrated file system directory that contains entries representing the virtual media. Virtual media volumes from tape or optical image catalogs in the BRMS media inventory can be transferred to the cloud. Other types of media cannot be transferred to the cloud.

When using BRMS turnkey functionality to transfer media to the cloud automatically, BRMS creates and manages the necessary image catalogs, media and virtual devices. The image catalogs used for automatic transfers are created in the library QUSRSYS using the format Q1ACQxxxxx, where xxxxx is a random string to identify the unique image catalog.

BRMS automatically creates and manages an additional image catalog in the library QUSRSYS named Q1ABRMPPOOL. BRMS uses this catalog in the event a volume span is required when saving media information for the QUSRBRM library.

Users can create their own image catalogs. If a user elects to manage their transfers to the cloud space, they are responsible for creating virtual media, the image catalogs to contain the media, adding the media to the BRMS inventory and moving the media to a cloud location to initiate a transfer to the cloud.

For further information about image catalogs, see [Concepts for IBM i virtual storage](#).

## Virtual media

Learn about virtual media used by BRMS for backup and recovery from cloud space

The virtual media moved to its storage location in the cloud physically transfers off the system. Likewise, whenever media is moved from a cloud location a copy of the media physically transfers back to the system.

Turnkey functionality handles the backup and movement of media to the cloud space for storage. When performing a backup to virtual media to the cloud remember:

- The automatic transfer begins after the first tape volume switch, if the save spans media.
- When performing a backup to virtual optical media, the automatic transfer only starts after the save jobs complete.
- When media is transferred to the cloud it is marked as full. Because the media is full, additional saves cannot be appended to the media even if the media is transferred back to the system.

Using the **SAVxxxBRM** commands will not initiate an automatic media transfer.

Normally, the media will be removed from the system after the media has been copied to the cloud during the next media move procedure. If a local copy is required, a move policy can be used to designate the number of days to retain the virtual media on the system before removal.

Whenever media is moved from a cloud location a copy of the media physically transfers back to the system. The save data remains in the cloud location.

## Data backup and recovery using BRMS and IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i

Learn about how BRMS, together with cloud storage technologies performs backups to and recoveries from virtual media located in the cloud

During installation or initialization, IBM Backup, Recovery and Media Services for i automatically locates and registers storage devices connected to the system and creates corresponding device information entries. The same process happens for cloud storage resources. When BRMS discovers a cloud storage resource, it creates a set of default objects that facilitate media transfer to the cloud.

BRMS uses storage locations to indicate where backup media is located. Media may be moved to different locations by changing the location of the media via command interfaces or implementing move processes.



The same is true for BRMS and cloud-based storage. Users may initiate transfers to the cloud manually by changing the location of media to a cloud location. BRMS also provides a turnkey cloud service that allows users to take advantage of the cloud with minimal configuration, or users can create their own control groups, policies, and class to manage cloud backups and recoveries.

See: [Backup data to the cloud](#) for an example of how to use BRMS to transfer data to a cloud location.

Media can be moved to different locations using several different BRMS interfaces, for example **WRKMEDBRM**, **STRMNTBRM**, or **MOVMEDBRM**, or the IBM Navigator for i interface. When media is moved from a cloud location, the move will cause the media to be transferred from the cloud to the system. When a restore is attempted from media that is currently at a cloud location, BRMS will automatically transfer the media to the system and perform the restore. When the media is transferred from the cloud it is not deleted from the service provider.

After BRMS restores from the media, it will not automatically move the media back to the cloud location. If the media is associated with a move policy then movement processing will cause the media to be moved back to the cloud location the next time movement is run. Movement of restored media is a logical move to the cloud location in BRMS an additional transfer does not occur.

Go to: [Recovering data from the cloud](#) to see the rest of the example using BRMS to transfer data from a cloud location.

## Backup data to the cloud

The turnkey cloud control groups are configured to backup data to the cloud automatically

This example demonstrates how to use BRMS turnkey cloud functionality to transfer backup data to the cloud. In order to perform the backup, or a similar backup on your system, you will require:

- cloud storage space.
- a cloud resource. Cloud resources are created from IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i . Consult the Knowledge Center [Working with resources in Cloud Storage Solutions](#) for information about creating cloud resources from specific providers.
- at least one library to save to the cloud. Select a library or object from your system or create a library to save to the cloud with the **CRTLIB LIB(CLDLIB)** command. Here the library is named CLDLIB.

This scenario creates and saves a single, empty library and transfers the backup to the cloud.

1. Create the BRMS objects required to use the cloud resource by entering the **INZBRM OPTION(\*DATA)** command.

BRMS creates four default control groups for the cloud resource. These control groups automatically back up data to the cloud when run. Enter the **WRKCTLGBRM** to view and work with the cloud control groups.

For the purposes of this scenario, create a separate control group to manage the test library.

2. Enter the **WRKCTLGBRM TYPE(\*BKU)** command to work with the cloud control groups.
3. Locate the default user control group created for this resource, QCLDBUSR01 and specify 3 (Copy).
4. In the **New Name** field, rename the default group to QCLDUUSR01 and press Enter.  
This creates a new control group with the same configuration as the default user control group.

The new control group, QCLDUUSR01 requires some configuration to locate and transfer the test library to the cloud. If necessary, enter the **WRKCTLGBRM TYPE(\*BKU)** command again.

5. Locate the QCLDUUSR01 group and specify 2, Edit entries.
6. Clear all entries from the QCLDUUSR01 control group by removing all the numbers from the Sequence (Seq) column. Press Enter.
7. Add the entry for library:  
Under the Seq column enter 10 and CLDLIB in the Backup items section.
8. Save configuration and return to the **WRKCTLGBRM TYPE(\*BKU)** screen.
9. In the **WRKCTLGBRM TYPE(\*BKU)** screen, enter 8 to open the Change Backup Control Group Attributes menu.  
Specify **\*NONE** for the **Automatically back up media information** field and press Enter.

The QCLDUUSR01 control group is ready to back up the test library to the cloud.

The control group is ready to run.

10. Run the control group.

Enter **STRBKUBRM CTLGRP(QCLDUUSR01) SBMJOB(\*NO)**

The CLDLIB library is transferred to the cloud resource.

To view the media at the cloud location enter **WRKMEDBRM FILEGRP(QCLDUUSR01)** in the command line. Verify the volume is present in the correct location and has a Status of \*ACT.

## Restoring data from the cloud

BRMS will transfer data from the cloud and automatically restore the data.

This task is the second part of the scenario that began by creating a test library and configuring a control group to perform a backup and transfer to the cloud. Review Transferring data to the cloud for details about the process.

- To verify the media transferred to the cloud location, enter **WRKMEDBRM FILEGRP(QCLDUUSR01)** in the command line. Verify the volume is present in the correct location and has a Status of \*ACT.
- On the local system, make sure to delete the copy of the data backed up to the cloud. In this case delete the test library with the **DLTLIB LIB(CLDLIB)** command.

This part of the scenario restores the single, empty library by transferring the virtual media from the cloud to the local system.

Restore the library using the **WRKMEDIBRM** command.

1. Enter **WRKMEDIBRM CTLGRP(QCLDUUSR01)**.

This shows the data associated with the QCLDUUSR01 control group.

2. Locate the CLDLIB library and specify 7 (Restore). Press Enter.

3. Select 1 (Select) next to the saved item, CLDLIB.

4. Optional: Verify the restore by entering, **DSPLIB LIB(CLDLIB)** into the command line.

The CLDLIB library is restored to the system from the virtual media.

To view the data on the system, enter **WRKMEDBRM FILEGRP(QCLDUUSR01)** in the command line. Verify the volume has a Status of \*ACT and is in the \*HOME location.

## User initiated data transfers

Users can create and initiate backups and recoveries from virtual media and move data to and from the cloud with BRMS commands

Virtual media from an image catalog can be moved to a cloud storage location using one of the following methods:

1. changing the location of the media to a cloud location using one of the following BRMS interfaces:
  - **WRKMEDBRM** with option 2 (Change)
  - **WRKMEDBRM** with option 8 (Move)
  - using the BRMS GUI client to change the location of the media
2. adding an entry for a cloud location to a move policy, associating the virtual media with the policy and running movement for the policy with one of these commands:
  - **MOVMEBRM**
  - **MOVMEBRM** followed with **VFYMOVBRM**
  - **STRMNTBRM MOVME(\*YES)**

If using user-created images, BRMS does not automatically manage these image catalog entries. This means when data from user created image catalog entries is transferred to the cloud, these images will not be cleared and deleted from the system. Instead, BRMS attempts to compress the images with the **CHGIMGCLGE** command with the **IMGCLG(\*MIN)** value to shrink the image size as much as possible.



BRMS contains instructions to enforce the use of the default media class QCLDVROPT with a value of IMGSIZ(\*DVD4700) for virtual optical media volumes. Copying this control group for use as a modified user control group named QCLDUGRPnn also contains the instructions to enforce the default media class values.

## User initiated backups to the cloud

This example demonstrates how to use BRMS cloud functionality to transfer backup data to the cloud. You will be creating manually the BRMS resources that the turnkey features automatically create and assign to the cloud connectors. In order to perform the backup, or a similar backup with your system, you will require:

- cloud storage space.
- a cloud resource. Cloud resources are created from IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i . Consult the Knowledge Center [Working with resources in Cloud Storage Solutions](#) for information about creating cloud resources from specific providers.
- This scenario uses virtual tape as its virtual media for storage that it moves to a cloud location. Before beginning an user-initiated transfer of data on virtual tape to the cloud, the Media and Storage Extensions (MSE) feature, option 18, must be installed on the system. If MES is not available, substitute virtual optical media for the virtual tape in this procedure.
- at least one library to save to the cloud. Select a library from your system or create a library to save to the cloud with the **CRTLIB LIB(CLDLIB)** command. Here the library is named CLDLIB.

This example demonstrates how to create a single, empty library and the necessary media types to manually move the resource up to the cloud.

These steps demonstrate how to create, configure and prepare a virtual device to backup data and store it in preparation for movement to the cloud:

1. Create the virtual tape device to save the library with the **CRTDEVTAP DEVD(BRMSCLDTAP) RSRNAME(\*VRT)** command.
2. To vary on the virtual device, enter **VRYCFG CFGOBJ(BRMSCLDTAP) CFGTYPE(\*DEV) STATUS(\*ON)** at the command line.
3. Create the image catalog for the virtual tape device by entering **CRTIMGCLG IMGCLG(BRMSCLDTAP) TYPE(\*TAP) DIR(' /tmp/BRMSCLDTAP ') CRTDIR(\*YES)** into the command line.
4. Add a volume to the image catalog to hold the data by entering: **ADDIMGCLGE IMGCLG(BRMSCLDTAP) FROMFILE(\*NEW) TOFILE(\*GEN) VOLNAM(BRMCLD)**.
5. Load the image catalog onto the virtual device with **LODIMGCLG IMGCLG(BRMSCLDTAP) DEV(BRMSCLDTAP)**.

Taking the objects created in the previous steps, use BRMS commands to configure the virtual device, the media class, and media policy.

6. In the BRMS system, add the virtual device using the **WRKDEVBRM** command. Specify 1 (Add) in the Opt field. In the Device field, type the name of the virtual device: here, for example, BRMSCLDTAP. Specify the type of media in the Category field. In this example it is **\*VRTTAP**. Press Enter.  
BRMS creates the virtual tape device BRMSCLDTAP as a BRMS storage device.
7. Add a media class for the enrolled virtual media with the **WRKCLSBRM TYPE(\*MED)** command. Specify 1 (Add) in the Opt field. Enter a class name for the media in the Class field, here the class is named BRMSCLDTAP. In the Density field, specify the media density, for example: **\*VRT256K** and specify **\*NO** in the Shared media field and press Enter.  
BRMS creates the media class BRMSCLDTAP with associated parameters.
8. Add the volume BRMCLD to the BRMS media inventory with the following **ADDMEDBRM VOL(BRMCLD) MEDCLS(BRMSCLDTAP) IMGCLG(BRMSCLDTAP)** entry in the command line.
9. Add a media policy for the virtual media with the **WRKPCYBRM TYPE(\*MED)** command. On the Work with Media Policies screen Specify 1 (Add) in the Opt field. Type a policy name in the Policy field, here it is BRMSCLDTAP and also type BRMSCLDTAP in the media class field. Press Enter.  
The media policy is created.

With the media enrolled into BRMS, the library created for this example, CLDLIB can be moved to the cloud

10. Save the library CLDLIB to the virtual tape volume:  
Using the names from the example type in, **SAVLIBRM LIB(CLDLIB) DEV(BRMSCLDTAP) MEDPCY(BRMSCLDTAP)** and then Enter.  
CLDLIB saves to the virtual tape on the BRMS system.
11. Optional: Enter the **WRKMEDBRM VOL(BRMCLD)** command and verify that the CLDLIB has a status of \*ACT and in the \*HOME location.
12. Type the **WRKMEDBRM VOL(BRMCLD)** command to enter the Work with Media screen.  
Specify 8 (Move) on the Opt field; specify your cloud location in the Storage location field. Press Enter.

The CLDLIB library is transferred to the cloud resource.

## User initiated recoveries from the cloud

Verify the media is in the cloud location, enter **WRKMEDBRM VOL(BRMCLD)** in the command line. On the Work with Media screen verify the volume is present in the cloud location and has a Status of \*ACT.

This part of the scenario restores the single, empty library by transferring the backup copy from the cloud to the local system.

1. On the local system, delete the library with the **DLTLIB LIB(CLDLIB)** command.  
Restore the library using the command interface
2. Enter **RSTLIBRM SAVLIB(CLDLIB) DEV(BRMSCLDTAP)**.
3. Optional: Verify the restore by entering, **DSPLIB LIB(CLDLIB)** into the command line.

The CLDLIB library is restored to the system from the cloud location.

## System backup and recovery using BRMS and IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i

Information and considerations for full system backups and recoveries using BRMS and cloud storage resources

When using BRMS to perform a system backup to media at a physical storage location, a control group or multiple control groups run in succession save specific objects and data. The control group or control groups obtain the data required to restore the entire system to a specified point in time. Using BRMS to backup a system and store the data to media in the cloud follows a similar process. Special control groups created by BRMS store the media in the cloud.

See: [Backing up your entire system to the cloud](#) for an example scenario demonstrating a system backup to a cloud location.

System recoveries cannot be performed directly from BRMS media that has been transferred to the cloud. In order to perform a system recovery from cloud media, special procedures must be followed to create physical optical install media. The physical optical media will contain SAVSYS data and objects from other libraries, such as QUSRSYS, QBRM, and QUSRBRM, for example. After the optical media is used to restore Licensed Internal Code (LIC), the operating system and other required objects, subsequent restores can be performed directly from the cloud media using BRMS.

For an example of how to perform a system recovery with data from a cloud location, see: [Recovering your entire system from the cloud](#).

There are some factors you must consider if you are planning on using BRMS cloud storage for system restorations:

### Network performance

Consider your internet connection and your local network capacity. A system recovery from the cloud transfers potentially large amounts of data across the internet or local network, this might result in longer recovery times. Perform a disaster recovery test to determine if restoration times are feasible.

## Media

Physical media is required in an optical format or installable USB drive. As a part of your backup process, it may be advantageous to have the backup media quickly accessible on the system for a period of time after the transfer. If cloud resources are the only location where your system backup is stored, then consider copying your QCLDBGRP $nn$  and QCLDBIPL $nn$  control group data to optical or media and storing the discs with other physical media. Keeping this backup data accessible allows restores to be performed from the media without the time and expense of transferring the media in the cloud back to the system.

## Backing up your entire system to the cloud

BRMS stores system backup media in cloud locations the same way it stores media in physical media storage devices.

This is an example of how to use BRMS with IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i to save your entire system to virtual media in the cloud.

- If using IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i V1.2.0 with compression or encryption, it will not be possible to recover the system from the cloud in the event of a disaster recovery.
- The  $nn$  in the control group names is a number that BRMS assigns to the connector for which the control group was created.
- Backup strategies often require full system backups at specific intervals and daily, incremental backups to capture changes. It is assumed in this example that a full backup of the system has been run with the QCLDBSYS $nn$  and QCLDBIPL $nn$  control groups to obtain a full backup of the user data.

When using BRMS to perform a system backup to media at a conventional location, a control group or multiple control groups run in succession save specific objects and data. The control group or control groups obtain the data required to restore the entire system. Using BRMS to backup a system and store the data to media in the cloud requires a similar process. Special control groups created by BRMS store the media in the cloud.

System backup to the cloud follows the same procedure as transfers of data to the cloud except that the entire system is backed up at a specific point in time using the cloud resource control groups. Like backups to a conventional location, the cloud backup must save the system and user group objects specifically and can save other, production data on other media.

Begin with the full backup control groups, QCLDBSYS $nn$  and QCLDBIPL $nn$ .

1. Sign onto the console.
2. Verify that the cloud location is available with the **WRKLOCBRM** command.
3. Begin with the QCLDBSYS $nn$  control group by running **STRBKUBRM CTLGRP(QCLDBSYS01) SBMJOB(\*NO)** to initiate the system backup.
4. Run the QCLDBIPL $nn$  control group with **STRBKUBRM CTLGRP(QCLDBIPL01) SBMJOB(\*NO)**.
5. Begin this backup by running **STRBKUBRM CTLGRP(QCLDBUSR01) SBMJOB(\*NO)**.
6. Run the **STRBKUBRM CTLGRP(QCLDBGRP01) SBMJOB(\*NO)**.
7. Once these backups complete, review the job logs to ensure the backup was successful.

After obtaining a full backup of a system, you could move to a backup plan similar to:

On Sunday run:

- a. **STRBKUBRM CTLGRP(QCLDBSYS01) SBMJOB(\*NO)**
- b. **STRBKUBRM CTLGRP(QCLDBIPL01) SBMJOB(\*NO)**

to obtain a full backup of the system.

On Monday through Saturday run:

- a. **STRBKUBRM CTLGRP(QCLDBUSR01) SBMJOB(\*NO)**
- b. **STRBKUBRM CTLGRP(QCLDBGRP01) SBMJOB(\*NO)**

to obtain incremental backups of user data.

It is critical to run these cloud control groups in the correct order otherwise all necessary media information will not be available to do a recovery.

As a part of your backup process, it may be advantageous to have the backup media quickly accessible on the system for a period of time after the transfer. If cloud resources are the only location where your system backup is stored, then consider copying your QCLDBGRP $nn$  and QCLDBIPL $nn$  control group data to optical or media and storing the discs with other physical media. Keeping this backup data accessible allows restores to be performed from the media without the time and expense of transferring the media in the cloud back to the system.

BRMS permits media associated with a move policy to be retained on the system for a period of time after it has transferred to the cloud by changing the Retain media field of the move policy to keep the media for a specified number of days after the move. Use the Work with BRMS policies command, **WRKPCYBRM \*MOV**.

## Recovering your entire system from the cloud

BRMS restores backup media from cloud locations with a unique process

- As with other recoveries that are performed using BRMS, a recovery report is used to assist with successful recoveries from save media that has been transferred to the cloud. To generate a report for recovery from the cloud, run the following command: `STRRCYBRM OPTION(*CTLGRP) ACTION(*REPORT) CTLGRP((QCLDBSYSxx 1) (QCLDBIPLxx 2) (QCLDBUSRxx 3) (QCLDBGRPxx 4)) PERIOD((<time> <date>))` xx identifies the cloud where the media resides and <time><date> is the immediate timestamp prior to the last full backup.
- The following save data must be restored from physical media before BRMS can begin restoring save data directly from the cloud:
  - SAVSYS is required to install the operating system
  - product IBM Backup, Recovery and Media Services for i and BRMS save information is required before automatic recovery can be performed
  - product IBM TCP/IP Connectivity Utilities for i and configuration information is required to allow communications with cloud storage providers
  - product IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i and configuration information is required to establish connections with cloud storage providers
- BRMS stores the media images used to create the physical optical media for system recovery in the QBRMS\_XXXXXXXXX directory, where XXXXXXXXX represents the name of the system that performed the backup.

System recoveries cannot be performed directly from BRMS media that has been transferred to the cloud. In order to perform a system recovery from cloud media, special procedures must be followed to create physical optical install media. The physical optical media will contain SAVSYS data and objects from other libraries, such as QUSRSYS, QBRM, QUSRBRM, etc. After the optical media is used to restore Licensed Internal Code (LIC), the operating system and other required objects, subsequent restores can be performed directly from the cloud media using BRMS.

As discussed, some media listed in your recovery report must be recovered from physical media.

1. Locate the media that requires conversion to a physical copy. Use the volume identifiers to locate:

- Licensed Internal Code
- Operating System objects
- BRMS product and associated libraries
- User profiles and configuration data
- Required system libraries

Normally, these are stored in the QBRMS\_XXXXXXXXX directory. These files in the QBRMS\_XXXXXXXXX directory have the same name as the media volume identifiers listed in your recovery report.

2. Using your connection to the cloud, transfer these media to your system to write the files to optical discs.

An **.iso** extension may need to be added to the file name if it is required by the image burning software that is used. See [Burning CDs or DVDs for Fix Central Bin Files](#) for information about burning DVDs that can be used during IBM i recoveries.

Before restoring from media in the cloud, the BRMS media database must be updated. Cloud volumes must be registered with BRMS.

3. The program call `ADDLIBLE LIB(QICC) QICC/REGEXTPTS ACTION(R)` to register the cloud exit programs must be run.
4. Ensure the media library name is correct for the Device prompt and enter `*YES` in the Create parent directories prompt.  
After this point, the physical media is not required.

At this point the system is in a restricted state. To allow BRMS to download the media required for cloud recovery TCP/IP must be started.

5. To start TCP/IP enter the following commands:
  - a) `STRTCP STRSVR(*NO) STRIFC(*NO) STRTPPRF(*NO) STRIP6(*YES)`
  - b) `STRTCPIFC INTNETADR('nnn.nnn.nnn.nnn')`

Where "*nnn.nnn.nnn.nnn*" is the internet address of the recovery system.

and press Enter.

BRMS downloads the media from the cloud and begins recovering all remaining system data.

The restored system performs verification as a final stage of the recovery. To allow the system to verify the system information, end TCP/IP with the **ENDTCP** command.

After system verification, restart TCP/IP **STRTCP** command and IPL the system.

## Customizing a backup of your entire system to the cloud

Learn about how to modify your BRMS system backup to accommodate special storage needs

This is an example of how to override default settings used by BRMS with IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i to save your entire system to virtual media in the cloud.

The same restrictions and precautions observed when Backing up your entire system to the cloud apply when using customized control groups to perform the system backup to the cloud. Remember that:

- if using IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i V1.2.0 with compression or encryption, it will not be possible to recover the system from the cloud in the event of a disaster recovery.
- the *nn* in the control group names is a number that BRMS assigns to the connector for which the control group was created.
- backup strategies often require full system backups at specific intervals and daily, incremental backups to capture changes. It is assumed in this example that a full backup of the system has been run with the `QCLDCSYSnn` and `QCLDCIPLnn` control groups to obtain a full backup of the user data.

In addition, when creating a custom control group or groups for a system backup to the cloud, there are some restrictions on the naming conventions. When copying and modifying a control groups remember:

- the new control group name must begin with a **QCLD** prefix to enable automatic transfers to the cloud.
- that the new control group names cannot begin with **QCLDB**, **QCLDUIPL**, and **QCLDUGRP**.

When using BRMS to perform a system backup to media in a cloud location, the control group or multiple control groups run in succession and save specific objects and data. In system backup using the turnkey settings, BRMS stores the data in the cloud in volumes of a default size that is enforced in the media class. The BRMS implementation enforces the use of the default media class `QCLDVRTOPT` with a value of `IMGSIZ(*DVD4700)` for virtual optical media volumes. Copying a control group for use as a modified user control group named, for example, `QCLDUGRPnn` also results in the same implementation that enforces the default media class value. If this default size is too small for the data users want to store, then a modified, custom control group or groups must be created with larger media sizes. In order to use a user-defined media size controlled by a user-defined media class, a control group must be created and used

that does not follow the BRMS turnkey, automated control group naming conventions. As outlined above, control groups cannot use the **QCLDU** prefix instead adopting a new name with the **QCLDC** prefix.

To customize the system backup and use modified control groups capable of using non-default media sizes, follow the procedure.

1. Sign onto the console.
  2. Verify that the cloud location is available with the **WRKLOCBRM** command.
  3. Copy control group **QCLDBSYSnn** to a new custom control group and update any entries as needed and give the control group a new name, for example, **QCLDCSYS01**.
  4. Copy the default cloud named media policy to a new custom name and set the desired cloud virtual media class to use.
  5. Run the **QCLDCSYS01** control group with **STRBKUBRM CTLGRP(QCLDCSYS01) SBMJOB(\*NO)** to initiate the system backup.
  6. Copy the control group **QCLDBIPL01** to a new custom control group and update any entries as needed and give the control group a new name, for example, **QCLDCIPL01**.
  7. Update the custom control group attributes to use the new, modified media policy.
  8. Run the **QCLDCIPL01** control group with **STRBKUBRM CTLGRP(QCLDCIPL01) SBMJOB(\*NO)**.
  9. Copy the control group **QCLDBUSR01** to a new custom control group and update any entries as needed and give the control group a new name, for example, **QCLDCUSR01**.
  10. Update the custom control group attributes to use the new, modified media policy. Begin a backup with this control group by running **STRBKUBRM CTLGRP(QCLDCUSR01) SBMJOB(\*NO)**.
  11. Copy the control group **QCLDBGRP01** to a new custom control group and update any entries as needed and give the control group a new name, for example, **QCLDCGRP01**.
  12. Update the custom control group attributes to use the new, modified media policy.
  13. Run a backup with this control group by running **STRBKUBRM CTLGRP(QCLDCGRP01) SBMJOB(\*NO)**.
  14. Once these backups complete, review the job logs to ensure the backup was successful.
- After obtaining a full backup of a system, you could move to a backup plan similar to:

On Sunday run:

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to obtain a full backup of the system.

On Monday through Saturday run:

- a. **STRBKUBRM CTLGRP(QCLDCUSR01) SBMJOB(\*NO)**
- b. **STRBKUBRM CTLGRP(QCLDCGRP01) SBMJOB(\*NO)**

to obtain incremental backups of user data.

It is critical to run these cloud control groups in the correct order otherwise all necessary media information will not be available to do a recovery.

As a part of your backup process, it may be advantageous to have the backup media quickly accessible on the system for a period of time after the transfer. If cloud resources are the only location where your system backup is stored, then consider copying your **QCLDCGRP01** and **QCLDCIPL01** control group data to physical media. Keeping this backup data accessible allows restores to be performed from the media without the time and expense of transferring the media in the cloud back to the system.

BRMS permits media associated with a move policy to be retained on the system for a period of time after it has transferred to the cloud by changing the Retain media field of the move policy to keep the media for a specified number of days after the move. Use the Work with BRMS policies command, **WRKPCYBRM \*MOV**.

## Recovering your customized backup of an entire system from the cloud

Learn about how to recover your customized BRMS system backups

- As with other recoveries that are performed using BRMS, a recovery report is used to assist with successful recoveries from save media that has been transferred to the cloud. To generate a report for recovery from the cloud, run the following command: `STRRCYBRM OPTION(*CTLGRP) ACTION(*REPORT) CTLGRP((QCLDCSYSxx 1) (QCLDCIPLxx 2) (QCLDCUSRxx 3) (QCLDCGRPxx 4)) PERIOD((<time> <date>))` xx identifies the cloud where the media resides and <time><date> is the immediate timestamp prior to the last full backup.
- The following save data must be restored before BRMS can begin restoring save data directly from the cloud:
  - SAVSYS is required to install the operating system
  - product IBM Backup, Recovery and Media Services for i and BRMS save information is required before automatic recovery can be performed
  - product IBM TCP/IP Connectivity Utilities for i and configuration information is required to allow communications with cloud storage providers
  - product IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i and configuration information is required to establish connections with cloud storage providers
- BRMS stores the media images used for system recovery in the `QBRMS_XXXXXXXX` directory, where `XXXXXXXX` represents the name of the system that preformed the backup.

System recoveries cannot be performed directly from BRMS media that has been transferred to the cloud. In order to perform a system recovery from cloud media, a media source that contains SAVSYS data and objects from other libraries, such as QUSRSYS, QBRM, QUSRBRM, for example, must be restored first. After the install media is used to restore Licensed Internal Code (LIC), the operating system and other required objects, subsequent restores can be performed directly from the cloud media.

Before restoring from media in the cloud, the BRMS media database must be updated. Cloud volumes must be registered with BRMS.

1. The program call `ADDLIB LIB(QICC)/REGEXTPTS ACTION(R)` to register the cloud exit points must be run first.
2. Ensure the media library name is correct for the Device prompt and type `*YES` in the Create parent directories prompt.

After this point, physical media is not required.

**Note:** At this point the system is in a restricted state. To allow BRMS to download the media required for a cloud recovery TCP/IP must be started.

3. To start TCP/IP enter the following commands:
  - a) `STRTCP STRSVR(*NO) STRIFC(*NO) STRTPPRF(*NO) STRIP6(*YES)`
  - b) `STRTCPIFC INTNETADR('nnn.nnn.nnn.nnn')`

Where "`nnn.nnn.nnn.nnn`" is the internet address of the recovery system.

Press Enter.

BRMS downloads the media from the cloud and begins recovering all remaining system data.

The restored system performs verification as a final stage of the recovery. To allow the system to verify the system information, end TCP/IP with the **ENDTCP** command.

After system verification, restart TCP/IP **STRTCP** command and IPL the system.

## Archiving with BRMS and IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i

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Using BRMS with IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i for Archiving data to the Cloud

Backup data that is seldom-used or out-of-date may be moved to the cloud for storage and to free up system resources. Using cloud connections with IBM Cloud Storage Solutions for i, BRMS archive control groups can be set up to transfer backup data to the cloud.

Existing archive control groups that use IBM i Internal Virtual Tape can be manually moved to a cloud location using BRMS movement. If a user creates an archive control group named with a cloud prefix QCLDU and sets the media policy to a cloud media policy, BRMS will automatically create and transfer virtual media to the cloud location during the archive.

Because BRMS tracks the information about the objects that have been archived and its current location, BRMS can handle dynamic retrieval of archived object data that is transferred to the cloud.

For more general information about archives and dynamic retrieval in BRMS consult [Chapter 16 BRMS Advanced Functions Feature](#), and [Hierarchical storage management](#)



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## Using tape automation with BRMS

This topic describes the methods that you can use with BRMS to use devices such as a 3494 Automated Tape Library Dataserver or a Magstar MP 3570 Tape Library. BRMS refers to this class of automated tape libraries as media libraries.

If you were using BRMS before installing a media library, you need to make a few adjustments. If you use BRMS to manage and control daily operations, you will not notice many changes when you begin to use a media library. Once the media library is set up and the media is appropriately enrolled, BRMS assumes control of the media library. You do not need to alter your BRMS control groups, scheduling, or reporting. As part of your initial setup, you may need to adjust the following:

- Locations
- Devices
- Move policies
- Media policies
- Control group attributes

When using a media library, you should review your backup and archive strategy. For example, you might want to:

- Alter the size of backup groups
- Alter the frequency of backups
- Increase the size of archive groups
- Alter the frequency of archive operations
- Introduce dynamic recall

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## Setting up tape automation with BRMS

This topic describes some of the actions required in setting up a media library before you use it with BRMS. This section assumes that a media library is installed and running. For full planning and installation of the media library, consult the publication shipped with the device.

BRMS requires that the device descriptions for the library and its device resources exist on the IBM i platform. Refer to the [Storage solutions](#) topic for information about how to create these device descriptions. After you set up the media library and vary it on, you use the INZBRM \*DEVICE command to update BRMS with all the proper defaults for the new devices.

### Basic setup of a media library with BRMS

Before a media library can be used, you must add media to the library and enroll the volumes into BRMS. If the media library is empty, insert all available media into the empty cells rather than add only a small number at a time through the convenience I/O station. After you insert the media, the media library checks each cell and records the volume ID of each media cartridge (volume). This information is kept in the media library manager database for the 3494 and in IBM i for the other media library devices. From the IBM i platform, you can view this information by using the Work with Media Library BRM (WRKMLBRRM) command. This command lists all media library devices on your system that are enrolled in BRMS. If you select option 8 (Work with MLB Media), the status of the volumes that are currently in the media library are displayed as shown below. To go to this display, you can also type the WRKMLBRRM command on the command line. When setting up a media library for the first time, the Media Class is \*NONE because the volume is not enrolled in BRMS.

```

Work with Media Library Media                                RCHAS400

Media library . . . . . : TAPMLB01
Position to . . . . .   Starting characters

Type options, press Enter.
 1=Add MLB media      2=Work with media      5=Initialize
 6=Change category    7=Eject          8=Mount          9=Demount

Media
Opt Volume Type Category Status --BRM Information--
Media Class Status

000BE6 G *SHARE400 Mounted FMT3570E *ACT
000B84 H *SHARE400 Mounted FMT3570E *EXP
000CB7 H *SHARE400 Available FMT3570E *EXP
000C3C G *SHARE400 Available FMT3570E *ACT
000C90 H *SHARE400 Available FMT3570E *EXP
000DB9 G *SHARE400 Available FMT3570E *EXP
000D28 G *NOSHARE Available *NONE *ACT
000D63 G *SHARE400 Available FMT3570E *EXP
More...

F3=Exit F5=Refresh F9=System command F12=Cancel F13=Repeat

```

Other options from this display such as mount, unmount, and eject can be used to manipulate the volumes within a media library. BRMS communicates changes in its media inventory to be reflected in the media library media inventory. For example, when you change the shared media attribute of a media class, BRMS runs the CHGTAPCTG command to change the category of all volumes of that media class in the media library.

**Enrolling tape automation media (volume) into BRMS**

From the Work with Media Libraries display (WRKMLMBRM) command, select option 1 (Add MLB media) against the media library device that is attached to your system. This takes you to the ADDMLMBRM prompt display as shown below.

```

Add MLB Media using BRM (ADDMLMBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

Media library device . . . . . > MLB01 Name
Volume identifier . . . . . *INSERT Character value, *INSERT
+ for more values
Add volume to BRM . . . . . > *YES *NO, *YES
Initialize tape . . . . . *NO *NO, *YES
Media class . . . . . > CART3490E CART3490E, QIC120...
Last moved date . . . . . *NONE Date, *NONE
Move policy . . . . . *NONE *NONE, OFFSITE

```

You can enroll all newly-inserted volumes into the BRMS media inventory. If you use the default value for the VOL parameter (\*INSERT) and change the Add volume to BRM field to \*YES, all volumes that were previously in the \*INSERT category (from the Work with MLB Media display) are enrolled into the BRMS media inventory and are available for use.

**Save and restore Tasks**

When performing save or restore operations with a media library and BRMS, consider the following.

**Performing a normal save operation**

Using a media library for either a control group save operation or a save operation with the SAVOBJBRM, SAVLIBBRM, SAVOBJLBRM, SAVSYSBRM, or the SAVMEDIBRM commands provides certain advantages. Specifically, the save operation and save media are easier to track than if you were to use IBM i save commands and save to a media library. The save command or control group define the objects to be

saved. The media policy specifies a media class which specifies media within a media library. The media library name is specified on the BRMS commands' device parameter, and the media library will select the correct drive resource to use. BRMS supports the location as a media qualifier in both the media policy and the SETMEDBRM command. When coupled with \*MEDCLS as a device identifier in a media policy, BRMS attempts to select a device that is at the same location as the media. An example of this would be a drive in the media library. Output operations to a device in a media library may require nonspecific (\*MOUNTED) volumes when no volume is in the drive. If this occurs, BRMS refers to its inventory of available scratch media to select one that is in the media library. BRMS then requests a mount of that tape. An end option of \*UNLOAD (the default for a backup control group) causes the volume to be returned to its cell when the control group has completed processing. If a BRMS save command is used, the end option default of \*REWIND should be accepted. The control group attributes or backup policy may be changed to \*REWIND. In either case, the volume remains in the drive after the save operation has completed.

### Using the Save Licensed Program command

The SAVLICPGM command does not support tape automation. All operations must be done in stand-alone mode or with a category mounted to the media library. BRMS does not support the SAVLICPGM command. For system recovery, the product libraries are saved under the \*IBM grouping. You cannot restore these libraries with the RSTLICPGM command. Consult your BRMS recovery report for further details.

## Recovery process using tape automation

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Using a media library is quite simple, no matter if the STRRCYBRM, RSTLIBBRM, RSTOBJBRM, RSTBRM, or RSTDLOBRM commands are used, or if recovery is performed from the WRKMEDIBRM, WRKOBJBRM, WRKLNKBRM, WRKSPLFBRM, or WRKFLRBRM displays. As long as the required volume is in the media library, the restore operation is automatic, with no message being sent to the QSYSOPR message queue to load the volume. A message is sent to the BRMS log to notify the status of the restore operation. When the restore operation is complete, the last volume used remains in the tape drive unless otherwise specified. The end-of-tape option \*UNLOAD returns the volume to its storage cell. If the required volume has been moved to another location, an inquiry message is sent to the QSYSOPR message queue. The message prompts the operator to insert the volume in the convenience I/O station or the high-capacity I/O area. If the volume is off-site, the operator can cancel the restore operation from this message. Once the volume is in either the convenience or high-capacity I/O areas, the media library places it in a storage cell, and BRMS mounts it in the drive to complete the restore operation.

### Recovering an entire system (starting with Licensed Internal Code)

Ensure that your media library device is in stand-alone mode before starting **STEP: Recover Licensed Internal Code** during BRMS System Recovery. See the documentation on your device to learn how to properly change the mode for your media library device.

### Completing the recovery

When the restricted state portion of the recovery is complete, tape automation can be used when the following conditions are met:

- The 3494 device and communication configurations are restored or recreated.
- The media library configuration data has been restored or recreated.

Tape automation requires a minimum level of system function to be recovered before an automatic volume mounting can occur. In general, automation can begin with **STEP: Recover User Profiles** on the BRMS System Recovery Report. It is recommended that you switch the media library to random mode during **STEP: Initialize BRMS Device and Media Library Information** during BRMS System Recovery to automate the remainder of your system recovery.

## Tasks for archiving

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When you use tape automation with BRMS, this opens more opportunities for archiving. Full tape automation allows archiving to be performed quickly and effortlessly while appearing seamless in its operation. The introduction of dynamic retrieval further enhances archiving potential.

See [Hierarchical Storage Management](#) for more information about archive, dynamic retrieval, and other storage management features of BRMS.

### Archiving when using tape automation

To provide the most acceptable recall performance, you must minimize the tape location and the load delays. You will probably keep a large portion of your archived data within the tape automation. This uses a large amount of capacity. When establishing a move policy, you should consider the following:

- How often will you access your data?
- How long will you need to have access to your data?

For example, you might access a monthly report until that the next month's report is created. You might have other information that you need to keep available at all times yet access only occasionally. Your move policy will be based on the needs of your business. If you adjust the movement delay periods, this changes the population levels of the media library.

### Using dynamic retrieval

To further improve your archive and retrieval performance, use the dynamic retrieval function within BRMS. This function allows the retrieval of the file members that have been archived and now need to be accessed again.

To accomplish this, change your archive control group such that the requested archive operation keeps the object descriptions. This is known as save with storage free. To do this, change the retain object description parameter on either the archive control group options or the archive policy to \*YES.

You must set up your BRMS retrieval policy with the appropriate retrieval modes (\*VERIFY, \*NOTIFY, \*DELAY, or \*SBMJOB), preferred devices, restore options, and authorities. The Hierarchical Storage Management book contains more information about these modes.

## Moving volumes with BRMS

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When BRMS operations such as Add media or Confirm move require media to or from a media library, BRMS prompts operators as needed. It instructs them to place media into, or remove media from the media library and then uses CL commands to verify that the operation is successful.

For devices such as 3494 Media Library Dataserver, a move policy or manual move of media causes the library manager to eject the tape into the convenience I/O station or the high-capacity I/O area. Additional prompting and verification is done when media, ejected from one media library location, are inserted into another. When a volume is moved into the media library, the library manager shows that the volume is in \*INSERT category.

If you move a volume to a media library when media movements are to be confirmed, BRMS attempts to change the category of volumes from \*INSERT to \*SHARE400 or \*NOSHARE, as applicable to the media class. If at the time of the confirm move, the volume has not been placed in your media library, a message is logged in the BRMS log. These volumes must be changed to \*SHARE400 before they can be used by BRMS.

If move verification is not enabled, BRMS attempts to change the category of volumes that move into a media library from \*INSERT to \*SHARE400 or \*NOSHARE immediately. This can cause a problem, as common maintenance (STRMNTBRM command) is run at night after backups have completed, and volumes have not been moved off site. In this case, it may be worthwhile to use the PRTMOVBRM

command during the day before the move is to take place. Use the PRTMOVBRM command to ensure that you collect the volumes and insert them into the media library before the MOVMEDBRM command is actually processed.



# Tape I/O from a program

Typically, applications written in RPG or COBOL perform data record input and output (I/O) to database files. However, in some applications these files may be so large, that you never store them on disk. You store them on tape, and process them sequentially by application programs, either for input or for output, but not both at once. On the IBM i platform, this is done using a tape file object.

Such applications have the same requirements for control and tracking of the media on which the operations are performed as do media used for normal save and restore operations. This chapter discusses how you can use these types of tape file I/O applications with BRMS.

The example in [Figure 13](#) on [page 351](#) shows typical tape file processing from an application. It is a simple RPG program which writes the alphabet 100 times to a tape.

```

FTAPFIL 0 F 26 SEQ
*****
F* Program: TAPFIL
F* Purpose: This program will write the 26 letters of the
F* alphabet to a file on tape through a tape file. The
F* alphabet is written 100 times.
F*
*****
C DO 100 Loop 100 times
C EXCPTALPHA Write alphabet
C END End of loop
C*
C SETON LR End the program
*****
O* Exception output defining the alphabet to be written
O*
*****
OTAPFIL E ALPHA
O 24 'ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ'
O 26 'YZ'

```

Figure 13. Sample Program to Perform Tape File I/O

This application requires a tape file object to be created such that the program can address the tape drive. You can create this with the CRTTAPF command as follows:

```

Create Tape File (CRTTAPF)

Type choices, press Enter.

File . . . . . TAPFIL Name
Library . . . . . BRMTAPF Name, *CURLIB
Tape device . . . . . *NONE Name, *NONE
+ for more values
Volume identifier . . . . . *NONE Character value, *NONE
+ for more values
Tape reels specifications:
Label processing type . . . . *SL *SL, *NL, *NS, *BLP, *LTM
Number of reels . . . . . 1 1-255
Sequence number . . . . . 1 1-16777215, *END, *NEXT
Tape label . . . . . TAPEFILXMP
File type . . . . . *DATA *DATA, *SRC
Text 'description' . . . . . 'Tape file example'

Bottom
F3=Exit F4=Prompt F5=Refresh F10=Additional parameters F12=Cancel
F13=How to use this display F24=More keys

```

Once you create the tape file, you can process the program. However, for flexibility, you may have noticed that we have not specified a tape device name. So before you process the program TAPFIL, we need to perform an override of the tape file with the OVRTAPF command, as follows:

Override with Tape File (OVRTAPF)

Type choices, press Enter.

```

File being overridden . . . . . TAPFIL      Name
Overriding to tape file . . . . *FILE    Name, *FILE
  Library . . . . .                Name, *LIBL, *CURLIB
Device . . . . .                  TAP03     Name
      + for more values
Volume identifier . . . . .        Character value, *NONE
      + for more values
Tape reels specifications:
  Label processing type . . . . . *SL, *NL, *NS, *BLP, *LTM
  Number of reels . . . . .       1-255
  Sequence number . . . . .       1-16777215, *END, *NEXT
  File label . . . . .
  Record length . . . . .         Number, *CALC
  Block length . . . . .          1-524288, *CALC
  Buffer offset . . . . .          Number, *BLKDSC
  Record block format . . . . .   *F, *FB, *V, *VB, *D, *DB...
                                          More...
F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel  F13=How to use this display
F24=More keys
    
```

This associates the tape file name to the tape device. Notice that the volume ID field is not specified.

Next we can call the program, as follows:

```
CALL BRMTAPF/TAPFIL
```

The records are written to the tape.

## Using BRMS for tape file processing

BRMS can play a part in the processing as described above such that the tape volume created is controlled and tracked just like any other BRMS enrolled tape volume.

To do this, you must perform two actions:

1. Use a tape volume that is enrolled in the BRMS media inventory,
2. Use the SETMEDBRM command before processing the program.

The first step is as simple as inserting a tape as is done for save purposes. The second step, using SETMEDBRM, allows you to specify media management parameters to be associated with the written tape. You can specify this command as follows:

Set Media Controls using BRM (SETMEDBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

```

Input controls:
  File label . . . . .           *SAME
  Select version . . . . .       *SAME      1-999, *SAME, *CURRENT
  Allow conversion . . . . .     *SAME      *SAME, *NO, *YES
  Media class . . . . .          QIC2GB     *NONE, *SAME, AAA, AAAA, AA...
  Move policy . . . . .          TAPEFILE     *NONE, *SAME, AANANCY, AASL...
  Secure volume . . . . .        *NO        *SAME, *NO, *YES
Retention:
  Retention type . . . . .       *VERSION   *SAME, *DATE, *DAYS, *NONE...
  Retain media . . . . .         3          *SAME, Date, Number
  File group . . . . .           *SAME      *SAME, *NONE, *SYSTEM, *BKU...
  File group type . . . . .      *SAME      *SAME, *NONE, *BKU, *ARC
  Mark volumes for duplication . *NO        *SAME, *NO, *YES
  Mark history for duplication . *NO        *SAME, *NO, *YES
  Text . . . . .                Tape File Example
                                          Bottom
F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel  F13=How to use this display
F24=More keys
    
```



The SETMEDBRM command for an output (write) operation, as in our example, allows you to set the following media characteristics:

- Media class
- Move policy
- Volume security
- Retention information
- File group information
- Associated Text

This command works a little like the OVRTAPF command. You do not see any output. It *registers* the values you enter, and when an application writes to a tape file, these values are applied to the tape operation.

To find the volume used by the operation, run the following command:

```
WRKMEDBRM MEDCLS(QIC2GB)
```

When the volumes lists appears on the *Work With Media* display, locate the volume with the current *Creation Date*; in this example, TFIL01 was the volume on the tape drive during the processing of the program.

```

                                Work With Media
                                System:   RCHAS400
Position to . . . . . Starting characters
Type options, press Enter.
  1=Add  2=Change  4=Remove  5=Display  6=Work with serial set  7=Expire
  8=Move 10=Reinitialize ...

  Volume   Expired   Creation   Expiration   Move   Media   Dup
Opt  Serial   Date       Date        Location  Date   Class   Sts
-----
  5  TFIL01   12/14/05  *VER 003    *HOME    *NONE  QIC2GB

                                                More...

Parameters or command:
====>
F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F11=Volume system  F12=Cancel  F17=Top
F18=Bottom  F23=More options

```

Use option 5 to see additional media attributes for the volume.

```

                                Display Media Attributes

Volume serial . . . . . : TFIL01
Media type . . . . . :
Image catalog . . . . . :
Media class . . . . . : QIC2GB
Expiration date . . . . . : *VER 003
Previous location . . . . . : *NONE
Previous slot number . . . . . : 0
Current location . . . . . : *HOME
Last moved date . . . . . : *NONE
Scheduled location . . . . . : *NONE
Scheduled move date . . . . . : *NONE
Container ID . . . . . : *NONE
Move policy . . . . . : TAPEFILE
Creation date . . . . . : 12/14/05
Secure volume . . . . . : *NO
Beginning volume . . . . . : TFIL01
Slot number . . . . . : 21

Press Enter to continue.

```

The WRKMEDIBRM command also shows that some save operations have occurred, as follows:

```

Work with Media Information                                RCHAS400

Position to Date . . . . .

Type options, press Enter.
 2=Change  4=Remove  5=Display  6=Work with media  7=Restore
 9=Work with saved objects  ...

  Saved      Save      Save      Save      Parallel Volume  File      Expire
Opt Item    Date      Time      Type      Devices  Serial   Sequence  Date
 5 *LABEL    12/14/05 14:59:46 *FILE      TFIL01          1 *VER003

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F11=Object detail  F12=Cancel
F23=More options

Bottom

```

Figure 14. WRKMEDIBRM Command Screen

Use option 5 (Display) to see the following screen that presents a record of writing the data to the tape.

```

Display Media Information

Save command . . . . . : SAVSPLF
Saved item . . . . . : *LABEL
Save type . . . . . : *FILE
Save date. . . . . : 12/14/05
Save time. . . . . : 14:59:46
Device(s) . . . . . : TAP03

Move policy . . . . . : TAPEFILE
Expiration date . . . . . : *VER 003
Volume serial(s) . . . . . : TFIL01

Parallel devices . . . . . :
File sequence . . . . . : 1
Number of objects saved . . . . . : 0
Number of objects not saved . . . . . : 0
Saved size . . . . . : 0
Label . . . . . : TAPEFILXMP
Error message . . . . . :

More...

Press Enter to continue.

```

Due to the nature of the method used to get the data on the tape, option 7 (Restore) will not allow you to restore this object. Similarly, there are no saved objects to work with if you use option 9.

### Recovery

As the file on the tape is never intended to be restored to the IBM i platform, you never see the tape file record on a Recovery Analysis Report.

## Using BRMS for input processing

We have just seen an example of how BRMS can keep information about media written using tape file output. Input processing is very similar, with the exception of the parameters on the SETMEDBRM command.

You can use the following program to read the records that were written by the first example:

```

FTAPFIL IF F 26 SEQ
FTAPRPT 0 F 26 PRINTER
F*****
F* Program: TAPFIL2
F* Purpose: This program will read the letters of the alphabet
F* from a file on tape through a tape file. The program
F* will read the 100 records created with the other
F* example and dump them to the printer
F*****
IALPHA DS 26
I*****
C DO 100 Loop 100 times
C READ TAPFIL ALPHA 99Read alphabet
C EXCPTALFOUT Write alphabet
C END End of loop
C SETON LR End the program
O*****
O* Exception output defining the alphabet to be printed
O*
O*****
OTAPRPT E ALFOUT
O ALPHA 26

```

Figure 15. Program to Read Records from Tape and Print

This example also requires a printer file object so that the records are printed. Use the CRTPRTF command to create a printer file object.

The same processing would occur, namely:

1. Use the previous program.
2. Use the same tape file.
3. Issue OVRTAPF to specify the device name as before.
4. Issue SETMEDBRM as shown in [Figure 16 on page 355](#).
5. Run the program when you specify:

```
CALL BRMTAPF/TAPFIL2
```

```

Set Media Controls using BRM (SETMEDBRM)

Type choices, press Enter.

Input controls:
File label . . . . . TAPEFILXMP
Select version . . . . . *CURRENT 1-999, *SAME, *CURRENT
Allow conversion . . . . . *NO *SAME, *NO, *YES
Media class . . . . . *SAME *NONE, *SAME, QIC120...
Move policy . . . . . *SAME *NONE, *SAME, OFFSITE...
Secure volume . . . . . *SAME *SAME, *NO, *YES

Retention:
Retention type . . . . . *SAME *SAME, *DATE, *DAYS, *NONE...
Retain media . . . . . *SAME *SAME, Date, Number
File group . . . . . *NONE *SAME, *NONE, *SYSTEM, *BKU...
File group type . . . . . *NONE *SAME, *NONE, *BKU, *ARC
Mark volumes for duplication . . *NO *SAME, *NO, *YES
Mark history for duplication . . *NO *SAME, *NO, *YES
Text . . . . . *SAME

Bottom
F3=Exit F4=Prompt F5=Refresh F12=Cancel F13=How to use this display
F24=More keys

```

Figure 16. SETMEDBRM Command Prompt Screen for Program Input

BRMS will look for an open of a tape file called TAPFIL, and will prompt the operator to insert the tape volume corresponding to the most recent version of this file. If this file were in ASCII format, we could

specify that we do not want IBM i to convert the record to EBCDIC automatically. Specify *Allow conversion* as Yes to do this.

## Input/Output processing with multiple devices

This example is an extension to the ones that were provided previously. These examples have two programs that wrote, then read data to and from a tape. In this example, we will use two tape drives. We will read the data from the tape already written in the previous example, and write a new file on tape which includes the original records and some new records.

The sequence of events is this:

1. Create Tape File objects
2. Compile the program (RPG in this example)
3. Use OVRTAPF to select devices
4. Issue SETMEDBRM to influence the choice of tapes used
5. Run the program

### 1. Creating tape file objects

The name of the tape file itself is quite irrelevant to the processing of the files on tape. It is the Tape Label field in the CRTTAPF command that is significant. As we are updating a file on tape, both the input file (TAPFIL) and the output file (TAPFIL2) have the same File Label (TAPEFILXMP).

```
                                Create Tape File (CRTTAPF)

Type choices, press Enter.

File . . . . . TAPFIL           Name
Library . . . . . BRMTAPF       Name, *CURLIB
Tape device . . . . . *NONE      Name, *NONE
+ for more values
Volume identifier . . . . . *NONE Character value, *NONE
+ for more values
Tape reels specifications:
Label processing type . . . . . *SL      *SL, *NL, *NS, *BLP, *LTM
Number of reels . . . . . 1        1-255
Sequence number . . . . . 1        1-16777215, *END, *NEXT
Tape label . . . . . TAPEFILXMP
File type . . . . . *DATA        *DATA, *SRC
Text 'description' . . . . . Tape File Example

                                Bottom
F3=Exit   F4=Prompt   F5=Refresh   F10=Additional parameters   F12=Cancel
F13=How to use this display   F24=More keys
```

### Create Tape File (CRTTAPF)

Type choices, press Enter.

```

File . . . . . TAPFIL2      Name
Library . . . . . BRMTAPF   Name, *CURLIB
Tape device . . . . . *NONE  Name, *NONE
+ for more values
Volume identifier . . . . . *NONE  Character value, *NONE
+ for more values
Tape reels specifications:
Label processing type . . . . *SL      *SL, *NL, *NS, *BLP, *LTM
Number of reels . . . . . 1      1-255
Sequence number . . . . . 1      1-16777215, *END, *NEXT
Tape label . . . . . TAPEFILXMP
File type . . . . . *DATA      *DATA, *SRC
Text 'description' . . . . . Tape File Example
    
```

Bottom

```

F3=Exit   F4=Prompt   F5=Refresh   F10=Additional parameters   F12=Cancel
F13=How to use this display   F24=More keys
    
```

## 2. Compiling the program

You need to compile the RPG program. The following code is a simple example to demonstrate the function.

```

FTAPFIL  IF  F      26          SEQ
FTAPFIL2 0   F      26          SEQ
ITAPFIL  AA
I
I          1  26 ALPHA
*****
F*   Program: TAPFIL2
F*   Purpose: This program will read the 26 letters of the
F*             alphabet from a tap file (TAPFIL), then write them
F*             with some other data to an output file TAPFIL2.
F*
*****
C          DO  100          Loop 100 times
C          READ TAPFIL      01Read alphabet
C          EXCPTALPHA1      WRITE ALPHA
C          END              End of loop
O*****
C          DO  10          Loop 10 times
C          EXCPTALPHA2      Write new rcds
C          END              End of loop
C          SETON           LR   End the program
O*****
O*   Exception output defining the alphabet to be written
O*
*****
OTAPFIL2 E          ALPHA1
O                  ALPHA      26
OTAPFIL2 E          ALPHA2
O                  24 '123456789012345678901234'
O                  26 '56'
    
```

### 3. Using OVRTAPF to indicate which tape drives to use

After you identify two available tape drives, use the OVRTAPF command to associate each tape file with an available drive. You do not need to mount the tapes at this time.

```

Override with Tape File (OVRTAPF)

Type choices, press Enter.

File being overridden . . . . . TAPFIL      Name
Overriding to tape file . . . . *FILE    Name, *FILE
Library . . . . .                  Name, *LIBL, *CURLIB
Device . . . . .                  TAP01    Name
      + for more values
Volume identifier . . . . .        Character value, *NONE
      + for more values
Tape reels specifications:
Label processing type . . . .      *SL, *NL, *NS, *BLP, *LTM
Number of reels . . . . .         1-255
Sequence number . . . . .         1-16777215, *END, *NEXT
File label . . . . .
Record length . . . . .           Number, *CALC
Block length . . . . .           1-524288, *CALC
Buffer offset . . . . .           Number, *BLKDSC
Record block format . . . . .     *F, *FB, *V, *VB, *D, *DB...
                                   More...

F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel  F13=How to use this display
F24=More keys

```

```

Override with Tape File (OVRTAPF)

Type choices, press Enter.

File being overridden . . . . . TAPFIL2   Name
Overriding to tape file . . . . *FILE    Name, *FILE
Library . . . . .                  Name, *LIBL, *CURLIB
Device . . . . .                  TAP03    Name
      + for more values
Volume identifier . . . . .        Character value, *NONE
      + for more values
Tape reels specifications:
Label processing type . . . .      *SL, *NL, *NS, *BLP, *LTM
Number of reels . . . . .         1-255
Sequence number . . . . .         1-16777215, *END, *NEXT
File label . . . . .
Record length . . . . .           Number, *CALC
Block length . . . . .           1-524288, *CALC
Buffer offset . . . . .           Number, *BLKDSC
Record block format . . . . .     *F, *FB, *V, *VB, *D, *DB...
                                   More...

F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F12=Cancel  F13=How to use this display
F24=More keys

```

Volume R00009 contains the alphabet that is written 100 times by the previous example. T00009 is an expired tape of the media class we want to use.

```

Work With Media
System: RCHAS400
Position to . . . . . Starting characters
Type options, press Enter.
1=Add 2=Change 4=Remove 5=Display 6=Work with serial set 7=Expire
8=Move 10=Reinitialize ...

Opt Volume Serial Status Creation Date Expiration Date Location Move Date Media Class Dup Sts
M00001 *ACT 5/31/05 *PERM VAULT 7/06/05 QIC2GB
M00002 *ACT 5/31/05 *PERM *HOME *NONE NOSHARE
M00003 *ACT 5/31/05 *PERM *HOME *NONE QIC2GB
R00009 *ACT 8/01/05 8/06/05 *HOME *NONE QIC2GB
T00001 *EXP 7/04/05 *NONE *HOME *NONE QIC1GB
T00002 *EXP 7/04/05 7/04/05 *HOME *NONE QIC1GB
T00003 *ACT 7/04/05 *VER 002 *HOME 7/04/05 QIC4GB
T00009 *EXP 8/01/05 8/01/05 *HOME *NONE QIC4GB

Parameters or command:
====> -----
F3=Exit F4=Prompt F5=Refresh F11=Volume system F12=Cancel F17=Top
F18=Bottom F23=More options

Bottom

```

**4. Using SETMEDBRM to involve BRMS in managing the tape**

You need to use the SETMEDBRM command only once to control the input from TAPFIL and output to TAPFIL2. For input, the File Label field, TAPEFILXMP, controls which tape is selected. The Select Version field instructs BRMS to associate TAPEFILXMP with the correct tape, in our case T00009.

For output, the fields Media Class, Move Policy, Secure Volume, and Retention all control the tape that is selected and its media management characteristics after the tape is written.

```

Set Media Controls using BRM (SETMEDBRM)
Type choices, press Enter.
Input controls:
File label . . . . . TAPEFILXMP
Select version . . . . . *CURRENT 1-999, *SAME, *CURRENT
Allow conversion . . . . . *YES *SAME, *NO, *YES
Media class . . . . . QIC$GB *NONE, *SAME, AAA, AAAA, AA...
Move policy . . . . . OFFSITE *NONE, *SAME, AANANCY, AASL...
Secure volume . . . . . *NO *SAME, *NO, *YES
Retention:
Retention type . . . . . *DAYS *SAME, *DATE, *DAYS, *NONE...
Retain media . . . . . 30 *SAME, Date, Number
File group . . . . . *NONE *SAME, *NONE, *SYSTEM, *BKU...
File group type . . . . . *NONE *SAME, *NONE, *BKU, *ARC
Mark volumes for duplication . . *NO *SAME, *NO, *YES
Mark history for duplication . . *NO *SAME, *NO, *YES
Text . . . . . *SAME

Bottom
F3=Exit F4=Prompt F5=Refresh F12=Cancel F13=How to use this display
F24=More keys

```

## Calling the program

You can then call the RPG program. If the operator is aware of which volumes are to be used for input and output, they can be placed in the appropriate tape drives. Otherwise, BRMS will send a message to QSYSOPR with instructions on volumes to use.

```
MAIN                               System i Main Menu                               System:  RCHAS400
Select one of the following:

    1. User tasks
    2. Office tasks
    3. General system tasks
    4. Files, libraries, and folders
    5. Programming
    6. Communications
    7. Define or change the system
    8. Problem handling
    9. Display a menu
   10. Information Assistant options
   11. System i Access tasks

   90. Sign off

Selection or command
====> CALL BRMTAPF/TAPFIL2

F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F9=Retrieve  F12=Cancel  F13=Information Assistant
F23=Set initial menu
```

## Results

After you run the program, the BRMS media inventory is updated to reflect that volume T00009 is now in use with expiration characteristics as specified in the SETMEDBRM command. (The volume still shows as being in the \*HOME location as media movement has not yet been run.)

```
Work With Media                               System:  RCHAS400
Position to . . . . . Starting characters

Type options, press Enter.
  1=Add  2=Change  4=Remove  5=Display  6=Work with serial set  7=Expire
  8=Move  10=Reinitialize ...

  Opt  Volume      Creation Expiration      Move  Media  Dup
      Serial  Status   Date    Date    Location  Date   Class  Sts
-----
      M00001  *ACT    5/31/05  *PERM   VAULT    7/06/05 QIC2GB
      M00002  *ACT    5/31/05  *PERM   *HOME    *NONE   NOSHARE
      M00003  *ACT    5/31/05  *PERM   *HOME    *NONE   QIC2GB
      R00009  *ACT    8/01/05  8/06/05  *HOME    *NONE   QIC2GB
      T00001  *YES    7/04/05  *NONE   *HOME    *NONE   QIC1GB
      T00002  *YES    7/04/05  7/04/05  *HOME    *NONE   QIC1GB
      T00003  *ACT    7/04/05  *VER 002 *HOME    7/04/05 QIC4GB
  5    T00009  *YES    8/01/05  8/31/05  *HOME    *NONE   QIC4GB

                                                    Bottom

Parameters or command:
====> -----
F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F11=Volume system  F12=Cancel  F17=Top
F18=Bottom  F23=More options
```



Display Media Attributes

```

Volume serial . . . . . : T00009
Media type . . . . . :
Image catalog . . . . . :
Media class . . . . . : QIC4GB
Expiration date . . . . . : 8/31/05
Previous location . . . . . : *NONE
Previous slot number . . . . . : 0
Current location . . . . . : *HOME
Last moved date . . . . . : *NONE
Scheduled location . . . . . : *NONE
Scheduled move date . . . . . : *NONE
Container ID . . . . . : *NONE
Move policy . . . . . : OFFSITE
Creation date . . . . . : 8/01/05
Secure volume . . . . . : *NO
Beginning volume . . . . . : T00009
Slot number . . . . . : 0
    
```

Press Enter to continue.

More...

Option 13 (Work with content) shows what is on the tape.

Work With Media

System: RCHAS400

Position to . . . . . Starting characters

Type options, press Enter.

1=Add 2=Change 4=Remove 5=Display 6=Work with serial set 7=Expire  
8=Move 10=Reinitialize ...

Opt	Volume Serial	Status	Creation Date	Expiration Date	Location	Move Date	Media Class	Dup Sts
	M00001	*ACT	5/31/05	*PERM	VAULT	7/06/05	QIC2GB	
	M00002	*ACT	5/31/05	*PERM	*HOME	*NONE	NOSHARE	
	M00003	*ACT	5/31/05	*PERM	*HOME	*NONE	QIC2GB	
	R00009	*ACT	8/01/05	8/06/05	*HOME	*NONE	QIC2GB	
	T00001	*YES	7/04/05	*NONE	*HOME	*NONE	QIC1GB	
	T00002	*YES	7/04/05	7/04/05	*HOME	*NONE	QIC1GB	
	T00003	*ACT	7/04/05	*VER 002	*HOME	7/04/05	QIC4GB	
13	T00009	*YES	8/01/05	8/31/05	*HOME	*NONE	QIC4GB	

Bottom

Parameters or command:

```

====> -----
F3=Exit  F4=Prompt  F5=Refresh  F11=Volume system  F12=Cancel  F17=Top
F18=Bottom  F23=More options
    
```

Work with Media Information

RCHAS400

Position to Date . . . . .

Type options, press Enter.

2=Change 4=Remove 5=Display 6=Work with media 7=Restore  
9=Work with saved objects ...

Opt	Saved Item	Save Date	Save Time	Save Type	Parallel Devices	Volume Serial	File Sequence	Expire Date
5	TAPEFILXMP	8/01/05	14:48:24	*FILE		T00009	1	8/31/05
5	*LABEL	12/14/05	14:59:46	*FILE		TFIL01	1	*VER0035

Bottom

```

F3=Exit  F5=Refresh  F11=Object detail  F12=Cancel
F23=More options
    
```

The save type column in the screen above shows \*FILE, being direct tape file I/O, rather than a normal save, which would show \*FULL, \*INCR, or \*CUM.

```
Display Media Information

Save command . . . . . :
Saved item . . . . . : TAPEFILXMP
Save type . . . . . : *FILE
Save date . . . . . : 8/01/05
Save time . . . . . : 14:48:24
Device(s) . . . . . : TAP03

Move policy . . . . . : OFFSITE
Expiration date . . . . . : 8/31/05
Volume serial(s) . . . . . : T00009

Parallel devices . . . . . :
File sequence . . . . . : 1
Number of objects saved . . . . . : 0
Number of objects not saved . . . . . : 0
Saved size . . . . . : 0
Label . . . . . : TAPEFILXMP
Error message . . . . . :

More...

Press Enter to continue.
```

## Other processing techniques

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You can use the SETMEDBRM command before any command that performs tape I/O in a program.

You can use the SETMEDBRM command with the CPYTOTAP and CPYFRMTAP commands, as well as any IBM i save or restore command that uses a tape file. However, SETMEDBRM records only for media management purposes the status of the tape. You will not be able to use the BRMS functions (such as WRKMEDIBRM) to restore from this tape. It is always better to use the BRMS commands for save and restore operations for this reason.

## Messages

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No messages are written to the BRMS log when the tape is either written to or read in this manner.

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# Merging BRMS data and consolidating systems

The database files and objects in library QUSRBRM are critical to successful BRMS operations. These files and objects contain all the information about all the policies used by BRMS, all the saved history for all previous backups, and all the managed media. This topic explains how to merge BRMS data from one system to another system.

For purposes of this topic, the following definitions are used:

## **Donor**

The IBM i platform which is the source of the BRMS data to be merged.

## **Target**

The IBM i platform that receives the merged BRMS data.

## **BRMS data**

The libraries and files used by the IBM Backup, Recovery and Media Services for i licensed product.

## **Merge**

Taking BRMS data from a donor system and adding it to the current BRMS data on a target system.

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## Merge consolidation planning

Before merging BRMS data, you need to consider the following items:

### **DASD utilization**

BRMS data can use a fair amount of DASD when object level detail is saved as part of your backup strategy. Ensure that the target system has sufficient free storage space. The more systems merged, the greater the DASD utilization.

### **Job scheduler entries**

BRMS related job scheduler entries are not transferred during a merge or migration of BRMS data. You need to create new job scheduler entries on the target system if required.

### **Backup window**

Having a single system with data from multiple systems can increase the time to do backups. Users should be aware that their backup routines may contain additional processes after merging BRMS data.

### **BRMS maintenance**

Running BRMS maintenance take longer to run after the merge is completed if more data is involved.

### **Different time zones**

If a donor system is in an earlier time zone than the target system, do not merge BRMS data onto the target system until the time the data was saved on the donor system has been reached. This prevents the possibility of overwriting current data on the target system.

### **Primary and secondary languages**

BRMS data is not affected by different language codes; however, it is possible that menus and reports generated within BRMS are of another language on the target system.

### **Auxiliary storage pools**

If your donor system has more basic user auxiliary storage pools (ASPs) than the target system, be aware that BRMS has created a library for save file backups for each ASP. The libraries are named

Q1ABRMSFnn, where nn is the auxiliary storage pool identifier. Make sure the Q1ABRMSFnn library that resides in an ASP that does not exist on the target system, is empty before the merge.

**Note:** Never restore Q1ABRMSFnn libraries to a target system where the library already exists. Restore only the objects within the library.

### Spooled files

If spooled files are required from a donor system, save the spooled files on the donor system and then restore the saved spooled files to the target system. This can be done using a spool list. Create and run a backup control group containing the QALLSPLF spooled file list to back up all spooled files on the donor system or use the Work with Lists using BRM (WRKLB RM) command to create a spooled file list specifying the spooled files you want to back up.

### Coexistence with other systems

If the donor system is a server, point the clients to the target system if it is to be the new server.

### Same or backward releases

Merging from a higher release of BRMS to a lower release is not supported by BRMS.

### Multiple systems

Do not attempt to merge multiple donor systems to a system at the same time. If multiple systems are to be merged into one or more systems, merge one system at a time.

### Policies in BRMS

Review all BRMS policies prior the to merge and note similarities between the donor and the target systems. Consider printing and comparing the policies of both systems. Only non-unique policies will be merged and only if all references objects exist. Delete any unused policies and rename redundant policies.

**Note:** The System Policy, Backup Policy, Archive Policy, Recovery Policy, Retrieve Policy and Migration Policy are never merged.

### Omit lists

Compare omit lists between the donor and target systems to determine whether omitted items and the lists are still valid for the target system. Delete any unused list and rename redundant lists.

### Compatible media types

Drives on the target system should be compatible with media coming from the donor system.

### Print the backup plan prior to merging

Print the current backup plan for BRMS on the donor system and target systems. The report (QP1ABP) can be printed using the following command:

```
DSPBKUBRM OUTPUT(*PRINT)
```

This report lists all backup control groups on the systems and can be used to compare backup control group entries.

Review the archive groups, migration groups and lists on the display. No print option is currently available.

### Media Storage Extensions (MSE 5770-SS1, option 18)

Install Media Storage Extensions on the target system. Be aware of any other backup applications which may use MSE.

### Network donor systems

Remove donor systems from the BRMS network. Refer to [“Removing a system from a network”](#) on page 288.

## Use BRMS to perform a full system backup of all systems

It is advised that full system backups are processed prior to any system change.

## No activity on any BRMS system

To ensure a successful BRMS data merge, cease all activity on any networked BRMS system.

## Software Encryption

When merging two systems together, there might be a need to translate the BRMS keystore file. You should only have to do this if using Software Encryption. To determine whether to translate these files refer to the [Translating Key Store Files](#) topic.

## Merging BRMS data to target system with no BRMS

This section describes how to move BRMS data from a donor system to a target system that does not have BRMS installed.

The merge operation basically consists of moving the BRMS data from the donor system to the target system and then installing the BRMS licensed program. The merge steps are:

- Ensure all prerequisites for merging BRMS data are met.
- *On the donor system:*
  1. Verify you are signed on with a user profile with \*SECOFR authority.
  2. If donor system is part of a BRMS network group, use the following command to display the active records for this system:

```
DSPPFM FILE(QUSRBRM/QA1ANET2)
```

Verify the QUSRBRM/QA1ANET2 file is empty as shown in the Display Physical File Member panel below.

```
Display Physical File Member
File . . . . . : QA1ANET2      Library . . . . . : QUSRBRM
Member . . . . . : QA1ANET2

*...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7
(Selected member contains no records)
```

This indicates that donor has no data to send across the current network. Should the QA1ANET2 file not be empty, refer to [“Checking BRMS network synchronization”](#) on page 287.

3. Save the QUSRBRM and Q1ABRMSF\* libraries on donor system using the command:

```
SAVLIB LIB(QUSRBRM Q1ABRMSF*) DEV(tape_device)
```

- *On the target system:*
  1. Verify you are signed on with a user profile with \*SECOFR authority.
  2. Restore the QUSRBRM and Q1ABRMSF\* libraries on the target system using the command:

```
RSTLIB LIB(QUSRBRM Q1ABRMSF*) DEV(tape_device)
ALWOBJDIF(*ALL) MBROPT(*ALL)
```

3. Hold the users batch job queue.
4. Install BRMS as outlined in [“Installing BRMS”](#) on page 13.
5. Load and apply all relevant PTFs.
6. Release the users batch job queue to allow the post-installation product initialization to complete.

- If the target system has a different local location name, network ID, or system name than donor, transfer ownership of all BRMS data to the target system using the command:

```
INZBRM OPTION(*CHGSYSNAM)
PRVSYSNAM(network-id.donor-system-name)
NEWSYSNAM(*LCL)
```

## Merging BRMS data to target system with existing BRMS

This section describes how to move BRMS data from a donor system to a target system when the target system has BRMS installed.

BRMS is running backup policies on the target system so there exists on this system history and media information owned by the target system. The merge operation basically consists of combining the BRMS data from the donor system with the BRMS data on the target system. Since BRMS is already installed on the target system, no installation of BRMS is required. The merge steps are:

- Ensure all prerequisites for merging BRMS data are met.
- Review the printed outputs of the data you intend to merge to assure there are no duplicates. Only unique BRMS objects and information will be merged.
- If using Software Encryption, you might need to translate all the necessary keystore files in QUSRBRM. Refer to the [“Merge consolidation planning”](#) on page 363 section for more information.
- On the donor system:*
  - Verify you are signed on with a user profile with \*SECOFR authority.
  - If donor system is part of a BRMS network group, use the following command to display the active records for this system:

```
DSPPFM FILE(QUSRBRM/QA1ANET2)
```

Verify the QUSRBRM/QA1ANET2 file is empty as shown in the Display Physical File Member panel below.

```

                                Display Physical File Member
File . . . . . : QA1ANET2          Library . . . . . : QUSRBRM
Member . . . . . : QA1ANET2

*...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7
(Selected member contains no records)
```

This indicates that donor has no data to send across the current network. If the QA1ANET2 file is not empty, refer to [“Checking BRMS network synchronization”](#) on page 287.

- If you want to differentiate the save history of the donor system from that of the target system, you can update the history records with a unique control group using the following SQL command:

```
UPDATE QUSRBRM/QA1AHS
SET BKHGRP='new-control-group-name'
WHERE BKHGRP='old-control-group-name'
```

This step is optional and may not even be necessary if the saves on the donor system were performed using control groups which do not exist on the target system. Once you have completed the rename and merge the data to the target system, you will be able to view these older saves using the following command:

```
WRKMEDIBRM CTLGRP(new-control-group-name)
```

- Save the QUSRBRM and Q1ABRMSF\* libraries on donor system using the command:

```
SAVLIB LIB(QUSRBRM Q1ABRMSF*) DEV(tape_device)
```

**Note:** You do not need to save the Q1ABRMSF\* libraries if you do not intend to merge the save history of the donor system to the target system.

• *On the target system:*

1. Verify you are signed on with a user profile with \*SECOFR authority.
2. Save the QUSRBRM and Q1ABRMSF\* libraries on target system using the command:

```
SAVLIB LIB(QUSRBRM Q1ABRMSF*) DEV(tape_device)
```

The save of these libraries will protect you in the event you need to back off the merge.

3. If you intend to merge the save history of the donor system to the target system, then use the following command to restore the save files in the Q1ABRMSF\* libraries to the target system.

```
RSTOBJ OBJ(*ALL) LIB(Q1ABRMSF*) DEV(tape_device)
        ALWOBJDIF(*ALL) MBROPT(*ALL)
```

4. Restore the QUSRBRM library from the donor system to a temporary library on the target system using the following command.

```
RSTLIB LIB(QUSRBRM) DEV(tape_device) RSTLIB(temp-library-name)
        ALWOBJDIF(*ALL) MBROPT(*ALL)
```

**Note:** Do not restore the QUSRBRM library from the donor system to the QUSRBRM library on the target system.

5. Merge the BRMS data from the temporary library to QUSRBRM on the target system using the following:

- If using Software Encryption and your keystore files had to be translated, then issue this command:

```
INZBRM OPTION(*MERGE) FROMLIB(temp-library-name)
        TOLIB(QUSRBRM) MERGE(merge-options)
        KEYSTORE((source-keystore-file translated-keystore-file))
```

You can specify more than one keystore file on the *Keystore* parameter.

- Otherwise, issue this command:

```
INZBRM OPTION(*MERGE) FROMLIB(temp-library-name)
        TOLIB(QUSRBRM) MERGE(merge-options)
```

where merge options specifies the types of BRMS data to be merged.

**Note:** Because of the extensive file processing involved in the merge operation, this could be a long running process depending on the merge options you select and the size of the merged files.

6. Review the job log or the BRMS log for messages related to the merge processing. Verify the merge completed successfully. Assure that objects not merged are not required. Messages generated by the merge process include the following:

**BRM13B0 C**

Merge started for file &2 in library &3.

**BRM13B1 C**

Merge ended for file &2 in library &3.

**BRM13C1 I**

Archive control group &2 added.

**BRM13C2 I**

Archive list &2 of type &3 added.

**BRM13C3 I**

Backup control group &2 added.

**BRM13C4 I**

Backup list &2 of type &3 added.

**BRM13C5 I**  
Migration control group &2 added.

**BRM13C6 I**  
Device &2 added.

**BRM13C7 I**  
Connection name &2 added.

**BRM13C8 I**  
Storage location &2 added.

**BRM13C9 I**  
Media class &2 added.

**BRM13CA I**  
Move policy &2 added.

**BRM13CB I**  
Media policy &2 added.

**BRM13CC I**  
Container class &2 added.

**BRM13CD I**  
Container &2 added.

**BRM13CE I**  
ASP class &2 added.

**BRM13CF I**  
Volume &2 added.

**BRM13D1 I**  
Archive control group &2 not added. Reason &5.

**BRM13D2 I**  
Archive list &2 of type &3 not added. Reason &5.

**BRM13D3 I**  
Backup control group &2 not added. Reason &5.

**BRM13D4 I**  
Backup list &2 of type &3 not added. Reason &5.

**BRM13D5 I**  
Migration control group &2 not added. Reason &5.

**BRM13D6 I**  
Device &2 not added. Reason &5.

**BRM13D7 I**  
Connection name &2 not added. Reason &5.

**BRM13D8 I**  
Storage location &2 not added. Reason &5.

**BRM13D9 I**  
Media class &2 not added. Reason &5.

**BRM13DA I**  
Move policy &2 not added. Reason &5.

**BRM13DB I**  
Media policy &2 not added. Reason &5.

**BRM13DC I**  
Container class &2 not added. Reason &5.

**BRM13DD I**  
Container &2 not added. Reason &5.

**BRM13DE I**  
ASP class &2 not added. Reason &5.



**BRM13DF I**

Volume &2 not added. Reason &5.

**BRM13F0 D**

Volume &2 not updated. Reason &5.

**BRM13FE D**

File &2 not merged. Reason &5

**BRM13FF E**

Merge operation not successful. Reason &5.

7. Verify the merged policies by editing or changing the policy using the standard BRMS interfaces. Resolve any errors that may occur during the validation processing.
8. If the target system has a different local location name, network ID, or system name than the donor system and you want to consider the saved history and media as now owned by the current system, transfer ownership of the merged BRMS data to the target system using the command:

```
INZBRM OPTION(*CHGSYSNAM) PRVSYSNAM(network-id.donor-system-name)
NEWSYSNAM(*LCL)
```

**Note:** Merging BRMS data to a target system with existing BRMS will not merge save file history because of possible naming collisions on the target system. When consolidating systems and removing the source system from the BRMS network, if the target system is not changed to own the media and history from the source system by running the INZBRM \*CHGSYSNAM function, then history will be removed during a run of maintenance. BRMS does not allow history from another system on the local system if the systems are not networked.



## A summary of BRMS reports

BRMS provides powerful reporting capabilities to help you manage your save operations more effectively and track the information that BRMS records.

The following table shows the BRMS reports that are available for printing, the name each report has in the output queue, and a brief description of each report.

Report name	File name	Description
Backup plan	QP1ABP	Lists all backup policies and the items that make up each policy.
Backup statistics	QP1ABS	Summarizes the information about the objects that have been saved by BRMS.
Container	QP1ACN	Lists containers that are based on class, status, and location.
Container pool	QP1ACT	Lists all container pools that are specified in BRMS.
Devices and libraries	QP1ADV	Lists all devices that are defined to BRMS.
Disaster recovery	QP1ARCY - analysis; QP1A2RCY - volume summary; QP1AASP - disk pools; QP1AJR - journal receiver chain; QP1AJREXC - journal receiver exception	Lists the steps necessary to recover your system, the volumes that are required to complete a recovery, and the disk pools that are set up on your system.
Disk pools	QP1AASP	Lists all disk pools that are set up and provides statistical information for each.
Journal receivers	QP1AJR - journal receiver chain; QP1AJREXC - journal receiver exception	Lists the journal receiver chains and also any exceptions to those chains.
Lists	QP1ALQ - printer output QP1AFL - folder QP1AOB - object QP1AFL - directory	Shows all of the items in each of the lists.
Locations	QP1ASL	Shows the storage locations that are set up for your system and the current contents and maximums that are set up.
Location analysis	QP1A2SL	Lists all locations that are specified to BRMS, together with details of the current and maximum volumes and containers at each location.
Volumes (active)	QP1AMM	Summarizes the status, location information, and volume identifier information for the active volumes in a media library.
Volumes (all)	QP1AMM	Summarizes the status, location information, and volume identifier information for all volumes in a media library.

Table 7. BRMS printed reports (continued)

Report name	File name	Description
Volumes (expired)	QP1AMM	Summarizes the status and location information for the expired volumes in a media library.
Media movement	QP1APVMS	Shows all volumes that are scheduled to move from one location to another location.
Media pools	QP1AMT	Shows basic information for each media pool that is defined to BRMS.
Media statistics	QP1AVU	Shows how your media are being used; helps to identify if any volumes are being used excessively when compared to others.
Media library media	QP1A1MD	Shows all media or specific media in a media library device that you specify.
Media balance	QP1ABAL	Shows the scratch media currently available and the scratch media requirements for BRMS operations. This information is provided for each system that is specified in the System name (SYSNAME) parameter.
Move policies	QP1AMP	Shows the move sequences and associated values for each move policy that is defined to BRMS.
Save files	QP1ASF	Shows all libraries that are saved to save files and whose media content information is not deleted.

Following is a list of all the reports that are available in BRMS. This list provides the title of each report, the command or commands that you can use to generate the report, and the associated printer file. The list includes source information (QUSRBRM/QA1ASRC) for printer files for the three Print Label reports, which you can change as necessary. To see the actual layout of these reports, go to the Reports menu (GO BRMRPT), from which you can process any of these reports. The parenthesized name (QP1Axxxx) in the section titles are the names of the printer files that contain the final reports.

### Related concepts

[Viewing or printing BRMS reports](#)

Backup, Recovery, and Media Services (BRMS) provides powerful reporting capabilities to help you manage your save operations more effectively and track the information that BRMS records.

## ASP Information Report (QP1AASP, QP1AXS)

The ASP Information report provides a summary of all auxiliary storage pools (ASPs) that are set up and various statistical information detail about the ASP's on your system. This report is printed as a result of running the command `WRKASPBRM OUTPUT(*PRINT)`

The ASP Information report is also produced as part of the maintenance (STRMNTBRM) activity or by running the `STRRCYBRM` command. In these cases, the printer file is named `QP1AASP`.

## Backup Folder List Report (QP1AFL)

The Backup Folder List report lists all the folders in a backup list. This report is printed as a result of running the command `WRKLB RM TYPE(*BKU) OUTPUT(*PRINT)`.

## Backup Link List Report (QP1AFS)

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The Backup Link List report lists all the directories in a backup list. Print the report by running the command `WRKLBRM TYPE(*BKU) OUTPUT(*PRINT)` or by selecting Option 6 (Print) on the Work with Lists display for an integrated file system list.

## Backup Object List Report (QP1AOB)

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The Backup Object List report lists all the objects in a backup list. This report is printed as a result of running the command `WRKLBRM TYPE(*BKU) OUTPUT(*PRINT)`.

## Backup Plan Report (QP1ABP)

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The Backup Plan report lists all control groups and the entries that make up each control group. Run the report by selecting Option 3 (Print backup plan) on the Backup Planning menu (BRMBKUPLN) or use the `DSPBKUBRM OUTPUT(*PRINT)` command.

## Backup Policy Report (QP1ABX)

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The Backup Policy report lists the attributes defined for the Backup Policy. Print the report by running the command `WRKPCYBRM TYPE(*BKU) OUTPUT(*PRINT)`. Also included in this report are the attributes defined for the following:

- Libraries to Omit from Backups

## Backup Statistic Report (QP1ABS)

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Running the `PRTRPTBRM TYPE(*BKU) OUTPUT(*PRINT)` command produces the Backup Statistic Report. This report provides summarized information about all objects that were saved by BRMS within a specified period.

Running the `PRTRPTBRM TYPE(*CTLGRPSTAT) OUTPUT(*PRINT)` command produces the Control Group Statistics Report. This report provides summarized information about all control groups that were processed by BRMS within a specified period.

## Backup Spooled File List Report (QP1ALQ)

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Running the `WRKLBRM TYPE(*BKU) OUTPUT(*PRINT)` produces the Backup Spooled File List report. This report lists all the spooled files in any list of spooled files that you have set up. This report lists each list item, the sequence number, and the selection criteria.

## Calendar Report (QP1ACA)

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Run the `WRKCALBRM OUTPUT(*PRINT)` command to produce the Calendar report. Calendars are user-defined grouping of days. You can define the working days of a year for a company, the days of the week that media movement is allowed, or exception days such as a holiday where normal activity does not take place. The Calendar Report lists all calendars that you have set up in BRMS, any reference calendars that you are using and the dates that you have set up for the calendar.

**Note:** Calendar names can be up to 10 characters in length and adhere to IBM i naming conventions.

## Centralized Media Audit Report (QP1ASYN)

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The Centralized Media Audit report is produced when you process the STRMNTBRM command and the system is in a BRMS network (the Network Feature is installed and configured). The report is not produced when you are in a single system environment. You should understand why you find errors and what updates BRMS has made to correct them.

The report indicates both the from system and the to system that you are auditing. The report will indicate for each volume whether the volume was found on the network system and if so was either system updated with information from the other system.

The following should be noted about this report:

- Volumes that are found in error or that were updated are listed by volume. Volumes that had neither condition are not listed.
- *Total volumes checked* is the number of volumes across all systems in the BRMS network.
- *Volumes in error* is the number of volumes that the audit has found to be in error. Volume entries that are found to be different between systems can cause errors. An example of a difference is a volume that is shown to exist on one system but not on another.
- *Volumes updated* is the number of BRMS volumes which have been changed as a result of the audit. For instance, volume entries can have a different internal time stamp. These volumes will be changed with the most recent update that is applied to the older entries.

**Note:** If you cannot reconcile the information that is provided in the report, contact level 2 IBM support.

## Container Report (QP1ACN)

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Running the WRKCNBRM OUTPUT(\*PRINT) command or selecting option 6 from the BRMPRTINV menu produces the Container report. Select entries that are based on the following:

- Class
- Status
- Location

The following should be noted about this report:

- \*OPEN indicates that the container status is open which allows you to add volumes to the container.
- \*CLOSED indicates that the container is closed and no further volumes can be added.
- Expiration date indicates the oldest expiration date of any media volume in the container. A container can contain volumes that have the same expiration date or different expiration dates. The expiration date depends on the value in the *Different expiration date* parameter for the container class specified in Work with Container Classes display.
- Date indicates the expiration date in system date format.
- \*NONE indicates that you did not assign an expiration date to the container.
- \*PERM indicates that you assigned the container to a permanent retention.

## Container Class Report (QP1ACT)

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The Container Class report lists all container classes that are specified to BRMS. This report is produced as a result of running the command WRKCLSRM TYPE(\*CNR) OUTPUT(\*PRINT). Choosing option 7 from the BRMPRTINV menu can also print the report.

The following should be noted about this report:

- *Allow mixed dates* field can contain either \*NO or \*YES. \*NO specifies that the container can contain only media volumes that have the same expiration dates. The container expiration date is the same as

the expiration date of the media volumes in the container. \*YES indicates that a container in this class can contain media volumes that have different expiration dates. The container assumes the expiration date of the media volume that expires last among all the volumes in the container.

- The *Unpack* field indicates whether this container class is automatically unpacked when volumes in the container expire or expired volumes must be manually unpacked.

If a container is automatically unpacked when media expires in the container, the association between the expired media volume serial and the container is removed. You can use the media and assign the media to another container. Likewise, you can assign the container to other volumes.

If the volume is not automatically unpacked, the relationship between expired volumes and the container that the volumes are in is left intact in the media library. The volumes are still assigned to the container, even though the volumes are expired. They will remain assigned until you manually remove them from the container.

- *Capacity* is measured in the number of media volumes that this container class can hold.
- The *Media class* field indicates the name of the media class that can be stored in this container class. You can have from one to four media classes assigned to a container class.

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## Device Report (QP1ADV)

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The Device report provides a basic list of all tape devices defined to BRMS. This report is produced as a result of running the WRKDEVBRM OUTPUT(\*PRINT) command. Choose the interactive version of the command to view additional detail. The *Transfer rate per second* field shows the rate which the media device transfers data to and from the storage media. \*DEVTYPE indicates that you use the default transfer rate of the selected device.

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## Journal Receiver Chain Report (QP1AJR)

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Running STRRCYBRM OPTION(\*JOURNAL) ACTION(\*REPORT) JRN(\*JRNLST) will produce the Journal Receiver Chain Report. This report will be based on the backup history for the specified journal or journals.

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## Journal Receiver Chain Exception Report (QP1AJREXC)

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Running STRRCYBRM OPTION(\*JOURNAL) ACTION(\*REPORT) JRN(\*JRNLST) will also produce the Journal Receiver Chain Exception Report. This report will only be created if BRMS detects the required journal receiver was not fully saved or saved within the specified period.

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## Library Backup Analysis Report (QP1ALA)

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The Library Backup Analysis report shows an analysis of libraries that you have backed up as well as those that you did not back up. The size of the library and the number of objects is listed for each library. The reports are produced using the ANZLIBBRM command. However, you must have first run the RTVDSKINF command. The RTVDSKINF command create files that ANZLIBBRM uses to analyze your libraries. The RTVDSKINF command initiates an analysis of the system (1) and basic user (2–32) auxiliary storage pools by default. You must specify the ASPDEV parameter to initiate an analysis of any available auxiliary storage pool devices. The ANZLIBBRM command will generate report QP1ALA for the system and basic user auxiliary storage pools, and report QP1ALA0nnn for each available auxiliary storage pool device, where nnn is the auxiliary storage pool number.

The following should be noted about this report:

- The capacity and transfer rate values are determined from the *Media class* and *Device name* that are specified in the system policy.

- The *Estimated volumes* column represents an approximation of the number of volumes that are required to back up a specified library.
- The *Estimated minutes* column specifies an approximation of the number of minutes that are required to back up a specified library.
- The *Control group* column specifies the control group of which the library is a member.

## Link Information Report (QP1ADI)

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The Link Information report is produced using the WRKLNKBRM OUTPUT(\*PRINT) command. This report summarizes all directories, objects, and object types that have been saved and have media content available in BRMS. The report starts at the highest level of the path and continues through each extension of the path.

The following should be noted about this report:

1. In this example the file system root directory "/" is the first detailed information about the report.
2. Information about each saved directory is included such as save list, date and time of a save operation and so on. Obtain this information plus additional detail by using the Option 5 (Display) on the Work with Directory Information display.
3. After the root directory information is reported, each extension of the pattern is reported. For instance, the path /QIBM follows the "/" root directory.

## Location Analysis Report (QP1A2SL)

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The Location Analysis report shows a list of all locations that are specified to BRMS, together with details of the current and maximum volumes and containers at each location. This report is produced as part of running the STRMNTBRM command.

## Log Report (QP1ALG)

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The BRMS Log report shows activities that are processed through BRMS commands. This report is produced as part of running the DSPLOGBRM OUTPUT(\*PRINT) command. Additional parameters on the DSPLOGBRM command allow you to filter the type and number of entries returned in the report.

You can base your filters on the following:

### Date

Select to and from dates

### Severity

Select lowest severity code for messages to be printed

### Type

- \*ALL selects all activities.
- \*ARC selects only archive activities.
- \*BKU selects only backup activities.
- \*ENT selects only enterprise activities.
- \*MED selects only media activities.
- \*MGR selects only migration activities.
- \*RCY selects only recovery activities.
- \*MAINT selects only maintenance activities.
- \*RTV selects only retrieve activities.



\*SEC selects only security log activities.

## Media Balancing Report (QP1AMBL)

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Running the STRBALBRM ACTION(\*REPORT) MEDCLS(\*ALL) will produce the Media Balancing Report. This report contains a listing of the scratch media currently available as well as the scratch media requirements for BRMS operations.

## Media Report (QP1AMM)

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The Media report by Volume Serial is the result of running the maintenance command (STRMNTBRM) or the WRKMEDBRM OUTPUT(\*PRINT) SORT (\*VOL) command. Choosing options 1, 2, 3, or 4 from the BRMPRTINV menu can also produce the report, depending on selection criteria or sequence required.

The purpose of the report is to summarize status and location information for selected or all volumes in the media library.

The following should be noted about this report:

- You can create this report in volume, with creation or expiration date sequence by using the WRKMEDBRM command.
- The WRKMEDBRM command provides multiple parameters to select volumes to include in the report. The selection criteria for the report are listed first, including the creation and expiration date ranges.
- The *Volume list* field indicates whether all volumes in the inventory are included (\*NO) or whether specific volumes requested in a list (\*YES) are printed.
- Note that some volumes can have dates earlier than the current date but have not expired. This could be because you have not run the STRMNTBRM command recently, or the volume is part of volume set with a later expiration, or because these volumes cannot expire in a remote location.
- A summary shows the number of active, expired, requiring initialization, flagged in error and the total number of volumes in the inventory.
- The *System ID* field shows the system which wrote the **first** file to the media. **Do not use a volume for active files from more than one system.**
- A separate *Volume Identifier Information* section identifies volumes that have a six-character volume serial and also have a thirty-two-character volume identifier. Volumes that have a thirty-two-character volume identifier are typically optical volumes.

## Media Class Report (QP1AMT)

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The Media Class report shows basic information for each media class that is defined to BRMS. You produce the report by running the command WRKCLSBRM TYPE(\*MED) OUTPUT(\*PRINT) or by choosing option 5 from the BRMPRTINV menu. Choosing the interactive version of the command can display additional information.

The following should be noted about this report:

- *Label print* shows when labels will be printed. This can be:
  - \*NONE - labels are not printed
  - \*MOVE - labels are printed when the MOVMEDBRM command processes media volumes that belong to this media class.
  - \*WRITE - labels are printed for any tape that belongs to this media class any time a write operation occurs.
- *Label size* indicates the size of the tape labels.

## Media Expiration Report (QP1AEP)

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Running the maintenance command (STRMNTBRM) or specifically expiring media (STREXPBRM command) produces the Media Expiration report. This report shows the media that has expired as a result of that particular run. This report also indicates the total number of volumes in the inventory which are expired.

**Note:** If the ACTFILCNT parameter is 0, and you specify \*REPORT in the ACTION parameter, BRMS produces a report and expires media with 0 active files. If the ACTFILCNT parameter is greater than 0, only a report is produced.

The following should be noted about this report:

- The *System* field indicates the system name which wrote the first file to the tape.
- The *User* field indicates the user who owned the job that wrote the first file to the tape.
- The *Total expired count* field indicates the total number of volumes in the inventory which are expired.
- The *Use count* field indicates the number of times the volume has been used.

## Media Information Report (QP1AHS)

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The Media Information report shows a history of what has been backed up by BRMS. This report is printed as a result of processing the WRKMEDIBRM OUTPUT(\*PRINT) command or as part of the STRMNTBRM maintenance job.

The following should be noted about this report:

- The *Expiration date* field indicates when the item will expire. For instance, an expiration date of 5/15/07 indicates that the save item will expire no sooner than 12:01 a.m. on 5/16/07.
- The *Objects saved* field indicates the total number of objects that are saved as a result of this save operation.
- The *Not saved* field indicates the number of objects that you were not able to save. You cannot save objects that are locked at the time the save operation takes place.
- The *Type save* field indicates the type of save that was specified for this save item. For instance:
  - \*INCR indicates that the save was an incremental (save changed objects).
  - \*CUMML indicates that the save was an incremental save (cumulative save changed objects).
  - \*FULL indicates that the save was of the entire library.
  - \*RCY indicates that BRMS was saved when processing a control group.
  - \*ARC indicates that the media information was the result of an archive operation.

You can sequence the report using the following:

- Save Date
- Library Name
- Volume Serial Number

## Media Library Report (QP1AMD)

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The Media Library report lists the MLB devices that are defined to BRMS. This report is produced as a result of running the WRKMLBBRM OUTPUT(\*PRINT) command.

The following should be noted about this report:

- The *Library* field indicates the name of the MLB.

- The *Status* field indicates the status of the Media Library. *Released* indicates that the media library can be used in media operations. *Held* indicates that the media library device cannot be used in media operations.
- The *Location* field indicates the location of the MLB. There is a one to one correspondence between location and device name. You cannot assign another device the same location as the MLB.

## Media Library Media Report (QP1A1MD)

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The Media Library Media report lists the volumes that are resident in the MLB. Running the WRKMLMBRM OUTPUT(\*PRINT) command produces this report. You may choose to display all media in the MLB, only those volumes that are registered in BRMS or both.

The following should be noted about this report:

- The *Category* field indicates the category of the volume in the MLB.
- \*SHARE400 indicates that a IBM i product can only use the media.
- \*NOSHARE indicates that the media has a value of \*YES in the *Shared media* parameter in its associated media class.
- \*INSERT indicates that the media is in the "insert" mode in the MLB. You must change the media to another category before you can use it in MLB operations.
- \*EJECT indicates that the media is in the "eject" mode in the MLB.
- \*IPL indicates that you can use the media for an alternate IPL.
- \*NL indicates that you can use the media as a non-labeled tape.
- \*CNV indicates that the media is convenience station media.
- \*SYSGEN indicates that the media is \*SYSTGEN media.
- Category-name indicates that the media is in a user-defined category.

## Media Merge Report (QP1AEN)

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The Media Merge report lists the volumes that are merged together as a result of running the Copy Media Information using BRM (CPYMEDIBRM) command. All media entries that are not duplicates will be added to the network media inventory on the system that you are adding. You will receive messages when there are differences that need to be resolved.

## Media Movement Report (QP1APVMS)

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The PRTMOVBRM command produces the Media Movement report. The Media Movement report shows all volumes that are scheduled to move from one location to another location. The report page breaks for each from/to combination. The MOVMEDBRM command actually performs the media movement.

The following should be noted about this report:

- The *To slot* field indicates where the volume is placed at the "to location".
- A move policy of \*NONE implies that these volumes were moved manually. Use Option 8 (Move) on the Work with Media display to accomplish this.
- The *Container slot* field indicates where the container is placed in the "to location".
- A *From slot* field indicates where the volume was placed at the "from location".
- An *Expiration* date of \*VERnnn indicates that this volume is using version control.

Check the Media Movement report for every movement of media or containers. You can use it as a control document when moving media by an outside agency.

## Media Policy Report (QP1AME)

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The Media Policy report lists all the media policies defined to BRMS and the associated attributes defined for each policy. Print the report by running the command `WRKPCYBRM TYPE(*MED) OUTPUT(*PRINT)`.

## Media Volume Statistics Report (QP1AVU)

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The Media Volume Statistics report is produced when you run the command `PRTMEDBRM TYPE(*STATISTICS)`. You can use it periodically to check the usage of your media and identify if any volumes are being used excessively when compared to others.

The following should be noted about this report:

- The "\*" to the right of the *Expiration date* field indicates that the volume has expired. The "E" indicates that the volume is in error status and the "I" indicates the volume requires initialization.
- The *Uses* field shows the number of times to which a media volume has been read from or written. When the volume exceeds the Usage threshold value for media in its media class, you should take it out of service and replace it with a newer volume. You can review the Usage threshold value in the Work with Media Classes display.

The following fields are the sizes of the disk files that were written to or read from tape. You should use these as an approximation as they do not reflect any data compression or compaction that may have been performed.

- The *Bytes read* indicates the number of bytes that are read from the volume since its creation date.
- The *Bytes written* field indicates the number of bytes that are written to the volume since its creation date.
- The *Current bytes written* field indicates the number of bytes that are currently written on the media volume.
- The *Maximum bytes on volume* field indicates the maximum number of bytes that you have written to this tape.

## Media Volume Threshold Report (QP1AVOL)

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Use the `PRTMEDBRM TYPE(*THRESHOLD)` command to produce the Media Volume Threshold report. The Media Volume Threshold report compares actual volume threshold information against standard threshold information to alert you to any potential errors in your media. Each media class is evaluated separately with summary statistics at the end of each report. You have the option of printing only exceptions, or all volumes with exceptions.

The following should be noted about this report:

- Read, write, and usage error thresholds are numbers that you should obtain from media manufacturers. The thresholds will vary widely between media classes.
- BRMS also keeps the last cleaning date and the number of uses since the volume was cleaned.
- The "\*" to the right of the *Expiration date* field indicates that the volume has expired. The "E" indicates the volume is in error status and the "I" indicates the volume requires initialization.
- The *Exception detail* field indicates the type of (if any) exception which has occurred. These are listed below the listed volumes for the media class. Possible values are:
  - \*1 - No media class found for volume.
  - \*2 - Media has exceeded use count.
  - \*3 - Read error threshold has been exceeded.
  - \*4 - Write error threshold has been exceeded.

- \*6 - Reorder point has been reached for this class.

## Move Policy Report (QP1AMP)

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The command WRKPCYBRM (\*MOV) produces the Move Policy report. This report shows the move sequences and associated values for each move policy defined to BRMS.

## Recovery Activities Report (QP1ARW)

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The Recovery Activities report is printed as part of the maintenance run (STRMNTBRM) command if you select \*YES and the \*RCYANL choice for the PRTRCYRPT parameter. The report can also be printed using the WRKRCYBRM OUTPUT(\*PRINT) command. Activities may range from a full system recovery, including actions to take for implementing a full mobile recovery service, to those activities necessary to recover a failed application.

The following should be noted about this report:

- *Sequence* is a number between 1 and 999. This report is used to sequence the activities on the report, but need not be a unique number.
- *Activity* is a brief description of the recovery activity to perform.
- *Text* describes the activity. You should make this as meaningful as possible.
- These fields describe the people who may need to be contacted in order to perform the activity. You can display up to five contacts.
- *Recovery information* is a free format area of text to describe in detail the activity to be performed.

## Recovery Analysis Report (QP1ARCY)

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Use the Recovery Analysis report to restore all or parts of the software on your system. Run either the STRRCYBRM or STRMNTBRM commands to produce this report. The report is broken into multiple steps, with instructions and associated media volumes where applicable for each step. [“Recovering your entire system”](#) on page 27 covers each of the areas in more detail.

**Note:**

1. When doing an \*SAVSYS, the number of objects will show as 0 since the licensed internal code is not comprised of IBM i objects.
2. If recovering to a different system you should specify \*ALL in the *Allow object differences* field and \*NONE in the *System resource management* field.

## Recovery Policy Report (QP1ARX)

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The Recovery Policy report lists the attributes defined for the Recovery Policy. Print the report by running the command WRKPCYBRM TYPE(\*RCY) OUTPUT(\*PRINT).

## Recovery Volume Summary Report (QP1A2RCY)

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The Recovery Volume Summary report is produced as part of the maintenance (STRMNTBRM) activity or by running the STRRCYBRM command. The report provides a list of all tape volumes that are required to complete a full system recovery to the latest backup point, all duplicate volumes for the volumes that are required for recovery, encryption information for items that were encrypted to these volumes, and volume identifier information for volumes with 32 character volume identifiers. Use this report with the Recovery Analysis report to locate all volumes or duplicate volumes that are required for recovery. Slot information is included (where used) to allow easy retrieval of the volumes.

The following should be noted about this report:

- The total number of volumes that are required for a complete system recovery is shown as a final summary.
- You can use the Volume summary order (VOLSUMORD) parameter on the STRRCYBRM command to indicate whether to sort the volumes by name (\*VOLNAME), as they appear on the BRMS Recovery Report (QP1ARCY) (\*RCYRPT), or by creation date (\*VOLCRTDAT).

## Save Files Report (QP1ASF)

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The BRM Save Files report lists all save files in the BRMS media content information. This report shows all libraries which have been saved to save files and have not yet had media content information deleted. The report is produced as a result of running the WRKSAVFBRM OUTPUT(\*PRINT) command.

The following should be noted about this report:

- The name of the *Save file* is based on a date/time stamp. These save files were created when BRMS performed save or archive activity with a media policy which specified to save to a save file. Save files created outside BRMS (CRTSAVF) are **not** listed.
- The last 2 digits of the *Save file library* name reflect the ASP in which the save file was created.

## Save Strategy Exceptions Report (QP1ALE)

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The Save Strategy Exceptions report lists libraries that have not been saved by a BRMS control group. You can run the Media Information report by using the WRKMEDIBRM SAVTYPE(\*NONE) OUTPUT(\*PRINT) command which scans the media information for libraries that have not been backed up. The library name, description of the library (if any), and the total number of libraries are listed in the Save Strategy Exceptions report.

If a control group exists which includes special values such as \*ALLUSR, a new user library is still listed in this report if it has not previously been saved. Once it has been saved, it will not appear on the Saved Strategies Exceptions report.

You can also use the STRMNTBRM command and specify \*ALL or \*SAVEXCP for the PRTRCYRPT parameter to produce the Save Strategy Exceptions report.

## Saved Folders Report (QP1AFD)

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The Saved Folders report lists all folders and sub-folders which have been saved by BRMS. The WRKFLRBRM OUTPUT(\*PRINT) command produces this report. You can sequence the report in *Save date* or *Folder name* order.

You can select folders to appear in the report that is based on all the fields that are shown below in the report except *Volumes*.

## Saved Objects Report (QP1AOD)

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Running the WRKOBJBRM OUTPUT(\*PRINT) command produces the Saved Objects report. This report lists all objects that are saved by BRMS with *Retain object detail* \*YES, \*OBJ, or \*MBR. You can sequence the report by *Save date*, *Object name*, or *Library*.

## Objects Not Journalled Report (QP1AOD)

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The Objects Not Journalled report is also using the QP1AOD printer file name. You can create an object list of journals. When a backup is performed, it can check the list of journals for their journaling status. The report will then be created when the specified objects in the list are not journalled.

## Saved Spooled Files by Date Report (QP1AOQ)

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Running the WRKSPLFBRM OUTPUT(\*PRINT) command produces the Saved Spooled Files by Date report. This report lists all saved spooled files that are saved by BRMS. You can also sequence the report by *Job* or *File name*.

## Storage Location Report (QP1ASL)

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The Storage Location report is produced as a result of processing the WRKLOCBRM OUTPUT(\*PRINT). The report displays all the storage locations that you have set up for your system and the current contents and maximums that you have set up.

The following should be noted about this report:

- The *Retrieval time in hours* field indicates how long it takes to move media from this location to the home location.
- The *Threshold number* fields for both containers and volumes indicate the current thresholds at this location. The threshold is the number of volumes or containers, that if equaled or exceeded, causes BRMS to issue a warning that the storage location's threshold is being approached.
- *Allow expire* indicates whether volumes are allowed to expire in this location. Volumes should always be allowed to expire at the home location.

## System Policy Report (QP1ASP)

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The System Policy report lists the attributes defined for the System Policy. Print the report by running the command WRKPCYBRM TYPE(\*SYS) OUTPUT(\*PRINT). Also included in this report are the attributes defined for the following:

- Signoff Exceptions
- Subsystems to Check before IPL
- Presentation Controls
- Notification Controls
- IPL Controls

## TSM Performance Analysis Report (QP1ATSMRPT)

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The TSM performance analysis report lists and summarizes recent data transfer activity for save and restore operations with a Tivoli® Storage Manager (TSM) server. You can print this report using option 53 from the GO BRMRPT menu. The report summarizes TSM data transfer activity recorded in file '/tmp/brms/tsmapis'. The default action is to create a report using all available records. You can create a report using records filtered by date, job number, job user and minimum number of blocks in the data transfers.

The following should be noted about this report:

- The *Entry* field identifies the current TSM data transfer entry.
- The *Job* field indicates the job that initiated the entry.



- The *Job user* field indicates the job user that initiated the entry.
- The *Date* field indicates the date the entry was started.
- The *Time* field indicates the time the entry was started.
- The *Number blocks* field indicates the number of blocks (transfer requests) included in the analysis for the entry.
- The *Average block size* field indicates the average length of each block transferred for the entry.
- The *Average block time* field indicates the average time required to transfer each block for the entry.
- The *Fastest block time* field indicates the fastest (shortest) time required to transfer a block for the entry.
- The *Slowest block time* field indicates the slowest (longest) time required to transfer a block for the entry.
- The *Byte save rate* field indicates the calculated instantaneous rate which the operating system and BRMS collect save data for this entry.
- The *Byte send rate* field indicates the calculated instantaneous rate which TSM sends data across the network to the TSM server for this entry.
- The *Byte restore rate* field indicates the calculated instantaneous rate which the operating system and BRMS restore data for this entry.
- The *Byte receiver rate* field indicates the calculated instantaneous rate which TSM receives data across the network from the TSM server for this entry.

## Version Control Report (QP1AVER)

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The Version Control report is produced as a result of processing the STRMNTBRM command. The report displays those volumes under version control for each control group.

The following should be noted about this report:

- The *Seq* field indicates the version of the save for the control group. The most recent is shown as 1.
- The *Retain* field indicates the number of versions that will be kept for the control group.
- The *Type* field indicates the type of data that was saved. Valid values are:
  - \*LSTF - full save of object list
  - \*LSTI - incremental save of object list
  - \*LSTC - cumulative incremental save of object list
  - \*FULL - full save
  - \*INCR - incremental save
  - \*CUML - cumulative incremental save
  - \*QBRM - recovery data
  - \*ARCH - archive data

## Volume Movement Report (QP1AVMS)

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Running the MOVMEDBRM command produces the Volume Movement report. The Volume Movement report shows all volumes that were moved or not moved from one location to another location. The report shows the current location, when the volume moved to the current location, the date and location of the next move, and the current move policy controlling the volume movement. There is also a section at the bottom of the report called the *Volume Identifier Information*. This reports all the volumes that have a thirty-two character volume identifier.

If there are errors that are associated with a volume, an error code will be associated with that volume. The possible error codes are:



1. Error \*1 No move policy or no move rules were found. Volume will move to default home location.
2. Error \*2 Unable to assign a container for indicated volume.
3. Error \*3 Location reached maximum number of volumes. Move operation bypassed.
4. Error \*4 Location reached maximum number of containers. Move operation bypassed.
5. Error \*5 Volume movement for this move policy was prevented by move calendar schedule.
6. Error \*6 Reference calendar refers to a calendar previously defined.
7. Error \*7 Volume marked for duplication.



## APIs and exit Programs

The following APIs and exit programs are provided for the user who wants to perform various utility functions while using BRMS. Each program and API are described in general and followed by detailed field descriptions and sizes.

### Control Group Exit Program

Required Parameter Group:			
1	Control group name	Input	Char(10)
2	Control group type	Input	Char(4)
3	Qualified user space name	Input	Char(20)
4	User space format	Input	Char(8)
5	Control information format	Output	Char(8)
6	Control information	Output	Char(*)
Exit Point Name: None			
Exit Point Format Name: See <a href="#">“Control Group Entry Information”</a> on page 390 for possible formats.			

Use this exit to receive information about entries processed in control groups. You may want to use this exit to:

- Perform additional actions for processed entries.
- Review the messages generated by processed entries.
- Retry processed entries.
- Force termination of subsequent processing.

Information about processed control group entries is provided to the exit program in a user space. The specified exit program must be capable of receiving the required parameter group and retrieve the entry information provided in the user space. The exit program is called after an entry or group of entries is processed by the control group.

Messages generated while processing control group entries can be received by the exit program using the starting message key and ending message key fields provided in the entry information.

The exit program returns control information which indicates whether:

- subsequent calls to the exit program are ended.
- processing should continue with the next subsequent entry in the control group.
- whether the current entry is processed again.
- control group operations are ended and how operations are to end.

The control group will terminate abnormally if the exit program returns an exception or invalid values for the control information.

#### Restrictions

The exit program should not call any BRMS commands or APIs using media operations or alters the current media retention attributes. Such activity could result in unpredictable behaviors.

The exit program must handle all exceptions from commands and programs it calls.

The exit program should remove only those overrides which it creates.

## Control Group Exit Program

The exit program should remove only those messages created by commands and programs it calls.

### Authorities and Locks

The exit program must have the necessary authorities to objects it uses.

All adopted authorities of the calling program will be dropped when the exit program is called.

The exit program must release locks it places on objects before returning to the caller.

### Usage Notes

The control group exit program is currently enabled only for backup control groups. To use this exit for backup control groups, specify an exit program name, library, and format BKUI0100 on the *Backup item exit* prompt in the attributes for the backup control group you want enabled for backup item exit processing. Alternately, you can use one exit program for multiple backup control groups by specifying \*BKUPCY for the *Backup item exit* prompt in these backup control groups, and specifying the exit program name, library, and format BKUI0100 on the *Backup item exit* prompt of the *Backup Policy*.

Libraries in backup control groups might be grouped if the libraries have similar auxiliary storage pool, activity, object detail, and save-while-active attributes, and the grouping does not exceed 300 libraries.

The exit program is not called if there are no entries in the control group, or entries are skipped when restarting a control group (see the Starting sequence (STRSEQ) parameter on the Start Backup using BRM (STRBKUBRM) command).

The exit program is not called for \*EXIT entries which have no command defined.

Program messages generated by the exit program are not removed from the job log.

Overrides created by the exit program are not removed until the control group processing ends.

All overrides are deleted and resources reclaimed for when the control group processing ends.

Control group processing continues normally if the exit program does not exist, but exception BRM10A1 is returned.

The existence of the exit program does not change the exception handling capabilities of the control group processing program.

Exit program processing time is additive to the control group processing time.

### Required Parameter Group

#### Control group name

INPUT; Char(10)

This is the name of the control group calling the exit program.

#### Control group type

INPUT; Char(4)

This is the type of control group calling the exit program. Possible values are:

#### \*BKU

This is a backup control group.

#### Qualified user space name

INPUT; Char(20)

This is qualified name of the user space containing the control group entry information. The format of the control group entry information is determined by the user space format.

#### User space format

INPUT; Char(8)

The name of the format of the control group entry information. This identifies the format of the control group entry information in the user space. Possible values are:

**BKUI0100**

Backup entry information. The control group entry information is provided for backup control group entries. For details see [“BKUI0100–Backup Item Entry Information”](#) on page 390.

**Control information format**

INPUT; Char(8)

The name of the format of the control information. This identifies the format of the control information returned by the exit program. Possible values are:

**CTLO0100**

Basic control information. Basic control information is returned by the exit program. For details see [“CTLO0100–Basic Control Information”](#) on page 389.

**Control information**

Output; Char(\*)

The control information provides identifies the action which the exit program wants the caller to take relative to subsequent processing. For details see [“Control Information”](#) on page 389.

**Control Information**

The following defines the format of the control information returned by the exit program.

**CTLO0100–Basic Control Information**

The following table defines the format of the basic control information.

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
0	0	Binary(4)	Control group entry action

**Control group entry action**

The action the exit program wants the control group processing program to take relative to the current control group entries. Possible values are:

**0**

Continue processing entries but do not call exit program again.

**1**

Continue processing entries and call exit program after the next entry is processed.

**2**

Retry the current entry and call exit program after the entry is processed.

**Note:** The current entry will be retried for as many times as this value is returned in the control information. The exit program is responsible for preventing infinite loop conditions when this value is used repeatedly for the same group of entries.

**14**

End control group processing. Do not process subsequent entries. Perform control group post processing which may include saving media information, starting subsystems, restarting the system, or other post processing operations as determined by the control group attributes.

**15**

End control group processing. Do not process subsequent entries. Do not perform control group post-processing such as saving media information, starting subsystems, restarting the system, or other post processing operations.

### Control Group Entry Information

The following defines the format of the control group entry information provided in the user space.

### BKUI0100–Backup Item Entry Information

The following table defines the format for backup item entry information. This format is only valid for backup control groups.

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
0	0	Binary(4)	Number of entries
4	4	Binary(4)	Length of entry information
8	8	Binary(4)	Starting message key
12	C	Binary(4)	Ending message key
16	10	Binary(4)	Offset to first entry
The following fields repeat for each entry.			
		Binary(4)	Offset to next entry
		Binary(4)	Length of entry
		Binary(4)	Offset to command
		Binary(4)	Length of Command
		Binary(4)	Sequence
		Char(10)	Backup item
		Char(6)	Backup item type
		Char(10)	Backup item auxiliary storage pool device
		Char(*)	Command

#### Backup item auxiliary storage pool device

The auxiliary storage pool device for the backup item. See the help on the Edit Backup Control Group Entries display for additional information and possible values returned in the field. This field may be blank for entries which do not support this field.

#### Backup item

The backup item just processed. See the help on the Edit Backup Control Group Entries display for additional information and possible values returned in the field.

#### Backup item type

The backup item type just processed. See the help on the Edit Backup Control Group Entries display for additional information and possible values returned in the field.

#### Command

The command just processed for \*EXIT backup items. The command is returned in UNICODE CCSID 1200.

#### Ending message key

This is the ending message key for receiving messages generated by the processed entries. The exit program can receive messages for processed entries beginning with the starting message key through the ending message key.

#### Length of entry information

The length of the control group entry information.

**Length of entry**

The length of the current entry. This length does not include the length of the command for \*EXIT entries.

**Length of command**

The length in bytes of the command data associated with an \*EXIT backup item. The length is 0 if the backup item is not \*EXIT.

**Number of entries**

Most control group entries are processed individually. Some entries may be grouped if they have similar auxiliary storage pools, activity, object detail, and save-while-active attributes. This field indicates the number of entries in the group.

**Offset to command**

The offset of the command data associated with an \*EXIT backup item. The offset is 0 if the backup item is not \*EXIT. This offset is relative to the start of the backup item information.

**Offset to first entry**

The offset to the first entry in the control group entry information. This offset is relative to the start of the control group entry information.

**Offset to next entry**

The offset to the next entry in the control group entry information. The offset is 0 if this is the last entry. This offset is relative to the start of the control group entry information.

**Sequence**

The sequence number of the control group entry. See the help on the Edit Backup Control Group Entries display for additional information and possible values returned in the field.

**Starting message key**

This is the starting message key for receiving messages generated by the processed entries. The exit program can receive messages for processed entries beginning with the starting message key through the ending message key.

## Tape Information Exit Program

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Required Parameter Group:			
1	Operational information	Input	Char(*)
Exit Point Name: QIBM_A1A_TAPE_INF			
Exit Point Format Name: MEDI0100			

The exit program is called each time that a file is written to a tape. The exit program must be registered to the exit point described above. For example, if a SAVLIB command saved 10 libraries to a tape, the exit would be called 10 times, passing information about each tape file resulting from the save of the libraries. To use this exit point, the customer must develop an exit program and register it to the exit point name and exit point format name shown above. After registration, BRMS will call the program and pass the information described by the parameters.

**Required Parameter Group****Operation information**

INPUT; Char(\*)

Information about the tape operation at the time the exit program is called.

**Format of Operational Information**

The following table shows the format of the operational information. For a description of each field, see [“Field Descriptions” on page 392](#).

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Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
0	0	Binary(4)	Length of operational information
4	4	Char(1)	Volume operation
5	5	Char(17)	Volume label
22	16	Char(10)	Device name
32	20	Char(4)	Device type
36	24	Char(80)	Volume VOL1 label
116	74	Char(80)	Volume HDR1 label
196	C4	Char(80)	Volume HDR2 label
276	114	Char(24)	Reserved

**Note:** Volume header and end of volume formats can be found in the IBM standard tape labels documentation. The exit point is used when access to a tape begins.

### Field Descriptions

#### Device name

The name of the device on which the volume is loaded.

#### Device type

The type of tape device.

#### Length of operational information

The length of the data in the structure.

#### Volume HDR1

The header from the standard label.

#### Volume HDR2

The second header from the standard label volume.

#### Volume label

The volume label identifier of the volume.

#### Volume operation

The type of operation being performed on the volume. The values are:

**O**

An output operation is performed on the volume.

**I**

An input operation is performed on the volume.

#### Volume VOL1

The standard tape label volume information.

## Tape Movement Exit Program

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Required Parameter Group:			
1	Operational information	Input	Char(*)
Exit Point Name: QIBM_A1A_TAPE_MOVE			
Exit Point Format Name: MEDM0100			



The exit program is called each time a BRMS registered volume is moved. It will supply the location the volume is moving to and the previous location where the volume came from. To use this exit point you will need to develop an exit program and register it to the exit point name and exit point format name listed above. After registration, BRMS will call the program and pass the information described by the parameters.

### Required Parameter Group

#### Operation information

INPUT; Char(\*)

Information about the tape movement operation at the time the exit program is called.

### Format of Operational Information

The following table shows the format of the operational information. For a description of each field, see “Field Descriptions” on page 393.

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
0	0	Binary(4)	Length of operational information
4	4	Char(6)	Volume ID
10	0A	Char(8)	Expiration date
18	12	Char(1)	Expired indicator
19	13	Char(10)	Current location
29	1D	Char(6)	To slot
35	23	Char(10)	Previous location
45	29	Char(6)	From slot
51	33	Char(10)	Volume next location
61	3D	Char(8)	Move date/time
69	45	Char(10)	Media class
79	4F	Char(10)	Container ID
89	59	Char(10)	Move policy
99	63	Char(1)	Move verification pending

### Field Descriptions

#### Container ID

The identifier of the container if you are using containers to move media. A special value \*NONE is returned if you are not using containers.

#### Expiration date

The date that the volume expires. The format of the date that is returned is job date format. The values are:

##### \*NONE

There is no expiration date. The volume is expired.

##### \*VER EXP

The volume is under version control and has expired.

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### **\*VER nnn**

The volume is under version control.

### **\*PERM**

The volume has a permanent retention date.

### **From slot**

The slot from which the volume came.

### **Length of operational information**

The length of the data in the structure.

### **Media class**

The media class of the volume that is being moved. A special value \*NONE is returned if a media class is not found.

### **Move policy**

The move policy associated with the volume that you are moving. A special value \*NONE is returned if you are not using a move policy.

### **Move verification pending**

Indicates whether BRMS marked the volume for movement and based on the move policy specified above, whether the move must be verified before it can actually occur. The values are:

#### **0**

Verification of moves is not in effect and the volume has been moved when this exit point is reached. The current location is the location to which the volume was moved.

#### **1**

The volume has not moved yet, verification of moves is in effect and the location shows the current location of the volume. The next location shows where BRMS intends to move the volume.

### **Move date/time**

The date that the volume is to move. The format of the date that is returned is job date format. The values are:

#### **\*NONE**

There is no move date. The volume does not move.

#### **\*VER EXP**

The volume is under version control and has expired.

#### **\*VER nnn**

The volume is under version control.

### **To slot**

The slot in the location to which the volume is being moved.

### **Volume ID**

The volume ID of the volume that is being moved.

### **Current location**

The location to which the volume is moving. A special value \*NONE is returned if the volume does not have a current location.

### **Previous location**

The location from which the volume is being moved. A special value \*NONE is returned if the volume does not have a previous location.

### **Volume next location**

The location to which the volume will be moved after this move. A special value \*NONE is returned if the volume does not have a next location.

## BRMS Object Retrieval Exit Program

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Required Parameter Group:
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1	Object description information	Input	Char(*)
2	Media information	Input	Char(*)
3	Control value information	Output	Char(*)
Exit Point Name: QIBM_A1A_RETR_INF			
Exit Point Format Name: RTVIO100			

The BRMS Object Retrieval Exit Program provides the capability of retrieving objects saved using \*FREE by BRMS. The exit program, if registered to the exit point, will only be called when the retrieve confirmation within BRMS is \*VERIFY.

The user exit program is called each time a suspended object is accessed by an IBM i operation and BRMS has determined that an archive version of the object is to be restored to the system to satisfy the IBM i request. This exit will give the user exit program a chance to influence the decision to restore the object as well as provide a custom interface tailored to individual needs.

When the user exit program is given control, it makes the decision as to what continued action should be taken for the suspended object. The exit program returns the appropriate control value information to BRMS indicating either to follow the normal retrieval rules defined to BRMS, to recall immediately, to delay restore to a later time, to submit the restore to batch, or to cancel the restore of the object.

### Required Parameter Group

#### Object description information

INPUT; Char(\*)

Information about the object that BRMS intends to restore from storage extension. For details, see [“Format of Object Description Information” on page 395.](#)

#### Media information

INPUT; Char(\*)

Information about the media or media set needed to restore the object. Media information may include either tape volume information or save file information. For details, see [“Format of Media Information” on page 397.](#)

#### Control value information

OUTPUT; Char(\*)

Information about the exit program request of action to be taken by BRMS. For details, see [“Format of Control Value Information” on page 397.](#)

### Format of Object Description Information

The following table shows the format of the object description information. For a description of each field, see [“Field Descriptions for Object Description Information” on page 396.](#)

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
0	0	Binary(4)	Length of object description information
4	4	Binary(4)	Length of media information
8	8	Binary(4)	Length of control value information
12	0C	Char(10)	Object name
22	16	Char(10)	Object library
32	20	Char(10)	Member name

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
42	2A	Char(10)	Object owner
52	34	Char(7)	Saved date
59	3B	Char(6)	Saved time
65	41	Char(6)	Saved release
71	47	Char(10)	Media class
81	51	Char(4)	File sequence
85	55	Bin(4)	Member size
89	59	Bin(4)	Member size multiplier
93	5D	Char(2)	Auxiliary storage pool
95	5F	Char(50)	Member text

### Field Descriptions for Object Description Information

#### Length of object description information

The length, in bytes, of the object description information.

#### Length of media information

The length, in bytes, of the media information.

#### Length of control value information

The length, in bytes, of the control value information.

#### Object name

The name of the object.

#### Object library

The name of the library that contained the object.

#### Member name

The name of the member associated with the object.

#### File sequence

The tape file sequence number assigned when the object was saved on a tape. The field contains zeros if the object was saved to a save file.

#### Object owner

The owner of that the object that you are retrieving.

#### Saved date

The date that the object was saved expressed in cyymmdd (century, year, month, day) format.

#### Saved time

The time that the object was saved expressed in hhmm (hour, minute) format.

#### Saved release

The release of IBM i under which the object was saved.

#### Media class

The media class of the volume that contains the saved objects.

#### File sequence

The tape file sequence number assigned when the object was saved on a tape. The field contains zeros if the object was saved to a save file.

**Member size**

The size of the member in units of size multiplier. The member size is equal to or smaller than the member size multiplied by the number size multiplier.

**Member size multiplier**

The value to multiply the member size by to get the true size. The value is 1 if the member is smaller than 1 000 000 000, and 1024 if it is larger.

**Auxiliary storage pool (ASP)**

The auxiliary storage pool ID.

**Member text**

Text that describes the object to be recalled.

**Format of Media Information**

The following table shows the format of the media information. For a description of each field, see [“Field Descriptions for Media Information”](#) on page 397.

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
0	0	Bin(4)	Number of volumes
<b>Note:</b> The following fields repeat for each volume.			
		Char(6)	Volume ID
		Char(10)	Volume location
		Char(6)	Volume retrieval time

**Field Descriptions for Media Information****Number of volumes**

The number of volumes required for the object retrieval.

**Volume ID**

The volume identifier or identifiers of the volumes required for the object retrieval.

**Volume location**

The location or locations of the volumes required for the object retrieval.

**Volume retrieval time**

The length of time in hours to return the volume from an off-site storage location to the home location. Volume retrieval time is expressed in hhhmm (hours, minutes) format.

**Format of Control Value Information**

The following table shows the format of the control value information. For a description of each field, see [“Field Descriptions for Control Value Information”](#) on page 398.

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
0	0	Char(1)	Return information

## Field Descriptions for Control Value Information

### Return information

The return information for the object that is to be recalled. The values are:

- 0** Process the recall as if the exit program were not called. (\*VERIFY)
- 1** Process the recall immediately and notify the user about the recall. (\*NOTIFY)
- 2** Mark the object/member to be restored later. (\*DELAY)
- 3** Submit the restore to batch. (\*SBMJOB)
- 4** Do not recall the object. (\*NONE)

## Media Missing from Tape Media Library 3494

You may use the example program shown below to identify which tapes are found in BRMS but that are not shown in Library Manager. The program first performs the DSPTAPCTG command to an output file and then it calls the MLDQRY query to compare this file with the media management file (QA1AMM) in the QUSRBRM library. This is only one example of a query that might be run to identify volume mismatches between BRMS and the tape library.

**Note:** An example of the MLDQRY query can be found in the *Backup Recovery and Media Services for OS/400: A Practical Approach* Redbooks publication.

```

/*****/
/* PROGRAM: MLDPGM */
/*****/
PGM
DCL VAR(&MSGDTA) TYPE(*CHAR) LEN(256)
DCL VAR(&MSGF) TYPE(*CHAR) LEN(10)
DCL VAR(&MSGFLIB) TYPE(*CHAR) LEN(10)
DCL VAR(&MSGID) TYPE(*CHAR) LEN(7)
MONMSG MSGID(CPF0000 MCH0000) EXEC(GOTO CMDLBL(ERROR))
/*****/
/* FILE OVERRIDE */
/*****/
OVRPRTF FILE(QPPGMDMP) HOLD(*YES)
/*****/
/* DISPLAY MLD INFORMATION AND RUN THE QUERY */
/*****/
DLTF FILE(QTEMP/TEMP1)
MONMSG MSGID(CPF0000)
DSPTAPCTG DEV(MLD01) CGY(*SHARE400) OUTPUT(*OUTFILE) +
        OUTFILE(QTEMP/TEMP1)
RUNQRY QRY(QGPL/MLDQRY)
RETURN
/*****/
/* DEFAULT ERROR HANDLER */
/*****/
ERROR: RCVMSG MSGTYPE(*EXCP) MSGDTA(&MSGDTA) MSGID(&MSGID) +
        SNDPGMMSG MSGID(&MSGID) MSGF(&MSGFLIB/&MSGF) +
        MSGDTA(&MSGDTA) MSGTYPE(*ESCAPE)
MONMSG MSGID(CPF0000 MCH0000)
CHGJOB LOG(4 0 *SECLVL) LOGCLPGM(*YES)
DSPJOBLOG OUTPUT(*PRINT)
ENDPGM
/*****/

```

**Note:** We used MLD01 in our example for the media library device. You need to substitute this parameter with the media library device name that you have on your system.

## BRMS Control Group APIs

The BRMS Control Group APIs give you the capability to programmatically change a backup control groups attributes and entries. All of the control group APIs are found in the QBRM library.

### Create Control Group (Q1ACRTCG) API

This API will allow the user the ability to programmatically create a control group with no backup items. Use Q1AADDCGE API to programmatically add backup items to control groups.

Required Parameter Group:			
1	Control group name	Input	Char(10)
2	Control group information	Input	Char(*)
3	Length of control group information	Input	Binary(4)
4	Format of control group information	Input	Char(8)
5	Error code	I/O	Char(*)
Default Public Authority: *USE			
Threadsafe: No			

#### Required Parameter Group

##### Control group name

INPUT; CHAR(10)

Specifies the name of the control group that is being created.

##### Control group information

INPUT; CHAR(\*)

The attributes of the control group. The format of the control group information is specified in the control group format name parameter.

##### Length of control group information

INPUT; BINARY(4)

The number of bytes that the calling program provides for the control group information format.

##### Format of control group information

INPUT; CHAR(8)

The format of the control group information parameter. The possible format names follow.

##### **BKUP0100**

The control group information is a backup control group. See [“Control Group Information Formats”](#) on page 400 for a description of this format.

##### Error code

I/O; CHAR(\*)

The structure in which to return error information. For the format of the structure, see [Error Code Parameter](#).

## Control Group Information Formats

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
0	0	Char(50)	Control group text description
40	32	Char(40)	Control group devices
2	5A	Char(2)	Reserved
92	5C	Binary(4)	Control group maximum parallel device resources
96	60	Binary(4)	Control group minimum parallel device resources
100	64	Char(10)	Control group end of media option
110	6E	Char(10)	Control group append to media
120	78	Char(10)	Control group media policy full
130	82	Char(10)	Control group media policy incremental
140	8C	Binary(4)	Control group save-while-active object locks
144	90	Binary(4)	Control group save-while-active pending record changes
148	94	Binary(4)	Control group save-while-active other pending changes
152	98	Char(10)	Control group automatic backup media information

## Control Group Information Formats Descriptions:

**Control group append to media**

Specifies whether to add data files on existing media with active files or to begin a new volume.

**\*NO**

The saved data files are started on a new volume.

**\*YES**

The saved data files can be added to media already containing active data files. Files are written to the volume immediately following the last active file.

**\*BKUPCY**

The value of the BRMS backup policy will be used.

**Control group automatic backup media information**

Specifies whether to automatically save the media information needed for recovery each time this backup control group is processed. Media information can be saved at the library or object level. The default value is \*BKUPCY.

**\*NONE**

Do not save library or object level information for recovery automatically for this backup control group.

**\*LIB**

Save at the library level for recovery for this backup control group.

**\*OBJ**

Save at the object level for recovery.

**\*BKUPCY**

The value of the BRMS backup policy will be used.

**Control group devices**

Specifies an array of device names associated with this object. The array is limited to a maximum of four device names. The default value is \*BKUPCY, if all the device names are blanks.



Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
0	0	Char(10)	Device n <b>Note:</b> These fields repeat for each device name. The device names must be 10 characters. The number of device names in the array is 4 for a total of 40 characters. For unused device names the 10 byte fields must be set to blanks.

**\*NONE**

Specifies no devices will be used. The media policy is set to use save files instead of devices. This special value must be first in the array. The other 3 device name fields must be blank.

**\*MEDCLS**

Specifies the device(s) are determined from the media class attribute of the media policies assigned to this control group. **Restrictions:** Can only have multiple \*MEDCLS if no parallel or virtual device is being used on the backup. Multiple \*MEDCLS will be used as a way to cascade the serial backup to other devices.

**\*BKUPCY**

The value of the BRMS backup policy will be used on the backup. The other 3 device name fields must be blank.

**\*SYSPCY**

The value of the BRMS system policy will be used on the backup. The other 3 device name fields must be blank.

**device-name-n**

The name of the device object. **Restrictions:** Can only have 1 device if a virtual device is being used and not using parallel backups.

**Control group end of media option**

Specifies what automatic positioning operation is done on a media volume after the save operation ends. If more than one volume is used, this parameter applies only to the last volume; all other volumes are rewind and unloaded when the end of the volume is reached.

**Note:**

1. If no objects are saved the volume is not opened and the end of media option is not used.
2. For optical devices, \*UNLOAD is the only special value supported and any other special value is ignored when processed and no end of media processing occurs.

**\*REWIND**

The volume is rewind, but not unloaded.

**\*LEAVE**

The volume is not rewind or unloaded after the operation ends. It remains at the current position on the device and the device remains allocated.

**\*UNLOAD**

The volume is automatically rewind and unloaded after the save operation ends.

**\*BKUPCY**

The value of the BRMS backup policy will be used.

**Control group maximum parallel device resources**

Specifies the maximum number of device resources required for a parallel operation.

**Note:** If a Media Library Device (MLB) is being used and the required resources are not available, the command will wait for the MLB to become available for a time period specified by the user. The wait time is determined by the value specified on the \*MLB device description for INLMNTWAIT. If a device is being used and the required resources are not available, the command will fail.

**-2**

Uses the value specified by the minimum parallel device resources.

**-1**

Use any available devices for the operation. Specifying this value for the maximum will allow BRMS to use any available resources but at a minimum the value specified for by the minimum parallel device resources.

**maximum-parallel-resources**

Specifies the maximum number of device resources to be used with the operation. The number can range from 1-32. The value must be greater than or equal to the value specified by the minimum parallel device resources.

**Control group media policy full**

Specifies the media policy for full backups.

**\*BKUPCY**

The value of the BRMS backup policy will be used on the backup.

**\*SYSPCY**

The value of the BRMS system policy will be used on the backup.

**Media policy name**

The name of the media policy to use on the backup.

**Control group media policy incremental**

Specifies the name of the media policy for incremental backups.

**\*BKUPCY**

The value of the BRMS backup policy will be used on the backup.

**\*SYSPCY**

The value of the BRMS system policy will be used on the backup.

**Media policy name**

The name of the media policy to use on the backup.

**Control group minimum parallel device resources**

Specifies the minimum number of device resources to be used in a parallel operation.

**Note:** If a Media Library Device (MLB) is being used and the required resources are not available, the command will wait for the MLB to become available for a time period specified by the user. The wait time is determined by the value specified on the \*MLB device description for INLMNTWAIT. If a device is being used and the required resources are not available, the command will fail.

**0**

No device resources are to be used. The save will be performed as a serial save.

**-1**

Use any available devices up to the value specified by the maximum parallel resource parameter. Specifying this value for the minimum will allow BRMS to use any available resources, but will complete using one resource if only one is available at the start of the command.

**minimum-parallel-resources**

Specifies the minimum number of device resources to be used with the operation. The number can range from 1-32.

**Control group save-while-active object locks**

Specifies the amount of time to wait for each object that is in use. If an object remains in use for the specified time, the object is not saved.

**-1**

Specifies no maximum wait time exists. (\*NOMAX)

**wait-time**

Specifies the time (in seconds) to wait for each individual object lock before continuing the save operation. Valid values range from 0 through 99 999. Normal default is 120.

**Control group save-while-active other pending changes**

Specifies the amount of time to wait for a commit boundary for each library. If a commit boundary is not reached for a library in the specified time, the library is not saved.

**-1**

Specifies no maximum wait time exists. (\*NOMAX)

**wait-time**

Valid values range from 0 through 99,999. Specifies the time (in seconds) to wait for DDL object level commit boundaries. Valid values range from 0 through 99 999. Normal default is 120.

**Control group save-while-active pending record changes**

Specifies the amount of time to wait for record level commit boundaries for each group of objects that are check pointed together. If a commit boundary is not reached in the specified time for all objects in a group, the save operation is ended, unless the value -2 is specified for this parameter.

**-2**

Specifies no commit boundary is used. (\*NOCMTBDY) The system will save objects without waiting for record level commit boundaries. Objects may be saved in the middle of a transaction. If you restore an object that was saved in the middle of a transaction, you will need to apply or remove journal changes to reach a commit boundary before you can use the object.

**-1**

Specifies no maximum wait time exists. (\*NOMAX)

**wait-time**

Specifies the time (in seconds) to wait for record level commit boundaries. If 0 is specified, all objects being saved must reach commit boundaries. If any other value is specified, all objects that are journaled to the same journals as the objects being saved must reach commit boundaries. Valid values range from 0 through 99 999. Normal default is 120.

**Control group text description**

Specifies text that describes the control group. Data is in job CCSID format.

**Reserved**

Specifies a reserved area that must be set to hex zeros (x'00').

**Note:** All other fields, not mentioned above, are set to \*BKUPCY.

**Error Messages**

- CPF24B4 E Severe error while addressing parameter list.
- CPF3CF1 E Error code parameter not valid.
- CPF5222 E Name is not valid.
- CPF9800 E All CPF98xx messages could be signaled. Xx is from 01 to FF.
- BRM1199 E Special values and device names cannot be mixed.
- BRM1243 E Duplicate devices not allowed.
- BRM1308 E Control Group \* already exists.
- BRM1437 E Save to savefile must be \*YES in policy policy \* if device is \*NONE.
- BRM1881 E Device \* not compatible with media policy \*.
- BRM3011 E Multiple \*MEDCLS not allowed.
- BRM3C1E E Required parameter omitted.
- BRM3C4B E Value not valid for field at offset \*.
- BRM3C4C E Value not valid for field at offset \*
- BRM3C91 E Product feature required.
- BRM3C94 E Object not created.
- BRM3C99 E Unexpected condition with \* API. Reason \*.
- BRM402A E BRMS product initialization required.

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- BRM4040 E Access denied for user \*.
- BRM4107 E Length \* not correct.
- BRM4108 E Format name \* not correct.

### Create Control Group Based On (Q1ACRTCGB0) API

This API will allow the user the ability to programmatically create a control group based another control group and optionally its entries.

Required Parameter Group:			
1	New control group name	Input	Char(10)
2	Based on control group name	Input	Char(10)
3	Control group type	Input	Char(10)
4	Copy control group entries	Input	Char(1)
5	Error code	I/O	Char(*)
Default Public Authority: *USE			
Threadsafe: No			

#### Required Parameter Group

##### New control group name

INPUT; CHAR(10)

Specifies the name of the control group that is being created.

##### Based on control group name

INPUT CHAR(10)

Specifies the name of the control group that is being used to create the new control group.

##### Control group type

INPUT CHAR(10)

Specifies what type of control group is to be created. Backup, Archive, or Migration are the 3 types. Only Backup is currently supported.

The possible value follows.

##### \*BKU

A backup control group will be created.

##### Copy control group entries

INPUT CHAR(1)

Specifies if the entries in the control group should also be copied from the based on control group. The possible values follow:

##### 0

Specifies to not copy the entries.

##### 1

Specifies to copy the entries.

##### Error code

I/O CHAR(\*)

The structure in which to return error information. For the format of the structure, see [Error Code Parameter](#).

**Error Messages**

- CPF1E64 E Parmeter value \* not valid for program \*.
- CPF24B4 E Severe error while addressing parameter list.
- CPF3CF1 E Error code parameter not valid.
- CPF5222 E Name is not valid.
- CPF9800 E All CPF98xx messages could be signaled. Xx is from 01 to FF.
- BRM1308 E Control Group \* already exists.
- BRM3C1E E Required parameter omitted.
- BRM3C4B E Value not valid for field at offset \*.
- BRM3C4C E Value not valid for field at offset \*
- BRM3C91 E Product feature required.
- BRM3C94 E Object not created.
- BRM3C99 E Unexpected condition with \* API. Reason \*.
- BRM402A E BRMS product initialization required.
- BRM4040 E Access denied for user \*.
- BRM4107 E Length \* not correct.
- BRM4108 E Format name \* not correct.

**Delete Control Group (Q1ADLTG) API**

This API will allow the user the ability to programmatically delete a control group and its entries.

Required Parameter Group:			
1	Control group name	Input	Char(10)
2	Control group type	Input	Char(10)
3	Error code	I/O	Char(*)
Default Public Authority: *USE			
Threadsafe: No			

**Required Parameter Group****Control group name**

INPUT CHAR(10)

Specifies the name of the control group that is being deleted. Shipped control groups \*SYSGRP, \*BKUGRP, and \*SYSTEM cannot be deleted.

**Control group type**

INPUT CHAR(10)

Specifies what type of control group is to be created. Backup, Archive, or Migration are the 3 types. Only Backup is currently supported.

The possible value follows.

**\*BKU**

A backup control group will be created.

**Error code**

I/O CHAR(\*)

The structure in which to return error information. For the format of the structure, see [Error Code Parameter](#).

### Error Messages

- CPF1E64 E Parameter value \* not valid for program \*.
- CPF24B4 E Severe error while addressing parameter list.
- CPF3CF1 E Error code parameter not valid.
- CPF5222 E Name is not valid.
- CPF9800 E All CPF98xx messages could be signaled. Xx is from 01 to FF.
- BRM1182 E Control Group \* cannot be deleted.
- BRM3C1E E Required parameter omitted.
- BRM3C4B E Value not valid for field at offset \*.
- BRM3C4C E Value not valid for field at offset \*
- BRM3C91 E Product feature required.
- BRM3C99 E Unexpected condition with \* API. Reason \*.
- BRM402A E BRMS product initialization required.
- BRM4040 E Access denied for user \*.
- BRM4107 E Length \* not correct.
- BRM4108 E Format name \* not correct.

### List Control Group Entries (Q1ALSTCGE) API

This List API will allow the user the ability to programmatically retrieve a list of the control group entries that are currently in the specified control group.

Required Parameter Group:			
1	Qualified user space name	Input	Char(20)
2	Format name	Input	Char(8)
3	Control group name	Input	Char(10)
4	Control group type	Input	Char(10)
5	Error code	I/O	Char(*)
Default Public Authority: *USE			
Threadsafe: No			

#### Required Parameter Group

##### Qualified user space name

INPUT CHAR(20)

The name of the user space that is to receive the generated list. The first 10 characters contain the user space name. The second 10 characters contain the name of the library where the user space is located.

The following special values can be used for the library name:

##### **\*CURLIB**

The current library.

##### **\*LIBL**

The library list.

##### Format name

INPUT CHAR(8)

The format of the control group information parameter. The possible format names follow.

**BKUL0100**

The control group information is a backup control group. See [“BKUL0100 List Data Section”](#) on [page 408](#) for a description of this format.

**Control group name**

INPUT CHAR(10)

Specifies the name of the control group.

**Control group type**

INPUT CHAR(10)

Specifies what type of control group is to be used. Backup, Archive, or Migration are the 3 types. Only Backup is currently supported.

The possible value follows.

**\*BKU**

A backup control group will be created.

**Error code**

I/O CHAR(\*)

The structure in which to return error information. For the format of the structure, see [Error Code Parameter](#).

**Format of the Generated Lists**

- A user area, [User Space Format for List APIs](#)
- A generic header, [User Space Format for List APIs](#)
- [Input Parameter Section](#)
- [Header Section](#)
- [BKUL0100 List Data Section](#)

**User Space Format for List APIs**

For details about the user area and generic header, see [User spaces](#).

**Input Parameter Section**

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
0	0	CHAR(10)	User space name specified
10	0A	CHAR(10)	User space library name specified
20	14	CHAR(8)	Format name specified
28	1C	CHAR(10)	Control group name specified
38	26	CHAR(10)	Control group type specified

**Header Section**

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
0	0	CHAR(10)	User space name used
10	0A	CHAR(10)	User space library name used
20	14	CHAR(10)	Control group name used
30	1E	CHAR(10)	Control group type used

**BKUL0100 List Data Section**

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
0	0	CHAR(10)	Control group entry name
10	0A	CHAR(2)	Reserved
12	0C	CHAR(4)	Control group entry type
16	10	BINARY(4)	Control group entry sequence number
20	14	CHAR(10)	Control group auxiliary storage pool device
30	1E	CHAR(7)	Control group weekly activity
37	25	CHAR(3)	Reserved
40	28	CHAR(10)	Control group retain object detail
50	32	CHAR(10)	Control group save while active (SWA)
60	3C	CHAR(10)	Control group SWA message queue
70	46	CHAR(4)	Reserved
74	4A	BINARY(4)	Length of control group exit command
78	4E	CHAR(2)	Reserved
80	50	CHAR(10)	Control group save with encryption
90	5A	CHAR(10)	Control group parallel save type
100	64	CHAR(10)	Control group save private authorities
110	6E	CHAR(10)	Control group synchronization ID
120	78	CHAR(1)	Control group entry has omits
121	79	CHAR(5000)	Control group exit command

**Field Descriptions****Control group auxiliary storage pool device**

The auxiliary storage pool device for the backup item is returned.

**blanks**

Returned if the backup item is one of the following:

- Folder lists



- Spooled file lists
- \*ALLDLO
- \*QHST
- \*ASPnn
- \*DLOnn
- \*EXIT
- \*IBM
- \*LOAD
- \*SAVCAL
- \*SAVCFG
- \*SAVSECDTA
- \*SAVSYS
- \*SAVSYSINF

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Specifies the save of the backup item is to include objects from the system (1), basic user auxiliary storage pools (2-32), and if the current thread has an auxiliary storage pool group, all independent auxiliary storage pools in the auxiliary storage pool group. This value is valid for \*ALLUSR, \*ALLPROD, \*ALLTEST, \*LINK, libraries, generic libraries, \*OBJ lists, and \*LNK lists.

**\*ALLAVL**

Specifies the save of the backup item is to include the system (1) and basic user auxiliary storage pools (2-32) and all available primary, secondary and UDFS auxiliary storage pools. This value is valid for \*LINK, \*LNKOMTONL, \*LNKOMTLTS, \*LTSOMTONL and \*LNK list backup items.

**\*CURASPGRP**

Specifies the save of the backup item is to include only the auxiliary storage pool group currently set for the job. The system (1) and basic user auxiliary storage pools (2-32) will be omitted from the save. The auxiliary storage pool group can be set using the \*SETASPGRP backup item special operator. This value is valid for all backup items not in the above blanks only row in this table.

**\*SYSBAS**

Specifies the save of the backup item will include only the system (1) and basic user auxiliary storage pools (2-32). This value is valid for all backup items not in the above blanks only row in this table.

**auxiliary-storag-pool-device-name**

Specifies the save of the backup item will include only this named auxiliary storage pool device. This must be the name of a primary or secondary auxiliary storage pool. The system (1) and basic user auxiliary storage pools (2-32) will be omitted from the save. If the backup item is \*SETASPGRP, the auxiliary storage pool device name must specify the name of an available primary auxiliary storage pool. This value is valid for all backup items except the following:

- Folder lists
- Spooled file lists
- \*ALLDLO
- \*QHST
- \*ASPnn
- \*DLOnn
- \*EXIT
- \*IBM
- \*LOAD
- \*SAVCAL
- \*SAVCFG

- \*SAVSECDTA
- \*SAVSYS
- \*SAVSYSINF

### Control group entry has omits

Returns the follow values:

**'0'**

The entry does not have object omits.

**'1'**

The entry does have object omits.

### Control group entry name

Returns the library name, list name or special value for the entry.

**Note:** The library does not have to exist on the system.

The following values are returned:

#### **generic\*-library-name**

Specifies the generic names of the libraries to be saved. A generic name is a character string of one or more characters followed by an asterisk (\*); for example, ABC\*. The asterisk (\*) substitutes for any valid characters. A generic name specifies all libraries with names that begin with the generic prefix.

#### **library-name**

Specify the name of the library to be saved.

#### **list-name**

Specifies the names of lists to be saved. Lists are collections of objects of similar type, such as folders, directories, objects, or spooled files. An example of a list would be PROJECT which is a list of objects associated with a current programming project. A permitted list type must be specified with each list, for example, \*OBJ, \*SPL, \*FLR or \*LNK. Incremental saves of list type \*SPL are not supported. If an incremental save of a spooled file list is specified, all files in the list will be saved.

#### **special-value**

Special values cause special backup functions or general activities to be run when processing the control group entries. Special values that might be returned:

##### **\*ALLCHGRVCV**

Specify to save all journal receivers in user libraries that do not start with the letter "Q" that have never been saved or that have changed since they were last saved.

##### **\*ALLDLO**

Specify to save a copy of the specified documents, folders, or distribution objects (mail).

##### **Note:**

1. When a folder is saved, the folder object is saved along with the documents contained in that folder and subfolders and documents in the subfolders and all successively included folders and documents. Specific folders can be saved using a folder list.
2. Distribution objects (mail) cannot be saved or restored for an individual user. Mail can be saved only for all users.
3. \*ALLDLO does not require a dedicated system; however, individual objects in use when the save is started cannot be saved.
4. QDOC cannot be used as an entry in the Backup items.

##### **Restrictions:**

1. To use this special value, the user must have either the \*ALLOBJ or \*SAVSYS special authority or the user must have \*ALL authority for each document or folder to be saved. In addition, the user must have either \*ALLOBJ or \*SAVSYS special authority to use DLO(\*ALL), FLR(\*ANY), and DLO(\*MAIL).

2. To use this special value, the user must be enrolled as Document Interchange Architecture (DIA) users if they do not have \*SAVSYS or \*ALLOBJ special authority.
3. All object authority or special \*SAVSYS special authority is required if a search value is specified and the owner is not equal to the user making this request.
4. While using this special value, the user can encounter an error message indicating that internal objects are locked. A third party is locking the same objects; therefore, this command should be tried again when the object is not locked.

**Note:** The \*ALLDLO special value processes the SAVDLOBRM command. Check the parameters set in BRMS as well as the default parameters in the SAVDLOBRM command to assure that the proper information is saved.

**\*ALLDTCRCV**

Specify to save all detached journal receivers in user libraries that do not start with the letter "Q" and have never been saved or that have changed since they were last saved.

**\*ALLPROD**

Specify to save the user libraries with a type of \*PROD. If you process \*ALLPROD and \*ALLTEST, you have completed an \*ALLUSR save.

**\*ALLTEST**

Specify to save the user libraries with a type of \*TEST. If you process \*ALLTEST and \*ALLPROD, you have completed an \*ALLUSR save.

**\*ALLUSR**

Specify to save all user libraries are to be saved. Refer to the Special Values table for the Save Library (SAVLIB) Command in the Saving Libraries section of the [Recovering your system](#) book to determine what libraries are considered user libraries.

**\*ASPnn**

Specify to save all user libraries in a specified auxiliary storage pool (ASP) where nn is the ASP number from 1-32. The ASP number must include the leading "0".

**\*DLOnn**

Specify to save documents, folders, or distribution objects (mail) in a specified auxiliary storage pool (ASP) where nn is the ASP number from 1-32. The ASP number must include the leading "0".

**\*EXIT**

Specify to include a user exit point. Placement of the \*EXIT entry in the control group determines when the exit is processed. After completion of a user exit, the backup process resumes.

If the \*EXIT is the first item encountered in a control group, it will be processed prior to control group pre-processing. If the \*EXIT item is the last item in a list of items in a control group it will be processed after control group post-processing and before IPL. If the \*EXIT item is neither the first nor the last item in the control group it will be processed sequentially with the rest of the items in the control group.

If this special value is used, Command containing the command must also be specified. As an example, the Monitor Save While Active using BRM (MONSWABRM) command could be used as an exit during backup processing.

**Note:** When using the MONSWABRM command, the job queue value in the MONSWABRM command must name an active job queue other than the job queue in which the control group is processing, so that the MONSWABRM command can run at the same time with the control group. Also, the backup item entry containing the library to be monitored by the MONSWABRM command, must have \*YES as the value in the Save while active prompt.

**\*IBM**

Specify to save all system (IBM) libraries. Refer to the Special Values table for the Save Library (SAVLIB) Command in the Saving Libraries section of the [Recovering your system](#) book to determine what libraries are considered system libraries.

### **\*LINK**

Specify to save all directories and files except files in /QSYS.LIB and /QDLS directories.

### **\*LNKOMTONL**

Specify to save all directories and files except online Lotus server files and files in /QSYS.LIB and /QDLS directories.

### **\*LNKOMTLTS**

Specify to save all directories and files except Lotus server files and files in /QSYS.LIB and /QDLS directories. (This attribute is available on servers at V5R4 and above.)

### **\*LOAD**

Specify to begin on a new media.

### **\*LTSOMTONL**

Specify to all Lotus server files except online Lotus server files. (This attribute is available on servers at V5R4 and above.)

### **\*QHST**

Specify to save all history files.

**Note:** The \*SAVSYS special value also saves all history files. \*QHST should not be specified if \*SAVSYS is specified.

### **\*SAVCAL**

Specify to save calendars and calendar items. You can save only local calendars.

#### **Note:**

1. The \*SAVCAL special value processes the SAVCAL command. You should check the parameters set in BRMS as well as the default command parameters to assure that the proper information is saved.
2. \*SAVCAL does allow you to keep object detail. If you put retain object detail \*YES in the Retain object detail prompt BRMS will force the value in the field to \*NO.

### **\*SAVCFG**

Specify to save all configurations and system resource management (SRM) objects without requiring a system in a restricted state. The information saved includes the following:

- Line descriptions
- Controller descriptions
- Device descriptions
- Mode descriptions
- Class-of-service descriptions
- Network interface descriptions
- Connection lists
- Configuration lists
- Hardware resource data
- Token-ring adaptor data

Information that is saved using the \*SAVCFG special value can be restored using the RSTCFG command.

#### **Restrictions:**

1. Incremental saves of configurations are not allowed. All saves of configuration data are full saves, even if an incremental save is specified.
2. \*SAVSYS special authority to use this value.
3. System resource management (SRM) objects are not saved if a Work with Hardware Products (WRKHDWPRD) and Work with Hardware Resources (WRKHDWRSC) job is running at the same time.

**Note:** The \*SAVCFG special value processes the SAVCFG command. Check the parameters set in BRMS as well the default parameters in the \*SAVCFG command to assure that the proper information is saved.

### **\*SAVSECDTA**

Specify to save all security information is saved without requiring a system in a restricted state. The \*SAVSECDTA special value saves the following security information:

- User profiles
- Authorization lists
- Authority holders

**Restrictions:** \*SAVSYS special authority to use this value.

#### **Note:**

1. Incremental saves of security data are not allowed. All saves of security data are full saves, even if an incremental save is specified.
2. The \*SAVSECDTA special value processes the SAVSECDTA command. Check the parameters set in BRMS as well as the default parameters in the SAVSECDTA command to assure that the proper information is saved.

### **\*SAVSYS**

Specify to save a copy of the Licensed Internal Code and the QSYS library in a format compatible with the installation of the IBM i platform. It does not save objects from any other library. In addition, it saves security and configuration objects that can also be saved using the Save Security Data (SAVSECDTA) and Save Configuration (SAVCFG) commands.

#### **Restrictions:**

1. \*SAVSYS special authority is required to use this value.
2. All subsystems must be inactive before the \*SAVSYS special value can be specified.
3. Incremental \*SAVSYS is not allowed. A \*SAVSYS is process as a full save even if an incremental save is specified.
4. Media created using this command that are used for installation should be initialized with a density that is supported by the current alternative IPL device. If this is not done, the current IPL media is changed to a device that supports the density of the created \*SAVSYS tapes before installation begins.
5. Media created using the \*SAVSYS special value should not be used for automatic installation.
6. \*SAVSYS cannot be added to a control group that has a value of \*YES in the Shared media prompt in the Change Media Class display. This is to prevent a system save while network activity is processing. To use \*SAVSYS in a control group, first set up a media class using the Add Media Class display with a value of \*NO in the Shared media prompt. Then add this media class to a new media policy. Then change the attributes of the control group to use the new media policy that does not allow shared volumes.
7. Optical Media is NOT supported. Note: The \*SAVSYS special value processes the SAVSYS command. Check the parameters set in BRMS as well as the default parameters in the \*SAVSYS command to assure that the proper information is saved.

### **\*SAVSYSINF**

Specifies to save a subset of system data and objects saved by the \*SAVSYS special value. In addition, PTF information is also saved. Subsystems can remain active when using this special value.

**Note:** \*SAVSYSINF is not to be considered a replacement for the \*SAVSYS special value and must not be used for system upgrades or migrations. The \*SAVSYSINF special value uses the Save System Information (SAVSYSINF) command. Refer to the SAVSYSINF command documentation and the [Recovering your system](#) book for special recovery considerations when using this special value.

### Restrictions:

1. \*SAVSYS special authority is required to use this value.
2. Incremental \*SAVSYSINF is not allowed. A \*SAVSYSINF is processed as a full save even if an incremental save is specified.
3. This value does not save all QSYS objects. Refer to the SAVSYSINF command documentation and the [Recovering your system](#) book for a complete list of objects saved.

### \*SETASPPGRP

Specify to set an auxiliary storage pool group to the current job. The name of the primary auxiliary storage pool device for the auxiliary storage pool group is specified by control group auxiliary storage pool device parameter. This is available on servers at V5R2 and above.

### Control group entry sequence number

Returns the sequence number associated with this entry.

### Control group entry type

Returns the type of list entry. The possible values are:

#### blanks

The entry is a library name or special value.

#### \*FLR

The entry is a folder list name.

#### \*LNK

The entry is an integrated file system object list name.

#### \*OBJ

The entry is a object list name.

#### \*SPL

The entry is a spooled file list name.

### Control group exit command

Returns the command that is to be processed with this entry. This parameter is only valid if a value of \*EXIT is specified for the control group entry name. Job CCSID data will be returned. The length for this parameter is 5000 characters.

### Control group name

Specifies the name of the control group.

### Control group name specified

Specifies the name of the control group.

### Control group name used

Specifies the name of the control group.

### Control group parallel save type

Returns the type of parallel save that should be performed. This value is ignored if the Control Group save is not parallel or the item does not support a parallel save.

### Note:

1. This parameter is valid on server releases V6R1M0 or above.
2. This parameter is not supported by the following Control Group items:
  - \*FLR lists
  - \*EXIT not containing a SAVDOMBRM command or saving to a target release prior to V5R4M0
  - \*LINK saving to a target release prior to V5R4M0
  - \*LNKOMTONL saving to a target release prior to V5R4M0
  - \*LNKOMTLTS saving to a target release prior to V5R4M0
  - \*LTSOMTONL saving to a target release prior to V5R4M0
  - \*ALLDLO

- \*ASPnn
- \*DLOnn
- \*LOAD
- \*QHST
- \*SAVCFG
- \*SAVSECDTA
- \*SAVSYS
- \*SAVSYSINF
- \*SETASPGRP

3. If the item does not support the selected parallel save type, a non parallel save will be performed.

The possible returned values are:

**\*DEFAULT**

The BRMS application will determine the best parallel save type to use

**\*SERIAL**

Perform serial type parallel save.

**Note:** \*SERIAL cannot be specified for the following Control Group items:

- \*LNK lists
- \*EXIT containing a SAVDOMBRM command
- \*LINK
- \*LNKOMTONL
- \*LNKOMTLTS
- \*LTSOMTONL

The above control group items can specify \*PARALLEL parallel type.

**\*PARALLEL**

Perform parallel type parallel save.

**Note:** \*PARALLEL cannot be specified for the following control group items:

- \*ALLUSR
- \*ALLPROD
- \*ALLTEST

The above control group items can specify \*SERIAL parallel type.

**\*NONE**

Do not perform a parallel save.

**Control group retain object detail**

Returns whether to keep object detail for a backup item.

**Note:** A value of \*YES, \*OBJ, or \*MBR indicates that on a backup the save media information at the detail level will automatically occur.

The possible returned values are:

**\*NO**

Do not keep object detail for the entry. This allows object retrieval only at the library level from the backup history.

**Note:** This value is the only value supported for \*EXIT, \*LOAD, \*SAVCAL, \*SETASPGRP and \*SAVSYS backup items.

### **\*YES**

Save object detail for the entry. This allows object retrieval at the object level from the backup history. When this value is specified, member level details are kept for physical files in addition to object detail.

**Note:** This value is the only value supported for \*ALLDLO, \*DLOnn, \*QHST, folder list, and spooled file list backup items.

### **\*ERR**

Objects that were not saved due to an error condition are identified. The message identifier that gives the reason why the object was not saved is kept.

**Note:** This value is supported only on \*ALLPROD, \*ALLTEST, \*ALLUSR, \*ASPnn, \*IBM, library, and object list backup items.

### **\*OBJ**

Object detail is kept in the BRMS backup history. No member level detail is kept.

**Note:** This value is supported only on \*ALLPROD, \*ALLTEST, \*ALLUSR, \*ASPnn, \*IBM, library, and object-list backup items.

### **\*MBR**

Object detail is kept in the BRMS backup history. Member level information is included in the object detail for physical files.

**Note:** This value is supported only on \*ALLPROD, \*ALLTEST, \*ALLUSR, \*ASPnn, \*IBM, library, and object-list backup items.

## **Control group save while active**

Returns if an object can be updated while it is being saved.

### **Note:**

1. If the system is in a restricted state and this attribute is specified, the save operation is performed as if a value of \*NO was specified.
2. If using the MONSWABRM command as part of an \*EXIT special operation in a control group, the Save while active field must have a value of \*YES, \*LIB or \*SYNCLIB for the entry to be saved using save while active. The Monitor Save While Active (MONSWABRM) command reviews the save while active message queue and looks for the message indicating the end of library synchronization. When synchronization is detected, the MONSWABRM command can be issued to the system.

The possible returned values are:

### **\*NO**

Objects that are in use are not saved. Objects cannot be updated while being saved

### **\*YES**

Document library objects can be changed during the save request. Objects that are in use but are not using application recovery will not be saved.

This value can be specified when the entry name is \*ALLDLO or \*DLOnn.

If this value is specified when the entry name is a library name, generic library name, \*ALLUSR, \*ASPnn, \*ALLTEST, \*ALLPROD, \*IBM, \*QHST, or \*LINK the operation will be treated as if \*LIB was specified for this attribute.

### **\*LIB**

Objects in a library can be saved while they are in use by another job. All of the objects in a library reach a checkpoint together and are saved in a consistent state in relationship to each other.

**Note:** Libraries with thousands of objects may be too large for this option.

**Restriction:** This value can only be specified when the value for the entry name is a library name, generic library name, \*ALLUSR, \*ASPnn, \*ALLTEST, \*ALLPROD, \*IBM, \*QHST .



**\*SYNC**

Objects in a directory can be saved and used at the same time. All of the object checkpoints occur at the same time.

**\*SYNCLIB**

Objects in a library can be saved while they are in use by another job. All of the objects and all of the libraries in the save operation reach a checkpoint together and are saved in a consistent state in relationship to each other.

**Note:** Note: If the libraries are being saved to save files, each library is saved individually rather than as a group. Synchronization messages are therefore sent individually for each library rather than for the libraries as a group.

This value can only be specified when the entry name is \*ALLUSR, \*ASPnn, \*ALLTEST, \*ALLPROD, \*QHST, \*LINK.

**\*SYSDFN**

Objects in a library can be saved while they are in use by another job. Objects in a library may reach checkpoints at different times and may not be in a consistent state in relationship to each other.

**Restriction:** This value can only be specified when the value for the entry name is a library name, generic library name, \*ALLUSR, \*ASPnn, \*ALLTEST, \*ALLPROD, \*IBM, \*QHST.

**\*NWSSTG**

Objects can be saved and used at the same time. The object checkpoints can occur at different times. Allows network server storage spaces in directory '/QFPNWSSTG' to be saved when they are active.

**\*NWSSYNC**

Objects can be saved and used at the same time. All of the object checkpoints occur at the same time. Allows network server storage spaces in directory '/QFPNWSSTG' to be saved when they are active.

**Control group save private authorities**

Returns whether to save private authorities with the objects that are saved. Saving private authorities will increase the amount of time it takes to save the objects, but it can simplify the recovery of an object or a group of objects. It will not simplify the recovery of an entire system. However, might be very helpful for migration of data to other systems.

The possible returned values are:

**\*NO**

No private authorities are saved.

**\*YES**

Private authorities are saved for each object that is saved.

**Note:** You must have save system (\*SAVSYS) or all object (\*ALLOBJ) special authority to specify this value when the control group is run.

**Control group save with encryption**

Returns whether to encrypt data before saving to media.

The possible returned values are:

**\*NO**

Indicates that the data will not be encrypted during the save.

**\*MEDPCY**

Indicates that this item will be encrypted or not as specified by the media policy.

**Note:** \*YES is not a valid value.

**Control group SWA message queue**

Returns the name of the message queue to where save while active synchronization messages should be sent. The QUSRBRM library is the first library checked. If the message queue is found and is

already allocated, (occurs when the MONSWABRM command is used), QUSRBRM will be the library of the message queue in the save command that is created for this control group entry. If the message queue in QUSRBRM is not found or is not allocated, libraries in the library list are checked. If the message queue is found, \*LIBL is the message queue library used in the save command created for this control group entry. Otherwise, (when the message queue in the QUSRBRM library is not allocated and the message queue is not found in the library list), the message queue in QUSRBRM is used in the save command. If the message queue is not found in any of the libraries a message is sent to the BRMS log to indicate this.

The possible values are:

**\*LIB**

Use the message queue whose name matches that of the library being saved. When several consecutive control group entries specify \*LIB for SWA Message Queue and otherwise specify identical options for Weekly activity, Retain object detail and Save While Active, Save while active, \*LIB means use the message queue whose name matches the name of the first library in the list of consecutive control group entries (having identical options).

**message-queue-name**

Specifies the name of the message queue that will contain save while active synchronization messages.

**Control group synchronization id**

Returns the name to use to synchronize the checkpoints for more than one save while active operation. This name must also be specified for the Synchronization ID (SYNCID) parameter for each of the save operations that will be synchronized.

The possible values are:

**\*NONE**

The checkpoint for this save while active operation is not synchronized with any other save while active operations.

**synchronization ID**

Specify the name to use to synchronize the checkpoints.

**Control group type specified**

Specifies what type of control group is to be used. Backup, Archive, or Migration are the 3 types. Only Backup is currently supported.

The possible value follows.

**\*BKU**

A backup control group will be used to report data.

**Control group type used**

Specifies what type of control group is to be used. Backup, Archive, or Migration are the 3 types. Only Backup is currently supported.

The possible value follows.

**\*BKU**

A backup control group will be used to report data.

**Control group weekly activity**

Returns the type of activity that is to occur on each day of the week. This seven-character array uses one character to represent each day of the week, beginning with Sunday and progressing through Saturday.

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
0	0	CHAR(1)	Sunday activity
1	1	CHAR(1)	Monday activity

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
2	2	CHAR(1)	Tuesday activity
3	3	CHAR(1)	Wednesday activity
4	4	CHAR(1)	Thursday activity
5	5	CHAR(1)	Friday activity
6	6	CHAR(1)	Saturday activity

**Field Descriptions:****Sunday activity**

Specifies the activity for Sundays.

**Monday activity**

Specifies the activity for Mondays.

**Tuesday activity**

Specifies the activity for Tuesdays.

**Wednesday activity**

Specifies the activity for Wednesdays.

**Thursday activity**

Specifies the activity for Thursdays.

**Friday activity**

Specifies the activity for Fridays.

**Saturday activity**

Specifies the activity for Saturdays.

Possible returned values are:

**'0'**

No activity is performed for days that have this character assigned.

**'1'**

A full backup is performed for days that have this character assigned. This value is not valid for \*LOAD, \*EXIT, and \*SETASPGRP entries, unless the \*EXIT entry contains a SAVDOMBRM.

**'2'**

An incremental backup is performed for days that have this character assigned. This value is not valid for \*LOAD, \*EXIT, and \*SETASPGRP entries, unless the \*EXIT entry contains a SAVDOMBRM.

**Note:** The type of incremental performed is based on the current value for the Incremental type attribute of the backup control group.

**'3'**

General activity is performed for days that have this character assigned. This value is valid only for \*LOAD, \*EXIT, and \*SETASPGRP entries. The \*EXIT entry cannot have a SAVDOMBRM command in it.

**'9'**

Specifies that the default activity will be used for that day.

**Note:** If '9' is used...all the days will be '9's.

**Format name specified**

The format name specified as input for the API.

**Length of control group exit command**

Returns the length of the exit command. The maximum length is 5000 bytes. Note: This field is filled with 5000 blanks if no command.

## BRMS Control Group APIs

### Reserved

Returns a reserved area that must be set to hex zeros (x'00')

### User space library name specified

The user space library name as specified on the call to the API.

### User space library name used

The actual user space library name used to report data.

### User space name specified

The user space name as specified on the call to the API.

### User space name used

The actual user space name used to report data.

### Error Messages

- CPF1E64 E Parameter value \* not valid for program \*.
- CPF24B4 E Severe error while addressing parameter list.
- CPF3CF1 E Error code parameter not valid.
- CPF5222 E Name is not valid.
- CPF9800 E All CPF98xx messages could be signaled. Xx is from 01 to FF.
- BRM3C1E E Required parameter omitted.
- BRM3C4B E Value not valid for field at offset \*.
- BRM3C4C E Value not valid for field at offset \*
- BRM3C91 E Product feature required.
- BRM3C94 E Object not created.
- BRM3C99 E Unexpected condition with \* API. Reason \*.
- BRM402A E BRMS product initialization required.
- BRM4040 E Access denied for user \*.
- BRM4107 E Length \* not correct.
- BRM4108 E Format name \* not correct.

## Add Control Group Entry (Q1AADDCGE) API

This API will allow the user to add backup items to a control group. Note: After each add the sequence number will be recalculated.

Required Parameter Group:			
1	Control group name	Input	Char(10)
2	Control group sequence number	Input	Binary(4)
3	Control group entry information	Input	Char(*)
4	Length of control group entry information	Input	Binary(4)
5	Format of control group entry information	Input	Char(8)
6	Error code	I/O	Char(*)

Default Public Authority: \*USE  
Threadsafe: No

### Required Parameter Group

#### Control group entry name

INPUT CHAR(10)

Specifies the name of the control group that is having an entry added to it.

### Control group sequence number

INPUT BINARY(4)

Indicates where the entry is to be placed in the current list of entries in the control group.

The possible values are:

#### **-1**

Specifies to add as last control group entry.

#### **1 - 9999**

Specifies the number to use. Type a sequence number from 1 through 9999. The lowest number indicates that the entry is to be processed first and the highest number indicates the entry is to be processed last. If there is already a sequence number with that number it will be added after. The sequence numbers stored in increments of 10 with a max of 999 entries.

**Note:** It is recalculated after each API call.

### Control group entry information

INPUT CHAR(\*)

Specifies where the data of the entry is. The format of the control group entry information is specified in the control group entry format name parameter.

### Length of control group entry information

INPUT BINARY(4)

The number of bytes that the calling program provides for the control group entry information format.

### Format of control group entry information

INPUT CHAR(8)

The format of the control group entry information parameter.

The possible format names follow.

#### **BKUE0100**

The control group entry information is for a backup control group. See [Control Group Entry Information Formats](#) for a description of this format.

### Error code

I/O CHAR(\*)

The structure in which to return error information. For the format of the structure, see [Error Code Parameter](#).

### Control Group Entry Information Formats

For detailed descriptions of the table fields, see Control Group Information Formats Field Descriptions.

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
0	0	CHAR(10)	Control group entry name
10	0A	CHAR(4)	Control group entry type
14	0E	CHAR(6)	Reserved
20	14	CHAR(10)	Control group auxiliary storage pool device
30	1E	CHAR(7)	Control group weekly activity
37	25	CHAR(3)	Reserved

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
40	28	CHAR(10)	Control group retain object detail
50	32	CHAR(10)	Control group save while active (SWA)
60	3C	CHAR(10)	Control group SWA message queue
70	46	BINARY(4)	Offset to control group exit command
74	4A	BINARY(4)	Length of control group exit command
78	4E	CHAR(2)	Reserved
80	50	CHAR(10)	Control group save with encryption
90	5A	CHAR(10)	Control group parallel save type
100	64	CHAR(10)	Control group save private authorities
110	6E	CHAR(10)	Control group synchronization ID
120	78	CHAR(*)	Control group exit command

### Control Group Information Field Descriptions

#### Control group auxiliary storage pool device

The auxiliary storage pool device for the backup item is returned.

#### blanks

Returned if the backup item is one of the following:

- Folder lists
- Spooled file lists
- \*ALLDLO
- \*QHST
- \*ASPnn
- \*DLOnn
- \*EXIT
- \*IBM
- \*LOAD
- \*SAVCAL
- \*SAVCFG
- \*SAVSECDTA
- \*SAVSYS
- \*SAVSYSINF

#### \*

Specifies the save of the backup item is to include objects from the system (1), basic user auxiliary storage pools (2-32), and if the current thread has an auxiliary storage pool group, all independent auxiliary storage pools in the auxiliary storage pool group. This value is valid for \*ALLUSR, \*ALLPROD, \*ALLTEST, \*LINK, libraries, generic libraries, \*OBJ lists, and \*LNK lists.

#### \*ALLAVL

Specifies the save of the backup item is to include the system (1) and basic user auxiliary storage pools (2-32) and all available primary, secondary and UDFS auxiliary storage pools. This value is valid for \*LINK, \*LNKOMTONL, \*LNKOMTLTS, \*LTSOMTONL and \*LNK list backup items.

**\*CURASPGRP**

Specifies the save of the backup item is to include only the auxiliary storage pool group currently set for the job. The system (1) and basic user auxiliary storage pools (2-32) will be omitted from the save. The auxiliary storage pool group can be set using the \*SETASPGRP backup item special operator. This value is valid for all backup items not in the above blanks only row in this table.

**\*SYSBAS**

Specifies the save of the backup item will include only the system (1) and basic user auxiliary storage pools (2-32). This value is valid for all backup items not in the above blanks only row in this table.

**auxiliary-storage-pool-device-name**

Specifies the save of the backup item will include only this named auxiliary storage pool device. This must be the name of a primary or secondary auxiliary storage pool. The system (1) and basic user auxiliary storage pools (2-32) will be omitted from the save. If the backup item is \*SETASPGRP, the auxiliary storage pool device name must specify the name of an available primary auxiliary storage pool. This value is valid for all backup items except the following:

- Folder lists
- Spooled file lists
- \*ALLDLO
- \*QHST
- \*ASPnn
- \*DLOnn
- \*EXIT
- \*IBM
- \*LOAD
- \*SAVCAL
- \*SAVCFG
- \*SAVSECDTA
- \*SAVSYS
- \*SAVSYSINF

**Control group entry name**

Returns the library name, list name or special value for the entry.

**Note:** The library does not have to exist on the system.

The following values are returned:

**generic\*-library-name**

Specifies the generic names of the libraries to be saved. A generic name is a character string of one or more characters followed by an asterisk (\*); for example, ABC\*. The asterisk (\*) substitutes for any valid characters. A generic name specifies all libraries with names that begin with the generic prefix.

**library-name**

Specify the name of the library to be saved.

**list-name**

Specifies the names of lists to be saved. Lists are collections of objects of similar type, such as folders, directories, objects, or spooled files. An example of a list would be PROJECT which is a list of objects associated with a current programming project. A permitted list type must be specified with each list, for example, \*OBJ, \*SPL, \*FLR or \*LNK. Incremental saves of list type \*SPL are not supported. If an incremental save of a spooled file list is specified, all files in the list will be saved.

**special-value**

Special values cause special backup functions or general activities to be run when processing the control group entries. Special values that might be returned:

### **\*ALLCHGRCV**

Specify to save all journal receivers in user libraries that do not start with the letter "Q" that have never been saved or that have changed since they were last saved.

### **\*ALLDLO**

Specify to save a copy of the specified documents, folders, or distribution objects (mail).

#### **Note:**

1. When a folder is saved, the folder object is saved along with the documents contained in that folder and subfolders and documents in the subfolders and all successively included folders and documents. Specific folders can be saved using a folder list.
2. Distribution objects (mail) cannot be saved or restored for an individual user. Mail can be saved only for all users.
3. \*ALLDLO does not require a dedicated system; however, individual objects in use when the save is started cannot be saved.
4. QDOC cannot be used as an entry in the Backup items.

#### **Restrictions:**

1. To use this special value, the user must have either the \*ALLOBJ or \*SAVSYS special authority or the user must have \*ALL authority for each document or folder to be saved. In addition, the user must have either \*ALLOBJ or \*SAVSYS special authority to use DLO(\*ALL), FLR(\*ANY), and DLO(\*MAIL).
2. To use this special value, the user must be enrolled as Document Interchange Architecture (DIA) users if they do not have \*SAVSYS or \*ALLOBJ special authority.
3. All object authority or special \*SAVSYS special authority is required if a search value is specified and the owner is not equal to the user making this request.
4. While using this special value, the user can encounter an error message indicating that internal objects are locked. A third party is locking the same objects; therefore, this command should be tried again when the object is not locked.

**Note:** The \*ALLDLO special value processes the SAVDLOBRM command. Check the parameters set in BRMS as well as the default parameters in the SAVDLOBRM command to assure that the proper information is saved.

### **\*ALLDTCRCV**

Specify to save all detached journal receivers in user libraries that do not start with the letter "Q" and have never been saved or that have changed since they were last saved.

### **\*ALLPROD**

Specify to save the user libraries with a type of \*PROD. If you process \*ALLPROD and \*ALLTEST, you have completed an \*ALLUSR save.

### **\*ALLTEST**

Specify to save the user libraries with a type of \*TEST. If you process \*ALLTEST and \*ALLPROD, you have completed an \*ALLUSR save.

### **\*ALLUSR**

Specify to save all user libraries are to be saved. Refer to the Special Values table for the Save Library (SAVLIB) Command in the Saving Libraries section of the [Recovering your system](#) book to determine what libraries are considered user libraries.

### **\*ASPnn**

Specify to save all user libraries in a specified auxiliary storage pool (ASP) where nn is the ASP number from 1-32. The ASP number must include the leading "0".

### **\*DLOnn**

Specify to save documents, folders, or distribution objects (mail) in a specified auxiliary storage pool (ASP) where nn is the ASP number from 1-32. The ASP number must include the leading "0".



**\*EXIT**

Specify to include a user exit point. Placement of the \*EXIT entry in the control group determines when the exit is processed. After completion of a user exit, the backup process resumes.

If the \*EXIT is the first item encountered in a control group, it will be processed prior to control group pre-processing. If the \*EXIT item is the last item in a list of items in a control group it will be processed after control group post-processing and before IPL. If the \*EXIT item is neither the first nor the last item in the control group it will be processed sequentially with the rest of the items in the control group.

If this special value is used, Command containing the command must also be specified. As an example, the Monitor Save While Active using BRM (MONSWABRM) command could be used as an exit during backup processing.

**Note:** When using the MONSWABRM command, the job queue value in the MONSWABRM command must name an active job queue other than the job queue in which the control group is processing, so that the MONSWABRM command can run at the same time with the control group. Also, the backup item entry containing the library to be monitored by the MONSWABRM command, must have \*YES as the value in the Save while active prompt.

**\*IBM**

Specify to save all system (IBM) libraries. Refer to the Special Values table for the Save Library (SAVLIB) Command in the Saving Libraries section of the [Recovering your system](#) book to determine what libraries are considered system libraries.

**\*LINK**

Specify to save all directories and files except files in /QSYS.LIB and /QDLS directories.

**\*LNKOMTONL**

Specify to save all directories and files except online Lotus server files and files in /QSYS.LIB and /QDLS directories. (This attribute is available on systems at V5R4 and above.)

**\*LNKOMTLTS**

Specify to save all directories and files except Lotus server files and files in /QSYS.LIB and /QDLS directories. (This attribute is available on systems at V5R4 and above.)

**\*LOAD**

Specify to begin on a new media.

**\*LTSOMTONL**

Specify to all Lotus server files except online Lotus server files. (This attribute is available on systems at V5R4 and above.)

**\*QHST**

Specify to save all history files.

**Note:** The \*SAVSYS special value also saves all history files. \*QHST should not be specified if \*SAVSYS is specified.

**\*SAVCAL**

Specify to save calendars and calendar items. You can save only local calendars.

**Note:**

1. The \*SAVCAL special value processes the SAVCAL command. You should check the parameters set in BRMS as well as the default command parameters to assure that the proper information is saved.
2. \*SAVCAL does allow you to keep object detail. If you put retain object detail \*YES in the Retain object detail prompt BRMS will force the value in the field to \*NO.

**\*SAVCFG**

Specify to save all configurations and system resource management (SRM) objects without requiring a system in a restricted state. The information saved includes the following:

- Line descriptions

- Controller descriptions
- Device descriptions
- Mode descriptions
- Class-of-service descriptions
- Network interface descriptions
- Connection lists
- Configuration lists
- Hardware resource data
- Token-ring adaptor data

Information that is saved using the \*SAVCFG special value can be restored using the RSTCFG command.

### **Restrictions:**

1. Incremental saves of configurations are not allowed. All saves of configuration data are full saves, even if an incremental save is specified.
2. \*SAVSYS special authority to use this value.
3. System resource management (SRM) objects are not saved if a Work with Hardware Products (WRKHDWPRD) and Work with Hardware Resources (WRKHDWRSC) job is running at the same time.

**Note:** The \*SAVCFG special value processes the SAVCFG command. Check the parameters set in BRMS as well the default parameters in the \*SAVCFG command to assure that the proper information is saved.

### **\*SAVSECDTA**

Specify to save all security information is saved without requiring a system in a restricted state. The \*SAVSECDTA special value saves the following security information:

- User profiles
- Authorization lists
- Authority holders

**Restrictions:** \*SAVSYS special authority to use this value.

### **Note:**

1. Incremental saves of security data are not allowed. All saves of security data are full saves, even if an incremental save is specified.
2. The \*SAVSECDTA special value processes the SAVSECDTA command. Check the parameters set in BRMS as well as the default parameters in the SAVSECDTA command to assure that the proper information is saved.

### **\*SAVSYS**

Specify to save a copy of the Licensed Internal Code and the QSYS library in a format compatible with the installation of the IBM i platform. It does not save objects from any other library. In addition, it saves security and configuration objects that can also be saved using the Save Security Data (SAVSECDTA) and Save Configuration (SAVCFG) commands.

### **Restrictions:**

1. \*SAVSYS special authority is required to use this value.
2. All subsystems must be inactive before the \*SAVSYS special value can be specified.
3. Incremental \*SAVSYS is not allowed. A \*SAVSYS is process as a full save even if an incremental save is specified.
4. Media created using this command that are used for installation should be initialized with a density that is supported by the current alternative IPL device. If this is not done, the

current IPL media is changed to a device that supports the density of the created \*SAVSYS tapes before installation begins.

5. Media created using the \*SAVSYS special value should not be used for automatic installation.
6. \*SAVSYS cannot be added to a control group that has a value of \*YES in the Shared media prompt in the Change Media Class display. This is to prevent a system save while network activity is processing. To use \*SAVSYS in a control group, first set up a media class using the Add Media Class display with a value of \*NO in the Shared media prompt. Then add this media class to a new media policy. Then change the attributes of the control group to use the new media policy that does not allow shared volumes.
7. Optical Media is NOT supported. Note: The \*SAVSYS special value processes the SAVSYS command. Check the parameters set in BRMS as well as the default parameters in the \*SAVSYS command to assure that the proper information is saved.

### **\*SAVSYSINF**

Specifies to save a subset of system data and objects saved by the \*SAVSYS special value. In addition, PTF information is also saved. Subsystems can remain active when using this special value.

**Note:** \*SAVSYSINF is not to be considered a replacement for the \*SAVSYS special value and must not be used for system upgrades or migrations. The \*SAVSYSINF special value uses the Save System Information (SAVSYSINF) command. Refer to the SAVSYSINF command documentation and the [Recovering your system](#) book for special recovery considerations when using this special value.

#### **Restrictions:**

1. \*SAVSYS special authority is required to use this value.
2. Incremental \*SAVSYSINF is not allowed. A \*SAVSYSINF is processed as a full save even if an incremental save is specified.
3. This value does not save all QSYS objects. Refer to the SAVSYSINF command documentation and the [Recovering your system](#) book for a complete list of objects saved.

### **\*SETASGRP**

Specify to set an auxiliary storage pool group to the current job. The name of the primary auxiliary storage pool device for the auxiliary storage pool group is specified by control group auxiliary storage pool device parameter. This is available on systems at V5R2 and above.

### **Control group entry type**

Returns the type of list entry. The possible values are:

#### **blanks**

The entry is a library name or special value.

#### **\*FLR**

The entry is a folder list name.

#### **\*LNK**

The entry is an integrated file system object list name.

#### **\*OBJ**

The entry is a object list name.

#### **\*SPL**

The entry is a spooled file list name.

### **Control group exit command**

Returns the command that is to be processed with this entry. This parameter is only valid if a value of \*EXIT is specified for the control group entry name. Job CCSID data will be returned. The length for this parameter is 5000 characters.

### **Control group name**

Specifies the name of the control group.

### Control group parallel save type

Returns the type of parallel save that should be performed. This value is ignored if the Control Group save is not parallel or the item does not support a parallel save.

#### Note:

1. This parameter is valid on system releases V6R1M0 or above.
2. This parameter is not supported by the following Control Group items:
  - \*FLR lists
  - \*EXIT not containing a SAVDOMBRM command or saving to a target release prior to V5R4M0
  - \*LINK saving to a target release prior to V5R4M0
  - \*LNKOMTONL saving to a target release prior to V5R4M0
  - \*LNKOMTLTS saving to a target release prior to V5R4M0
  - \*LTSOMTONL saving to a target release prior to V5R4M0
  - \*ALLDLO
  - \*ASPnn
  - \*DLOnn
  - \*LOAD
  - \*QHST
  - \*SAVCFG
  - \*SAVSECDTA
  - \*SAVSYS
  - \*SAVSYSINF
  - \*SETASPGRP
3. If the item does not support the selected parallel save type, a non parallel save will be performed.

The possible returned values are:

#### \*DEFAULT

The BRMS application will determine the best parallel save type to use.

#### \*SERIAL

Perform serial type parallel save.

**Note:** \*SERIAL cannot be specified for the following Control Group items:

- \*LNK lists
- \*EXIT containing a SAVDOMBRM command
- \*LINK
- \*LNKOMTONL
- \*LNKOMTLTS
- \*LTSOMTONL

The above control group items can specify \*PARALLEL parallel type.

#### \*PARALLEL

Perform parallel type parallel save.

**Note:** \*PARALLEL cannot be specified for the following control group items:

- \*ALLUSR
- \*ALLPROD
- \*ALLTEST

The above control group items can specify \*SERIAL parallel type.

**\*NONE**

Do not perform a parallel save.

**Control group retain object detail**

Returns whether to keep object detail for a backup item.

**Note:** A value of \*YES, \*OBJ, or \*MBR indicates that on a backup the save media information at the detail level will automatically occur.

The possible returned values are:

**\*NO**

Do not keep object detail for the entry. This allows object retrieval only at the library level from the backup history.

**Note:** This value is the only value supported for \*EXIT, \*LOAD, \*SAVCAL, \*SETASPGRP and \*SAVSYS backup items.

**\*YES**

Save object detail for the entry. This allows object retrieval at the object level from the backup history. When this value is specified, member level details are kept for physical files in addition to object detail.

**Note:** This value is the only value supported for \*ALLDLO, \*DLOnn, \*QHST, folder list, and spooled file list backup items.

**\*ERR**

Objects that were not saved due to an error condition are identified. The message identifier that gives the reason why the object was not saved is kept.

**Note:** This value is supported only on \*ALLPROD, \*ALLTEST, \*ALLUSR, \*ASPnn, \*IBM, library, and object list backup items.

**\*OBJ**

Object detail is kept in the BRMS backup history. No member level detail is kept.

**Note:** This value is supported only on \*ALLPROD, \*ALLTEST, \*ALLUSR, \*ASPnn, \*IBM, library, and object-list backup items.

**\*MBR**

Object detail is kept in the BRMS backup history. Member level information is included in the object detail for physical files.

**Note:** This value is supported only on \*ALLPROD, \*ALLTEST, \*ALLUSR, \*ASPnn, \*IBM, library, and object-list backup items.

**Control group save while active**

Returns if an object can be updated while it is being saved.

**Note:**

1. If the system is in a restricted state and this attribute is specified, the save operation is performed as if a value of \*NO was specified.
2. If using the MONSWABRM command as part of an \*EXIT special operation in a control group, the Save while active field must have a value of \*YES, \*LIB or \*SYNCLIB for the entry to be saved using save while active. The Monitor Save While Active (MONSWABRM) command reviews the save while active message queue and looks for the message indicating the end of library synchronization. When synchronization is detected, the MONSWABRM command can be issued to the system.

The possible returned values are:

**\*NO**

Objects that are in use are not saved. Objects cannot be updated while being saved

**\*YES**

Document library objects can be changed during the save request. Objects that are in use but are not using application recovery will not be saved.

This value can be specified when the entry name is \*ALLDLO or \*DLOnn.

If this value is specified when the entry name is a library name, generic library name, \*ALLUSR, \*ASPnn, \*ALLTEST, \*ALLPROD, \*IBM, \*QHST, or \*LINK the operation will be treated as if \*LIB was specified for this attribute.

### **\*LIB**

Objects in a library can be saved while they are in use by another job. All of the objects in a library reach a checkpoint together and are saved in a consistent state in relationship to each other.

**Note:** Libraries with thousands of objects may be too large for this option.

**Restriction:** This value can only be specified when the value for the entry name is a library name, generic library name, \*ALLUSR, \*ASPnn, \*ALLTEST, \*ALLPROD, \*IBM, \*QHST .

### **\*SYNC**

Objects in a directory can be saved and used at the same time. All of the object checkpoints occur at the same time.

### **\*SYNCLIB**

Objects in a library can be saved while they are in use by another job. All of the objects and all of the libraries in the save operation reach a checkpoint together and are saved in a consistent state in relationship to each other.

**Note:** Note: If the libraries are being saved to save files, each library is saved individually rather than as a group. Synchronization messages are therefore sent individually for each library rather than for the libraries as a group.

This value can only be specified when the entry name is \*ALLUSR, \*ASPnn, \*ALLTEST, \*ALLPROD, \*QHST, \*LINK.

### **\*SYSDFN**

Objects in a library can be saved while they are in use by another job. Objects in a library may reach checkpoints at different times and may not be in a consistent state in relationship to each other.

**Restriction:** This value can only be specified when the value for the entry name is a library name, generic library name, \*ALLUSR, \*ASPnn, \*ALLTEST, \*ALLPROD, \*IBM, \*QHST.

### **\*NWSSTG**

Objects can be saved and used at the same time. The object checkpoints can occur at different times. Allows network server storage spaces in directory '/QFPNWSSTG' to be saved when they are active.

### **\*NWSSYNC**

Objects can be saved and used at the same time. All of the object checkpoints occur at the same time. Allows network server storage spaces in directory '/QFPNWSSTG' to be saved when they are active.

## **Control group save private authorities**

Returns whether to save private authorities with the objects that are saved. Saving private authorities will increase the amount of time it takes to save the objects, but it can simplify the recovery of an object or a group of objects. It will not simplify the recovery of an entire system. However, might be very helpful for migration of data to other systems.

The possible returned values are:

### **\*NO**

No private authorities are saved.

### **\*YES**

Private authorities are saved for each object that is saved.

**Note:** You must have save system (\*SAVSYS) or all object (\*ALLOBJ) special authority to specify this value when the control group is run.

**Control group save with encryption**

Returns whether to encrypt data prior to saving to media.

The possible returned values are:

**\*NO**

Indicates that the data will not be encrypted during the save.

**\*MEDPCY**

Indicates that this item will be encrypted or not as specified by the media policy.

**Note:** \*YES is not a valid value.

**Control group SWA message queue**

Returns the name of the message queue to where save while active synchronization messages should be sent. The QUSRBRM library is the first library checked. If the message queue is found and is already allocated, (occurs when the MONSWABRM command is used), QUSRBRM will be the library of the message queue in the save command that is created for this control group entry. If the message queue in QUSRBRM is not found or is not allocated, libraries in the library list are checked. If the message queue is found, \*LIBL is the message queue library used in the save command created for this control group entry. Otherwise, (when the message queue in the QUSRBRM library is not allocated and the message queue is not found in the library list), the message queue in QUSRBRM is used in the save command. If the message queue is not found in any of the libraries a message is sent to the BRMS log to indicate this.

The possible values are:

**\*LIB**

Use the message queue whose name matches that of the library being saved. When several consecutive control group entries specify \*LIB for SWA Message Queue and otherwise specify identical options for Weekly activity, Retain object detail and Save While Active, Save while active, \*LIB means use the message queue whose name matches the name of the first library in the list of consecutive control group entries (having identical options).

**message-queue-name**

Specifies the name of the message queue that will contain save while active synchronization messages.

**Control group synchronization id**

Returns the name to use to synchronize the checkpoints for more than one save while active operation. This name must also be specified for the Synchronization ID (SYNCID) parameter for each of the save operations that will be synchronized.

The possible values are:

**\*NONE**

The checkpoint for this save while active operation is not synchronized with any other save while active operations.

**synchronization ID**

Specify the name to use to synchronize the checkpoints.

**Control group type specified**

Specifies what type of control group is to be used. Backup, Archive, or Migration are the 3 types. Only Backup is currently supported.

The possible value follows.

**\*BKU**

A backup control group will be used to report data.

**Control group type used**

Specifies what type of control group is to be used. Backup, Archive, or Migration are the 3 types. Only Backup is currently supported.

The possible value follows.

**\*BKU**

A backup control group will be used to report data.

**Control group weekly activity**

Returns the type of activity that is to occur on each day of the week. This seven-character array uses one character to represent each day of the week, beginning with Sunday and progressing through Saturday.

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
0	0	CHAR(1)	Sunday activity
1	1	CHAR(1)	Monday activity
2	2	CHAR(1)	Tuesday activity
3	3	CHAR(1)	Wednesday activity
4	4	CHAR(1)	Thursday activity
5	5	CHAR(1)	Friday activity
6	6	CHAR(1)	Saturday activity

**Field Descriptions:****Sunday activity**

Specifies the activity for Sundays.

**Monday activity**

Specifies the activity for Mondays.

**Tuesday activity**

Specifies the activity for Tuesdays.

**Wednesday activity**

Specifies the activity for Wednesdays.

**Thursday activity**

Specifies the activity for Thursdays.

**Friday activity**

Specifies the activity for Fridays.

**Saturday activity**

Specifies the activity for Saturdays.

Possible returned values are:

**'0'**

No activity is performed for days that have this character assigned.

**'1'**

A full backup is performed for days that have this character assigned. This value is not valid for \*LOAD, \*EXIT, and \*SETASPGRP entries, unless the \*EXIT entry contains a SAVDOMBRM.

**'2'**

An incremental backup is performed for days that have this character assigned. This value is not valid for \*LOAD, \*EXIT, and \*SETASPGRP entries, unless the \*EXIT entry contains a SAVDOMBRM.

**Note:** The type of incremental performed is based on the current value for the Incremental type attribute of the backup control group.

**'3'**

General activity is performed for days that have this character assigned. This value is valid only for \*LOAD, \*EXIT, and \*SETASPGRP entries. The \*EXIT entry cannot have a SAVDOMBRM command in it.



**'9'**

Specifies that the default activity will be used for that day.

**Note:** If '9' is used...all the days will be '9's.

**Length of control group exit command**

Returns the length of the exit command. The maximum length is 5000 bytes. Note: This field is filled with 5000 blanks if no command.

**Offset to control group exit command**

Specifies the number of bytes from the start of the format data to the exit command.

**Reserved**

Returns a reserved area that must be set to hex zeros (x'00')

**Error Messages**

- CPF1E64 E Parameter value \* not valid for program \*.
- CPF24B4 E Severe error while addressing parameter list.
- CPF3CF1 E Error code parameter not valid.
- CPF5222 E Name is not valid.
- CPF9800 E All CPF98xx messages could be signaled. Xx is from 01 to FF.
- BRM3C1E E Required parameter omitted.
- BRM3C4B E Value not valid for field at offset \*.
- BRM3C4C E Value not valid for field at offset \*
- BRM3C91 E Product feature required.
- BRM3C94 E Object not created.
- BRM3C99 E Unexpected condition with \* API. Reason \*.
- BRM1401 E Entry not found.
- BRM402A E BRMS product initialization required.
- BRM4040 E Access denied for user \*.
- BRM4107 E Length \* not correct.
- BRM4108 E Format name \* not correct.
- BRM410A E Sequence \* not correct.
- BRM4133 E \* cannot be changed

**Remove Control Group Entry (Q1ARMVCGE) API**

This API allows you to remove an entry from a control group. Note: The sequence numbers are recalculated after each remove call.

Required Parameter Group:			
1	Control group name	Input	Char(10)
2	Control group type	Input	Char(10)
3	Control group sequence number	Input	Binary(4)
4	Error code	I/O	Char(*)
Default Public Authority: *USE			
Threadsafe: No			

### Required Parameter Group

#### Control group name

INPUT CHAR(10)

Specifies the name of the control group that is having an entry removed.

#### Control group type

INPUT CHAR(10)

Specifies what type of control group is to be created. Backup, Archive, or Migration are the 3 types. Only Backup is currently supported.

The possible value follows.

#### **\*BKU**

A backup control group will be created.

#### Control group entry sequence number

INPUT BINARY(4)

Indicates which entry is to be removed.

The possible values are:

#### **-1**

Specifies to remove all the entries.

#### **10 - 9990**

Specifies the entry to be removed. Type a sequence number from 10 through 9990.

#### Error code

I/O; CHAR(\*)

The structure in which to return error information. For the format of the structure, see [Error Code Parameter](#).

### Error Messages

- CPF1E64 E Parmeter value \* not valid for program \*.
- CPF24B4 E Severe error while addressing parameter list.
- CPF3CF1 E Error code parameter not valid.
- CPF5222 E Name is not valid.
- CPF9800 E All CPF98xx messages could be signaled. Xx is from 01 to FF.
- BRM3C1E E Required parameter omitted.
- BRM3C4B E Value not valid for field at offset \*.
- BRM3C4C E Value not valid for field at offset \*
- BRM3C91 E Product feature required.
- BRM3C94 E Object not created.
- BRM3C99 E Unexpected condition with \* API. Reason \*.
- BRM402A E BRMS product initialization required.
- BRM4040 E Access denied for user \*.
- BRM4107 E Length \* not correct.
- BRM4108 E Format name \* not correct.
- BRM410A E Sequence \* not correct.
- BRM4133 E \* cannot be changed

## Add Control Group Entry Object Omit (Q1AADDCGEO) API

This API allows you to programmatically add object omits to a backup item in a backup control group. Folders are not supported. Only libraries (includes generics), configuration and security data and user authority information for ASPs 2-32.

Required Parameter Group:			
1	Control group name	Input	Char(10)
2	Control group type	Input	Char(10)
3	Control group sequence number	Input	Binary(4)
4	Objects to omit library	Input	Char(10)
5	Objects to omit type	Input	Char(10)
6	Objects to omit name	Input	Char(10)
7	Error code	I/O	Char(*)
Optional Parameter Group:			
8	Objects to omit attribute	Input	Char(10)
9	Objects to omit member	Input	Char(10)
Default Public Authority: *USE			
Threadsafe: No			

### Required Parameter Group

#### Control group name

INPUT CHAR(10)

Specifies the name of the control group that is having an object omit added.

#### Control group type

INPUT CHAR(10)

Specifies what type of control group is to be used. Backup, Archive, or Migration are the 3 types. Only Backup is currently supported.

The possible value follows.

#### \*BKU

A backup control group will be created.

#### Control group entry sequence number

INPUT BINARY(4)

Indicates which entry is to have objects omitted.

The possible values are:

#### 10 -9990

Specifies the entry to use. Type a sequence number from 10 through 9990.

#### Objects to omit library name

INPUT CHAR(10)

Specifies the name of the library containing the objects to be omitted during the save.

The possible values are:

#### \*SAVCFG

Configuration data is to be omitted from the system or system information save. (\*SAVSYS or \*SAVSYSINF)

### **\*SAVSECDTA**

Security data is to be omitted from the system or system information save. (\*SAVSYS or \*SAVSYSINF)

### **\*USRASPAUT**

Omit the BRMS save of the authority information from user auxiliary storage pools (2-32) from the system or system information save. (\*SAVSYS or \*SAVSYSINF)

### **library-name**

The objects are to be omitted from this library.

### **generic\*-library-name**

The objects are to be omitted from these generic libraries.

## **Objects to omit object type**

INPUT CHAR(10)

Specifies the type of objects omitted during the save.

### **\*ALL**

All object types are omitted.

### **object-type**

Objects of this type are omitted. This can be any valid special value supported by the Object type parameter on the IBM i save commands.

## **Objects to omit object name**

INPUT CHAR(10)

Specifies the name of the objects omitted during the save.

The possible values are:

### **\*ALL**

All objects of the specified library and type are omitted.

### **generic\*-object-name**

Objects having this generic name are omitted.

### **object-name**

Objects having this name are omitted.

## **Error code**

I/O CHAR(\*)

The structure in which to return error information. For the format of the structure, see [Error Code Parameter](#).

## **Optional Parameter Group**

### **Objects to omit attribute**

INPUT CHAR(10)

Specifies the attribute of the objects that are omitted during the save. (This parameter is available on servers with IBM i 7.2 and above.)

The possible values are:

### **\*ALL**

All object attribute values are selected. Therefore, objects with all attribute values are omitted.

### **\*NONE**

Only objects that have no attribute value are omitted.

### **attribute-value**

Specify the attribute value of the objects to omit.

### **generic\*-attribute-value**

Specify the generic attribute value of the objects to omit.

**Objects to omit member**

INPUT CHAR(10)

Specifies the name of the database file members that are omitted during the save. (This parameter is available on servers with IBM i 7.2 and above.)

The possible values are:

**\*ALL**

All members are omitted from the specified files.

**member-name**

Specify the name of the member to omit from the specified files.

**generic\*-member-name**

Specify the generic name of the members to omit from the specified files.

**Error Messages**

- CPF1E64 E Parameter value \* not valid for program \*
- CPF24B4 E Severe error while addressing parameter list.
- CPF3CF1 E Error code parameter not valid.
- CPF5222 E Name is not valid.
- CPF9800 E All CPF98xx messages could be signaled. Xx is from 01 to FF.
- BRM3C1E E Required parameter omitted.
- BRM3C4B E Value not valid for field at offset \*
- BRM3C4C E Value not valid for field at offset \*
- BRM3C91 E Product feature required.
- BRM3C94 E Object not created.
- BRM3C99 E Unexpected condition with \* API. Reason \*
- BRM402A E BRMS product initialization required.
- BRM4040 E Access denied for user \*
- BRM4107 E Length \* not correct.
- BRM4108 E Format name \* not correct.
- BRM410A E Sequence \* not correct.
- BRM4133 E \* cannot be changed.

**Remove Control Group Entry Object Omit (Q1ARMVCGEO) API**

This API will allow a way to programmatically remove object omits from a backup item in a backup control group. Folders are not supported. Only libraries (includes generics), configuration and security data and user authority information for ASPs 2-32.

Required Parameter Group:			
1	Control group name	Input	Char(10)
2	Control group type	Input	Char(10)
3	Control group sequence number	Input	Binary(4)
4	Error code	I/O	Char(*)
Default Public Authority: *USE			
Threadsafe: No			

### Required Parameter Group

#### Control group name

INPUT CHAR(10)

Specifies the name of the control group that is having an object omit added.

#### Control group type

INPUT CHAR(10)

Specifies what type of control group is to be used. Backup, Archive, or Migration are the 3 types. Only Backup is currently supported.

The possible value follows.

#### \*BKU

A backup control group will be created.

#### Control group entry sequence number

INPUT BINARY(4)

Indicates which entry is to have objects omitted.

The possible values are:

#### 10 -9990

Specifies the entry to use. Type a sequence number from 10 through 9990.

#### Error code

I/O CHAR(\*)

The structure in which to return error information. For the format of the structure, see [Error Code Parameter](#).

### Error Messages

- CPF1E64 E Parmeter value \* not valid for program \*.
- CPF24B4 E Severe error while addressing parameter list.
- CPF3CF1 E Error code parameter not valid.
- CPF5222 E Name is not valid.
- CPF9800 E All CPF98xx messages could be signaled. Xx is from 01 to FF.
- BRM3C1E E Required parameter omitted.
- BRM3C4B E Value not valid for field at offset \*.
- BRM3C4C E Value not valid for field at offset \*
- BRM3C91 E Product feature required.
- BRM3C94 E Object not created.
- BRM3C99 E Unexpected condition with \* API. Reason \*.
- BRM402A E BRMS product initialization required.
- BRM4040 E Access denied for user \*.
- BRM4107 E Length \* not correct.
- BRM4108 E Format name \* not correct.
- BRM410A E Sequence \* not correct.
- BRM4133 E \* cannot be changed.

## BRMS List APIs

The BRMS list APIs allow you to create, change, or remove BRMS lists.

**Note:**

1. There isn't any backup folder list support.
2. There isn't any support for archive lists.

### Create List (Q1ACRTLST) API

This API will allow a way to programmatically create a BRMS list. Use the Q1ACRTLSTE API to add entries into this list.

Required Parameter Group:			
1	List name	Input	Char(10)
2	List information	Input	Char(*)
3	Length of list information	Input	Binary(4)
4	Format of list information	Input	Char(8)
5	Error code	I/O	Char(*)
Default Public Authority: *USE			
Threadsafe: No			

#### Required Parameter Group

**List name**

INPUT CHAR(10)

Specifies the name of the list that is being created.

**List information**

INPUT CHAR(\*)

The attributes of the list. The format of the list information is specified in the list format name parameter.

**Length of list information**

INPUT BINARY(4)

The number of bytes that the calling program provides for the list information format.

**Format of list information**

INPUT CHAR(8)

The format of the list information parameter.

The possible format names follow.

**BLNC0100**

This format must be used when creating a backup link list.

**BOBC0100**

This format must be used when creating a backup object list.

See [List Information Formats](#) for a description of these formats.

**Error code**

I/O; CHAR(\*)

The structure in which to return error information. For the format of the structure, see [Error Code Parameter](#).

### List Information Formats

For detailed descriptions of the table fields, see [List Information Formats Field Descriptions](#).

#### BLNC0100 format

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
0	0	CHAR(50)	List text description
50	32	CHAR(10)	Link list directory sub tree

#### BOBC0100 format

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
0	0	CHAR(50)	List text description

### List Information Field Descriptions

#### List link directory sub tree

Specifies whether directory sub trees should be processed.

The possible values are:

##### \*NONE

No sub trees are included in the save operation. If a directory matches the object name pattern specified, the objects in the directory are included. If the directory has subdirectories, neither the subdirectories nor the objects in the subdirectories are included.

##### \*ALL

The entire sub tree for each directory that matches the object name pattern will be processed.

##### \*DIR

Objects in the first level of each directory that matches the object name pattern will be processed.

##### \*OBJ

Only the objects that exactly match the object name pattern will be processed. If the object name pattern specifies a directory, objects in the directory are not included.

#### List text description

Specifies text that describes the list.

### Error Messages

- CPF1E64 E Parmeter value \* not valid for program \*
- CPF24B4 E Severe error while addressing parameter list.
- CPF3CF1 E Error code parameter not valid.
- CPF5222 E Name is not valid.
- CPF9800 E All CPF98xx messages could be signaled. Xx is from 01 to FF.
- BRM3C1E E Required parameter omitted.
- BRM3C4B E Value not valid for field at offset \*
- BRM3C4C E Value not valid for field at offset \*



- BRM3C91 E Product feature required.
- BRM3C94 E Object not created.
- BRM3C99 E Unexpected condition with \* API. Reason \*.
- BRM402A E BRMS product initialization required.
- BRM4040 E Access denied for user \*.
- BRM4107 E Length \* not correct.
- BRM4108 E Format name \* not correct.
- BRM4111 E List \* already exists.
- BRM4133 E \* cannot be changed

## Delete List (Q1ADTLST) API

This API will allow a way to programmatically delete a BRMS list. If the list is currently active in a control group, the delete will fail.

Required Parameter Group:			
1	List name	Input	Char(10)
2	List type	Input	Char(10)
3	Error code	I/O	Char(*)
Default Public Authority: *USE			
Threadsafe: No			

### Required Parameter Group

#### List name

INPUT CHAR(10)

Specifies the name of the list that is being deleted.

#### List type

INPUT CHAR(10)

Specifies the type of the list.

The possible values follow.

#### \*BLNK

Specifies a backup link list.

#### \*BOBJ

Specifies a backup object list.

#### Error code

I/O CHAR(\*)

The structure in which to return error information. For the format of the structure, see [Error Code Parameter](#).

### Error Messages

- CPF1E64 E Parmeter value \* not valid for program \*.
- CPF24B4 E Severe error while addressing parameter list.
- CPF3CF1 E Error code parameter not valid.
- CPF5222 E Name is not valid.
- CPF9800 E All CPF98xx messages could be signaled. Xx is from 01 to FF.
- BRM3C1E E Required parameter omitted.

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- BRM3C4B E Value not valid for field at offset \*
- BRM3C4C E Value not valid for field at offset \*
- BRM3C91 E Product feature required.
- BRM3C99 E Unexpected condition with \* API. Reason \*
- BRM402A E BRMS product initialization required.
- BRM4040 E Access denied for user \*
- BRM4101 E List \* not found.

### Add List Entry (Q1AADDLSTE) API

This API will allow a way to programmatically add an entry into a BRMS list. This can be called multiple times to add in more entries names.

Required Parameter Group:			
1	List name	Input	Char(10)
2	List entry information	Input	Char(*)
3	Length of list entry information	Input	Binary(4)
4	Format of list entry information	Input	Char(8)
5	Error code	I/O	Char(*)
Default Public Authority: *USE			
Threadsafe: No			

#### Required Parameter Group

##### List name

INPUT CHAR(10)

Specifies the name of the list that the entry is being added to.

##### List entry information

INPUT CHAR(\*)

The attributes of the list. The format of the list information is specified in the list format name parameter.

##### Length of list entry information

INPUT BINARY(4)

The number of bytes that the calling program provides for the list entry information format.

##### Format of list entry information

INPUT CHAR(8)

The format of the list entry information parameter.

The possible format names follow.

##### BLNA0100

Add a backup link list entry. Note: The entry will always be appended to the list.

##### BOBA0100

Add a backup object list entry. Note: Support for controlling where in the list, the entry will be added.

##### BOBA0200

Add a backup object list entry. Note: Support for controlling where in the list, the entry will be added.

See [List Entry Information Formats](#) for a description of these formats.

**Error code**

I/O CHAR(\*)

The structure in which to return error information. For the format of the structure, see [Error Code Parameter](#).

**List Entry Information Formats****BLNA0100 format**

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
0	0	CHAR(10)	Link list entry type
10	0A	CHAR(2)	Reserved
12	0C	BINARY(4)	Link list path name structure offset
16	10	BINARY(4)	Link list path name structure length
*	*	CHAR(*)	Path name structure

**BOBA0100 format**

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
0	0	BINARY(4)	Object list sequence number
4	4	CHAR(10)	Object list object library
14	0E	CHAR(10)	Object list object name
24	18	CHAR(10)	Object list object type
34	22	CHAR(10)	Object list object member

**BOBA0200 format**

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
0	0	BINARY(4)	Object list sequence number
4	4	CHAR(10)	Object list object library
14	0E	CHAR(10)	Object list object name
24	18	CHAR(10)	Object list object type
34	22	CHAR(10)	Object list object member
44	2C	CHAR(10)	Object list object attribute
54	36	CHAR(4)	Object list object include/exclude

## List Entry Information Format Field Descriptions

### Link list entry type

Indicates if the path name is included in or omitted from the backup.

The possible values are:

**\*INCLUDE**

The path will be included.

**\*OMIT**

The path will be omitted.

### Link list path name length

Specifies the length of the path name structure.

### Link list path name offset

Specifies the offset from the start of the format data to where the path name structure is located.

### Object list object attribute

Specifies the attribute of the object to be added to the entry list. (This field is available on servers with IBM i 7.2 and above.)

The possible values are:

**\*ALL**

All object attribute values are selected.

**\*NONE**

Only objects that have no attribute value are selected.

**attribute-value**

Specify the attribute value of the objects to select.

**generic\*-attribute-value**

Specify the generic attribute value of the objects to select.

### Object list object include/exclude

Specifies whether to include or exclude the selected objects from the save operation. (This field is available on servers with IBM i 7.2 and above.)

The possible values are:

**\*INC**

The selected objects are included in the save operation.

**\*EXC**

The selected objects are excluded from the save operation.

### Object list object library

Specifies the name of the library that contains the object that is a member of the object list. In V6R1M0 and greater a generic library name is supported.

### Object list object member

Specifies the database member entry to be added in the list entry.

The possible values are:

**\*ALL**

All members are saved from the specified file, if an object type of \*FILE is specified, otherwise it will be ignored on the save.

**generic\*-member-name**

Specify the generic name of the members to be saved from the specified file. The object list object type for this entry must be \*FILE.

**member-name**

Specify the name of the member to be saved from the given file. The object list object type for this entry must be \*FILE.

**blanks**

If not \*FILE type.

**Object list object name**

Specifies the name of the object to be added to the list entry.

The possible values are:

**\*ALL**

Include all objects in the library.

**generic\*-object-name**

Specify a generic object name, such as AP\* would include all objects that begin with the letters AP.

**object-name**

Specify the name of an object.

**Object list object type**

Specifies the type of the object to be added to the list entry.

The possible values are:

**\*ALL**

All object types are included for the chosen object.

**object-type**

Specify the name of any permitted system object type.

**Object list sequence number**

Indicates where the entry is to be placed in the current list of entries.

The possible values are:

**-1**

Specifies to add to last list entry.

**1-9999**

Specifies the number to use. Type a sequence number from 1 through 9999. The lowest number indicates that the entry is to be processed first and the highest number indicates the entry is to be processed last. If there is already a sequence number with that number it will be added after. The sequence numbers stored in increments of 10 with a max of 999 entries.

**Note:** It is recalculated after each api call.

**Path name structure**

The path name must be specified in an NLS-enabled format using the Qlg\_Path\_Name\_T structure. For more information about the Qlg\_Path\_Name\_T structure, see the info center.

**Error Messages**

- CPF1E64 E Parmeter value \* not valid for program \*
- CPF24B4 E Severe error while addressing parameter list.
- CPF3CF1 E Error code parameter not valid.
- CPF5222 E Name is not valid.
- CPF9800 E All CPF98xx messages could be signaled. Xx is from 01 to FF.
- BRM3C1E E Required parameter omitted.
- BRM3C4B E Value not valid for field at offset \*
- BRM3C4C E Value not valid for field at offset \*
- BRM3C91 E Product feature required.
- BRM3C94 E Object not created.
- BRM3C99 E Unexpected condition with \* API. Reason \*
- BRM402A E BRMS product initialization required.

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- BRM4040 E Access denied for user \*.
- BRM4107 E Length \* not correct.
- BRM4108 E Format name \* not correct.
- BRM410A E Sequence \* not correct.
- BRM4133 E \* cannot be changed

### Remove List Entry (Q1ARMVLSTE) API

This API will allow a way to programmatically delete an entry from a BRMS list. **If a match is found in the list with the data passed in, the entry will be deleted.**

Required Parameter Group:			
1	List name	Input	Char(10)
2	List entry information	Input	Char(*)
3	Length of list entry information	Input	Binary(4)
4	Format of list entry information	Input	Char(8)
5	Error code	I/O	Char(*)
Default Public Authority: *USE			
Threadsafe: No			

#### Required Parameter Group

##### List name

INPUT CHAR(10)

Specifies the name of the list that the entry is being removed from.

##### List entry information

INPUT CHAR(\*)

The attributes of the list. The format of the list information is specified in the list format name parameter.

##### Length of list entry information

INPUT BINARY(4)

The number of bytes that the calling program provides for the list entry information format.

##### Format of list entry information

INPUT CHAR(8)

The format of the list entry information parameter.

The possible format names follow.

##### **BLNR0100**

Remove a backup link list entry.

##### **BOBR0100**

Remove a backup object list entry.

##### **BOBR0200**

Remove a backup object list entry.

See [List Entry Information Formats](#) for a description of these formats.

##### Error code

I/O CHAR(\*)

The structure in which to return error information. For the format of the structure, see [Error Code Parameter](#).

**List Entry Information Formats****BLNR0100 format**

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
0	0	CHAR(10)	Link list entry type
10	0A	CHAR(2)	Reserved
12	0C	BINARY(4)	Link list path name structure offset
16	10	BINARY(4)	Link list path name structure length
*	*	CHAR(*)	Path name structure

**BOBR0100 format**

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
0	0	CHAR(10)	Object list object library
10	0A	CHAR(10)	Object list object name
20	14	CHAR(10)	Object list object type
30	1E	CHAR(10)	Object list object member

**BOBR0200 format**

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
0	0	CHAR(10)	Object list object library
10	0A	CHAR(10)	Object list object name
20	14	CHAR(10)	Object list object type
30	1E	CHAR(10)	Object list object member
40	28	CHAR(10)	Object list object attribute
50	32	CHAR(4)	Object list object include/exclude

**List Entry Information Format Field Descriptions****Link list entry type**

Indicates if the path name is included in or omitted from the backup.

The possible values are:

**\*INCLUDE**

The path will be included.

### **\*OMIT**

The path will be omitted.

### **Link list path name length**

Specifies the length of the path name structure.

### **Link list path name offset**

Specifies the offset from the start of the format data to where the path name structure is located.

### **Object list object attribute**

Specifies the attribute of the object to be removed from the entry list. (This field is available on servers with IBM i 7.2 and above.)

The possible values are:

#### **\*ALL**

Entries with all object attributes set are to be removed from the entry list.

#### **\*NONE**

Entries with only objects that have no attribute value set are removed from the entry list.

#### **attribute-value**

Specify the attribute value of the objects to be removed from the entry list.

#### **generic\*-attribute-value**

Specify the generic attribute value of the objects to be removed from the entry list.

### **Object list object include/exclude**

Specifies the selected objects include or exclude value of the objects to be removed from the entry list. (This field is available on servers with IBM i 7.2 and above.)

The possible values are:

#### **\*INC**

Entries with objects set to be included are removed from the entry list.

#### **\*EXC**

Entries with objects set to be excluded are removed from the entry list.

### **Object list object library**

Specifies the name of the library that contains the object that is a member of the object list. In V6R1M0 and greater a generic library name is supported.

### **Object list object member**

Specifies the database member entry to be removed from the list entry.

The possible values are:

#### **\*ALL**

All members are saved from the specified file, if an object type of \*FILE is specified, otherwise it will be ignored on the save.

#### **generic\*-member-name**

Specify the generic name of the members to be saved from the specified file. The object list object type for this entry must be \*FILE.

#### **member-name**

Specify the name of the member to be saved from the given file. The object list object type for this entry must be \*FILE.

#### **blanks**

If not \*FILE type.

### **Object list object name**

Specifies the name of the object to be removed from the list entry.

The possible values are:

#### **\*ALL**

Include all objects in the library.



**generic\*-object-name**

Specify a generic object name, such as AP\* would include all objects that begin with the letters AP.

**object-name**

Specify the name of an object.

**Object list object type**

Specifies the type of the object to be removed from the list entry.

The possible values are:

**\*ALL**

All object types are included for the chosen object.

**object-type**

Specify the name of any permitted system object type.

**Path name structure**

The path name must be specified in an NLS-enabled format using the Qlg\_Path\_Name\_T structure. For more information about the Qlg\_Path\_Name\_T structure, see the info center.

**Error Messages**

- CPF1E64 E Parameter value \* not valid for program \*.
- CPF24B4 E Severe error while addressing parameter list.
- CPF3CF1 E Error code parameter not valid.
- CPF5222 E Name is not valid.
- CPF9800 E All CPF98xx messages could be signaled. Xx is from 01 to FF.
- BRM3C1E E Required parameter omitted.
- BRM3C4B E Value not valid for field at offset \*.
- BRM3C4C E Value not valid for field at offset \*
- BRM3C91 E Product feature required.
- BRM3C94 E Object not created.
- BRM3C99 E Unexpected condition with \* API. Reason \*.
- BRM402A E BRMS product initialization required.
- BRM4040 E Access denied for user \*.
- BRM4107 E Length \* not correct.
- BRM4108 E Format name \* not correct.
- BRM410A E Sequence \* not correct.
- BRM4133 E \* cannot be changed

## BRMS Retrieve Media Information (Q1ARTVMED) API

Required Parameter Group:			
1	Receiver variable	Output	Char(*)
2	Length of receiver	Input	Binary(4)
3	Format name	Input	Char(8)
4	Control value information	Input	Char(33)
5	Error code	I/O	Char(*)
Default Public Authority: *USE			
Threadsafe: No			

## Retrieve Media Information API

The BRMS retrieve media information API lets you retrieve BRMS media information for a specific volume or select an active or expired volume in a media class and/or location.

### Required Parameter Group

#### Receiver variable

OUTPUT; Char(\*)

The receiver variable that is to receive the information requested. You can specify the size of the area to be smaller than the format requested as long as you specify the length of the receiver variable correctly. As a result, the API returns only the data the area can hold.

#### Length of receiver variable

INPUT; Binary(4)

The length of the receiver variable. This length must be at least 6 bytes.

#### Format name

INPUT; Char(8)

MEDV0100 is the only format name available.

#### Control value information

INPUT; Char(\*)

Information needed by the API to select a media volume is supplied in this structure. For more information, see [“Format of Control Value Information” on page 452.](#)

#### Error code

INPUT/OUTPUT; Char(\*)

The structure in which to return error information. For the format of the structure, see [Error Code Parameter.](#)

### Format of the Generated Information

The following table shows the format of the MEDV0100. The MEDV0100 format includes the information about the requested media volume. For a description of each field, see [“Field Descriptions for the Generated Information” on page 451.](#)

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
0	0	Char(6)	Volume serial
6	06	Char(4)	Secure volume
10	0A	Char(10)	Media group type
20	14	Char(13)	Media group identification
33	21	Char(10)	Media class
43	2B	Char(10)	Location
53	35	Char(7)	Move date
60	3C	Char(10)	Move policy
70	46	Char(7)	Expiration date
77	4D	Char(1)	Volume expired indicator
78	4E	Char(7)	Creation date

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
85	55	Char(4)	Volume sequence
89	59	Char(6)	Beginning volume
95	5F	Char(50)	Volume description
145	91	Char(8)	Registered system
153	99	Char(8)	System using volume
161	A1	Char(10)	Job name
171	AB	Char(6)	Job number
177	B1	Char(10)	User
187	BB	Char(10)	Next location
197	C5	Char(7)	Next move date
204	CC	Char(10)	Container ID
214	D6	Char(6)	Slot number
220	DC	Char(10)	Previous location
230	E6	Char(1)	Move verification pending

### Field Descriptions for the Generated Information

#### Beginning volume

The first volume of a multi-volume set.

#### Container ID

The container ID of the container in which the volume is stored, if you are using containers.

#### Creation date

The date expressed in cyymmdd (century, year, month, day) format that the most current data was written on the media.

#### Expiration date

The date expressed in cyymmdd (century, year, month, day) format that the media expires and can be used as scratch media.

#### Job name

The name of the job that created the media.

#### Job number

The number of the job that created the media.

#### Location

The location where the media is currently stored.

#### Media group type

A grouping factor assigned by BRMS to handle \*GRPnnn moves.

#### Media group identification

A sub-grouping to bundle like volumes in the same group.

#### Media class

The media class assigned to the volume.

**Move date**

The date expressed in cyymmdd (century, year, month, day) format that the media is scheduled to move.

**Move verification pending**

Indicates whether BRMS marked the volume for movement and based on the move policy specified below, whether the move must be verified before it can actually occur. The values are:

**0**

Verification of moves is not in effect and the volume has been moved when this exit point is reached. The current location is the location to which the volume was moved.

**1**

The volume has not moved yet, verification of moves is in effect and the location shows the current location of the volume. The next location shows where BRMS intends to move the volume.

**Move policy**

The name of the move policy associated with the volume.

**Next location**

The next location to which the media will move.

**Next move date**

The date expressed in cyymmdd (century, year, month, day) format on which the media is scheduled to move next.

**Previous location**

The location the media moved from to arrive at its current location.

**Registered system**

The system whose License Manager was used to register the media.

**Secure volume**

Whether the media requires special authority for read access.

**Slot number**

The slot number assigned to the media.

**System using volume**

The system name of the system that last wrote data on the tape.

**User**

The identification of the user who is assigned to the volume.

**Volume expired indicator**

Indicates whether or not the volume is expired. The values are:

**Y**

The volume is expired.

**N**

The volume is active.

**Volume serial**

The volume serial of the media.

**Volume sequence**

The sequence number of the volume in a media set.

**Volume description**

A text description of the volume.

**Format of Control Value Information**

The following table shows the format of the control value information. For a description of each field, see [“Field Descriptions for Control Value Information”](#) on page 453.

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
0	0	Char(6)	Volume serial
6	06	Char(10)	Media class
16	10	Char(10)	Location
26	1A	Char(7)	Expiration date

## Field Descriptions for Control Value Information

### Volume serial

The volume serial ID for the media volume to be retrieved. The values are:

#### volume-serial

A six character media volume serial.

#### \*EXP

Specify to request that an expired volume be located.

#### \*ACT

Specify to request that an active volume with space available for write operations be located.

### Media class

A media class name that will be used to locate the media volume. This field must be specified if special values **\*EXP** or **\*ACT** are specified for the *Volume serial* field. The possible values are:

#### \*ANY

Specifies the retrieved volume can be assigned to any media class.

#### media-class

Specifies the retrieved volume must be assigned to this media class.

### Location

A location name that will be used to locate the media volume. This field must be specified if special values **\*EXP** or **\*ACT** are specified for the *Volume serial* field. The possible values are:

#### \*ANY

Specifies the retrieved volume can be assigned to any location.

#### location-name

Specifies the retrieved volume must be assigned to this location.

### Expiration date

The expiration date expressed in cyymmdd (century, year, month, day) format that will be used to locate an active media volume.

#### \*ANY

Specifies any active volume can be retrieved that meets the media class and location control values.

#### expiration-date

Specifies the expiration date used to retrieve active volumes. If an active volume with the specified date cannot be retrieved, then the first available active volume that meets the media class and location control values is retrieved.

#### blank

Specifies that a date is not necessary to locate the media volume. This value should not be specified whenever the *Volume serial* is specified with the special value **\*ACT**.

## Error Messages

BRM1147 E Volume not found.

## BRMS Select Device (Q1ASLTDEV) API

BRM1480 E No media of class &1; available.  
BRM1868 E File &1 not opened successfully.  
CPF24B4 E Severe error while addressing parameter list.  
CPF3CF1 E Error code parameter not valid.  
CPF3C19 E Error occurred with receiver variable specified.  
CPF3C1E E Required parameter omitted.  
CPF3C21 E Format name &1; is not valid.  
CPF3C24 E Length of receiver variable is not valid.  
CPF3C3B E Value for parameter &2 for API &1 not valid.  
CPF3C4B E Value not valid for field &1.

## BRMS Select Device (Q1ASLTDEV) API

Required Parameter Group:

1	Receiver variable	Output	Char(*)
2	Length of receiver variable	Input	Binary(4)
3	Format name	Input	Char(8)
4	Control value information	Input	Char(47)
5	Error code	I/O	Char(*)

Default Public Authority: \*USE

Threadsafe: No

The BRMS select device API lets you select a device to allocate or deallocate, or to select search values such as location and media class to locate and allocate an available device for BRMS media input or output operations.

### Required Parameter Group

#### Receiver variable

OUTPUT; Char(\*)

The receiver variable that is to receive the information requested. You can specify the size of the area to be smaller than the format requested as long as you specify the length of the receiver variable correctly. As a result, the API returns only the data the area can hold.

#### Length of receiver variable

INPUT; Binary(4)

The length of the receiver variable. The length must be at least 6 bytes.

#### Format name

INPUT; Char(8)

DEV00100 is the only format name available.

#### Control value information

INPUT; Char(\*)

Information needed by the API to select a device is supplied in this structure. For more information, see the "Format of Control Value Information" section.

#### Error code

INPUT/OUTPUT; Char(\*)

The structure in which to return error information. For the format of the structure, see [Error Code Parameter](#).

### Format of Generated Information

The following table shows the format of the generated information. The DEV00100 format includes the information about the requested media volume. For a description of each field, see [“Field Descriptions for Generated Information”](#) on page 455.

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
0	0	Char(10)	Device name
10	0A	Char(10)	Location
20	14	Char(10)	Media class

### Field Descriptions for Generated Information

#### Device name

The name of the selected device.

#### Location

The location of the selected device.

#### Media class

The name of the media class used to select the device that supports the required density.

### Format of Control Value Information

The following table shows the format of the control value information. For a description of each field, see [“Field Descriptions for Control Value Information”](#) on page 455.

Offset		Type	Field
Dec	Hex		
0	0	Char(10)	Device name
10	0A	Char(10)	Media class
20	14	Char(10)	Location
30	1E	Char(10)	Device action
40	28	Char(7)	Operation

### Field Descriptions for Control Value Information

#### Device name

The name of a valid tape device. A special value of \*MEDCLS will instruct the API to locate an available tape device from the BRMS device information.

#### Location

A location name that will be used to locate an expired media volume. This value is needed only when a device special value of \*MEDCLS is specified. The values are:

#### \*ANY

Any location can be used to locate an expired volume.

### location-name

Specify the name of the location used to locate an expired volume.

### Media class

A media class name that will be used to locate an expired media volume. This value is needed only when a device special value of \*MEDCLS is specified.

### Device action

Specifies the device action that you want to used for the device. The values are:

#### \*ALCDEV

The device is allocated.

#### \*DLCDEV

The device is not allocated. This choice is not valid for device \*MEDCLS.

**Note:** BRMS shared device support is implied in device selection since \*ALCDEV will vary on a shared device and \*DLCDEV will vary it off.

### Operation

Specifies the type of device operation. Since input and output densities for a particular device may be different, the type of device operation will be used to ensure that the device selected for the specified media class is compatible with the operation being requested. The values are:

#### \*INPUT

The operation is an input operation.

#### \*OUTPUT

The operation is an output operation.

### Error Messages

BRM1877 E Devices with density &3; are not available.  
BRM1883 E Devices with density &3; are not available.  
CPF1002 E Cannot allocate device.  
CPF24B4 E Severe error while addressing parameter list.  
CPF3CF1 E Error code parameter not valid.  
CPF3C19 E Error occurred with receiver variable specified.  
CPF3C1E E Required parameter omitted.  
CPF3C21 E Format name &1; is not valid.  
CPF3C24 E Length of receiver variable is not valid.  
CPF3C3B E Value for parameter &2 for API &1 not valid.  
CPF3C4B E Value not valid for field &1.



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