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Keepsake™ iData Hosting

Reliable access to your data years after leaving BPCS/ERP LX



Are you leaving the IBM i world?

If your company has elected to move away from BPCS/ERP LX (BPCS) and then to entirely abandon/discard your iSeries hardware, then Unbeaten Path's **Keepsake iData Hosting** service merits your attention.

How does Keepsake iData Hosting work?

After production operations have ceased on your iSeries computer, Unbeaten Path will remotely access your machine and find/collect all BPCS data used for production operations. That data will be copied to two sets of tapes. One set of those tapes will be sent to Unbeaten Path's office in Wisconsin where data from the tapes will be loaded on UPI's iSeries equipment. The other set of those tapes will be stored in a safe place at or near your site.

On Unbeaten Path's box, the data will be reorganized and/or archived into efficient/convenient-to-restore libraries.

It's possible that the historical data retention time period required by your auditors exceeds the extent of the data on your box at the moment production BPCS operations cease. For example, an older slice of data may have been archived/removed from your BPCS production environment in a prior time period. In that case and for some key files, it may be advisable to merge data from old back-up tapes together with data that resided in your production environment at the moment BPCS was retired.

The well-organized data will then be backed up to three sets of tapes. Two of those tape sets will be sent to you for safekeeping at or near your facility. The other set of tapes will be stored in a bank safety deposit box near Unbeaten Path's office in Wisconsin.

Once the final tapes are cut, our customer is free to discard their old iSeries hardware. From that point forward, the customer can rely on Unbeaten Path professionals to retrieve whatever data is required to respond to auditors or to help run the business. The breadth of available Keepsake services shall include:

- ☑ Prompt response to any data retrieval request.
- ☑ If needed, support from BPCS business-practice expert(s) to refine/polish the specifics of a data retrieval request.
- ☑ Interpretation, analysis, integration, parsing, sorting, and clarification of retrieved data.
- ☑ Data integrity reviews to ensure that retrieved information precisely complies with the particulars of a given data retrieval request. (If what you ask for can't be extracted from BPCS data, we'll be entirely honest about that limitation.)

Principal Keepsake benefits

Our customers have enunciated these key benefits:



⊕ Migration of legacy BPCS data to the new ERP system is simplified.

Now, there is no question about important master files; those must be brought over to the new machine. But there are less crucial files that may not have to be moved to the new system. Frankly, trying to shoe-horn all the old BPCS data into your new system isn't always so easy.

BPCS has a very comprehensive database and your new system may not have as many places to hold the data as BPCS has. Even if you can find a good place in the new system to put the BPCS data, it usually costs thousands of dollars to get the fields to map right.

With Keepsake, you can rely on always going back and getting the data you *might* need from Unbeaten Path. That's easier than trying to hunt and peck around in every corner of the BPCS database trying to make sure you've found everything to move to the new ERP system.

In a nutshell, it will cost less money and take less time to accomplish data migration to your new system if you work with Unbeaten Path to get you going on Keepsake iData Hosting.

⊕ The risk of incumbent turnover is removed.

An auditor carrying an extensive list of tough questions may not appear at your door until years after BPCS has been retired. By that time, some of your savvy BPCS users may have left your company. Keepsake remediates that intellectual property void risk.

Unbeaten Path has been in business 25 years (so far) and you can count on us to have BPCS experts on staff indefinitely.

In a nutshell, Keepsake is more than just a data vault. Keepsake is years of future assured data access performed by world-class BPCS staff. We've never been defeated by an auditor with a BPCS data question we couldn't answer.

⊕ You can pull the plug and roll your old iSeries out of the computer room.

That will feel good. No more INFOR user audits, for example. No need to return INFOR phone calls anymore. No more invoices from IBM. You can forget the QSECOFR password. If your new system is cloud-based, you'll have some extra square feet of space in the computer room.

Keepsake costs

There is a fixed annual charge for the first five years. That annual amount is amortized against the cost of any data retrieval services that are performed at your request during that year. Please ask us for a quotation. You'll be surprised at how affordable it is.

Four other ideas for the BPCS retirement process

If you elect to contact us about Keepsake iData Hosting, please give us the opportunity to discuss four other ideas that have helped our other customers.

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Four other ideas for the BPCS retirement process

First, it's really hard for your BPCS IT staff to learn the new system while simultaneously trying to provide the prompt service your BPCS users continue to demand.

Solution: Off-load user support during your new system implementation period to Unbeaten Path. [Click here](#) to learn about how our **NoExcuses HelpLine** service can come to the rescue.

Second, some BPCS companies have accumulated tens of thousands of obsolete parts in the Item Master File. Vanilla BPCS provides no easy way to find them and even if you can find them, BPCS makes it virtually impossible to deactivate them. When the time arrives to populated your new system, it's painful to see all those obsolete parts moved over to clog up the new system too.

Solution: Our **Item Undertaker** software is a very sophisticated tool which overcomes the vanilla BPCS item deactivation headache. [Click here](#) to learn about the product.

Third, some BPCS users have accumulated well over a decade of transactional information. No auditor is ever going to need to see more than the most recent seven years. Any data older than that is just wasting space on backup tapes. You surely don't want to move any of that ancient data to the new ERP system. However, if you just purge it, it's very likely you will leave behind an assortment of orphan data that will be with you for eternity.

Solution: Our **Locksmith archiving** software is exactly what you need. It can precisely archive that slice of too-old-to-keep data into a different library and then you can just delete the library. Done. No orphans left behind. [Click here](#) to learn about the product.

Fourth, have you ever heard this question from your BPCS users: "Look I've got all this data in my spreadsheet and my supervisor has signed the spreadsheet. Why do I have to re-key punch all of it all over again into BPCS?"

Solution: We know that senior management imposed a "zero dollar investment for BPCS" rule the day after the decision was made to leave BPCS. Nevertheless, the short-term ROI on our **Lickety-Split** spreadsheet data transportation software is E-N-O-R-M-O-U-S. Please [click here](#) to learn about the product; it's your last opportunity to be a hero with your BPCS users.

Questions ?

It would be a privilege to answer any questions about our **Keepsake iData Hosting** service. Here's Unbeaten Path International's contact information:

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