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Announcing Increased Voice Storage, Improved BIOS and Voice Driver, and New Part Numbers for Strategy DK

This bulletin announces a number of new improvements to the Strategy DK voice processing system. These improvements benefit the Strategy DK in regards to its voice storage capacity, reliability, and its performance.

As of May 20, 1999, all new Strategy DK systems shipped will have an increased voice capacity of approximately 85 hours of storage. That's over 60 additional hours over the current capacity of 24 hours!

Included in these new Strategy DK systems are improvements to:

- ♦ The system clock to provide greater accuracy and reliability.
- ♦ Refinements in the system's ability to more efficiently handle message recordings that terminate with reorder tone from the telephone network.

These two enhancements are also available in software form for any existing Strategy DK installation that reports issues with clock accuracy and reorder tone detection. Availability and details are discussed later in this bulletin.

BIOS Improvements

In order to obtain the increased voice storage in the Strategy DK, a new Basic Input Output System (BIOS) was required. BIOS is firmware embedded on an integrated circuit chip. It provides important information for system functions such as boot up, hard drive control, and system time.

This new BIOS enables the Strategy DK to use the entire capacity of its hard drive. Previously, BIOS constraints inhibited the use of hard drives larger than 540 megabytes. The new BIOS also provides a refined clock algorithm which improves the overall accuracy of the Strategy DK's system clock.

The BIOS chip is a delicate component installed in a specialized socket located beneath the hard drive on the Strategy DK circuit board. Due to its sensitivity, there is a strong potential for system failure if it is removed or installed improperly. For this reason, TSD will not offer upgrade kits to retrofit Strategy DK systems in the field.

Improved Voice Driver - Version 1.07

Included with new models of the Strategy DK, and available for installed systems, is a new release of the Strategy DK Voice Driver, Version 1.07. The voice driver is software that translates voice port commands between the hardware and the software.

This new voice driver, has been improved to more efficiently handle message recordings that terminate with reorder tone from the telephone network. Strategy DK will now more accurately detect reorder tone while recording a message, then stop recording and trim any recorded reorder tone from the end of the message.

Packaged within this new voice driver is an algorithm that provides improvements for system clock accuracy. This algorithm is very similar to the routine that is embedded within the new BIOS. However, this driver has the intelligence to disable itself if it realizes that the new BIOS is running, thereby eliminating any possible conflicts between the two algorithms.

For current installations of the Strategy DK that report issues with system clock accuracy or reorder tone detection, this new driver can be downloaded from our Internet FYI website. From the Home Page, click on "Software," "Voice Processing," then "Free." A copy can also be procured through TSD Technical Support. Using Strategy Admin this new driver can be uploaded to any Strategy DK.

New Strategy DK Part Numbers

Due to the likelihood that the Strategy DK's voice storage will increase as industry hard drives become larger and more cost effective, the Toshiba part numbers for Strategy DK need to be changed.

As of May 20, 1999 the following part numbers take effect for all new Strategy DK systems with increased voice storage and the improved BIOS and voice driver.

Old Part Number	New Part Number
SG - DK - 2 / 24	SG - DK - 2
SG - DK - 4 / 24	SG - DK - 4
SG - DK - 6 / 24	SG - DK - 6
SG - DK - 8 / 24	SG - DK - 8

As you can see, the change consists of simply removing the reference of voice storage from the end of the part numbers.

In the future, as larger drives are incorporated in the latest models of Strategy, TSD will publish a Product Specification Matrix that will include the latest storage capacities. This matrix will be found on the "Product Info." page available under the "Voice Processing" link of TSD's Internet FYI website.

Keep in mind, that the voice storage capacity of any Strategy can always be verified by simply viewing the Main Administration Menu screen (shown below) of the system. The voice storage is listed next to the parameter labeled "Space."

Users	Reports	Shutdown	Tools	Date/Time	Quit	KSU time	Main
STRATEGY VDK.2G/1.01		Usage:	0/94%	Time:		05/21/99 13:54:52	
Voice Processing		Users:	101	Started:		05/21/99 11:07:10	
TAIS, Inc. Copyright 1994		Space:	24:00 92%	Shutdown:		05/26/99 01:30	
Strata DK 424		Calls:	1013				
		Notify	At NEVER				
Port	User ID	Status	Calls Last	Port	User ID	Status	Calls Last