



MMS 2020 Questions and Answers

General:

1. What is the main difference between MMS and MMS 2020?
 - All MMS programs and files reside and run on the IBM i.
 - MMS 2020 runs a small client on the IBM i. All other programs and files reside on a Windows system.
2. Is MMS 2020 the upgrade to MMS?
 - No. MMS 2020 is a separate product. MMS is still supported.

Licensing:

1. How is MMS 2020 licensed?
 - MMS 2020 for IBM i is licensed by processors.
 - MMS 2020 does not charge for partitions.
2. Can MMS be upgraded to MMS 2020?
 - Yes.
3. Is there an upgrade fee associated with upgrading from MMS to MMS 2020?
 - An upgrade requires that MMS maintenance be current.

Installation:

1. Why are there three (3) separate downloads for MMS 2020?
 - MMS 2020 Base is the Graphical User Interface which can be installed on one or more user desktops or laptops.
 - MMS 2020 Server contains the SQL database and handles the communication between the user and the IBM i. Typically, this is installed on a single Windows SQL server.
 - MMS 2020 for IBM i installs and runs on i5/OS.

What is the minimum version of .Net Framework that MMS 2020 requires?

- 4.0.



Installation (cont.):

2. Can the [MMS 2020](#) Base and [MMS 2020](#) Server be installed on the same Windows system?
 - Yes, as long as desktops or laptops run Windows 7 or newer and Windows servers run Windows SQL Server 2012 or newer).
3. Is any other IBM software required to run [MMS 2020](#)?
 - Yes. The following is required:
 - i. Media and Storage Extensions (MSE)
 - ii. Digital Certificate Manager
4. If a different Backup and Recovery product is currently being used, can [MMS 2020](#) still be reviewed?
 - Yes. As long as [MMS 2020](#) is not “attached”, it can be reviewed and limited testing can be performed.
5. If MMS is being used as the Backup and Recovery product, will installing [MMS 2020](#) overwrite any existing MMS libraries or files?
 - No. [MMS 2020](#) resides its own library.
6. Are conversion programs available to convert an existing Backup and Recovery product to [MMS 2020](#)?
 - A conversion program exists for MMS. Call or email LXI to check if a conversion program exists for other Backup and Recovery products.
7. After the conversion from MMS to [MMS 2020](#), will [MMS 2020](#) be ready to run?
 - No. MMS and [MMS 2020](#) are not the same product. Some [MMS 2020](#) features have no corresponding feature in MMS or an existing feature may be implemented differently. Even though every effort has been made to minimize changes, some changes are required. The changes are *minor* and can easily be accomplished in a few minutes.

Database:

1. What type of database does [MMS 2020](#) use?
 - Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2 or newer.



Database (cont.):

2. Why was the database moved to a Windows SQL Server?
 - A single database allows users to see all [MMS 2020](#) data - regardless of the status of the IBM i.
 - Some MMS databases are extremely large. Moving the database to a Windows server is more economical.
 - A single database ensures that all systems reference the same data.
 - A single database eliminates the need for complex database synchronization processes.
 - A single database allows users to view and manage all systems in the [MMS 2020](#) network from a single Windows user interface.
3. Can you have more than one database?
 - Yes. If you need additional separation, such as grouping systems by company, you can have a separate database for each group.
4. Does any [MMS 2020](#) database reside on the IBM i?
 - Yes. One small database file is kept on the IBM i.

Security:

1. How are [MMS 2020](#) functions secured?
 - [MMS 2020](#) uses Windows Client Application Services to control approximately 88 [MMS 2020](#) functions by user.
2. How are [MMS 2020](#) functions managed?
 - [MMS 2020](#) has a service that runs on IIS (Internet Information Server) on the Windows SQL server that accesses and manages [the MMS 2020](#) security.
3. What type of security is used between the IBM I and the Windows Server?
 - [MMS 2020](#) uses SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) for all communications between the user and the Windows Server and between the Windows Server and the IBM i.
4. Does [MMS 2020](#) require that a user has a user profile on the IBM i?
 - Yes.



Security (cont.):

5. What user profile does [MMS 2020](#) use on the IBM i?
 - The requesting users' user profile.

Miscellaneous:

1. The MMS product has anywhere from 2 to 4 libraries on the IBM i. How many libraries does [MMS 2020](#) have?
 - One.
2. MMS did not require changes to existing backup procedures. Is this also true for [MMS 2020](#)?
 - Yes. [MMS 2020](#) does not require any changes to existing backup/recovery procedures.
3. Do I have to do backups through [MMS 2020](#)?
 - No. Do backups any way that you want. [MMS 2020](#) will track them.
4. Does [MMS 2020](#) support media libraries?
 - Yes. [MMS 2020](#) will work with any media library that can be attached to the IBM i.