



Leader in Consumer Media

A Purge-it! Success Story

Reducing the Upgrade Risk & 'Keeping it Clean'

As a leader in consumer media, this JD Edwards customer clearly knows that risk in delivery is something to be avoided. Their customers have choices, and choose this organization for its sophisticated yet easily accessible solutions.

Heading into an upgrade from the older Xe release of EnterpriseOne to the 9.0 level, they knew that there was risk in carrying too much data into the conversion and migration. With a defined window in which to complete the upgrade (4 days was the maximum) they wanted to remove any risk they could.

"We had never archived our data and we were faced with the prospect of having to convert and upgrade all of our data in one run. We felt that if we archived some of the data we would be safe for our cutover weekend. The 12 to 13 years of data we had was too much to bring across in one shot," stated the Enterprise Applications Manager.

The Alternatives & the Selection

Creating a purge and archive series of programs was considered, but quickly discarded. *"The cost would have been higher, the time involved would have been longer and involved higher risk, and quite frankly we had better things to do with our time."*

"We were looking for a specific JDE Archiving tool as opposed to a generic archiving application of which there are many. We were looking for something that would maintain the transaction integrity so that we were not having to write our own logic. We also wanted something where the archived transaction could be easily retrieved should that be necessary, especially as we were archiving Finance transactions around which there are regulatory requirements."

With the key requirements in mind – JDE specific, easy access to archived data, a proven solution that would maintain the data integrity – the customer went to market and investigated several tools available.

"We spoke to Oracle and other customers as well. Part of their feedback was to minimize the amount of data being converted – this was presented to us as a 'best practice' for upgrading."

Challenges

- A time limited upgrade from Xe to 9.0
- Needed a 'JD Edwards Centric' solution
- Keep the data but provide simple access to it for users

Why Purge-it?

- Specifically designed for JD Edwards
- Implement with little training
- Easy access to archived data
- Low risk option
- Integrity with the archived data
- Quick implementation

Key Benefits

- Reduced the risk for the upgrade
- Looks and feels like JD Edwards – high user adoption
- Built for JD Edwards
- Simple yet powerful

Working with the Users

The customer worked with the business teams and agreed that everything except for the current year plus 3 years of history would be archived from the production files. It was determined that the archive would best be done prior to the upgrade.

The main focus areas for the purge were the 'heavy hitter' files they had – General Ledger, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable; Purchasing was also purged although there were smaller levels of transactions for this module.

Ready for the Upgrade

The purge of the existing data files was done about 4 weeks prior to the upgrade – given time to validate and verify the archive process and prepare for the formal upgrade. The main tables were reduced in size by about 2/3 – which bought them the time to ensure the upgrade could be done within the available window.

After the upgrade was completed and time was available, the data upgrade process was run against the archived data – thereby ensuring that all of the data was up to the new version level.

The customer was able to accomplish the purge and archive with a small amount of training and assistance – another benefit from an investment side.

Safe & Simple Ongoing Purge Process

“We plan to continue our process of maintaining current plus 3 years of data in production. This keeps our production files clean, performance better, and as a side benefit reduces the back up time for production as we can exclude the archived tables quite simply.”

The customer has chosen to maintain all of their historical data – for legislative and general business purposes. Being able to strip this from the production table while still having access to it is a large benefit.

Final Thoughts & Benefits

With easy access to the archived data and a solution that ‘looks and feels like JD Edwards’, the customer was able to accomplish their goal of a reduced risk upgrade. The benefits obtained overall included:

- An upgrade with reduced risk
- A ‘JD Edwards’ centric solution for keeping their data clean going forward
- Easy access to the archived data
- Reduction of back-up time and media size
- Reduction in the future costs of disks
- A general increase in user productivity across the company

There’s nothing else like Purge-it! E1 and there’s nothing like a demonstration to prove this. Call us on **+44 118 903 6005** and we’ll arrange a convenient online demonstration to answer any questions you may have.

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It looks and works just like JD Edwards, so the training and up to speed time for our users was minimal... that was great. We would absolutely recommend Purge-it! for any customer looking to get a handle on their data – in particular if they are looking to upgrade. I’d welcome the opportunity to speak with anyone interested in the Purge-it! solution.”

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