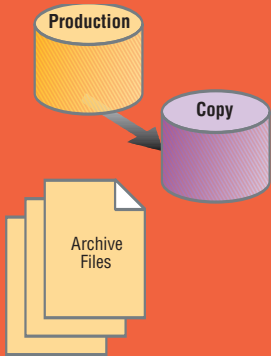
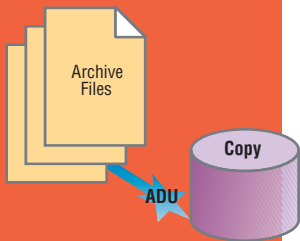


## Keeping History Current

### Step 1



### Step 2



Once history has been removed from your database, life is good until you upgrade. When you upgrade, the history files are not necessarily compatible with the new version of MFG/PRO™, and if you ever need them again, you'll need to recreate your current MFG/PRO environment to be able to reload it. While that doesn't sound difficult now, imagine yourself five years, three Progress versions, two MFG/PRO versions, and an operating system upgrade later. Will you even have a machine that can run today's configuration?

The easiest way to ensure that your archived history is compatible with your current version of MFG/PRO is to upgrade it as part of your upgrade process. This gives you a double benefit of keeping your history compatible with your current environment as well as letting you practice the upgrade process, getting an idea for how long it will take. We recommend the following approach, using the BravePoint® Automation/Deletion Utility (ADU™):

**Step 1:** Make a copy of your production database and ADU database.

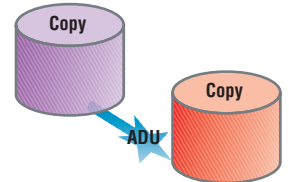
**Step 2:** Use the ADU to reload any archived data into the copy.

**Step 3:** Upgrade the copy to the new version of MFG/PRO.

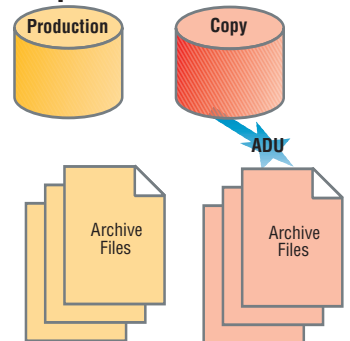
**Step 4:** Use the ADU to re-archive the converted data.

**Step 5:** Compare the new archive files to your original archive files to check for possible errors. Note that G/L Consolidation records will always be different.

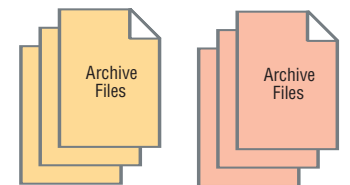
### Step 3



### Step 4



### Step 5



### Why this works

By reloading, upgrading, and rearchiving your history, you ensure that your history files are compatible with the current MFG/PRO version, ensuring both database and application changes are reflected in your data. If ever you need to bring it back, simply copy a new database. This process also helps you to practice the upgrade, giving you an idea of how much time and effort will be involved. And if there are any problems with the upgrade, you'll hopefully run into them during the history upgrade, and not during upgrade weekend.

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