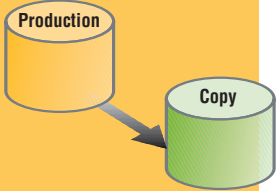


Superarchiving

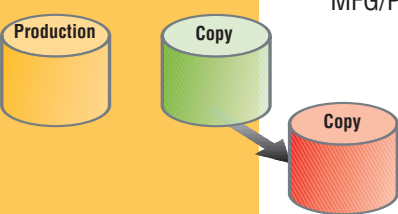
Superarchiving involves archiving a great deal of data from your largest tables in the weeks prior to upgrade weekend. This is done to convert as much of that history to a new version of MFG/PRO™ before upgrade weekend. To facilitate this with the BravePoint® Automation/Deletion Utility (ADU™), we recommend the following steps:

Step 1



Step 1: Make a copy of your production MFG/PRO databases and your ADU database.

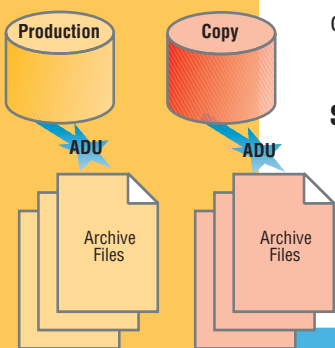
Step 2



Step 2: Convert the copy of production to the new version of MFG/PRO.

Step 3: Create a new ADU function for each area you wish to superarchive. Set the retention to a very low number, such as three or six months. Do this in both ADU databases. Process the new ADU functions against both databases (production and the converted copy). Your production database should now be much smaller than normal.

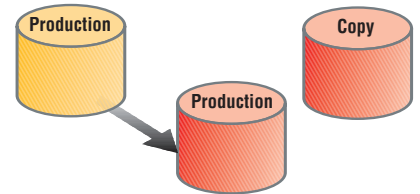
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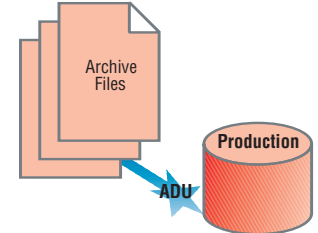
Step 4: Upgrade weekend arrives. You should now be able to convert your production database in a short period of time.

Step 5: Reload data. Start MFG/PRO with your newly-converted production database and the ADU database for the converted copy. Use the ADU's Reload capability to restore your preconverted history from step 4.

Step 4



Step 5



Why this works

What you are actually doing is preconverting your history. Before upgrade weekend, you are taking your actual production history and migrating it to the new version of MFG/PRO. Recent history (the last three months and whatever gets entered during the superarchiving process) remains in the production database and will be converted during upgrade weekend. Only the old stuff, the history from more than several months ago, gets removed, converted, and added back in. You do not need to superarchive all your history, either; perhaps just five or ten tables' worth. This is only temporary, though, and if one department or another is extremely concerned about their data, you can let them decide what to reload first, or you can make the converted copy available to them until you can reload their data into the new production database. Everything is available for them to see, although it might be in two places.

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