

Why Purge & Archive?

Experience tells us that customers often neglect purging and archiving, but it can bring about opportunities to reduce costs, improve performance, and increase service quality.

Preserving historical data is imperative, but sooner or later available disk space becomes a subject of concern. A choice has to be made between increasing the disk space or removing the data. While it is always possible to store an increasing amount of information, as more data is kept on the live system, more time is required for processing. It is important to find the balance otherwise storage space and your processor size have to be continually increased.

Why purge your data?

- Your databases are growing at an uncontrollable rate.
- System performance is affecting the efficiency of your business.
- It is expensive to upgrade hardware.
- To speed up migrations by reducing the volume of data to convert.
- To ensure agility in your disaster recovery plan.

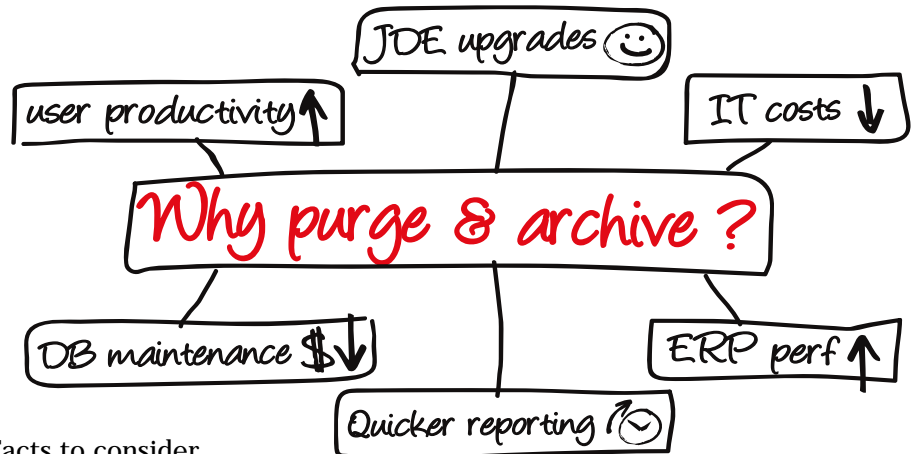
ARCTOOLS™
Archive Integrity for JD Edwards

WHY ARCTOOLS ?

- Rapid ROI
- Protects data integrity
- Quick implementation
- Safe
- Flexible
- Easy to use
- A proven solution

“After we dropped/reloaded and re-indexed the tables, we saw a 54% increase in performance on some of the sales transactions.”

*Ryan Dumas
IT Project Manager, Westcon Group*



Facts to consider

Legal requirements usually determine how long you must keep your data records accessible. In addition, contractual agreements with your customers, or your internal management rules e.g. credit control, can also be determining factors. Even if you are not required to keep the data in the production database, it is necessary to find a compromise between reducing the size of the production database and the ease and speed of access to archived data.

- Legal constraints can be applicable across the board or specific to certain industries within a country.
- Contractual constraints are generally tied in to either contracted or verbally agreed service agreements with your customers.
- The integrity of your financial data and the ease of auditing your accounts.

Our experience

The gains from purging and archiving aren't just limited to reducing the costs of buying disks, but can be extended to the overall response times of the system, the speed of saving and restoring, reducing down-time, reducing time spent on analysing errors in the database, reducing time required for week, month and year-end closure together with time for consolidating the information.

The overall reduction of the size of the production database allows a greater flexibility when choosing backup tools, a reduction in their cost and, at the same time, making the database easier to use.

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Whitehouse Consultants has extensive experience working with ARCTOOLS and, additionally, understands the JD Edwards applications, having been a business partner since 1991. This brings a fuller understanding of the implications of any purging project and ensures the customer receives the best advice.

La Guilde des Lunetiers uses ARCTOOLS to improve system performance and increase productivity by archiving over 50% of application data.

“Keeping data at optimal levels saves the company money. While purging and archiving clearly reduces data storage costs, it’s not really about that. The real benefits are the gains in productivity for end-users and for the IT department.”

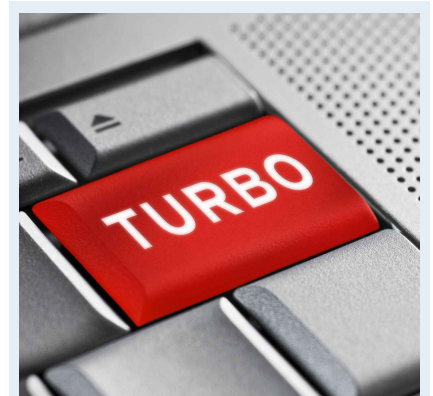
*Xavier Laurent
Manager IT Infrastructure & Architecture*

Why Choose ARCTOOLS?

- ARCTOOLS was developed with the ERP Vendor.
ARCTOOLS was developed in collaboration with JD Edwards and extensively tested at several JD Edwards sites.
- ARCTOOLS is compatible with both JD Edwards World and EnterpriseOne.
The set up for ARCTOOLS takes into account the differences between World and EnterpriseOne, for example in Accounts Receivable.
- ARCTOOLS is compatible with the following platforms.

Platform	Database
Windows	Oracle
Windows	SQL/Server
Unix	Oracle
IBM iSeries	DB2

- ARCTOOLS has been tried and tested.
There are now over 300 JD Edwards customers using ARCTOOLS. The broad and varied customer base gives the assurance that the rules defined in the JD Edwards module are tried and tested.
- ARCTOOLS is easy to use.
ARCTOOLS can be installed in just a few hours and configured to suit your JD Edwards database in a few days.
- ARCTOOLS is user-friendly.
ARCTOOLS provides a proven and efficient purging ‘engine’. An intelligent ‘frontend’ allows ARCTOOLS to be set up without the user having to have in-depth JD Edwards technical knowledge.
- ARCTOOLS allows the user to choose the purge parameters.
ARCTOOLS allows the user to select the records they wish to purge. The software allows the user to choose how the purges are managed, either by carrying out purges in one run while users are on the system or by breaking the purge into multiple smaller purges. This effectively reduces the resource impact of the purge on the system.
- ARCTOOLS is able to run purges over other databases.
ARCTOOLS can be used to purge any database whether it is JD Edwards or another ERP system. Additional custom files can easily be added to the existing JD Edwards purge rules.
- ARCTOOLS is able to restore purged data.
In the unlikely event that the archived data needs to be put back into production, a reverse purge can be run.



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