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About Park Industries

Park Industries has been designing, manufacturing, selling, and supporting solutions for the stone industry for over 60 years. Focusing on customer service, Park provides products and services of superior value to customers in the stone fabrication and custom manufacturing markets. Their solutions and machines help customers produce quality and custom results in less time.

Challenges

MRP process from system side slowing things down to where the end of day close was running into the next day business hours.

Why Purge-it!?

- Specifically designed for JD Edwards
- Self install ability, in house usage is simple
- Easy access to archived data for users
- Proof and final modes, reversal ability
- Simple installation, works within JDE
- Audit files and transactions

Key Benefits

- Data available in separate environment after archive
- MRP runtime has decreased since archive
- Increased system performance
- Helped users to see how seldom they access older data

INTRODUCTION

Park Industries is the largest North American manufacturer of a wide variety of stone working equipment including CNC saws and routers. While their JD Edwards EnterpriseOne 9.1 system was running fine, they noticed that their Manufacturing Resource Planning (MRP) process was slowing them down. There was too much data and they were having difficulty closing end of day. What should have been taking 30 minutes was taking 12 hours. They needed to find a way to optimize their Manufacturing and Work Orders and compress the data so that their system ran smoother.

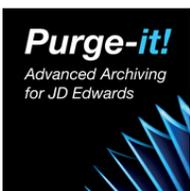
ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

Park's full MRP regeneration was running into business hours. "We scoured documentation and performed every MRP performance optimization idea we could find but it wasn't working for us," said Daniel Mettling, IT Manager at Park Industries. When the full regeneration of MRP couldn't be enhanced, Park moved to a net change MRP run.

A year later, the net change also started to run into business hours. It was just too much data to close. With resource availability being limited, an in-house archive and purge wouldn't be possible so they decided to research other options.

Since this would be their first foray into the archive and purge world, they considered various third-party solutions as well as a custom-built solution. Upon viewing a presentation at the Quest COLLABORATE conference, Park approached TeamCain about Purge-it!, an Oracle Validated Integration solution. After a live demo featuring their data, a data analysis review, and conversations with current customers, Park Industries chose Purge-it! to help optimize their MRP.

"We liked how Purge-it! was integrated within JD Edwards as well as the reversing ability," Mettling explains. "We didn't consider built-in purge routines because we did not want to completely purge. We wanted to archive and have that data available in a separate environment. Purge-it! would allow us to do this."



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ADVENTURES IN ARCHIVING

Park Industries handled the installation and configuration of Purge-it! internally as the process was easy to understand and implement. The users were familiar and comfortable with the screen layout of Purge-it! as it works completely in their EnterpriseOne 9.1 environment.

Despite a minor setback of lost resources, the ease of use of Purge-it! allowed Park to continue the project as a “back burner” project and archive their data in smaller chunks.

“Purge-it! is performing exactly as expected,” said Mettling. “We have performed our archives in test and production, archiving a year of data at a time. During this small step stage, we’ll be archiving another year every quarter until reaching our goal of 4 years plus current.”

KEY TAKEAWAYS

“This project was more about increasing system performance than saving space,” observed Mettling. “In testing, after archiving six years of data, we saw MRP runtime decrease by nearly 45%. Initial archiving in production has decreased MRP runtime by almost 15%.”

Park Industries’ plans include continuing their step approach to archiving in production until they reach 4 years plus current. Once this goal is reached, they will archive annually to maintain the new model.

“The archiving project was initially viewed by many users as a bad thing. They did not like the idea of having older data being separated into a different environment. During testing, most those users started to see how the increased performance of the system outweighed the ‘problem’ of the archive environment. Once in production, most users realized how seldom – if at all – they accessed older data.”