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#### About United Biscuits

Founded in 1848, following the merger of two Scottish family businesses, United Biscuits (UB) has been producing some of the best known and loved sweet and savoury snacks for well over 100 years. UB's brand portfolio includes favourites such as McVitie's, Jacob's, Carr's, McCoy's, Hula Hoops, McVitie's Jaffa Cakes, KP, Mini Cheddars, go ahead!, Verkade, Sultana, BN, and Delacre.

Employing over 8,000 people worldwide, UB holds leading or strong number two positions in its core markets of the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, France, Belgium and Ireland and is experiencing strong international growth from North America to the Middle East, Africa, and Australia.

#### Why ARCTOOLS™?

- A proven solution
- Easy to use
- Delivered results quickly
- Quick ROI

#### Benefits

- Reduced data volume by more than 50%
- Data conversion prior to upgrade achieved in just one day
- Tens of millions of records archived

*ARCTOOLS is a powerful and easy to use tool but perhaps, most importantly, it is a proven solution. Knowing that our data was safe and that so many other Oracle JD Edwards clients had already tested the tool made project sign-off and business user buy-in much easier*

Paul Hoogenbosch, Business Analyst, UB

*ARCTOOLS not only helped us deliver a safer and more efficient upgrade, it also helps us to keep our database at an optimal size ensuring that ERP performance is maintained and database tuning and backups are completed quickly and easily.*

Paul Hoogenbosch, Business Analyst, UB

## Success Story

### Oracle® JD Edwards at United Biscuits

IT has always had a strategic role at UB and the company continually invests in deploying the best and most efficient tools to ensure the company maintains its competitive advantage. With over 450 end-users, Oracle JD Edwards is at the core of United Biscuits' IT strategy in Northern Europe where UB uses the ERP to manage finance, manufacturing and distribution. A client of Oracle JD Edwards for over fifteen years, UB started out on World 7.4, upgrading to EnterpriseOne 8.9 in 2005 and, most recently, in 2011, making the move to EnterpriseOne 9.0.

### The Data Conversion Challenge

In preparation for the EnterpriseOne 9.0 upgrade project, the technical team assessed the quantity of Oracle JD Edwards application data. Since the previous upgrade, the business had grown substantially and estimates suggested that converting the five hundred and sixty gigabytes of data could take up to three days.

The upgrade team quickly realised that converting all this data was inefficient, risky and an unnecessary expense so they began to search for a data purging and archiving tool which would both solve the immediate problem and also add value over the long-term.

### The ARCTOOLS Solution

The IT team wanted a tool that would deliver results quickly, not demand too much of an investment of time from the IT team and finally that would purge and archive the ERP data with integrity.

After evaluating various solutions, including using native JD Edwards purging tools, the IT team decided to use ARCTOOLS. ARCTOOLS was chosen because it is a proven solution that had already been used by over three hundred Oracle JD Edwards clients worldwide, it is easy to use and less complex than other solutions on the market and it was recommended by Oracle JD Edwards experts and United Biscuits' long-term consulting partner Cadran (www.cadran.nl).

### The Project

The project team had six people, one project manager, four business analysts and one external consultant. Getting business buy-in from the start was essential to the project's success. Time spent at the beginning of the project communicating the business benefits and how the tool worked really paid dividends. Business users were reassured that they would not lose any of their important data and as a result, project delays due to resistance from end-users were avoided.

The project was rolled out in six stages. The stages included a planning and analysis phase which involved determining which tables and data would be purged and how the archive would be accessed, a design phase which addressed in what order modules would be purged, a technical phase which involved installing the tool, a comprehensive testing stage which ensured a high-level of confidence before go-live and the final two stages involved archiving and purging the data.

### Results - A Quicker and Safer Upgrade

ARCTOOLS reduced Oracle JD Edwards application data by over fifty per cent, from five hundred and sixty gigabytes to two hundred and thirty gigabytes. Tens of millions of records were purged and archived and considerable savings were made in terms of data conversion. Prior to the upgrade, it was estimated that data conversion would take up to three days, after the ARCTOOLS project, data conversion was successfully completed in just one day.



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**ABOUT ARCTOOLS™**

ARCTOOLS is the leading purge and archive solution for Oracle® JD Edwards EnterpriseOne & World. ARCTOOLS was developed by recognized Oracle JD Edwards experts DCSoftware and Whitehouse Consultants in collaboration with JD Edwards.  
[www.arctools.com](http://www.arctools.com)

**DCSoftware**

DCSoftware, Inc. was founded in 1996 by Dave Shea. Dave has been working in IT for more than twenty-five years, twenty of which have been spent working in ERP environments. Before founding DCSoftware, Dave held senior IT positions at a number of companies and spent six years with one of the largest systems consulting organizations in the world, working in software development, sales and installation.

**WHITEHOUSE**  
Consultants

Whitehouse Consultants is an Oracle Platinum Partner focusing on JD Edwards software. A JD Edwards partner since 1992, Whitehouse Consultants offers a full range of consulting services including, project management, application consulting, systems integration, application development, infrastructure support and data purging and archiving.  
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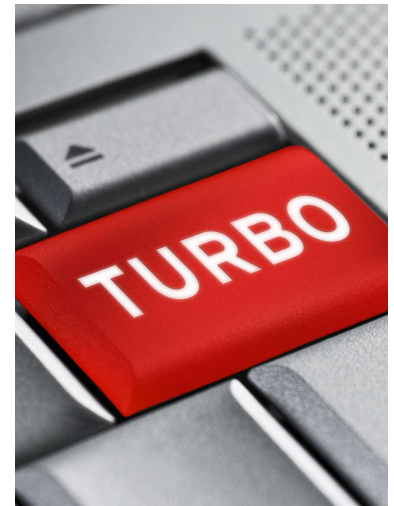
*Choosing ARCTOOLS was the smart decision. Thanks to ARCTOOLS we were able to reduce our database by fifty per cent and convert our data prior to upgrading in just one day.*

*Paul Hoogenbosch  
Business Analyst, UB*

**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 325 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 'front end' allows ARCTOOLS to be set up without the user needing 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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