



A computer student was told to work harder in school or he wouldn't get an up-grade. Thanks to Linden Mecham for this winning pun. Submit your technology pun to sales@prodatacomputer.com, if selected for publication, we will send you a box of Omaha steaks.

ProData Celebrates Twenty Years of Service

ProData has been serving the Midrange community for over twenty years! Starting with the System/3 through the System/38 and continuing on today with the iSeries AS/400 and into the future with the next computer generation. We are committed to quality, performance and service. We are proud to have many satisfied customers and hope to continue our efforts far into the future.

Our Story

ProData is owned by Allen Hartley and Marion Wamsat. Before starting their own company, they worked for a major worldwide advertising company using a System/3. While converting that machine to the System/38 they saw the potential of the then revolutionary operating system. It wasn't long before they were asked to convert other System/3's to the new iSeries AS/400 architecture and ProData Computer Services was born.

Wamsat explains, "We worked in custom software for many years and along the way developed our own 'help' tools to improve programmer productivity. We developed numerous tools, including a program generator, 'where used' tools, etc. But the most helpful tool we developed was a data base tool called DBU. After using it at customer sites and getting rave reviews we decided it must be time to try to sell it. The rest, you might say, is history."

Highlights

Over 16,000 installs of our products world wide.

Thousands and thousands of customers telling us "They can't live without DBU".

Won MidRange "Buyers Choice" award five years in a row.

More than fourteen International Business Partners.

Member of IBM's Partners in Development and Tools-Net Programs.

Many many #1 ratings in magazine reviews.

ProData Product Timeline

1988	1989	1992	1994	1999	2001
Debut of DBU on the AS/400	RDR & NESTRPG originate	SQL/PRO joins the ProData product line-up	CVTRPGIV RDR DSM NESTRPG	DBU 5.0 is released	20 Year Anniversary DBU 6.0 released

DBU 6.0 is Released!!!!

ProData's DBU 6.0 offers multiple ways to access DB2 data without programming. The user now has the choice between a graphical user interface, the traditional green screen version, or through the Operations Navigator plug-in to navigate databases.

The focus of this release was on modernizing the application for the DBU/GUI interface and the OpsNav plug-in. The traditional green screen version has some performance enhancements and another feature to include deleted records in the Search and Replace function. The GUI has all the functionality that made the classic version great!!

L PAR Notice

Logical Partitioning allows an iSeries customer to consolidate multiple systems into one and yet run the system as if it were many AS/400s. This has been available on the AS/400 since 1999, but with V5R1, it is easier to manage and so has become more popular with our customers. If a system is configured for LPAR, no matter what model, contact us for the DBU LPAR version. There will be a charge, but this version allows you to run DBU on as many partitions as you allocate.

DBU is in OpsNav!

ProData is one of only three vendors currently offering a plug-in to IBM's Operations Navigator! You can drill down to a file through the OpsNav tree-structure, right click the mouse and "Open with DBU". With all of DBU 6.0's versatility, your staff can venture into the GUI world or work from within OpsNav and yet return to the green screen instantly, providing a comfortable transition to the GUI environment while maintaining productivity. And any DBU applications created through the green screen method can instantly be available to users in a GUI.

Get the GUI

DBU in GUI! Try it for thirty days with an unlimited number of users. After this trial period, for customers with DBU licenses currently under maintenance, the release upgrade is free. DBU 6.0 comes with ONE free single user license for DBU/GUI. Additional licenses can be purchased for \$50 each in increments of five.

Tech Tip:

With the tragic events in September iSeries disaster recovery and availability have become key issues with iSeries IT specialists. A recent Gartner survey outlined that technology purchasing decision makers were concerned about disaster recovery and business continuity and ranked them in the top five issues facing organizations today.

Q. What Disaster Recovery steps are available in regards to DBU and other ProData products?

A. Save the DBU library that is loaded on your current system. Take this to your disaster site and load your DBU library onto the disaster system.

Execute DBU. If DBU has never been loaded on that system, DBU will run for thirty days without any codes. If DBU had been loaded in the past, DBU will display the message that your "thirty day trial has expired". There are two options available to reset DBU on the disaster system.

1. Contact ProData at 800.228.6318 for a disaster code. You will need to provide the disaster system serial number and the date of the test. Office hours are Monday through Friday 7:30am - 4:30 pm CST.

2. Access through the ECS line (enter the command DBUECS). Enter a *yes in the Disaster Recovery Reset field on the second ECS screen. This method is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

If this is a planned disaster recovery test, call ProData prior to your test to receive the disaster code. You will need to provide the disaster system serial number and the date of the test.

Q. Will your products work with an OS/400 version upgrade?

A. All of our products are compatible with all versions of OS/400. ProData is part of IBM's Partners in Development which gives us advanced information concerning OS/400 upgrades. If anyone encounters any incompatibility with any operating system that we support, changes will be made to our products immediately and made available on our ECS line as well as our website.

EASY MONEY

Almost everyone owns DBU, but how about SQL/PRO? Refer DBU to a new customer or put SQL/PRO in a new or current DBU customer's shop and we will put \$100 in your pocket. With over 14,000 installations, ProData's products are increasing productivity in iSeries AS/400 shops around the world!

Winner's Circle

It's great seeing our customers at the trade shows!

The winner of the digital camera at the COMMON show held in New Orleans was Robert Davis of Cold Spring, Kentucky.

The winner of the stuffed animal at the IBM Technical Conference held in Palm Springs was Rebecca Perdue of Roanoke, Virginia.

The winner of the stuffed animal at the DEVCON show held in Miami was Rick Adkins of Dublin, Ohio.

The winner of the stuffed animal at the COMMON show held in Minneapolis was Lori Schmitt of Edina, Minnesota.

The winner of the DBU software at the COMMON Silent Auction in Minneapolis was Joyce Riordan of Medford, Massachusetts.

See you next year at the COMMON and IBM Technical Conferences!



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Save 10% Off Our Products

This special twenty year anniversary discount will save you ten percent. Choose one or all of these great products!!

DBU The most powerful database tool available. The newest release provides green screen, GUI and OpsNav access to iSeries 400 files.

SQL/PRO Can't find a cost effective SQL tool? Here it is! Select, organize and summarize your data the way you need to, quickly and efficiently.

CVTRPGIV It's time to make RPG fun again! Convert to RPGIV and experience the difference.

RDR Oops! You deleted records that were added after the backup. No problem, RDR retrieves deleted records.

NESTRPG Eyes crossed from reading code? Let NESTRPG clear it up for you.

DSM Embed compiled errors into your source code with Diagnose