

FREEGDA - Release GDA in Utility Mode

This Natural profile parameter controls whether current user global data area (GDA) and application-independent variables (AIV) are to be reset or not when a utility is invoked in utility mode (see *Utility Activation* in the *Utilities* documentation), that is, by using the direct command that corresponds to the utility's name.

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| Possible settings | ON | The current user GDA and AIV variables are reset before a utility is started. This behavior corresponds to the previous situation when the utility was invoked using the system command LOGON <library>. |
| | OFF | The current user GDA and AIV variables are preserved when a utility is started. Note that this will increase the data size correspondingly and may lead to thread problems under certain operating systems. |
| Default setting | ON | |
| Dynamic specification | yes | |
| Specification within session | no | |