

# 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.

<b>Possible settings</b>	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.
<b>Default setting</b>	ON	
<b>Dynamic specification</b>	yes	
<b>Specification within session</b>	no	