

Guardian Selects the SmartProduction® Batch Analysis and Tuning Software

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The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America (Guardian) recently selected the SmartProduction® batch analysis and tuning software as part of its resource consumption reduction initiative launched earlier this year.

“We realized just how helpful **SmartProduction** could be, once we started using it” says Bob Mathers, 2nd VP, IT Operations at Guardian. “We evaluated the product based on our desire to reduce our batch window and the CPU resources consumed, especially during our daytime peak period. The results we saw in our **SmartProduction** trial made us realize the potential annual savings we could achieve if we utilized the product company-wide.”

The Capacity and Performance team had a directive to ensure the available CPU, Storage and I/O resources were being used as efficiently as possible. Although hardware upgrades were an option, the team decided to explore other more cost effective alternatives. As they closely monitored resource growth, they realized addressing batch tuning would be key to achieving their goals, and decided to evaluate **SmartProduction**. **SmartProduction** identified one minor JCL change, which reduced the job's run time by 90 percent - - from 80 to eight minutes -- and has saved Guardian more than \$100,000 in annualized CPU and I/O resources, as their chargeback reports have shown.

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SmartProduction has helped customers worldwide significantly reduce batch run time and increase system online time, in turn saving millions of dollars for their organizations in both immediate and long-term cost reductions. **SmartProduction** runs under all supported versions of OS/390 and z/OS.

About Guardian

Founded in 1860, The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America, New York, NY (Guardian) is the fourth largest mutual life insurance company in the United States. As of December 31, 2004, Guardian and its subsidiaries had \$39.5 billion in assets. With more than 5,000 employees and 2,900 financial representatives, as well as over 80 agencies nationwide, Guardian and its subsidiaries protect individuals, businesses and their employees with life, disability, health and dental insurance products, and offer 401(k), financial products and trust services. More information about Guardian can be obtained at: www.GuardianLife.com.