



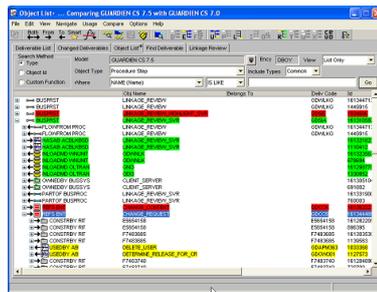
Welcome to the Release 7.5 Special

On 17th March 2006, with our IET watches synchronised and nails worn thin by incessant testing and lack of sleep, **GuardEn 7.5** rolled off the development servers and onto the IET website (www.iet.co.uk) ready for download by an expectant and excited customer community....well, we think there was one person up late that night anyway. As you might expect the new release offers the usual eclectic mix of enhancements from you 'out in the field' alongside some exciting new product developments from IET. It's also important to point out that **GuardEn 7.5**, as its name suggests, is the GuardEn release that is certified for use with the recently available **AllFusion Gen r7.5** from CA. Here are some highlights in our new Release...



Object List +

This major upgrade to the *Object List* tab in GuardEn takes browsing your encyclopaedia data to the next level. There's so much in it that we'll be taking a detailed look at the new product offering in the next issue of **SPOTLIET** or take a look at the [brochure](#) now.



genIE cross-copy with substitution

Reuse yet more of your code! An exciting enhancement for both **genIE Direct** and the AllFusion Gen toolset **Plug-in** sees cross-copy now providing powerful *with substitution* (i.e. rename/replace) facilities for AD views, exit states, commands, relationships etc.

Environment Re-work Wizard

The Change Request Re-work Wizard now provides assessment of changes **WITHIN** a release (e.g. the retro-fitting of changes from Production Fix back to Development). A further enhancement prevents reworked changes being re-implemented (into Production) unnecessarily – which is nice.

and not forgetting...

- ◆ Upload Assistant without Task Assistant
- ◆ New filters and sort options in CR content & DU content make it easier to manage large CRs and DUs
- ◆ Bulk status update and filters in Release Pack Scope
- ◆ Better Left/Right scrolling for migration when many models involved
- ◆ Parallel MVS install from CSE
- ◆ HE Install Restart
- ◆ JCL procedures/clists easier to customise for multiple Gen installations

Reader Competition

To encourage you to take a look at the new software, we're offering a prize (as yet undisclosed: we've yet to visit the local supermarket) to the first customer to use, at their own site, one of the enhancements they requested ...even just testing it out will qualify.

Once completed, send your proof to support@iet.co.uk.

Enhanced RIT Impact Analysis

Impact Analysis of Referential Integrity Triggers (RITs) has undergone a major rework to allow GuardEn to assess usage and impact directly against the current data model without the need to rely on RIT generation to build the appropriate usage associations.

This means that GuardEn can now accurately assess which RITs are used by an action diagram and are used by/use other RITs. The RI usage reported in Deliverable Usage and also by the system updating Expansion step is now accurate - even if the RITs have not been previously generated.

Deliverable Usage now also provides an 'Affects RI Triggers' option to display the RITs affected by an *hypothetical change* to an ENTITY or RELATIONSHIP.

Note that Host Encyclopaedia sites currently using GuardEn's RIT generation system updating step will have to re-sequence this to occur after the Expansion, as the scoping of RITs is now performed by the Expansion itself – thus bringing RIT processing into line with all other GuardEn impact analysis.

Plus more. Lots more...

Well, about **122 more** stunningly exciting changes to be approximate...for full details see the full [Release Notes](#). Go on, you know it makes sense.

Vaguely Interesting #24 Number Crunching

Number of separately defined high level enhancements implemented in GuardEn since 2003

1026



A regular section that aims to help IET customers resolve questions that keep them awake at night. Or until bedtime at least.

A customer writes...

Dear Guru

I'm having trouble with my Release Packs. I seem to have so many. Do I need to create one for each Change Request I implement? My Release Pack list is filling up and people are starting to talk. Help me please!

Worried of Sweden

Guru responds...

Dear Worried of Sweden

Do not despair: let me calm your fears. This is a common misunderstanding. A Release Pack is a group of one **or more** changes that will eventually be launched into the Production environment at the same time...and so, while it is only possible to launch a Release Pack once into this last controlled environment, you can still use the **same** Release Pack to launch the changes as many times as required into any pre-production controlled environments during your development and testing phases.

So, in theory, it should be possible to use **JUST ONE** Release Pack for all the System Updates you use to implement one or more Change Requests for a particular launch – all the way from development through to production.

Release Support Dates

Do you need a good reason to upgrade? Here are the published retirement dates for various GuardIEn releases that may help!

Release	Retirement Date	Maximum Gen Release
4.2	31st December 2001	5.1
5.0	31st March 2002	Gen 6.0 E-business
5.1	31st December 2002	Gen 6.0 E-business
5.2	31st March 2004	Gen 6.0 E-business
5.3	31st December 2005	Gen 6.5
5.4	30th December 2006	Gen 6.5
7.0	Not yet	Gen r7
7.5	Not yet	Gen r7.5

Please note that the Maximum Gen Release does **not** indicate the pre-requisite GEN release – earlier GEN releases are also supported by each GuardIEn Release listed.

Did you have the **EDGE**?

Were you at the EMEA Edge conference at CA's Ditton Park near the historic commuter town of **Slough, UK** between 5th-7th March? If not, then don't miss it next year...it was a great event, with some excellent sessions, lots of news about GEN futures, copious networking and some superb exhibitors...for example:



Oh...and don't forget the EDGE US event in Plano, Texas between 12th-14th June this year. See www.edgeusergroup.org for details.

Oh well. Sadly, that's it for another edition of SPOTLIET. We hope you enjoyed it and maybe found something useful. Let us **know** if you have any ideas for future articles, as we're very interested to hear from you all. See you.



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