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Introduction

This Gold Client program is used to artificially inflate number range statuses (current numbers) for the sole purpose of creating a buffer between natively created data within the target client and data being copied to the target via Gold Client. Generating a buffer will help avoid number range conflicts that might otherwise occur when creating new records in the target database. In turn, this provides users additional flexibility to copy data to the target.

Executing this utility in ‘Update Database’ mode will perform an update to records stored exclusively within the NRIV (Number Range Intervals) table.

Reference the Important Points section of this document for details on how the buffer is calculated.

This utility is a software enhancement that was released as part of Gold Client version 8.1.2.

Security Details

The Number Range Utility leverages Gold Client authorization activity number ‘81’ since ideally it should only be executed by Gold Client administrators. For more details, reference the Gold Client Security Guide.

This utility cannot be executed in Production systems as a programmatic safeguard exists which prevents the occurrence.
How to Execute the Utility

From release 8.2 forwards, the utility can be accessed via the Post Process buttons located within Client Construct or Data Echo (Fig 1.0). Earlier versions of Gold Client must access it via the Configuration button.

Figure 1.0
Select the Number Range Utility from whichever Post Process button was selected from the main Gold Client screen, Client Construct (Fig. 1.1) and Data Echo (Fig. 1.2)

![Client Construct Utilities (Optional)](image1.png)

![Post Import Utilities (Optional)](image2.png)

The end-user has the following options available when executing this utility (Fig. 2.0):

- **Processing Options**
  - “Summary Report” is the default setting and can be used to check the outcome in test mode
  - “Update Database” is used to perform the actual update to the NRIV table

- **Increase by %**
  - The default value is ‘1’ and can be any value between 1-99; however, it is highly recommended that this value be of a conservative nature -- typically a range of 5-10% is suitable for most customers
  - This value is used as the multiplier to inflate the number range current number to a higher number (based on the remaining numbers within the given range)

- **Selection Criteria**
  - “All Number Range objects” is the default setting and will update all NR objects in your system
  - “Select Number Range objects” allows the user to be selective about which number range objects are included (Fig. 2.1); available criteria include: Object, Sub-object, Number Range Number, and Year

  Reference the **Important Points** section of this document for additional details that should be considered regarding this selection
**Gold Client 8 Number Range Utility**

**Figure 2.0**

- **Execute**

**Processing Options**
- Summary Report
- Update Database

**Action to Number Range(s)**
- Increase by %: 1

**Selection Criteria**
- All Number Range objects
- Select Number Range objects

**Figure 2.1**

**Selection Criteria**
- Select Number Range objects

- Object name
- Subobject value
- Number range number
- To year

**Number Range Table Exception**
- **Number Range Table Exception**
  - This table can be maintained to include number range objects that should never be included in the program’s execution -- even when the ‘All Number Range objects’ option is selected
  - A list of known number range objects has already been added to this table as part of the standard Gold Client configuration (Fig. 2.2)
  - Customers can add other number range objects to the table according to the organization’s requirements
  - Note: this feature was released in version 8.5.1

![Display View "Number Range Utility Exception Table"](image)

Table: Number Range Utility Exception Table

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Object</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>PKK_BELEG</td>
<td>Number Range for Documents in Contract A/R and A/P</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GL_FLEX0</td>
<td>Number Assignment for Object Tables GLFLEX</td>
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<td>HR-PAY: Accounting analyses</td>
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<td>ISU_ERDK</td>
<td>IS-U Print Documents</td>
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</table>

*Figure 2.2*
A sample output of this program’s execution (Fig. 3.0); the data displayed here is explained below.

**Header information:**
- Report Mode: ‘Summary Report’ or ‘Update Database’ depending on user’s selection on the input screen
- NRIV records read: number of records read from the NRIV table depending on user’s selection on the input screen
- Increase by %: value entered by user on the input screen

**Detail information:**
- Object – name of the number range object
- Short text – description of the number range object
- Subobject Value – number range object subobject value
- Number – number range number
- Year – to fiscal year
- From Number – first number of the range
- To Number – last number of the range
- Number Status - the current number
- Updated Number - the artificially inflated number
- Remaining % - the percent of numbers remaining within the range
- Warning % - the value set in SAP for each Number Range object that once this percentage is reached a warning message is displayed

![Figure 3.0](image-url)
When executing the program using the 'Update Database' processing option, the user will be presented with a confirmation message. (Fig. 3.1) Selecting the 'Continue' button will permit the user to proceed while selecting the 'Cancel' button will end the process.

If the update process continues, the user will be presented with an information message about the need to flush the number range buffer. (Fig 3.2)

Flushing the number ranges must be executed via standard SAP t-code SM56; however, a short-cut to this transaction has been provided for ease-of-use purposes. (Fig 3.3)
Important Points

This section includes several meaningful insights and recommendations regarding this program.

Calculating the Number Range Exceptions

- The logic used to calculate the inflated numbers is as follows:
  - Subtract the Current Number (NRIV-NRLEVEL) value from the To Number (NRIV-TONUMBER) value to determine the remaining amount of numbers within the allowed range.
  - Multiply the calculated value from the previous step by the percentage entered by the user on the input screen; round the value up to the next integer as needed.
  - Add the calculated value from the previous step to the Current Number (NRIV-NRLEVEL) value thereby resulting in the inflated number.

- This program updates only internal number ranges and ignores those which are defined as external (Fig. 3.4)

*Figure 3.4*
Number Range Exceptions

- With respect to the ‘All Number Range objects’ or ‘Select Number Range objects’ settings, the Attunity team has learned that a few specific number range objects should not be buffered and therefore should *not* be included in this program’s execution. The specific objects, their descriptions, and the reason for excluding them are listed below.

**FKK_BELEG** (Number Range for Documents in Contract A/R and A/P)
**ISU_ERDK** (IS-U Print Documents)
  - Buffering these two number range objects causes performance issues because the relevant SAP programs look for the last number used rather than the next available number. The assumption our team has made is that SAP doesn’t want these number ranges to have any gaps.

**GL_FLEX0** through **GL_FLEX8** (Number Assignment for Object Tables GLFLEX)
  - Buffering these number range objects has been known to cause shortdumps when executing SAP programs that call these ranges

Your organization may be immune to these issues if no numbers are being consumed within these ranges. The easiest way to acquire this information is to query table NRIV using these number range objects and then check the Number range status (NRLEVEL) field to see if values exist. In the screen capture below, numbers are being consumed for several of the GL_FLEX* objects.

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Flush the Buffer

After the execution of this utility, it’s important to **always** flush the Number Range buffer via t-code SM56. If this task is not completed, number range conflicts may still occur even after executing the Number Range Utility.

Miscellaneous Items

- This utility does not resolve those isolated situations where a Number Range’s current number is higher in the target client than the source client
- This utility updates records stored only in the NRIV table
- After having executed this utility, it’s possible that a warning message may appear when creating new records in the Target client; see the example below (Fig 4.1). This is only a warning and SAP should allow you to continue creating the actual record.
- This message may occur when new records being created exceed the warning percentage defined for the relevant Number Range object (Fig 4.2). For whatever reason, SAP may have this warning value set really high (90% or higher) for some Number Range Objects. The higher the warning value is set, and the larger the increase when executing this utility, increases the likelihood of this warning message appearing.
Check number range interval (approaching interval end)

Message no. M7550

Diagnosis

The end of the interval for number assignment (material documents or reservations) has nearly been reached.

Procedure

Contact your system administrator.

If you are authorized to do so, do you want to check the number ranges for the

- Material documents
- Reservations?
Percentage for warning message

Percentage of numbers remaining in a number range, upon reaching which in number assignment a warning is given.

Examples

You have defined an interval from 1 to 1000. If you want to issue a warning at the number 900, enter 10 (%) here.
Support Information

Qlik Analytics (ISR) Ltd. can be contacted either by telephone or via email. Any support related issue regarding problems with or use of the Gold Client software and process can be reported for resolution.

If our offices are closed, or staff is unable to directly respond to a support request, we will respond within 24 hours of the initial call. Problems related to the export or import processing may require code enhancements. If a code enhancement or fix is required, resolution time may vary.

As per the maintenance agreement, any repairs or enhancements to the Gold Client software will immediately be deployed to all customers up-to-date with their maintenance contract. It is the choice of the customer as to if and when such enhancements are implemented. In addition, customers may request a planning session with Qlik to review changes in the software and how the changes might impact their environment.

We can also be contacted to discuss application or feasibility of using the Gold Client process to resolve a current challenge the project team faces. When this is required, a planning session can be scheduled in advance to ensure proper participation by both Qlik and the client.

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