

Grid-Tools, the leading vendor in test data management techniques, announces the launch of Fast Data Masking™ for Teradata

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Oxford, UK, October 2009 Grid-Tools Ltd (grid-tools.com) announce the launch of Fast Data Masking™ for Teradata, a fast and easy data masking solution for Teradata databases. Fast Data Masking™ (FDM), which was originally launched by Grid-Tools in early 2009 exclusively for Oracle databases, quickly allows users to mask (or de-identify), reduce, compress and reorganize test data in one simple operation. Through using data masking and data obfuscation functions, seed tables and high performance techniques, the customer will quickly and easily be able to create secure, legally compliant databases for testing, development training and QA.

Data masking is used to de-identify production data so it can be used anonymously outside of a production or 'live' environment for testing, development and QA projects. It is now standard best practice for companies to use data masking solutions to de-identify data records so the data can be shared with individuals across projects whilst hiding sensitive and private information. Likewise, obfuscating the data helps organizations stay compliant with regulations HIPAA, the PCI DSS and the GLBA whilst also protecting the data if it is stolen, lost or leaked during the testing and development cycle.

Fast Data Masking™ allows Systems Analysts to choose from a rich array of standard functions and standard seed tables complemented by their own custom masking functions. Once the rules have been defined, a powerful set of scripts are generated to quickly extract the data using standard database utilities and techniques to maximize performance. Visit the Grid-Tools website for examples of data masking performance runtimes and features at: www.grid-tools.com/data-masking-teradata.php.

Grid-Tools are offering Fast Data Masking™ for Teradata as a standalone, out-of-the-box solution in the Datamaker™ suite. Organizations who require hassle free, fast and easy data masking to maintain compliance standards or protect highly sensitive data should contact Grid-Tools for more details.

Fast Data Masking™ now supports Oracle, SQL Server and Teradata databases. Grid-Tools support data masking for more sophisticated IT infrastructures for most major database types and mainframe data sources, including Teradata.

For more information contact Grid-Tools at UK: +44 (0) 1865 884600, USA: 1-866-563-3120, www.grid-tools.com or sales@grid-tools.com.

Grid-Tools are specialists in data creation (or "synthetic" data generation), test data management and information lifecycle management. Their experienced personnel have been writing and developing solutions for large companies in both the private and public sectors for nearly 30 years.

The Grid-Tools Datamaker™ suite includes a wide range of tools for test data management including such innovative

products as Datamaker™, a revolutionary tool that creates and publishes quality synthetic test data with the referential integrity of production environments for non-production. Datamaker™ offers three methods for managing and generating data in testing and development inclusive of database subsetting, data obfuscation (data masking) and synthetic data generation, all of which are included in the Datamaker™ Professional Edition.

The Grid-Tools methodology consists of using the “data-centric” approach to testing whereby, their focus is to ensure the quality of the test data you are using is of the right quality for successful testing.

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