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In article <69ubg1F35bc19U1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Pete Dashwood <dashwood@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

<docdwarf@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:g1c5mk\\$88\\$1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:g1c5mk$88$1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

In article <bnvi34t7b26e2c9bp49ub9aieor2o65qj8@xxxxxxx>, Robert <no@xxxxxx> wrote:

[snip]

Conversion is a ONE TIME process, which allows manual modification.

Mr Wagner, our experiences are **very** different... what I have seen is 'if it is done once, it will be done eternally' (eg, this week's 'ad hoc' jobstream for 'Show me the counts for the Altoona Division that caused (situation)' become next week's Prod-scheduled run for 'Show all Divisions that have counts which will cause (situation)').

Yep. Happens all the time.

However, Robert is right that conversion is a one time process. Once it's converted, you don't go back and reconvert it.

Given that English can be an imprecise language, as in:

A: 'I dropped the glass on the table and it broke.'

B: 'It must have been a very fragile table!'

.... then I am uncertain as what is being described as 'it' in the second sentence above, Mr Dashwood.

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If by 'it' one refers to 'any given datum' then perhaps so.

If by 'it' one refers to 'a given day's data' then no... because next week's figures from (customer large enough that their data are to be taken 'as is') have not yet been converted.

What does happen is that you may want to spread the conversion effort, so the "one time" process gets spread out as an "ongoing" process.

As above, Mr Dashwood... one may not 'want to' do things in this manner, one may be told by a Timesheet Signer 'it will be done in this manner'.

I don't recommend this, as it just creates pain.

Hmmmmm... maintaining conversion for (big customer) creates pain, losing business from (big customer) creates pain. Sounds like it might be time for a cost/benefit analysis.

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