

GoFaster for the sustainable development

In this days we are very concerned about the bad use of energies, the decrease in energy reserves, pollution and contamination, the increase on personal rubbish, wastes, debris, the climate change, the desertification, deforestation, poles´thaw, the species extinction,...

The origin of all seems to be the uncontrolled consumerism promoted by an economic system in which the competitiveness imposes the short term benefits at the expense of our future. However, this is the way in which a small part of the world population can keep a comfortable life-style by slaughtering the world´s resources. But, since we are included in this small part our attitude and behaviour are to condemn this horrible situations but without altering a tiny bit our consuming habits.

We demand to our governors, austerity, balance in the expenses, efficiency in the budget and justice when applying the money. But, do we adjust to this objectives in our field of influence? We have a flat in the city, an apartment by the beach for 30 days a year and another one on the snow resort which probably we don´t use more than 15 days a season. We change our car every 2 or 3 years, because it has done more than 50.000 km, the window doesn´t close properly or there is a new sport model. Probably we´ll change it for a 4*4 which will force us to drive through new uneven routes so we can justify our investment. We´ll install a new halogen hob when we only make sandwiches, we don´t know how to cook and we use the microwave to make pizzas. We order delicious and expensive courses in the restaurant that we´ll probably be unable to finish and unable to appreciate. We change the PC because we don´t know how to use it, we loaded with lots of rubbish programs that afterwards we´re afraid to uninstall just in case they are useful somehow.

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GoFaster Sales

European Ranking on GoFaster licenses, by AS/400 models, iSeries and i5:

1	170-2291	182
2	270-23F1	123
3	720-206A	117
4	730-2A6E	93
5	170-2292	82
6	820-23A1	68
7	520-7450	51
8	270-22A5	37
9	820-249B	33
10	800-7400	29
11	820-24AA	24
12	830-24DB	18

New options on GoFaster

In the Utilities menu you´ll find two new options, **CLASS y CHGSBS**. Both are very useful for experts and system administrators.

The Option 15.- Work class, allows us to guess the Work Class with which a job is performing and the correspondent entering route.

The Option 27.- Subsystems Rerouting, eases enormously the subsystems rerouting to the different memory groups or Pools.

Optional GoFaster Applications

A part from the already known, **WRKSYSAC2, Help Desk** and **RDR** it has been added the **Spool View** (Visualize Spool Files) and the **Logon as User** (User Simulation).

“**Spool View**” allows to see the printing attributes, blank lines, underlining, bold or high lighted. It optimises the screen use and allows to make searches without distinguishing between upper or lower case letters.

“**Logon as User**” allows to initialize a session with other user´s attributes or use a user´s profile without knowing his password.

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With this picture it is not so surprising to find businesses that underutilise their AS/400 or other systems, making changes and expansions that may have their purpose because of their new technological contribution, but in most of the cases it is justified because the computer has become "small". And before ascertaining why or if its low performance can be improved by a better management or with a complementary software they run for millionaire extensions totally unnecessary. Most of the total number of AS/400 installed is formed by models that can increase their power in more than 5 times with a 2.000-3000 euros investment. Every installation has a different situation but in many cases the improvements could be up to 20 times and with the same cost.

A bad configuration of the memory resources, disks distribution or interactive capacity can saturate the computer's capacity and leave it to use just a limited part of its potential. Perhaps this is your situation.

In some occasions a big amount of **Main memory MBs** is contracted and mostly used in a new memory group (Pool) with the intention to optimize the performance of certain applications. Because this a new pool is opened and the correspondent subsystem is redirected. But it can happen that the new pool is opened with some memory MBs and that someone forgets to redirect the subsystem to this pool. The consequence is that the subsystem's jobs will be executed in the pool *Base and therefore the memory of the new pool is totally useless. There is no alarm to alert us. We have just wasted our money.

We've known cases in which they have triplicated their **Disk capacity** and have been two years using only the third part of their total capacity because no one told them to distribute the data in all the disks using certain operations so 80% of their data was in the initial disks while the other 20% was distributed in the new disks which were almost empty. They didn't realize that the information wasn't getting in the new disks. The **GoFaster** provides the access which allows the use of the disks perfectly distributed, organized and defragmented proporciona el acceso que permite la utilización de los discos perfectamente distribuidos, reorganizados y defragmented.

The **Interactive capacity** is **limited** in most of the installations to a 15-30% of each AS/400's power. In many occasions the computer is changed because the low interactive performance is blocking the general business day to day; and this change involves very important investments. However, there is a technologic alternative in the market much more profitable, **GoFaster application**. This program allows you to reach the most of the interactive performance without changing the model, hardware expansions or program modifications. Its cost is around 2.000-3000 euros for each licence.

The **GoFaster** contributes to the sustainable development and avoid the galloping consumerism, many times irresponsible, making the most of your AS/400.

New GoFaster Release

A new GoFaster's V0511 release will be available from November and can be obtained on the Web: www.gofaster.us. You'll find the new utilities and options. The present users can apply for the update of their copies, as well as the codes, to activate them.