



April Tip - An Old Friend; WRKACTJOB

This month's tip was obtained from Search 400 (Joe Hertvik)

1. How many times have you repeatedly pressed the F5 key to refresh while your watching a particular job in WRKACTJOB??

Well our old friend WRKACTJOB has a few surprises (at least to me!!!).

If you select F19, the screen goes into *automatic refresh mode*. The screen will refresh itself without pressing F5!!!

You may have tried this before without seeing any results. The reason is that the default interval time is 300 seconds (5 minutes).

You can change this default to 5 seconds for example, by passing the interval parameter when using the command WRKACTJOB as follows:

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WRKACTJOB INTERVAL(5)
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WARNING: The default for WRKACTJOB Interval is 300 seconds until you put in your own value. Once you put in a value, this becomes the new default until you put in your next value.

2. How many times have you paged through the WRKACTJOB screen looking for a particular job?

WRKACTJOB can search for a specific job by using F7!!

To find a particular needle in an OS/400 haystack, press F7 inside WRKACTJOB and type in the string you want to search for, as well as the WRKACTJOB column you want to search for the string in (*SBS for subsystem, *JOB for job, *USER for user, etc).

Press ENTER after specifying the search info and OS/400 will take you to the first WRKACTJOB entry that matches your search criteria. If you then press the F8 key, WRKACTJOB will take you to next match or let you know when there are no more matches.