



May Tip - Change that Physical File

This month's tip was obtained from Search 400 (Faithie Lewis)

Who wants to change a physical file?

Nobody!!!!

Think about what you need to do:

1. Remove all logicals
2. Copy the file
3. Recompile the file empty
4. Map the data back in

If you use the command **CHGPF**, it may take some of the sting out of this process.

As Faithie states "By using this command, you can do all steps at one time - and you don't have to remove and rebuild logicals. You just specify your data file, and tell it the source file, source library, and source member name of the DDS you want to use. The file is rebuilt right before your eyes - no intervention required."

Here is the format:

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CHGPF
Physical file . . . . > DATAFILE
Library . . . . . > DATALIBR
System . . . . . *LCL
Source file . . . . . > QDDSSRC
Library . . . . . > MYLIB
Source member . . . . ddsname
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Warning!!!! You still must recompile all programs that use the physical and/or its logicals, unless you use SQL or specify LEVELCHECK *NO.