

# **General Ledger Delete Utility**

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## General Ledger Delete Utility Overview

The BOOMS General Ledger Delete Utility, BGLDELETE, is used to delete OLD detail information from the General Ledger. This information consists of detail Cash records that have been posted to the Ledger during Period-End Checklist processing (Function "G3" from the Accounting Selection Menu). Deleting these records from "old" accounting years (e.g. more than 4 years) frees up space on file "BLEDGER" and helps to control its growth. BOOMS never requires that G/L records be deleted, but you could realize the following benefits by doing so:

- Deleting can significantly reduce the amount of data stored on the Ledger.
- Deleting can significantly improve database performance. As the Ledger grows in size it becomes less efficient. Whereas performance degradation is most apparent on slower file servers, it can also be seen on even the fastest file servers with very fast hard disks.
- Deleting can improve BOOMS reporting. Reducing the number of Cash Records on the Ledger results in reduced search time for records during General Ledger Reporting.

## General Ledger Delete Utility Parameters

The General Ledger Delete Utility, BGLDELETE, is a standalone program that accepts the following parameters.

- /I:d:\path\filename - is the path and file name of the General Ledger Database.
- /R: run type as follows (the default is /R:D):
  - /R:D - Delete General Ledger Records**
  - /R:R - Report-only (no deleting occurs). This option gives only a one line screen report indicating how many records and how much data would have been deleted had the delete option (/R:D) been used.**
- /B: beginning Ledger Date (e.g. /B:01-31-86)
- /E: ending Ledger Date (e.g. /E:12-31-86)

For example, if you wanted to DELETE old General Ledger Records from 1987, you could issue the following commands (Note: the Btrieve Record Manager must be started before running BGLDELETE):

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BTRIEVE /M:64 /P:1024 /E: /B:20
A:BGLDELETE /I:\BOOMS\DATABASE\BLEDGER.DBF /R:D /B:01-31-87 /E:12-31-87
```

The above parameters would produce the screen output shown in Figure J.1.

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Parameters for this run:
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BOOMS G/L File Name .....:Q:\TBOOMS\DATABASE\BLEDGER.DBF
Beginning Ledger Date .....:01-01-87
Ending Ledger Date .....:12-31-87
Delete or Report-Only? .....:DELETE
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Press "F2" to CONTINUE run; Press "F4" to END
```

Figure J.1. Sample "General ledger Delete Utility" Sample Screen

Press "F2" to begin the DELETING process. While the DELETE is running, the following message will appear on screen for every 10 records Deleted ("nnnnn" values are appropriate counts):

**nnnnn Records Deleted ..DeletedBytes=nnnnnnnn**

You can press "F4" at any time to interrupt the DELETE process. Any subsequent DELETE run with the same Ledger Date range will pick up where you left off.