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CronJobs



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CronJobs – Key Facts



- Automated tasks
- Performed at a certain time (such as 16:05), or at fixed intervals (such as every five minutes)
- Can be used for:
 - → Backups
 - Updating / synchronizing catalog contents
 - Imports / Exports
 - → Re-calculating prices
 - etc...

CronJobs - Key Facts (2)

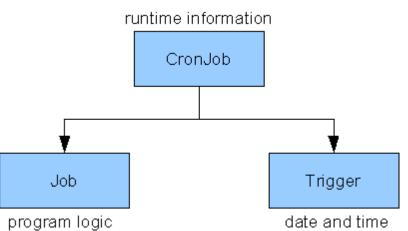


A CronJob consists of a:

Job: What to do

Trigger: When to run

CronJob: Runtime information



- Allows re-using code and items
- CronJobs always run in a SessionContext (i.e. they have a user assigned)

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How to create a CronJob



→ Step 1 – create job logic:

→ Step 2 – register it as spring bean:

```
<bean id="myJob" class="my.package.MyJob"/>
```

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How to create a CronJob (2)



- Step 3 create items: job, cronJob and trigger items
 - Run a system update with only essential data checked for each bean of type JobPerformable a Job item is being created.

```
INSERT_UPDATE CronJob;
code[unique=true];job(code);singleExecutable;sessionLanguage(isocode)
;myCronJob;myJob;false;de

INSERT_UPDATE Trigger;cronjob(code)[unique=true];cronExpression
; myCronJob; 0 0 0 * * ?
```

Equivalent to running system update is to run such script:

```
INSERT_UPDATE ServicelayerJob;code[unique=true];springId
;myJob;myJob
```

To start cronJob immediately after its creation, add this line at the end:

```
#% afterEach: impex.getLastImportedItem().setActivationTime(new Date());
```

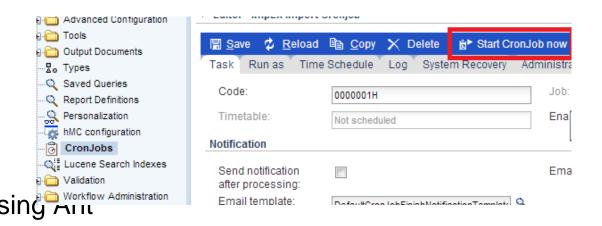
How to start a CronJob



Using Impex

#% afterEach: impex.getLastImportedItem().setActivationTime(new Date());

Using the hMC



ant runcronjob -Dcronjob=myCronJob

→ Using the API

cronJobService.performCronJob(myCronJobModel);

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Useful CronJob properties



- Email template
 - notify certain user using given email template
- Enable code execution
 - enable or disable BeanShell
- → User
 - to empower restrictions
- → Node id
 - to specify server for job execution



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Benefits of Cronjob scripting



- Traditionally, creating a new cronjob is time-consuming and involves many manual steps:
 - Create a new java class for the Job
 - Define the new job as a Spring bean
 - Rebuild the code and restart the server

Using scripting, creating cronjobs becomes much easier and it can be done dynamically at runtime

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Cronjob Scripting API



Script - the item type where the script content is stored

```
INSERT_UPDATE Script; code[unique=true];content
;myGroovyScript;println 'hello groovy! '+ new Date()
```

ScriptingJob - subtype of ServicelayerJob, which contains the scriptURI (the script can be retrieved at runtime from classpath, DB etc.)

```
INSERT_UPDATE ScriptingJob; code[unique=true];scriptURI
;mydynamicJob;model://myGroovyScript
```

scriptingJobPerformable - the implicit spring bean assigned to every ScriptingJob instance; it implements the usual perform() method.

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Executing script-based Cronjobs



Creating a cronjob instance

```
INSERT_UPDATE CronJob; code[unique=true];job(code)
;mydynamicCronJob;mydynamicJob
```

Executing a cronjob using a script

```
def dynamicCJ = cronJobService.getCronJob("mydynamicCronJob")
cronJobService.performCronJob(dynamicCJ,true)
```

- All other ways of execution can be used: Trigger, manual execution in hmc/backoffice, and impex beanshell.
- In a script, you can return a cronjob result

```
println 'hello groovy! '+ new Date()
return new PerformResult(CronJobResult.SUCCESS,CronJobStatus.FINISHED)
```

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Cronjob Item as Context Parameter



- Context always contains the current CronJobModel
- It is passed as a context parameter (key="cronjob").

```
println 'hello groovy! '+ new Date()
println cronjob.code
println cronjob.status
```

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