





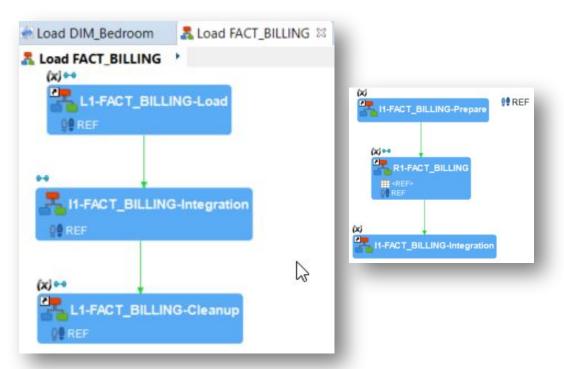
What is a process?

A Process is a set of Actions executed by the Runtime

xDI generates a Process from each Mapping

This is the type of Process you were able to consult at each execution of a

Mapping





What is a process?

However, you can also create a Process manually

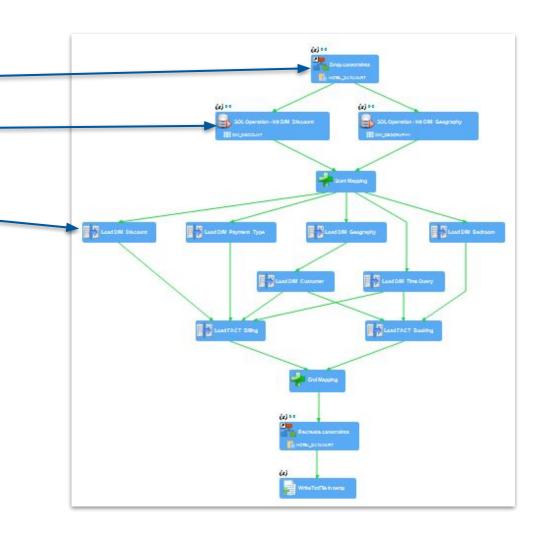
- To orchestrate higher level components
 - Mappings
 - Even other Processes
- As well as unit actions of a lower level
 - SQL commands
 - File handling
 - A lot of other tools are available





What is a process?

- The « Process » is an orchestration of
 - Other processes
 - Unitary actions
 - Mappings
- Mappings generate processes
- Processes can call mappings
- Templates are models of processes

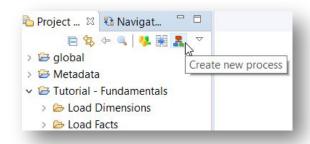




Creation of a process

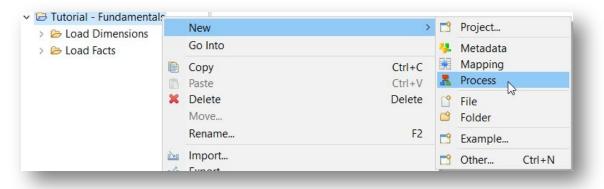
To create a new process file

 In the project explorer, click on the Process icon



Or

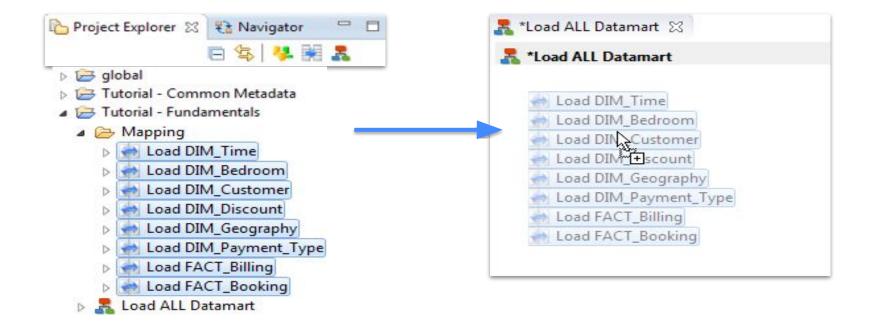
Right-Click and choose New/Process





Designing a process - The mappings

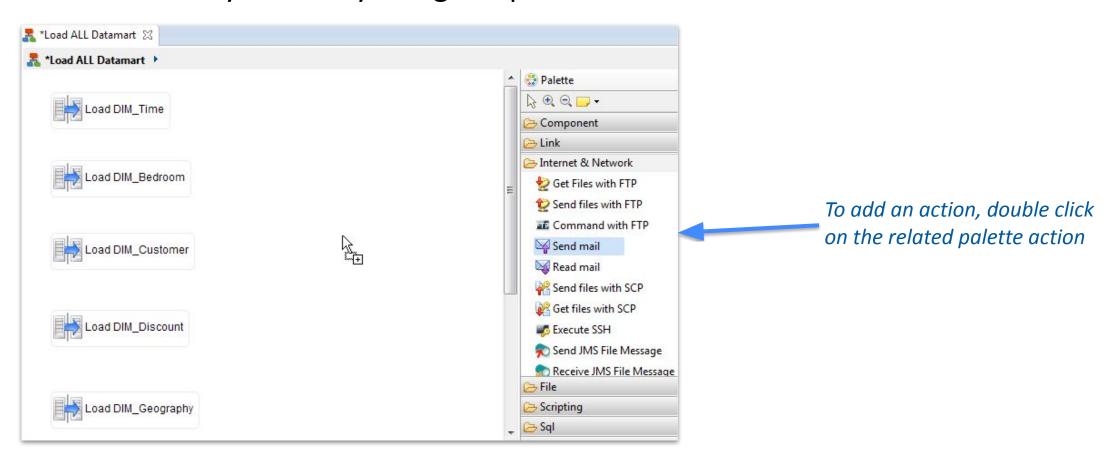
You can add Mappings with a simple "Drag & Drop" into the process:





Designing a process - Palette actions creation

You can add a unitary action by using the palette:



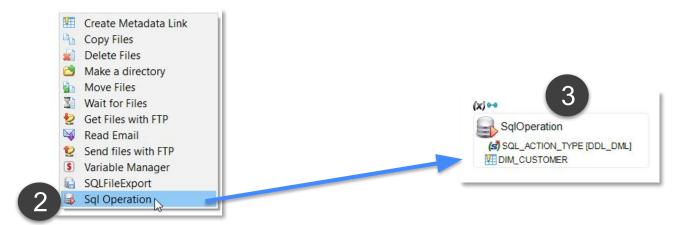


Designing a process - Palette actions creation

Another way to create palette action

- 1. Drag & drop particular Metadata in a process
- 2. A related window appears linked to the Metadata
- 3. The action is created





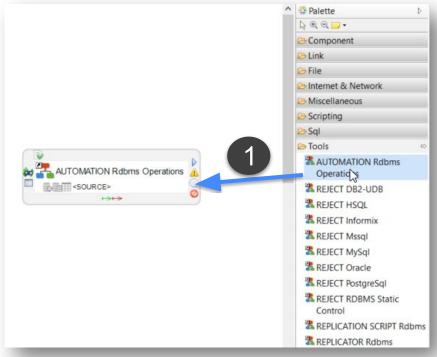


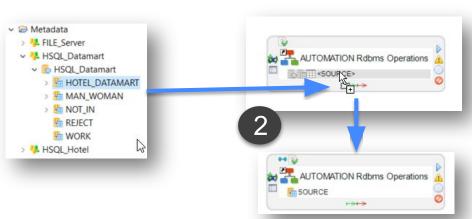
Designing a process - Other process & Templates

You can add a reference to a process or a template by

- 1. a simple "Drag & Drop" of the Template into the process
- 2. a drag & drop of metadata links on dedicated locations in the Template

A template will generally need metadata to be able to generate the appropriate code

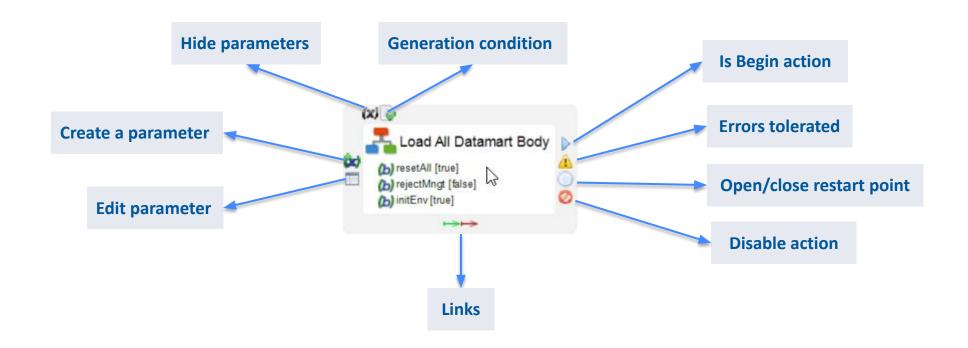






Designing a process - Banner around the actions

A banner is available around each action in a process



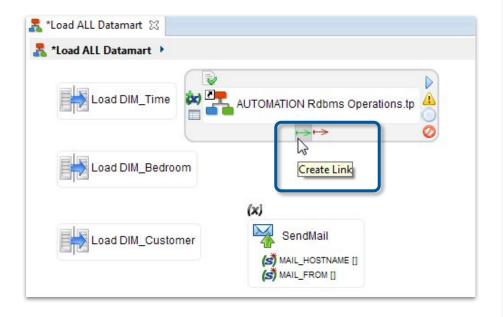
To select properly an action, locate the mouse on the name of the action, not on the properties



Designing a process - Links

You can link two actions

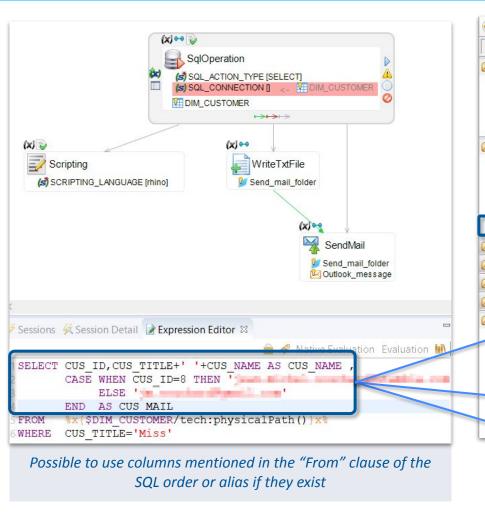
- Using the corresponding link in the palette
- Directly under each action

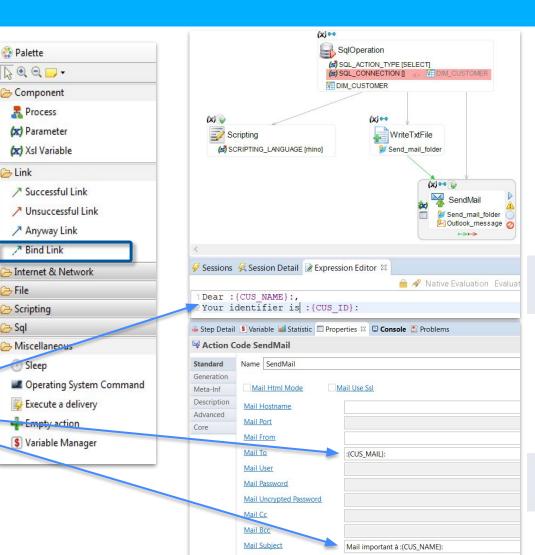






Designing a process - Bind link and variable





Mail Attach

D-Process

%x{\$Send mail folder/tech:path()}x%/:{CUS NAME}:.txt

Bind variables in the expression editor of the action

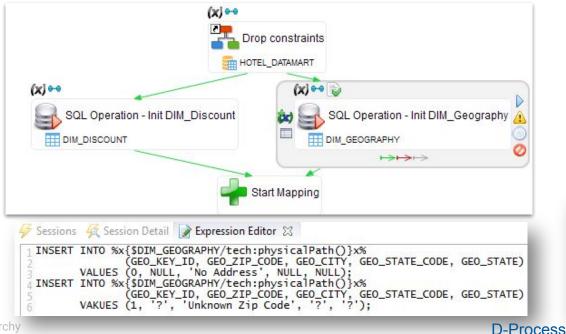
Bind variables in the properties of the action

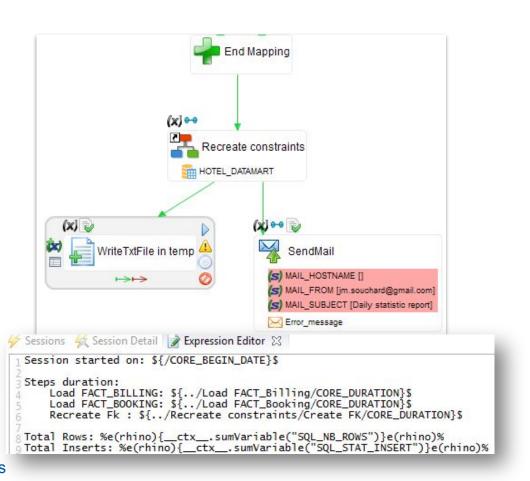


Designing a process - Text of unitary actions

Use the Expression Editor view, to define the text of some actions

- SQL operation,
- Writing of a file,
- Send a mail, etc.

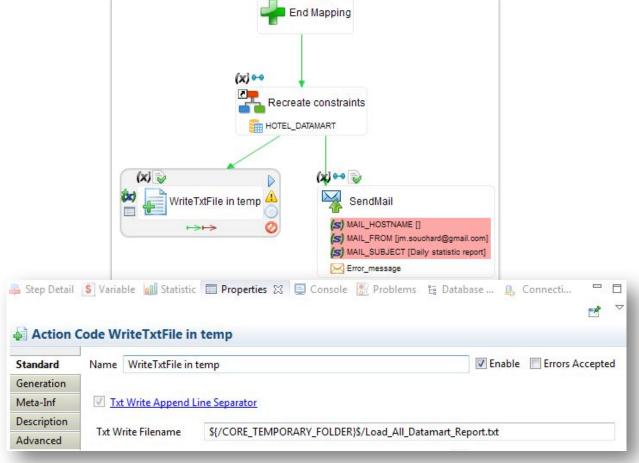






Designing a process - The step parameters

Each step (process, action, etc.) can be configured in the Properties view:



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Process



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Practice exercise



- With the mappings created
- Add an empty action and links
- Add two SQL Operations
- Add two "Automation Templates"







Related tutorial exercises

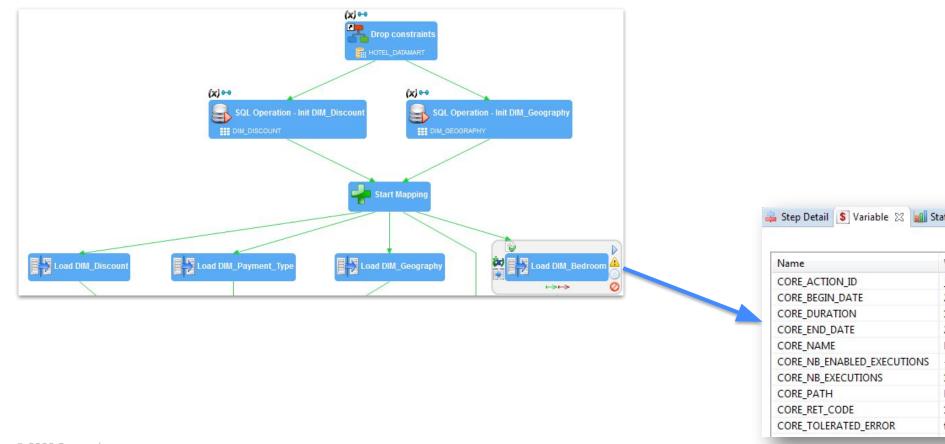
Automating the load of the Datamart

- Create a general orchestration process
- Use a template to manage constraints
- Create a report file using variables & statistics



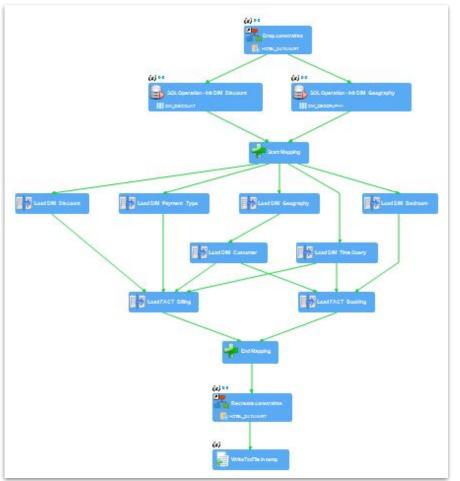


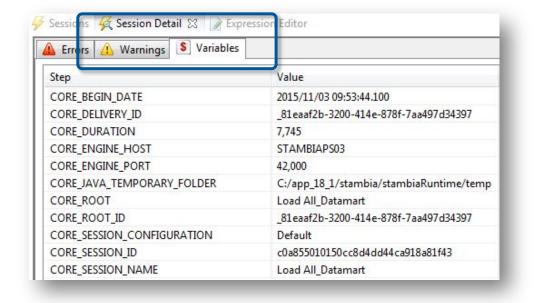
During execution, a process will generate variables for each step





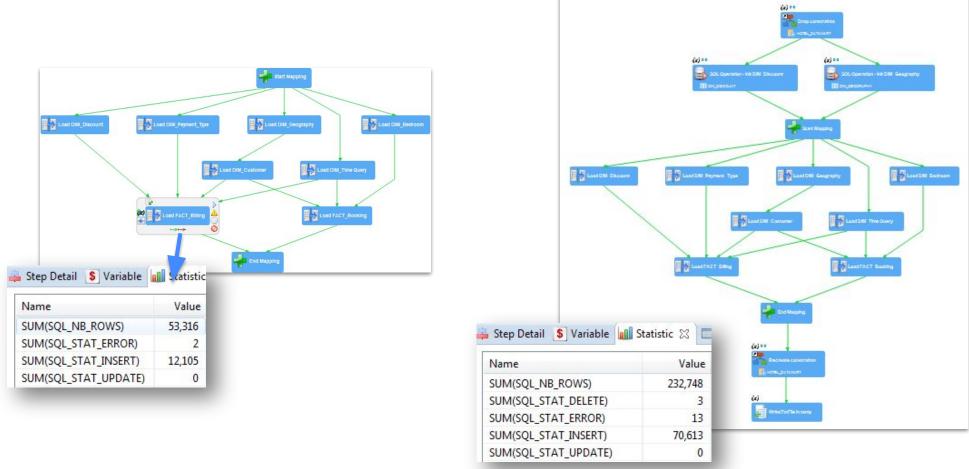
When executing a process, a session will be created and generate variables







Some variables can be aggregated and seen in the Statistic view





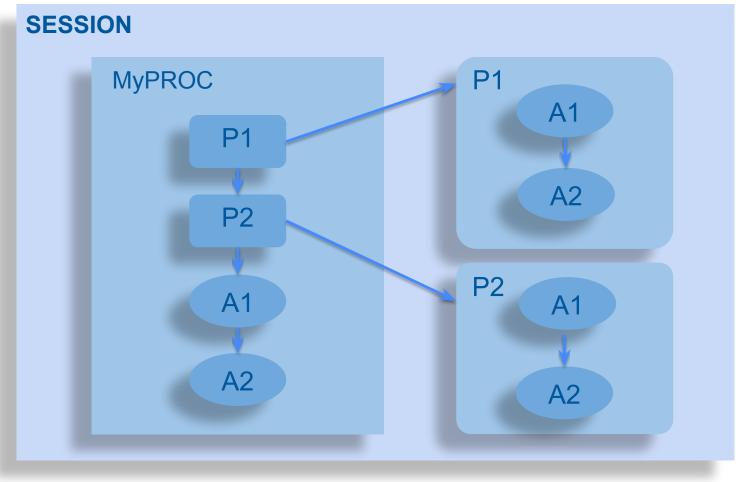
Managing variables and statistics

It is possible to get the value of the variables during the execution, with the following syntax:

- where <PATH_OF_THE_VARIABLE> is the complete path of the variable
- including the name of the variable



Consider the following process



SESSION is an execution instance of the process named 'MyPROC'

The *MyPROC* process calls two sub processes P1 and P2

When executing *MyPROC*, a session will be created (and visible in the Session and Session Detail views)

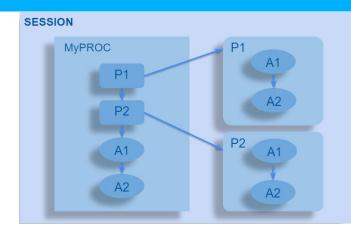
Each step (session, process, action, sub-process, ...) will generate variables



Managing variables and statistics

Example (1/2):

- \${/MyPROC/A1/CORE_DURATION}\$
 Gives the duration of the action A1 of the MyPROC process (main process)
- \${/MyPROC/P1/A1/CORE_DURATION}\$
 Gives the duration of the action A1 of the MyPROC/P1 process (sub process)
- \${~/A1/CORE_DURATION}\$: ~/ gets the path of the main process Gives the duration of the action A1 of the MyPROC process.
- \${.../A1/CORE_DURATION}\$
 Gives the duration of the action A1 of the parent process
 Used on the MyPROC/A2 action, this will give the duration of MyPROC/A1
 Used on the MyPROC/P2/A2 action, this will give the duration of MyPROC/P2/A1





Managing variables and statistics

Example (2/2):

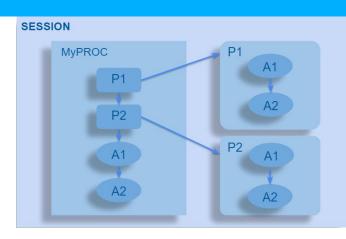
 \${/CORE_TEMPORARY_FOLDER}\$
 Gives the variable CORE_TEMPORARY_FOLDER on the session level (Session Detail view)

When you are on a link, it's like you are on the parent process!

\$\{.\A1/CORE_DURATION\}\$ > 300

This expression is an execution condition on a link in a process containing an A1 action

During the execution, there will be an evaluation of the duration of A1 and the destination action of the link will be executed only if the condition is true





Managing variables and statistics

To get the statistics of a specific variable, it is possible to use some scripting

The syntax is the following:

```
%e(language){ <language code>}e(language)%
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Where the **language** can be:

- Rhino (javascript),
- Jython,
- Groovy,
- ...

Sample: %e(rhino){__ctx__.sumVariable("SQL_STAT_INSERT")}e(rhino)%



Managing variables and statistics - Samples

- %e(rhino){__ctx__.sumVariable("SQL_STAT_INSERT")}e(rhino)%
 Gives the sum of the SQL_STAT_INSERT variables for all the process
- %e(rhino){__ctx__.sumVariable("SQL_STAT_UPDATE","../P1")}e(rhino)%
 Gives the sum of the SQL_STAT_UPDATE variables for the sub-process P1
- %e(jython){import time; __ctx__.retValue =time.strftime("%H_%M_%S")}e(jython)%
 Gives the current time
- %e(groovy){__ctx__.retValue = new Date().format('yyyyMMdd')}e(groovy)%
 Gives the current date

__ctx__ is a java object. For more information on this object and the existing public functions, consult the documentation of the product

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Using variables & scripting





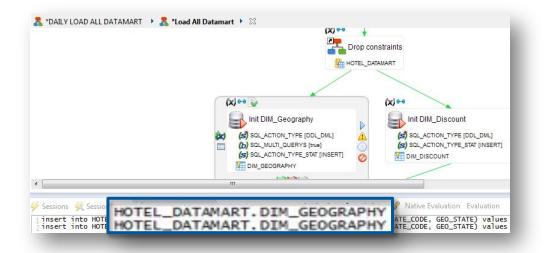


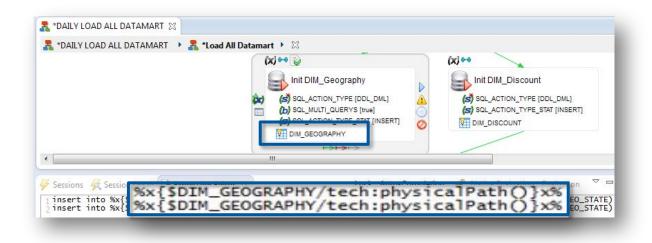
Use xPath expression

Don't hard code the reference of a table, as the schema could change on another environment

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Use an xPath expression referencing the metadata link





In a Process, XPath expressions can be enclosed by %x{ ... }x% tags

During the Preparation phase the expression is evaluated and the resulting String is substituted



Use xPath expression

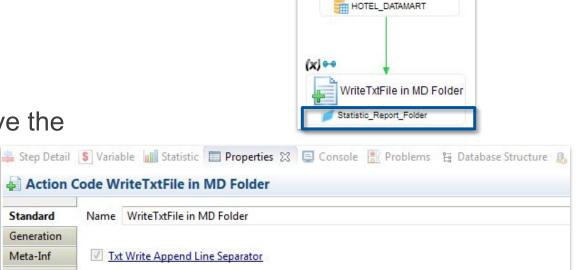
Never hard code a path: it could be different in another environment!

1. Create a folder in a "File Server" Metadata

2. Drag & Drop the Folder Metadata link in the process or in an action

3. Refer the folder using an xPath expression to retrieve the

path property



Statistic Report Folder

Name

Path

Statistic Report Folder

%x{\$Statistic_Report_Folder/tech:path()}x%/Load_All_Datamart_Report.txt

Recreate constraints

C:\app stambia\Used Files\Out files\statistic report

Standard

Description

Ref_File_Server.md
Server

Time
US Cities

US_States

Statistic_Report_Folder Externalize

Txt Write Filename



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