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1 Business Scenario

SAP Master Data Governance (MDG) provides business processes to find, create, change, and mark master data for deletion. It supports the governance of master data in a central hub and the distribution to connected operational and business intelligence systems.

The processes are workflow-driven and can include several approval and revision phases, and the collaboration of all users participating in the master data maintenance.

MDG offers change request (CR)-based processing of master data with integrated workflow, staging, approval, activation, and distribution.

This how-to guide describes the configuration of data replication for your customer specific data model (flex entity types).

2 Background Information

MDG offers the following options to store active master data (data that has been approved):

- The reuse option used by MDG-M and MDG-S stores data in the tables such as MARA or LFA1.
- The flex option used by MDG-F and MDG for Custom Objects stores data in generated tables.

In both options, inactive master data (data that has not yet been approved) is stored in the generated tables.

Data that the MDG system replicates to target systems is always **active data**. The MDG system takes the active data from the SAP ERP tables or from the generated tables depending on the option in use (**reuse option**).

MDG applications such as MDG-M, MDG-S, and MDG-F include standard implementations of the Data Replication Framework (DRF) that read the data and send the messages to the target system. The standard implementations support key mapping and value mapping.

SAP also delivers generic implementations that you can configure to replicate data from customer-specific applications (MDG for Custom Objects). This guide describes the necessary configuration steps.

You can perform most configuration tasks in Customizing for Master Data Governance under SAP Reference IMG > Cross Application Components > Processes and Tools for Enterprise Applications > Master Data Governance.

Additionally, you can use the following transactions:

- MDGIMG IMG Master Data Governance
- DRFIMG IMG Data Replication Framework
- IDMIMG IMG Key Mapping
- VMIMG IMG Value Mapping

3 Step-by-Step Procedure

3.1 Create the ZZ Data Model Using the Flex Option

This example involves a simple definition of the Data Model that includes two Entity Types and a relationship. The example covers a small part of the SFLIGHT scenario, a scenario that is often used in SAP training materials.

The assumption behind the example is that you are building a custom MDG application for creating and governing data about airlines.

In Customizing for Master Data Governance (transaction MDGIMG), choose General Settings > Data Modeling > Edit Data Model. In the Entity Types view, edit the CARR Entity Type for Carrier (Airline) as shown below.

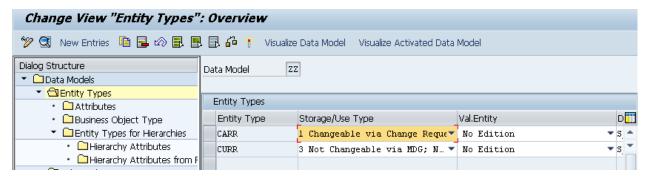


Figure 1 - The Entity Types view of the General Settings > Data Modeling > Edit Data Model Customizing activity

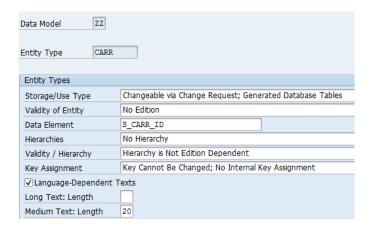


Figure 2 - The CARR Entity Type

Specify an attribute URL for the CARR Entity Type.

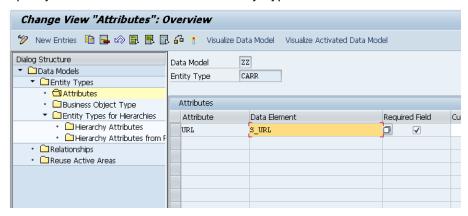


Figure 3 - The Attributes view

In the Entity Types view, edit the CURR Entity Type for Currency as shown below.

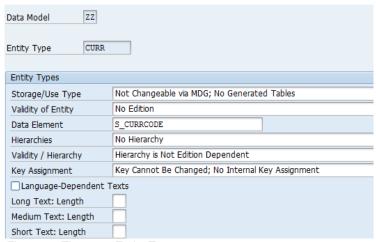


Figure 4 - The CURR Entity Type

In the Relationships view, specify the relationship between CARR and CURR.



After you generate the Data Model, you can use the USMD_DATA_MODEL report to identify the tables generated for your Data Model. You can access this report from transaction SE38.

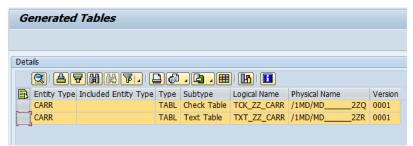


Figure 5 - Generated tables shown after running the USMD_DATA_MODEL report from transaction SE38

3.2 Enable Key Mapping (Optional Step)

This step is required if you want to implement key mapping.

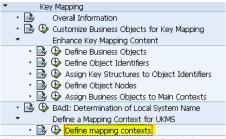
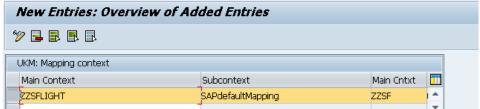


Figure 6 - Transaction IDMIMG: Define a Mapping Context for UKMS -> Define Mapping Contexts



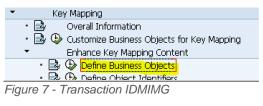
The system generates a set of tables based on standard tables. These tables should have a prefix of **z** to identify them as customer specific objects.



The system requires confirmation of tables to be copied.

3.3 Create a Business Object Type

Data replication always refers to business object types, which are based on data models. You can define business object types in the *Define Business Objects* customizing activity or in the *Define Business Objects Available for Replication* customizing activity.



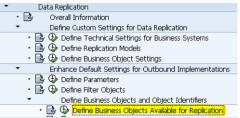
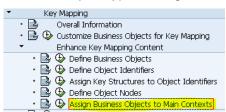


Figure 8 - Transaction DRFIMG



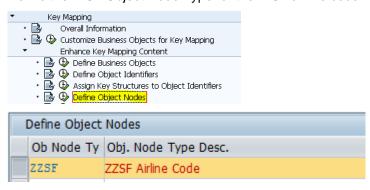
For key mapping, you must assign each Business Object Type to a Main Context. In this example the ZZSF Business Object Type is assigned to the ZZSFLIGHT Main Context.



Assign Busin	ess Objects to Main Context	CS .	
BO Type	Description	Main Context	Secondary Mapping Context
ZZSF	SFLIGHT (Flex Option)	ZZSFLIGHT	

3.4 Define Object Nodes

Define the ZZSF Object Node Type for the ZZSF airline code.



You can use the *Define Object Identifiers* customizing activity if there are different Object Identifier Types that must map to each other (for example, if a GUID must map to a number). An example used for the business partner is shown below.

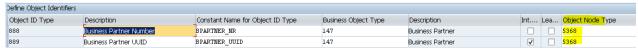
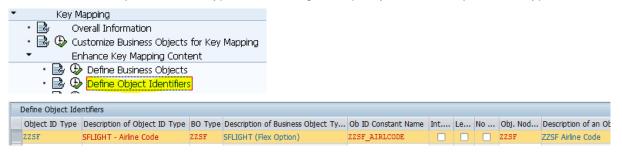


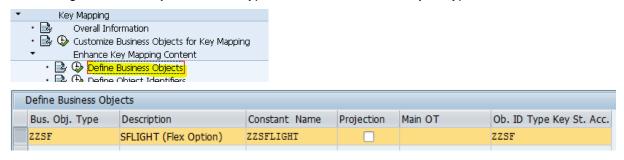
Figure 9 - Transaction IDMIMG: Enhance Key Mapping Content -> Define Object Identifiers

3.5 Create and Assign Object Identifier Types

Create the ZZSF Object Identifier Type. When doing this, specify the ZZSF Object Node Type defined earlier.

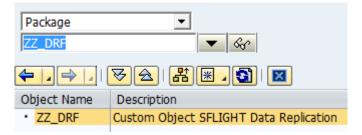


Next, assign the ZZSF Object Identifier Type to the ZZSF Business Object Type.

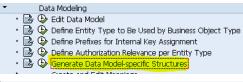


3.6 Generate Structures

Create a package in SE80.



Generate data model-specific structures for the CARR Entity Type.



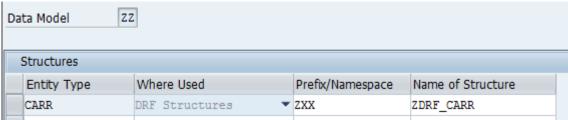


Figure 10 - Elements of the Generate Data Model-specific Structures Customizing activity



Figure 11 - Confirmation message after the activation of data model-specific structure

Do the same for entity type CURR.

Use transaction SE11 to check the structures for the ZXX_SZZ_ZDRF_CARR data type.

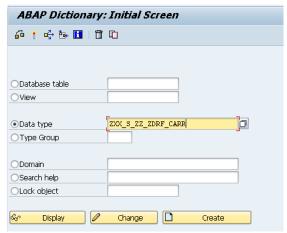
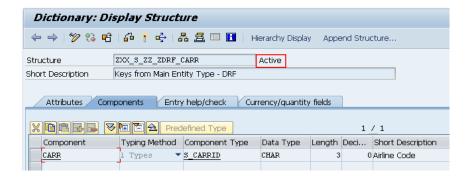


Figure 12 - Searching for data model-specific structure using transaction SE11

Whenever MDG generates these structures, it activates them.



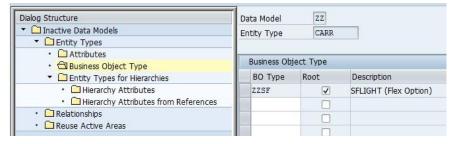
3.7 Assign a Key Structure to Object Identifier Types

Start transaction DRFIMG and navigate to *Data Replication > Enhance Default Settings for Outbound Implementations > Define Business Objects and Object Identifiers*. Execute customizing activity *Assign Key Structures to Object Identifiers*.



3.8 Assign a Data Model to a Business Object Type

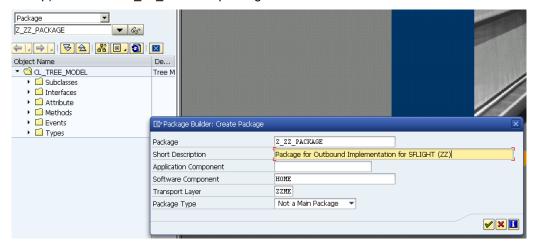
Start transaction MDGIMG and navigate to *Central Governance > General Settings > Data Modeling*. Start customizing activity *Edit Data Model*.



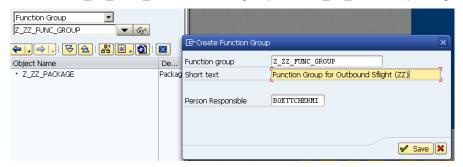
Generate data model ZZ.

3.9 Create an Outbound Interface

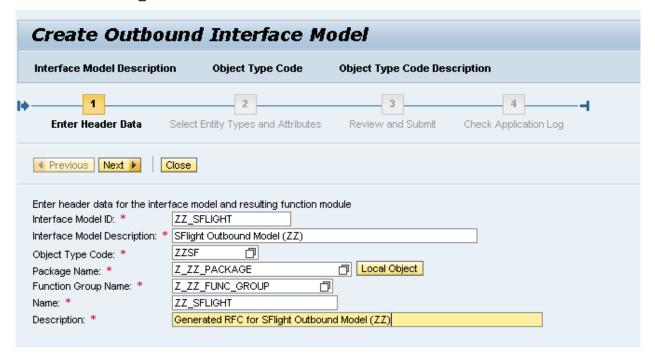
To prepare for the creation of an outbound interface, run transaction SE80 (Create Package / Function Group). Create the Z ZZ PACKAGE package.



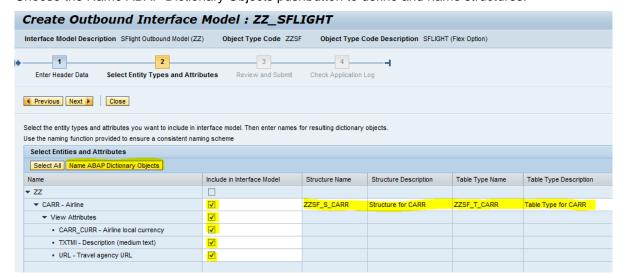
Create the Z ZZ FUNC GROUP function group in the Z ZZ PACKAGE package.

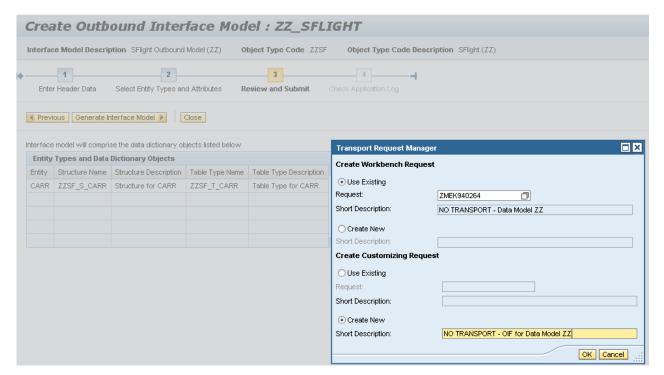


Start transaction OIF_MAINTAIN. Create and define an Interface Model ID.

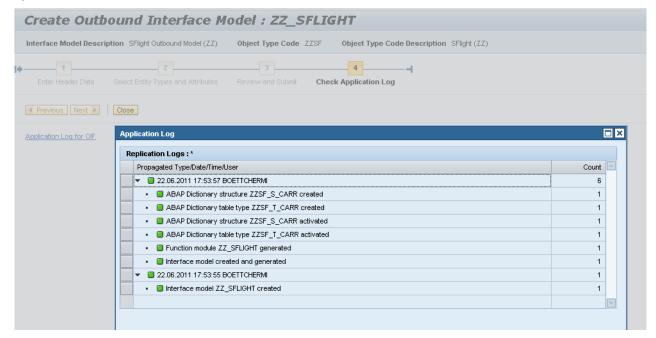


Choose the Name ABAP Dictionary Objects pushbutton to define and name structures.

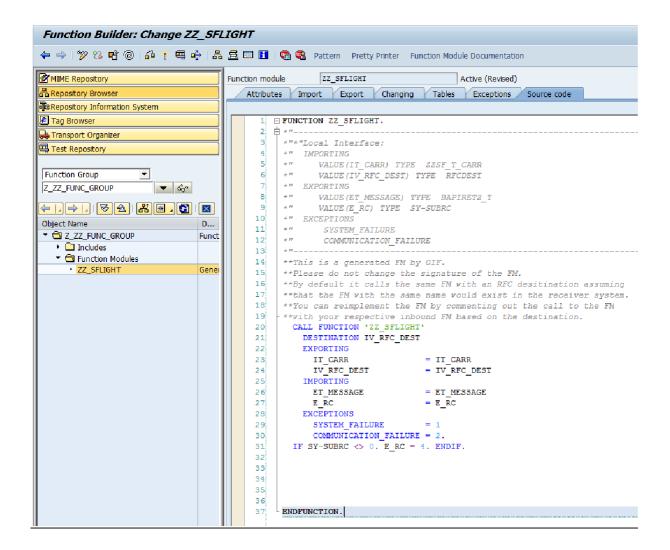




The Transport Request Manager that opens when you complete Step 3 in creating an Outbound Interface Model – Review and Submit. You can use the same transport to transfer the function module in the target system later on.



The Application Log that opens in Step 4 of creating an Outbound Interface Model – Create Application Log. After you define the ZZ_SFLIGHT Outbound Interface Model, the system generates the ZZ_SFLIGHT function module (see below). The outbound implementation defined in the DRF calls this function module.

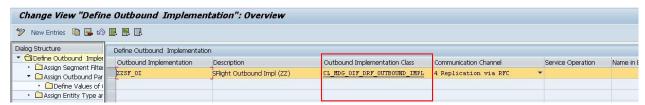


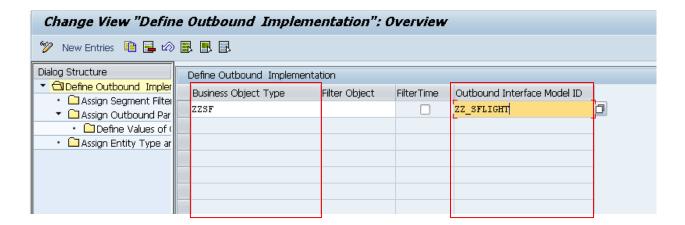
3.10 Create an Outbound Implementation

Start transaction DRFIMG. Navigate to *Data Replication > Enhance Default Settings for Outbound Implementations*. Execute IMG activity *Define Outbound Implementations*.

When defining an outbound implementation, use the generic outbound implementation class (CL_MDG_OIF_DRF_OUTBOUND_IMPL). You can copy this class to allow additional capabilities that are not supported by default such as key mapping and value mapping. For more information, you can refer to the standard outbound implementations that SAP delivers for other objects.

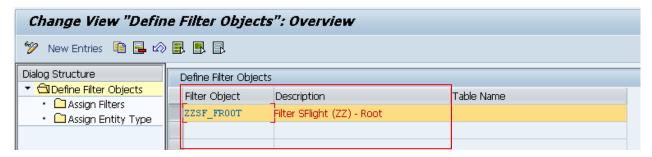
For your outbound implementation, you must specify a Business Object Type (in this case ZZSF_01), an Outbound Implementation Class (in this case CL_MDG_0IF_DRF_OUTBOUND_IMPL), and an Outbound Interface Model ID (in this case ZZ_SFLIGHT). The Outbound Interface Model ID is the last column in a table that requires scrolling. The two screenshots below show the relevant fields.





3.11 Create a Filter Object

Start transaction DRFIMG. Navigate to *Data Replication > Enhance Default Settings for Outbound Implementations*. Execute customizing activity *Define Filter Objects*.



Leave field *Table Name* blank. A complex filter such as the one in the example does not require a table name. The system only requires table names for simple filters. Such filters are only available for standard applications that are built using the reuse option.

If required, you can define your own structure to include all relevant fields from the generated table. In the *Assign Filters* view, apply the following settings.

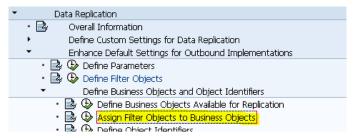
- For field Filter use codes between 80 and 99. This range is assigned to the customer namespace.
- Use the generic Filter Class CL MDG OIF DRF FILTER.



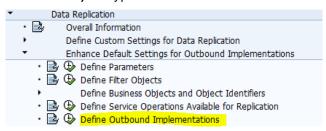
You do not have to assign an Entity Type.

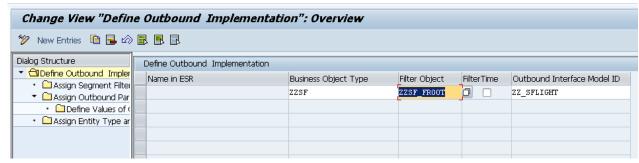
3.12 Assign a Filter to a Business Object Type or an Outbound Implementation

You can assign a Filter Object to a Business Object Type.



Alternatively, you can assign a Filter Object to an outbound implementation, which is more specific than a Business Object Type.

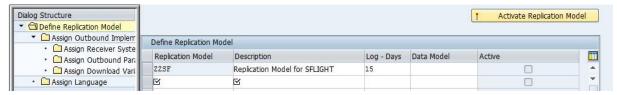




3.13 Create a Replication Model

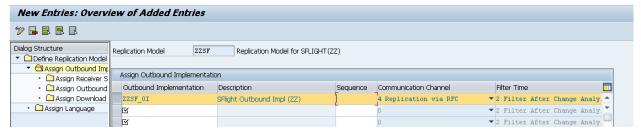
Define the ZZSF Replication Model. This customizing activity is client-specific.

Run transaction DRFIMG and choose **Define Custom Settings for Outbound Implementations > Define Replication Models**.

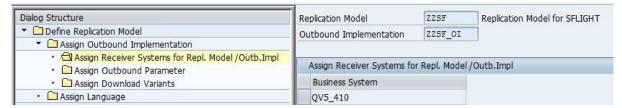


The *Data Model* field is specific to MDG-Financials. You do not need to specify a data model for custom objects.

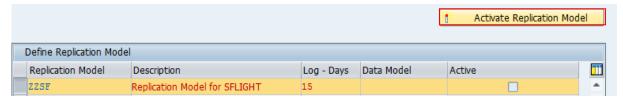
Assign the ZZSF_01 outbound implementation to the ZZSF Replication Model.



Assign the Business System or systems that act as receiver systems for the combination of the Replication Model and the Outbound Implementation.



Make sure you activate the Replication Model.

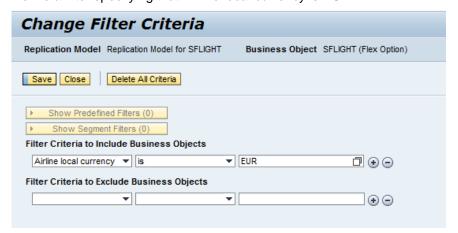


3.14 Create a Filter

Run transaction DRFF.

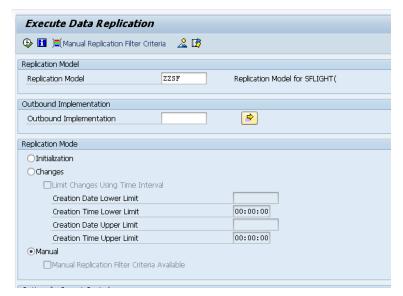


Define a filter specifying that Airline local currency is EUR.

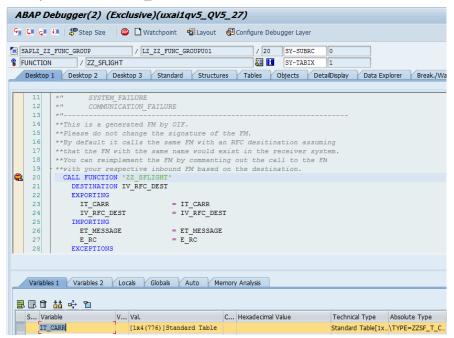


3.15 Replicate Data

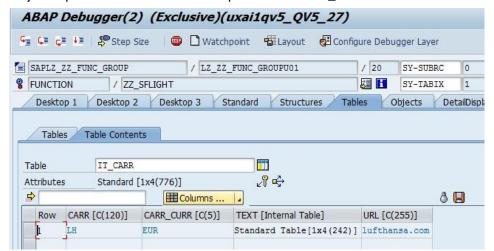
Execute data replication in transaction DRFOUT. Enter Replication Model ZZSF and execute the program.



The system calls the ZZ_SFLIGHT outbound interface.



Objects specified as filter criteria are passed to the ZZ SFLIGHT function module.



Note, this example ends with the data passed to the function module in the sender system. The next step is to create a function module with the same name (ZZ_SFLIGHT) in the receiver system. The function module in the sender system (shown above) calls the function module in the receiver system. Additionally, you need to implement settings that allow the posting of the data.

You can consider more sophisticated implementations like using ALE / IDocs or WebServices for the data replication. To do this, start by implementing an RFC-enabled function module in the receiver system. Based on the implementation of the function module, you can generate a BAPI and an IDoc (including functions modules for sending and receiving). The function module of the sender system (shown above) calls the function module you implement in the receiver system. Likewise, you can generate and consume a WebService.

4 Additional Information

4.1 Further Reading

4.1.1 Information on SAP MDG on SAP S/4HANA

- Exchange knowledge: <u>SAP Community</u> | <u>Q&A</u> | <u>Blog</u>
- Try SAP Master Data Governance on S/4HANA for free: Trial Version
- Learn more: Latest Release | Webinars | Help Portal | How-to Information | Key Presentations

4.1.2 SAP Roadmap Explorer

• Please see the roadmap for SAP Master Data Governance

4.1.3 Related Information

Learn more: Floorplan Manager for Web Dynpro ABAP | How to Adapt FPM | FPM Blog | How-to Information | Service Mapping Tool | SAP S/4HANA Cookbook CVI

