

Measure the Performance of SAP IBP Actions

One advantage of using custom VBA code is that several steps can be combined. Within one button, different simulation runs can be triggered, and data changes can be made and saved. This can be useful in different ways.

HOW TO START

In our example, we explain how you could set up an upgrade test to measure the performance of different actions in the SAP IBP, add-in for Microsoft Excel (Excel add-in). You can also use the test to make sure that those steps are still working after an upgrade of your SAP IBP system.

In the respective .xlsm file for this use case, you find one worksheet with the planning view for which we are running the tests, and a second worksheet including the upgrade test itself, where the performance measurements are collected. See the screenshot below.

Run Upgrade Test		Reset Status	
Test Step	Time Elapsed (sec)		
Refresh			
Simulate			
Run Forecast in Simulation			
Save			

The upgrade test we implemented in this example includes the following steps:

1. Refresh the planning view
Call `IBPAutomationObject.Refresh`
2. Change a cell
`ActiveSheet.Range("K7").Value = 100`
3. Run "Simulate Basic"
Call `IBPAutomationObject.Simulate`
4. Run a statistical forecast operator in simulation mode
Call `IBPAutomationObject.Simulate ("My forecast model", "IBPFORECAST")`
5. Save data
Call `IBPAutomationObject.SaveData (True)`

You can suppress the dialog for reason codes, comments, and sharing, to not interrupt the performance measurements, by setting the parameter for suppressReasonCodeCommentDialog of the API SaveData to "True". For more information about SaveData, see [SaveData](#) on the SAP Help Portal.

To measure the performance of the different steps, the start and end time is collected, and the difference is added to the specific cells in the upgrade test worksheet as shown below.

```
StartTime = Timer
Call IBPAutomationObject.Refresh
SecondsElapsed = Timer - StartTime
tester.Range("E8").Interior.ColorIndex = 35
tester.Range("E8").Value = SecondsElapsed
```

The whole code looks the following:

Private Sub RunUpgradeTest_Click()

```
Dim StartTime As Double
Dim SecondsElapsed As Double
Dim tester As Worksheet
```

ResetStatus_Click

On Error GoTo ErrorHandler:

```
If IBPAutomationObject Is Nothing Then Set IBPAutomationObject =
    Application.COMAddIns("IBPXLClient.Connect").Object
Set tester = ActiveSheet
```

```
ActiveWorkbook.Sheets("Test 1").Activate
'refresh
StartTime = Timer
Call IBPAutomationObject.Refresh
SecondsElapsed = Timer - StartTime
tester.Range("E8").Interior.ColorIndex = 35
tester.Range("E8").Value = SecondsElapsed
```

```
'change cell and simulate
ActiveSheet.Range("K7").Value = 100
StartTime = Timer
Call IBPAutomationObject.Simulate
SecondsElapsed = Timer - StartTime
tester.Range("E9").Interior.ColorIndex = 35
tester.Range("E9").Value = SecondsElapsed
```

```
'run simulation for forecast model xyz
StartTime = Timer
Call IBPAutomationObject.Simulate ("My forecast model", "IBPFORECAST")
SecondsElapsed = Timer - StartTime
tester.Range("E10").Interior.ColorIndex = 35
tester.Range("E10").Value = SecondsElapsed
```

```
'save data
StartTime = Timer
Call IBPAutomationObject.SaveData(True)
SecondsElapsed = Timer - StartTime
tester.Range("E11").Interior.ColorIndex = 35
tester.Range("E11").Value = SecondsElapsed
```

```
'show the upgrade test worksheet  
tester.Activate
```

Exit Sub

ErrorHandling:

```
'Implement error handling to help the user to understand what went wrong  
MsgBox Err.Description, vbOKOnly, "Microsoft Excel: Custom VBA code"
```

End Sub

The ResetStatus_Click is just cleaning the last results:

```
Private Sub ResetStatus_Click()  
    Range("B8:E16").Interior.ColorIndex = 0  
    Range("E8:G16").Value = ""  
End Sub
```

Feel free to adjust and include the steps that you want to test for your use case. You can run further operators in simulation mode or include further worksheets with planning views which need to be tested. Please keep in mind that the VBA code will have the same effect as clicking the respective buttons in the SAP IBP ribbon. If an error message comes up, the user interaction will be measured as well.

Please note: Code lines which already have been explained in the tutorial for other use cases are not explained in detail again, so please check those as well.

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