Implement Problem Resolution

At a Glance



Problem Management Process

Log and Categorize a Problem



Diagnose and Define



Resolve and Realize

Implement Problem Resolution



Validate and Close

Purpose

The processor implements the solution to resolve the reported Problem.

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Scenario 1: Implement code correction for cloud products

- 1a Coordinator reassigns the Problem to processing group
- **1b** Processor creates code correction request
- 1c Processor performs code correction and informs coordinator upon completion

Scenario 3a: Implement non-code solution for cloud products with sequential tasks

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- **1b** Processor performs the task and inform Coordinator upon completion
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- 1d Coordinator and processor repeat the steps of reassignment and implementation until all subtasks are completed (if necessary)

Scenario 2: Implement code correction for on-premise products

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Scenario 3b: Implement non-code solution for cloud products with parallel tasks

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- 1b Processor(s) execute the Problem Tasks and inform Coordinator
- 1c Coordinator confirms the completion of the tasks

Notes

Scenario 3: when to use what record?

- It is recommended to use the same Problem record and reassign to different processors sequentially when several tasks need to be completed in a defined sequence to implement the solution.
- It is recommended to create multiple Problem Tasks and assign them to different processors when the multiple tasks can be performed in parallel to implement the solution.

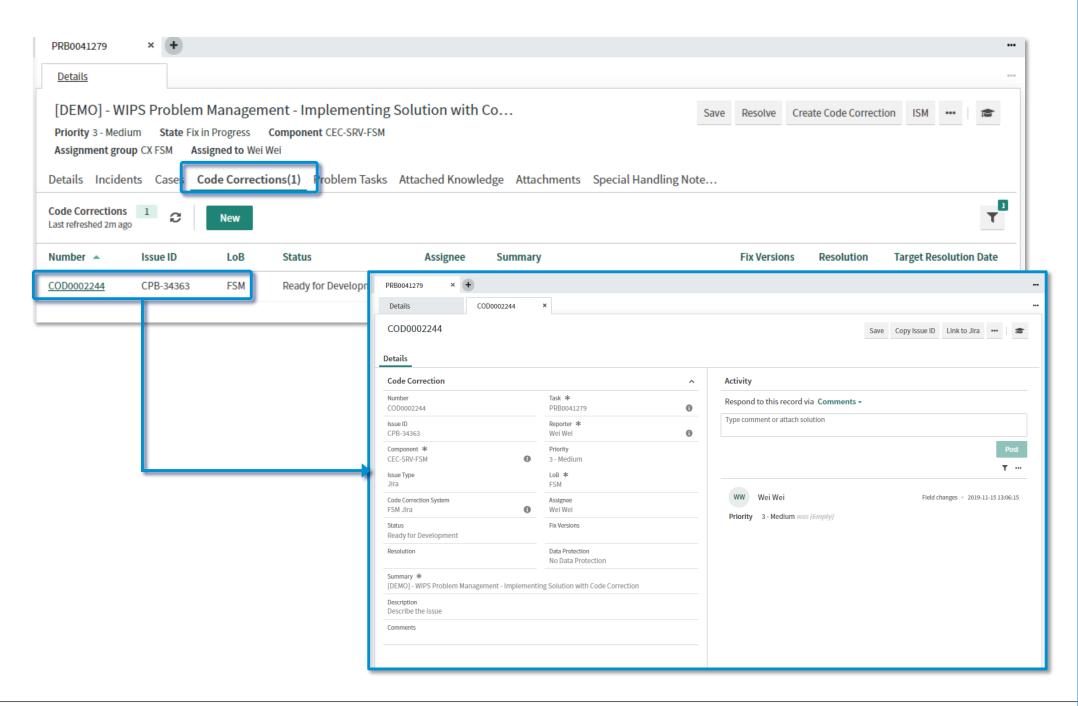
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Where to find Code Correction record in NOW?

Once the code creation issue has been created in the development system, the Now system automatically creates a Code Correction record that is linked to the development system if it's been integrated with NOW.

The NOW Code Correction record is saved under the **Code Corrections** tab of the Problem record. It is **read only** for all the detailed information as such information is replicated from and updated by the linked development system (e.g. Jira).



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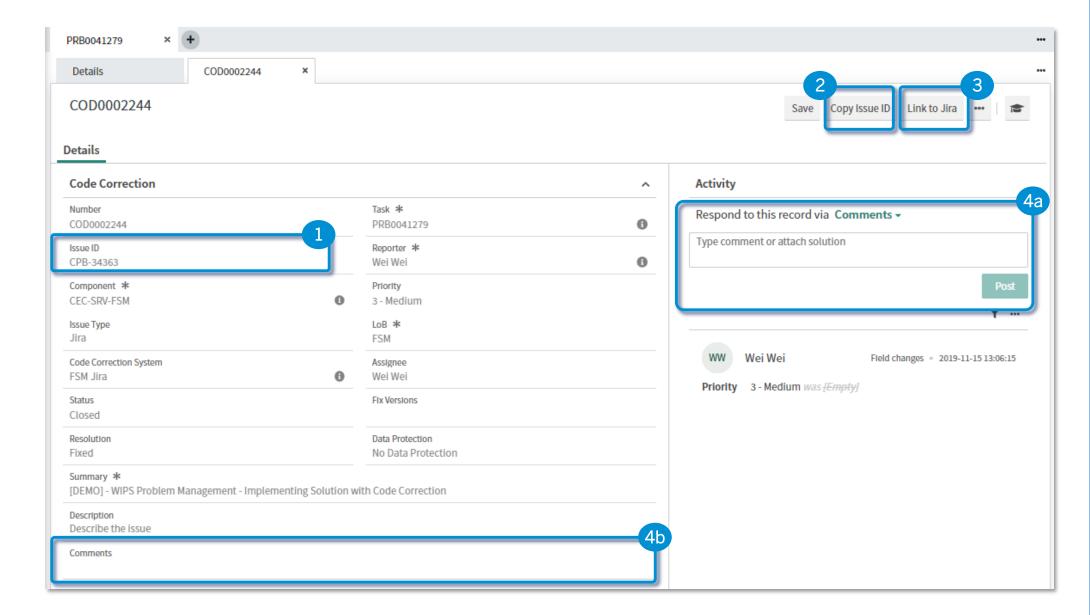
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What can you do in NOW Code Correction Record?

Although the Code Correction record is read-only in NOW system, you can still use the following functionalities:

- 1. The **Issue ID** is the reference number in the development system.
- 2. Click **Copy Issue ID** to copy the record ID in NOW
- 3. Click **Link to Jira** to open the JIRA issue record directly in the development system. This functionality is only available if the system has been integrated with NOW.
- 4. Use **Respond to this record via comments** in the Activity stream and click **Post** (Alternatively use **Comments** field in the **Details** section and click **Save**) to send internal notes. The comments provided in the NOW Code Correction record will be copied to the development system's record, and vice versa.





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Scenario 1: Implement code correction for cloud products

1a Coordinator reassigns the Problem to processing group

Step1

Open the Problem record and add the processing group for implementation to the **Assignment group** field.

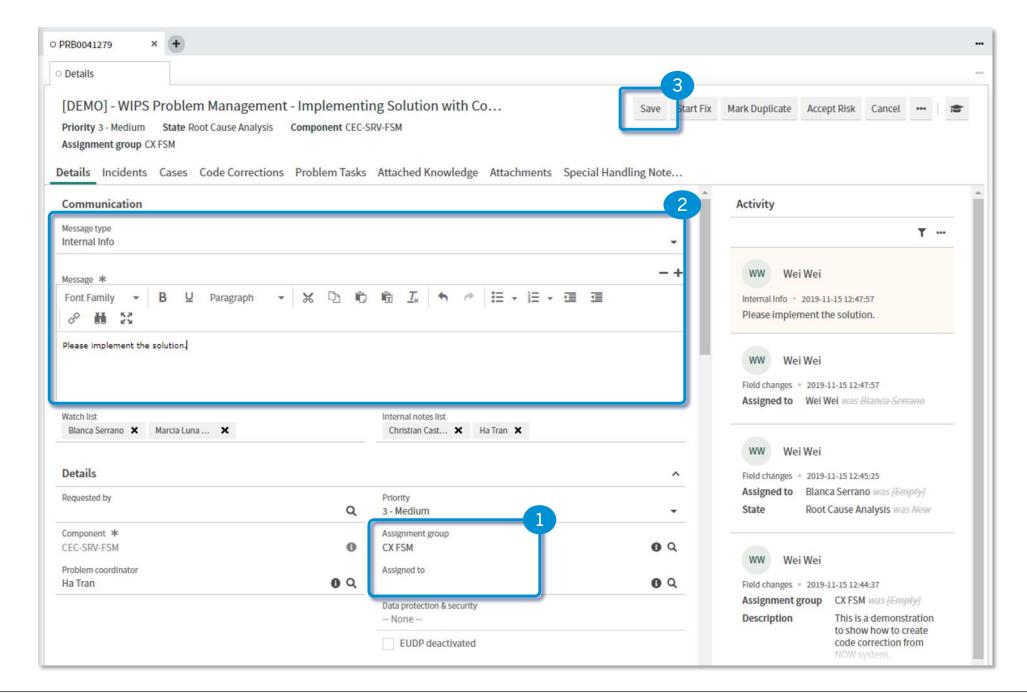
Alternatively, if the Coordinator knows the specific processor's name, add this name to **Assigned to** field to directly assign this Problem to the individual processor.

Step 2

Select **Internal Info** as the **Message type** and leave a comment in the **Message** field to inform the next step of implementation.

Step3

Click **Save** to update the record. The system automatically notifies all processors in the new assignment group via email about this new assignment.



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Scenario 1: Implement code correction for cloud products

1b Processor creates code correction request

When a Problem is created with component that has its system integrated with NOW, a Code Correction can be directly created in the development system by clicking the UI action button Create Code Correction.

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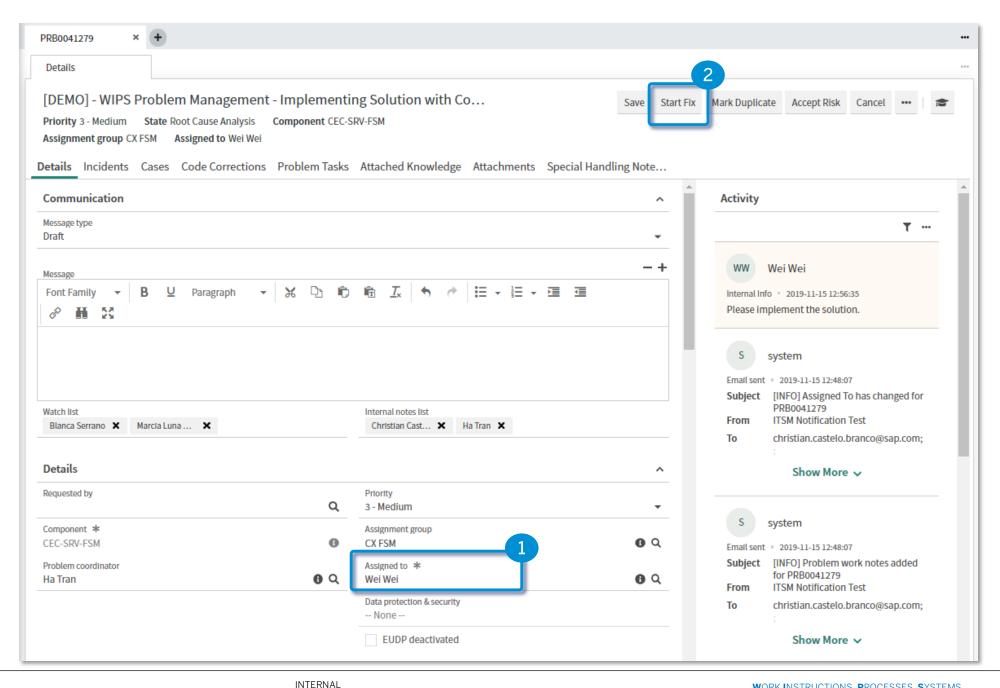
Processor self-assigns the Problem to himself for the implementation by adding his name to the **Assigned to** field.

Alternatively, the processor may also be already assigned by someone else to the Problem record.

Click here to see how to assign record to yourself or others.

Step 2

Click **Start Fix** to start the implementation process. This changes the state of the Problem record to Fix in Progress.



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Step3

Click the **3-dot icon (...)** to expand the UI action list (if necessary).

Step 4

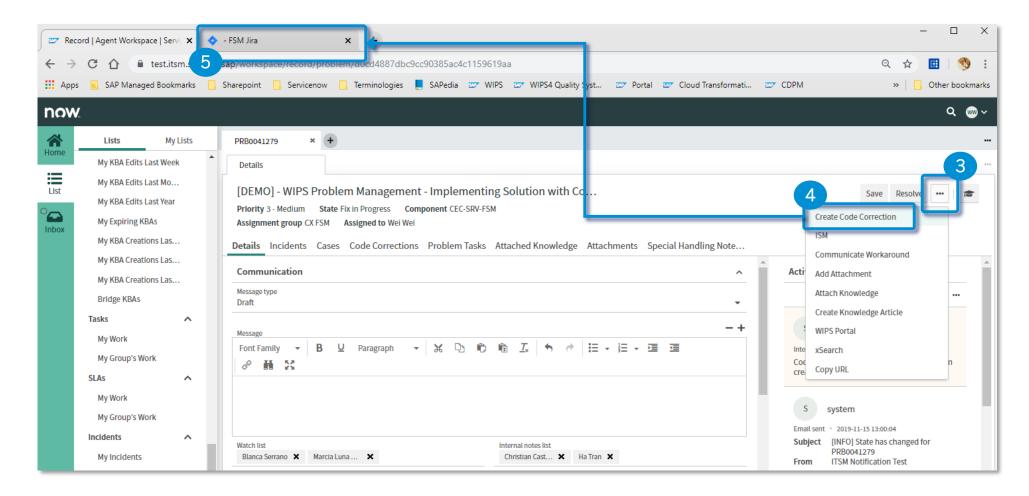
Click **Create Code Correction** to open the development system for code creation.

Note: JIRA is used here only for demonstration purpose. Different business units may have different systems linked and opened when clicking Create Code Correction.

Step 5

The code correction system will be opened in the new tab.

Note: Depending on the Data Protection settings, you may need to confirm the pop-up warning for processing EUDP-restricted records before opening the development system.



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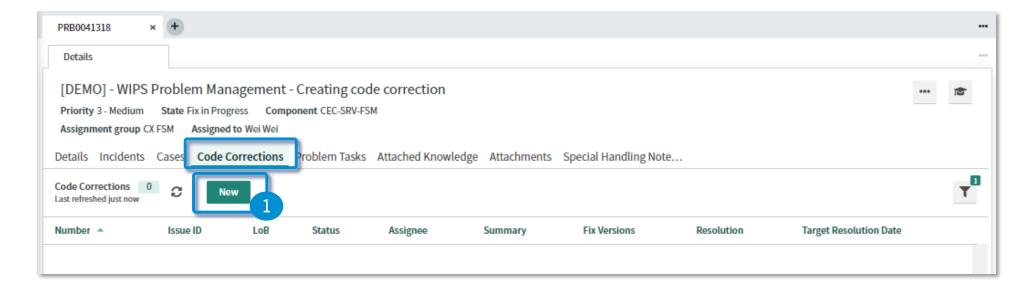
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1b Processor creates code correction request

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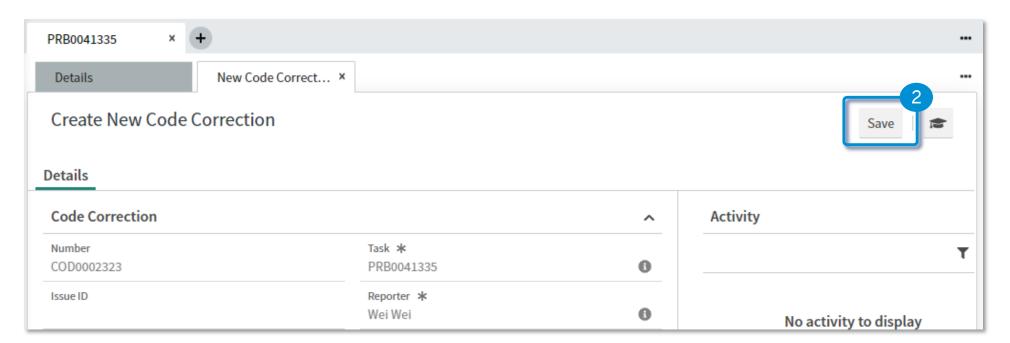
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Go to ${\bf Code\ Corrections}$ tab and click ${\bf New}$ to open a new Code Correction Record.



Step 2

Once the new Code Correction record is automatically generated, click **Save** to save this record.



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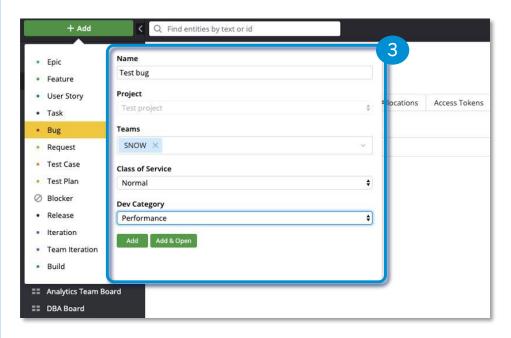
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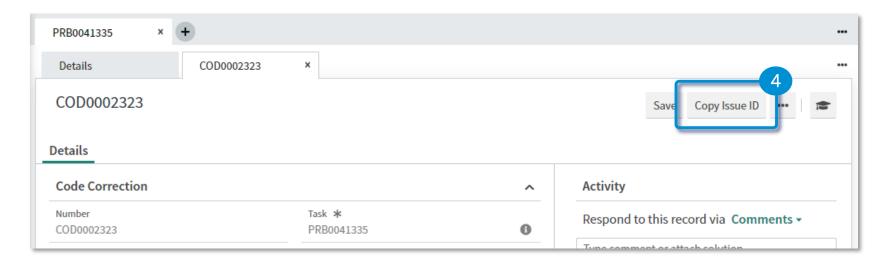
Step3

Manually go to the development system and create a Bug/Issue in that system.



Step 4

Go back to NOW and click Copy Issue ID to copy the NOW Code Correction record's issue ID.



Step 5

In the development system, paste the NOW Issue ID to the corresponding field (e.g. **snowID** in TagretProcess) and save the record.

Once this field is updated, the development system automatically sends the Bug/Issue information to NOW and updates the Code Correction record in NOW automatically.



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Scenario 1: Implement code correction for cloud products

1c Processor performs code correction and informs coordinator upon completion

Step1

Go to the development system, fill in the mandatory information in the development system, and create new issue record in the development system. This record number is automatically documented in the NOW system in the Code Correction record as **Issue ID**.

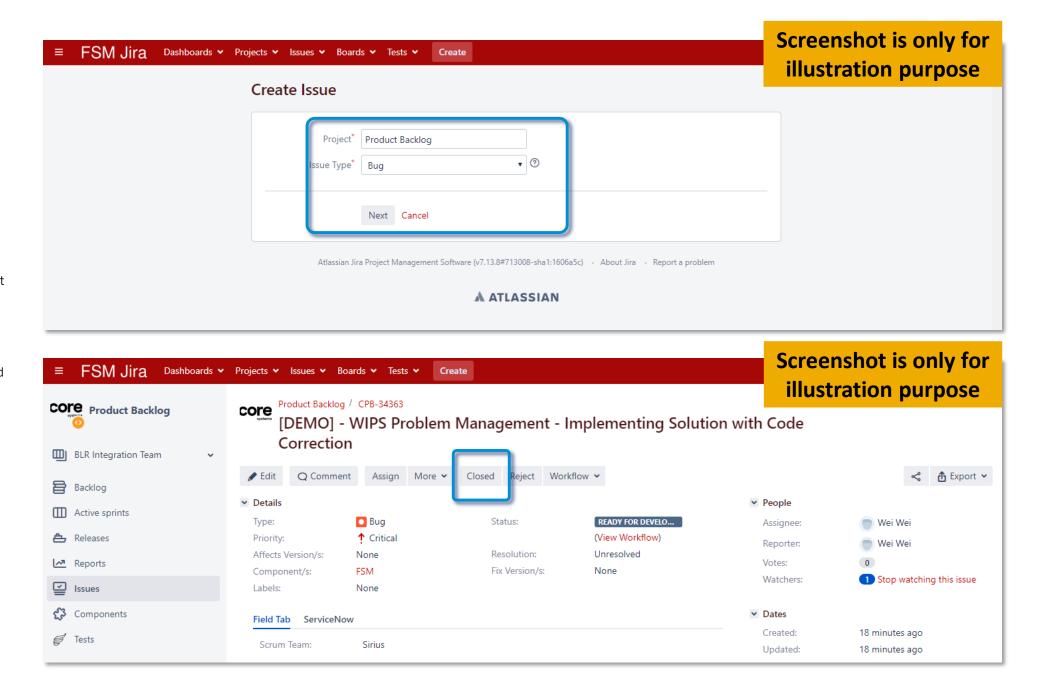
Stakeholders listed in the NOW system's Internal notes list will be automatically notified via system email about the new creation of Code Correction record.

Step 2

Perform the code correction. Then update the closure information in the development system and close the record in the development system.

Step3

The NOW Code Correction record is also automatically updated and closed.



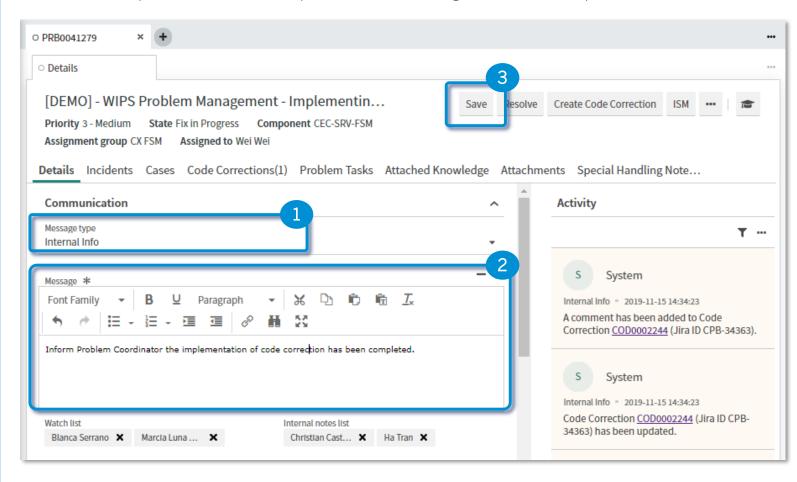
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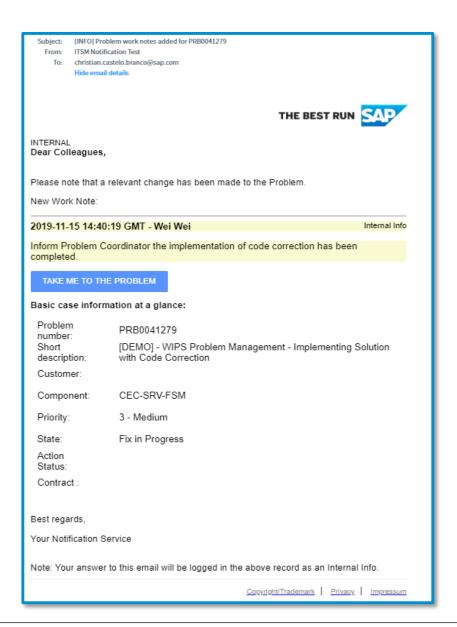
1c Processor performs code correction and informs coordinator upon completion

Step 4

Go to Communication tab of the Problem record, select **Internal Info** as the **Message type** and inform the Problem Coordinator the completion of code correction implementation in the **Message** field. Click **Save** to update the record.



The Problem Coordinator will be notified automatically via system email.





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Scenario 2: Implement code correction for on-premise products

1a Coordinator reassigns the Problem to processing group

Detailed work instructions will be available soon

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Scenario 2: Implement code correction for on-premise products

1b Processor creates SAP Notes and documents resolution in Problem

1c Processor informs the coordinator the SAP Notes

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Scenario 3a: Implement non-code solution for cloud products with sequential tasks

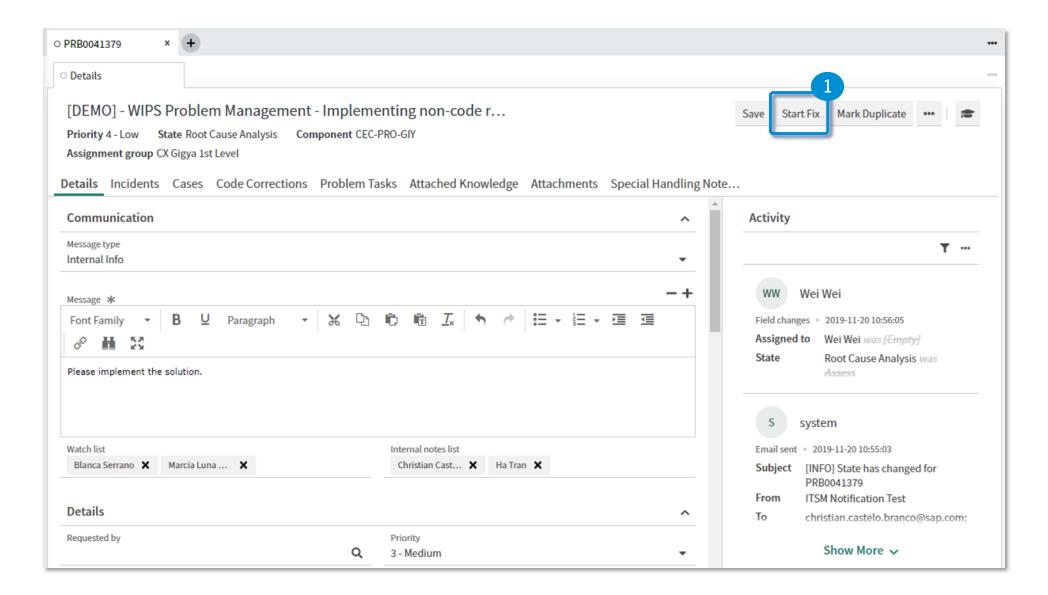
1a Coordinator triggers the fix and reassigns the Problem to processing group

Step1

Open the Problem record and click Start Fix.

This changes the state of the Problem record to **Fix in** Progress.

The system automatically notifies the current processor of the Problem via email about the state change. If no individual processor is assigned to this Problem, the processors in the current assignment group would be notified instead.



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Scenario 3a: Implement non-code solution for cloud products with sequential tasks

1a Coordinator triggers the fix and reassigns the Problem to processing group

Step 2

Add the new processing group for implementation to the **Assignment group** field.

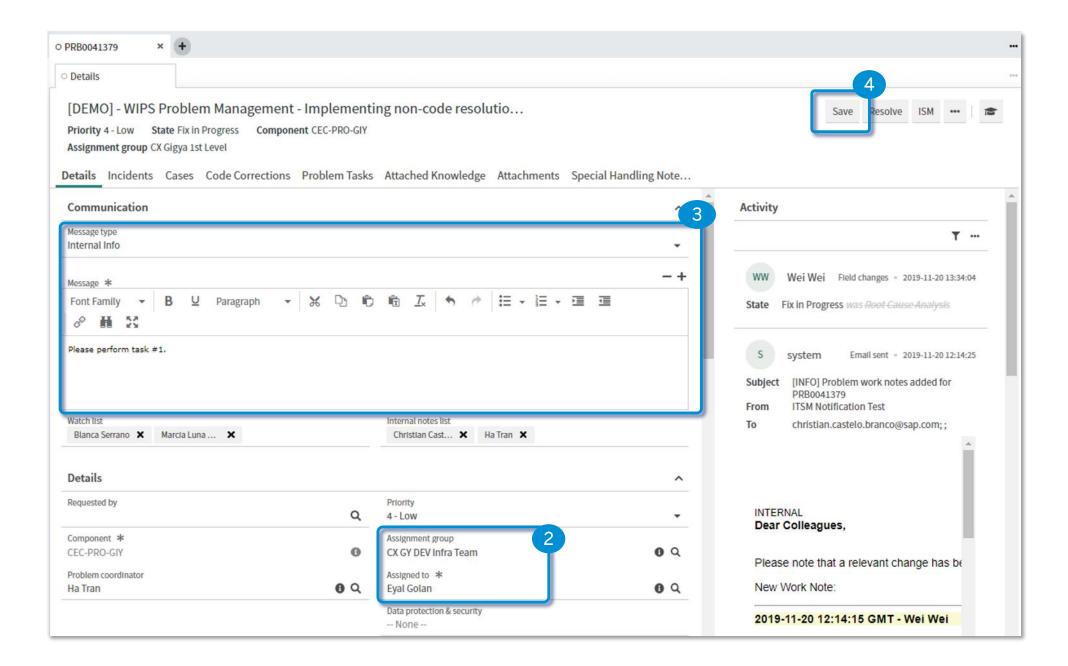
Alternatively, if the Coordinator knows the specific processor's name, add this name to **Assigned to** field to directly assign this Problem to the individual processor.

Step3

Select **Internal Info** as the **Message type** and leave a comment in the **Message** field to inform the processor of the next step for the solution implementation.

Step 4

Select **Save** to update the record. The newly assigned processor (or all processors in the new assignment group if the field Assigned to is empty) will be automatically notified via email about the new assignment.



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Scenario 3a: Implement non-code solution for cloud products with sequential tasks

1b Processor performs the task and inform Coordinator upon completion

Step1

Once receiving the system-generated email notification for the new assignment, click **TAKE ME TO THE PROBLEM** link in the email to open the Problem record.

Assign the record to yourself if necessary and click **Save** to update the record.

Step 2

Perform the described task(s) according to the email notification received.

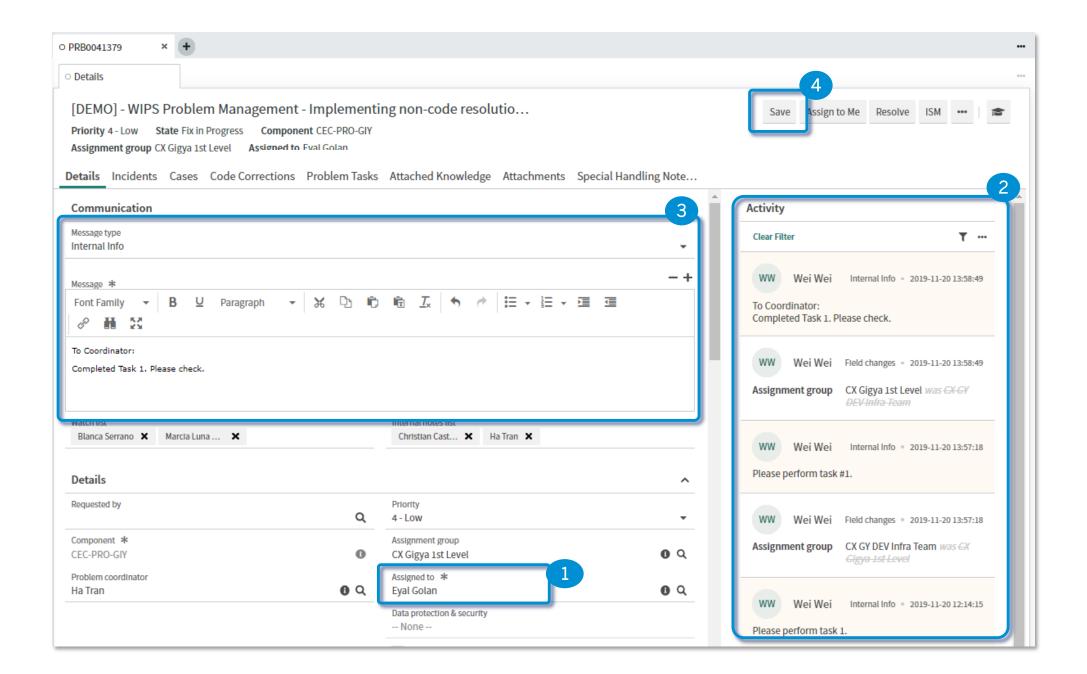
Alternatively, you may also find the **Internal Info** documented in the **Activity** steam.

Step3

Select **Internal Info** as the **Message type** and inform the Problem Coordinator the completion of your assigned task in the **Message** field.

Step 4

Click Save to update the record.



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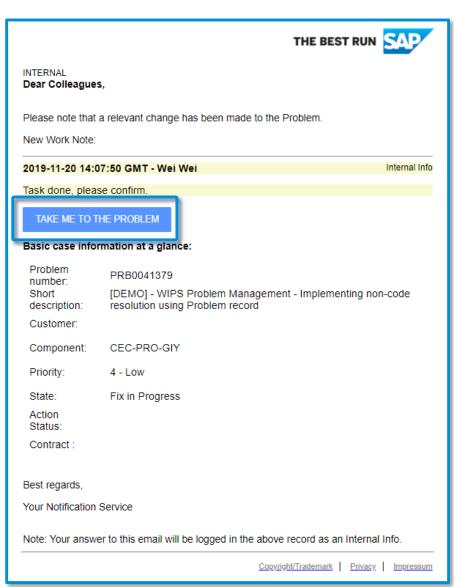
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Scenario 3a: Implement non-code solution for cloud products with sequential tasks

- 1c Coordinator confirms the completion of the task
- 1d Coordinator and processor repeat the steps of reassignment and implementation until all subtasks are completed (if necessary)

Step1

Once notified about the completion of task by the processor, click **TAKE ME**TO THE PROBOEM in the email to open the Problem record.

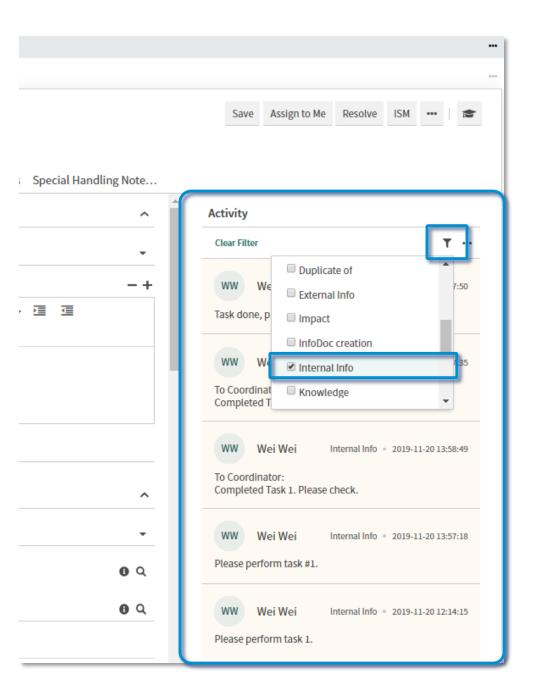


Step 2

Check and confirm that the task has been properly completed by the assigned processor.

Coordinator reassigns the Problem to the next processor and use **Internal Info** to inform the next processor about the tasks to be performed. Repeat the Steps 1a (task assignment) and 1b (task completion) until all subtasks have been successfully completed.

All tasks assigned can be easily displayed by using the **Filter** functionality in the **Activity** stream and select **Internal Info** as the type of activities to display.





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Scenario 3b: Implement non-code solution for cloud products with parallel tasks

1a Coordinator triggers the fix, and creates and assigns Problem Task(s) to assignment group(s)

Step1

Open the Problem record and click Start Fix.

This changes the state of the Problem record to Fix in **Progress**.

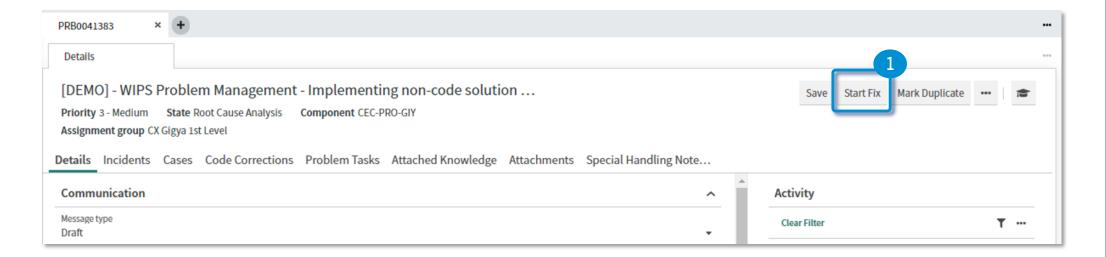
The system automatically notifies the current processor of the Problem via email about the state change. If no individual processor is assigned to this Problem, the processors in the current assignment group would be notified instead.

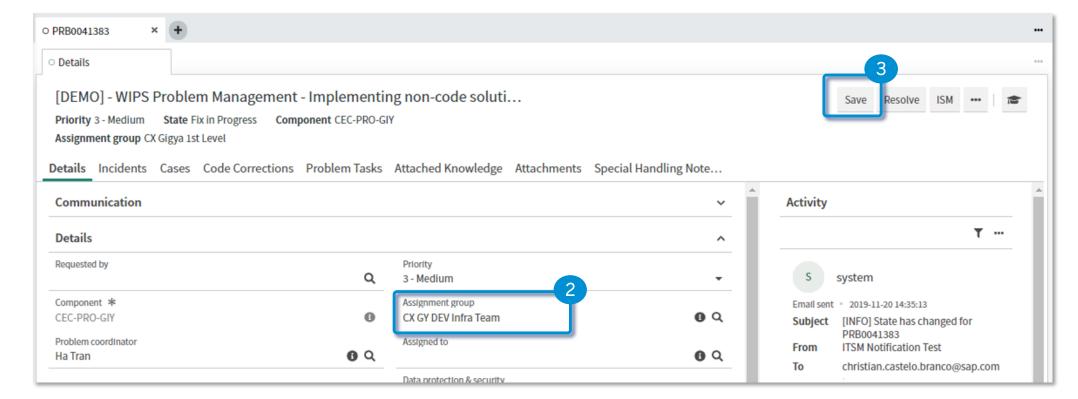
Step 2

Add the new processing group for implementation to the **Assignment group** field.

Step 3

Click **Save** to update the record. All processors in this new assignment group will be notified via email about the new assignment.





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Scenario 3b: Implement non-code solution for cloud products with parallel tasks

1a Coordinator triggers the fix, and creates and assigns Problem Task(s) to assignment group(s)

What is problem task?

A problem task is the smallest unit of work that you should perform to complete a problem. A problem can be divided into multiple problem tasks which can then be easily assigned to different assignment groups or processers.

The Problem Task records capture individual tasks for this Problem record and can be worked on by different processors in parallel.

What is the purpose of using Problem Task records?

The Problem Task records are only used as task reminder and KPI calculation for the problem management process. The assigned processor or approver should ALWAYS use the Problem record to document the result of the root cause analysis.

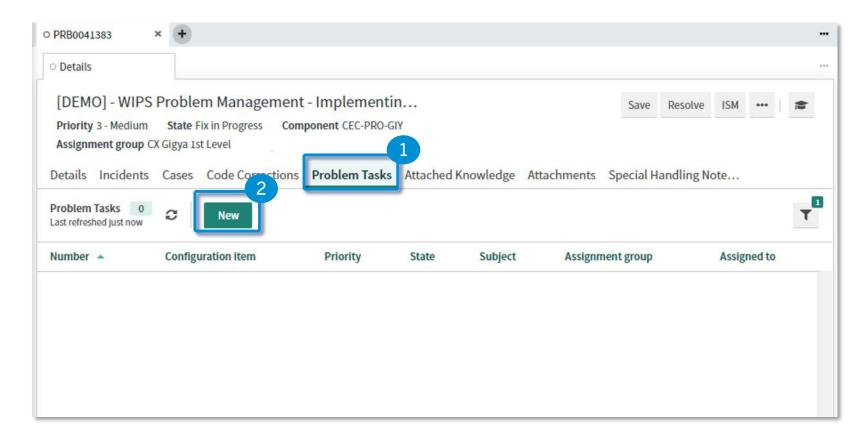
You do not need to document the result in the Problem Task records, but you can use the task records to post internal notes. The Problem record can be closed with open Problem Tasks. Once the Problem is closed, all the task records will be automatically closed.

What are the types of Problem Task record?

- Root Cause Analysis: Task to investigate the root cause of a problem and if possible find a resolution for the problem
- Root Cause Analysis Review: Task to approve or reject the result of the RCA
- Corrective Task: Task to correct the occurred issue
- Preventive Task: Task to prevent the recurring issue from happening in the future
- General: All other tasks

Step 4

Go to **Problem Tasks** tab and click **New** to open a new Task record.



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Scenario 3b: Implement non-code solution for cloud products with parallel tasks

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Step 5

Fill in the following mandatory fields in the Problem Task record:

- **a. Type** (Click <u>here</u> to see all types of Problem Tasks)
- **b. Component** (auto-populated, but can be adjusted)
- **c. Assignment group** (manual selection)
- **d. Subject** (This field is auto-populated based on the Subject of the Problem record. Change the Subject for this task record if necessary)
- e. Description

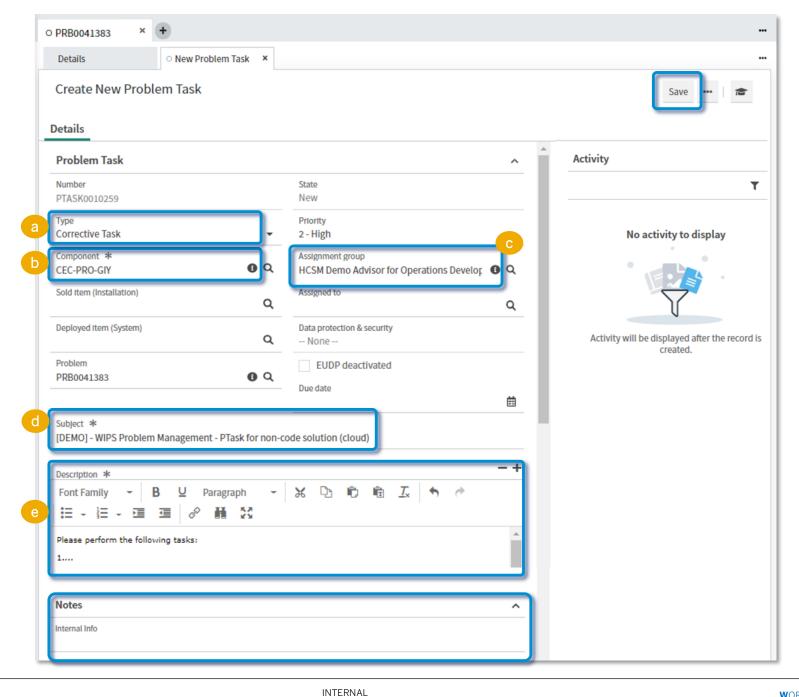
You may also use Internal Info under the Notes section to leave any comment for the processor.

Step 6

Click Save to update the record.

Step 7

Continue to create all necessary tasks for this implementation of the solution.



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Scenario 3b: Implement non-code solution for cloud products with parallel tasks

1b Processor(s) execute the Problem Tasks and inform Coordinator

Notes You may skip this slide and go to Favorites tab in the Application Navigator to see your saved lists if you have created and saved this list before. Click <u>here</u> to see how to save the filtered list as your favorite for future use.

Step 1

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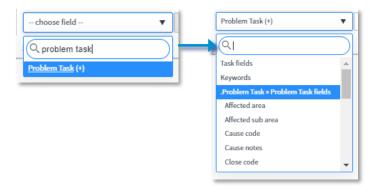
In the **Application Navigator**, select **Service Desk** and then go to My Groups Work to see all records and tasks assigned to your assignment group.

Step 2

Click the **Filter** icon on the top left corner to open the filter.

Step 3

Click AND to add new criteria. Select Problem Task (+) in the field list first to open the dot-walking list. Then open the field list again and select **Type** under Problem Task.



Add the following criteria to filter for all non-RCA Problem Tasks:

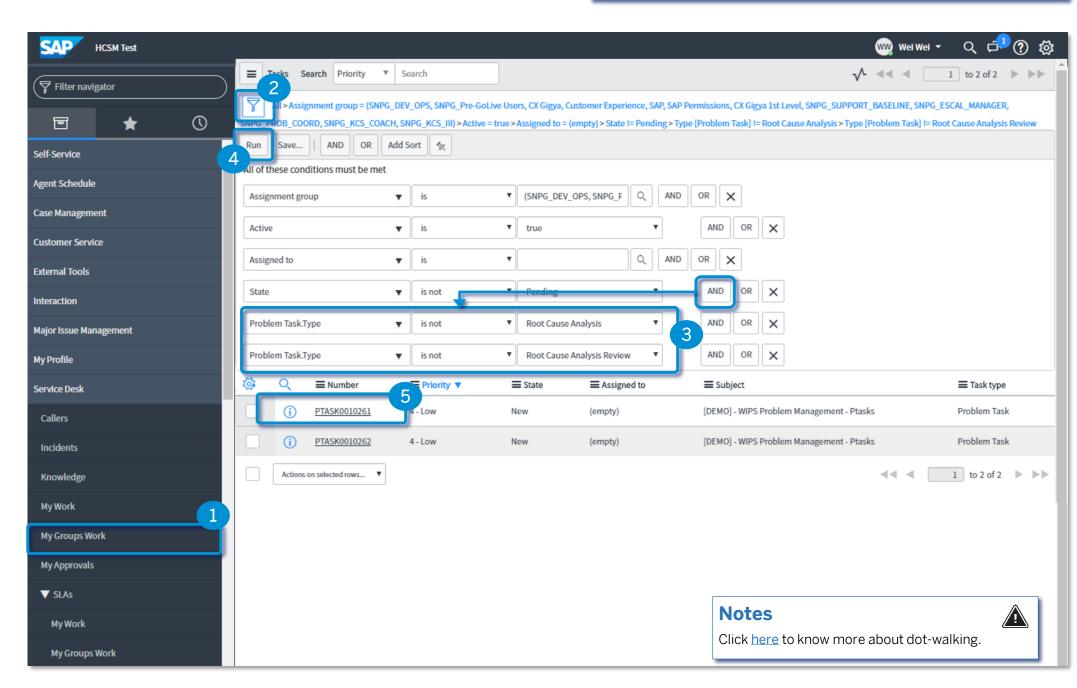
Problem Task type is not Root Cause Analysis AND **Problem Task type is not Root Cause Analysis Review.**

Step 4

Click **Run** to update the new filtering conditions.

Step 5

Click the **Problem Task Number** to open one Problem Task record from the filtered list.



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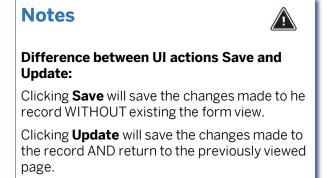
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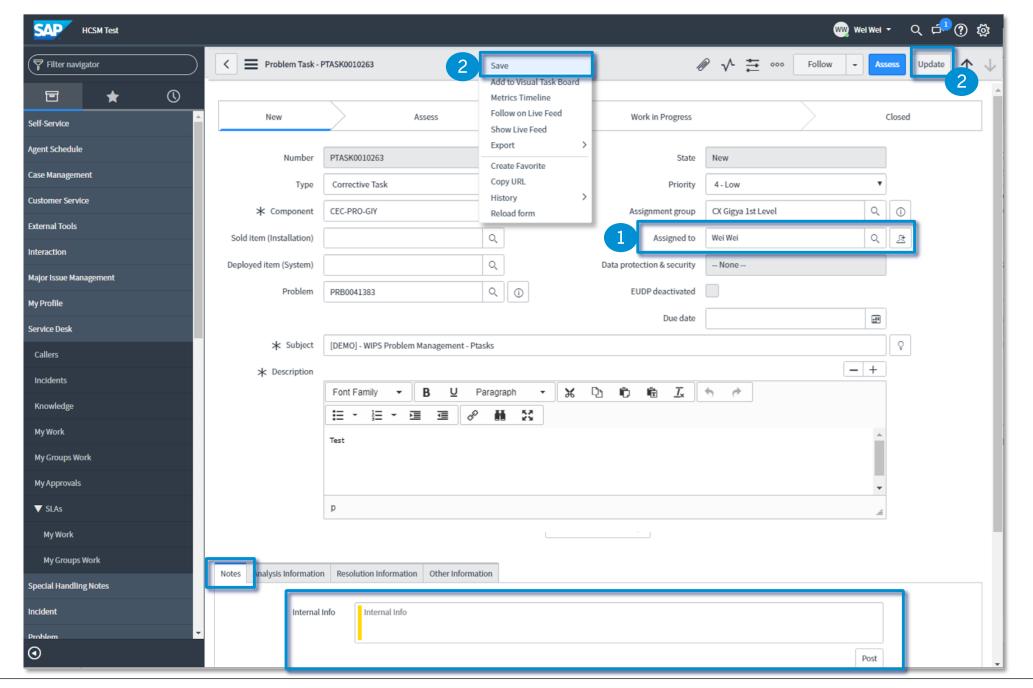
If you need to assign the Problem Task to someone else, add his/her name to **Assigned to** field. You may also leave an **Internal Info** (in Notes section) (optional) and click Post to send this comment to the record.

Step 7

Right-click mouse in the title bar to open the form's context menu and click **Save** to update the record for this new assignment.

If you've assigned the task to another processor and would like to save and close the record, click **Update** to update and close this record.





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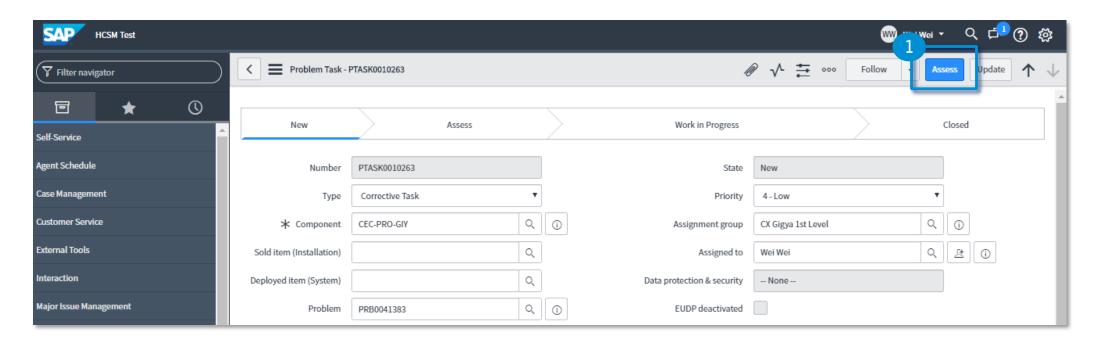
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Step8

Click **Assess** to start the assessment of the Problem Task and check the feasibility of the assigned task.

This changes the state of the Problem Task to **Assess**.

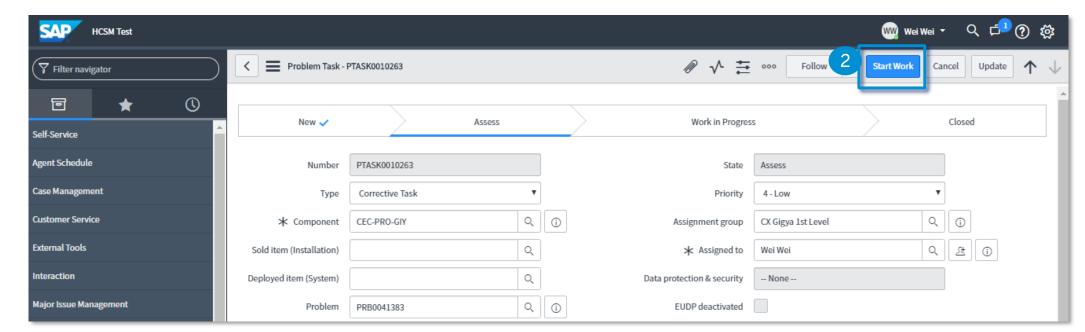
Add information or comment as needed using **Internal Info** in the Notes tab and click **Post** to send the information whenever necessary during the assessment.



Step9

Click **Start Work** to start the corrective, preventive, or general task in order to implement the solution.

This changes the state of the Problem Task to **Work** in **Progress**.



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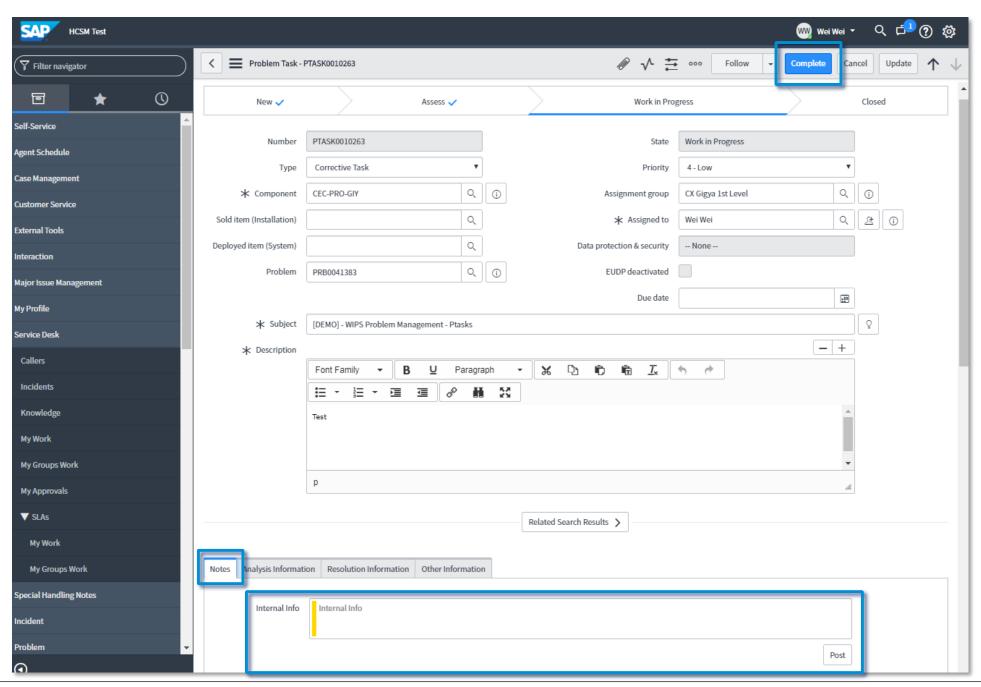
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1b Processor(s) execute the Problem Tasks and inform Coordinator

Step 10

Once perform all the required steps and complete the assigned task, click **Complete** to close the Problem Task record. This changes the state of the Problem Task to **Closed**.

If necessary, you may use the **Internal Info** in the **Notes** section to leave any comment or information regarding this task and click **Post** to update the record.



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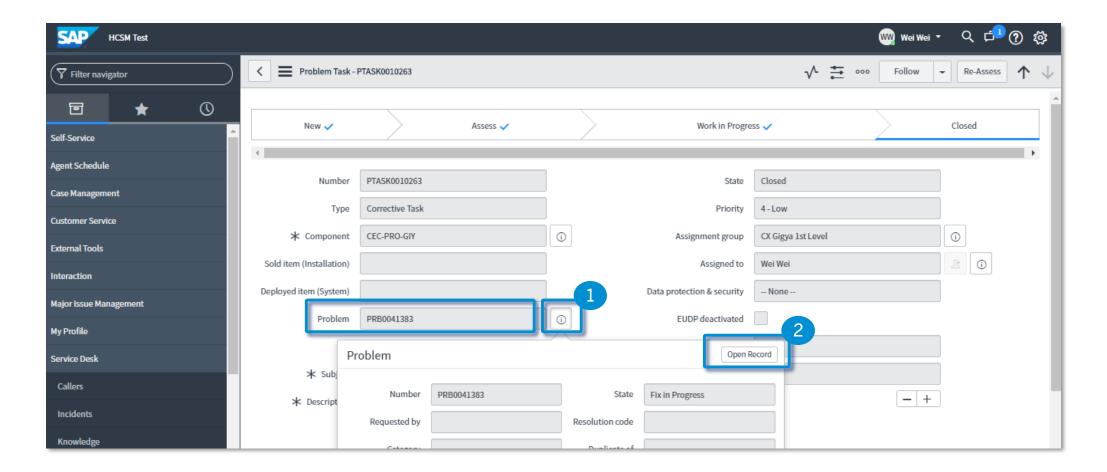
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Step 11

Open the Problem record from the Problem Task record.



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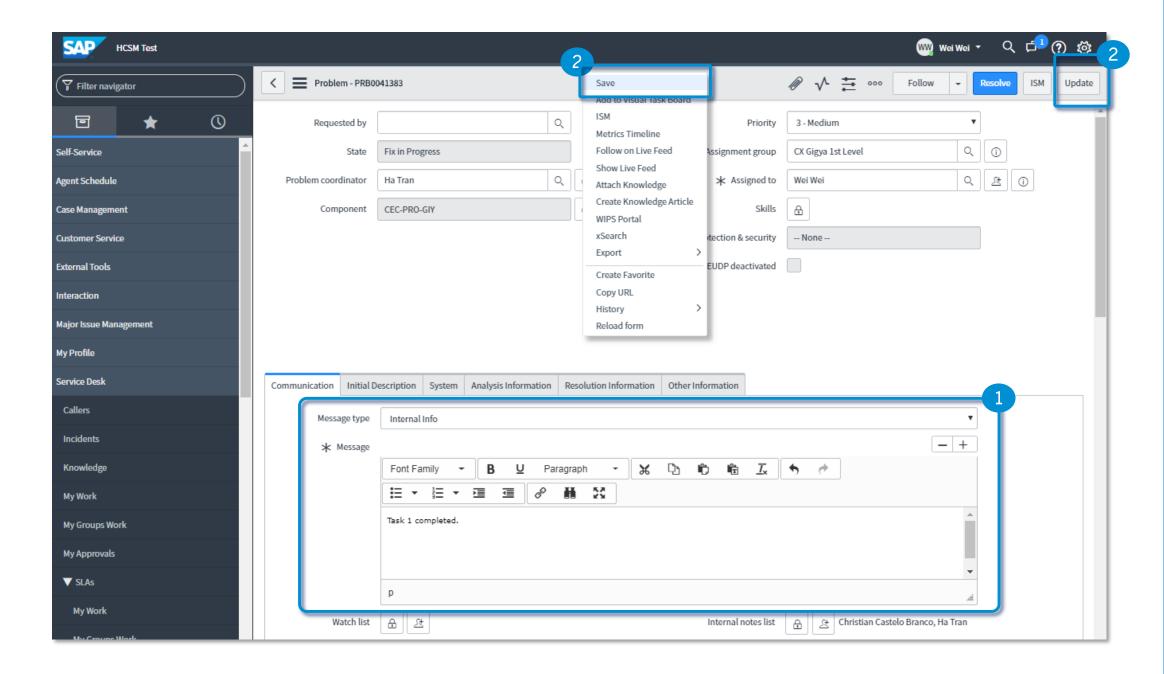
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1b Processor(s) execute the Problem Tasks and inform Coordinator

Step 12

Go to **Communication** tab and select **Internal Info** as the **Message type**. Inform the Problem Coordinator about the completion of the assigned task in the **Message** field and click **Update** to post the information and close the Problem record.

Alternatively, you may right-click mouse in the title bar to open the form's context menu and click **Save** to update the record without closing it.



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1c Coordinator confirms the completion of the tasks

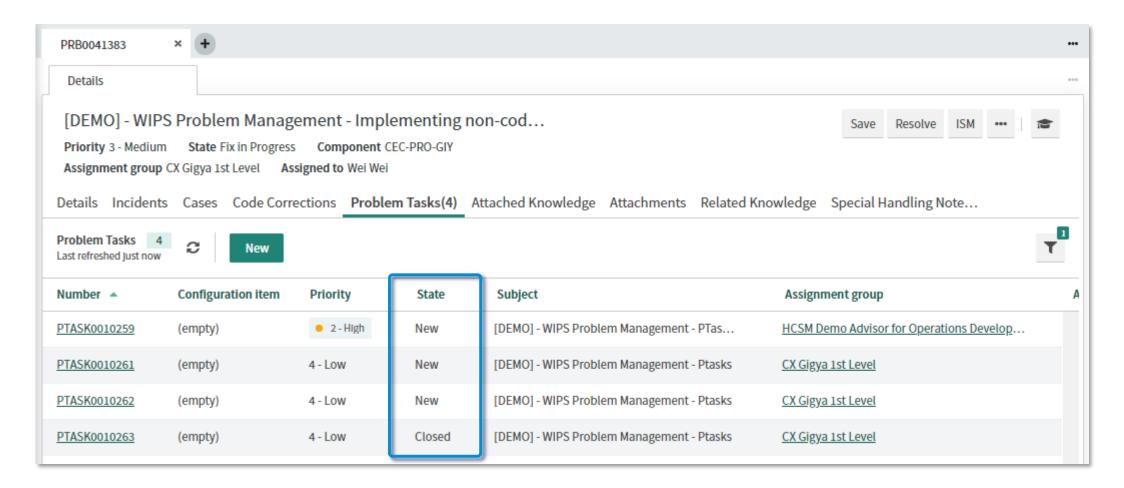
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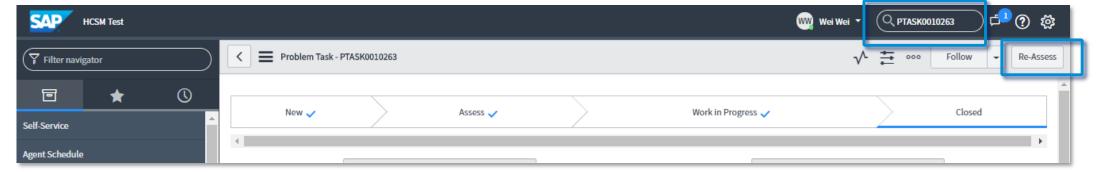
Once notified via email about the completion of tasks, go to Problem Tasks tab of the Problem record and confirm all Problem Tasks have the state as **Closed**.

Step 2 (UI16 ONLY)

If there is a need to reopen the Problem Task record and request for rework:

- 1. Copy the Problem Task Number
- 2. Go to **UI16 Platform**: https://itsm.services.sap/
- 3. Paste the task number in **Global Search** and hit ENTER to open the record
- 4. Click **Re-Assess** to open the Task record and change the state of the record back to **Assess**.





Change Log

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What is a change log?

What you are reading is official SAP process documentation. Stringent version control is required for Compliance purposes. Thus, this **change log** is a record of who made what changes to this content & when, in case further follow up is needed.

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Change Log

Version	Changed by	Date	Description of changes	Status
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