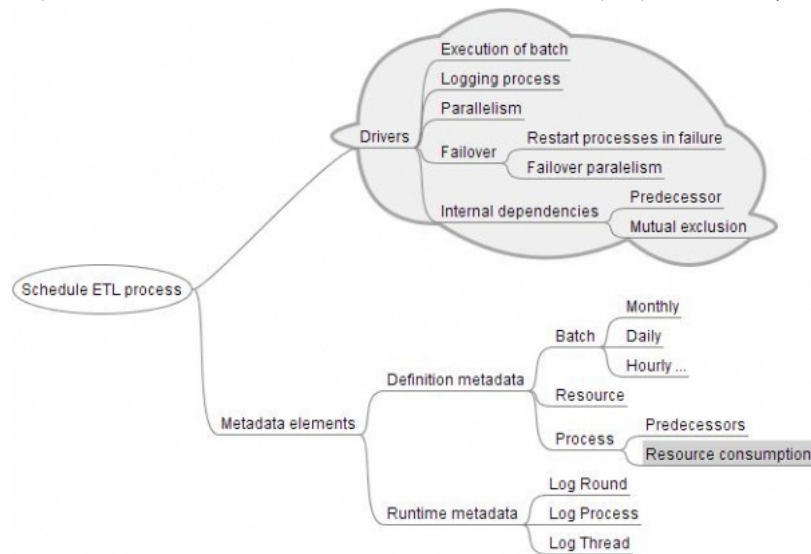




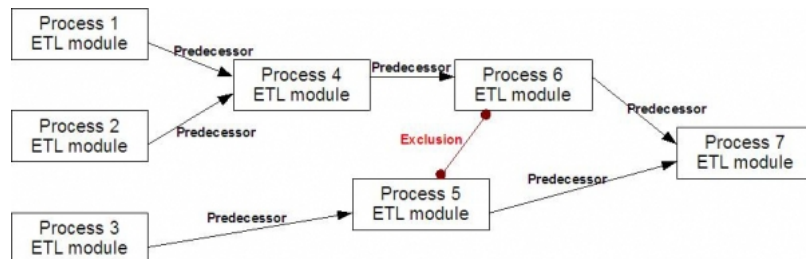
ETL PROCESS SCHEDULING - SAMPLE SOLUTION FOR ORACLE SIMPLETASK

Implementing ETL or ELT processes based on PL/SQL modules there is usually one important task in the queue - Schedule execution of atomic modules following internal dependencies and another rules. Enterprise-wide schedulers usually do not fulfill requirements of fine grain dependencies and rules, so they are often used as trigger of ETL batch managed by local ETL scheduler. Most of schedulers built-in into standard ETL tools are too static and rigid, not scaleable. Following solution I call SIMPLETASK, because it is simple by use method despite of the powers it covers. Following sample is the BASIC version of the solution. Basic, to allow understand better the principle and to be easily included into simpler solutions like small ETL or migration processes.



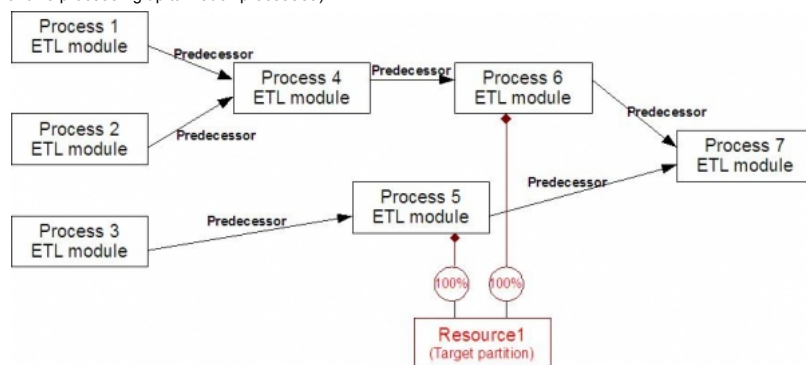
Solution of the scheduling process come from the standard network graph task with resources. It is possible share a lot of methods with another solutions (Finding critical path etc.)

- **Heap** (Batch) - defines closed group of processes run together driven by internal dependencies.
- **Task** (Process) - defines atomic module to be run.
- **Predecessor** - defines dependency between two modules, the second one should not be run before the first one is completed.
- **Exclusion** - defines dependency between two modules, any of them should not be run when another process is in progress. (Note - in our solution exclusions are solved using resources)
- **Resource** - defines limited resource consumed by running processes.
- **Resource consumption** - defines consumption of resource by particular process.
- **Round** (Run) - defines one cycle of execution, for example a processed day of daily process.



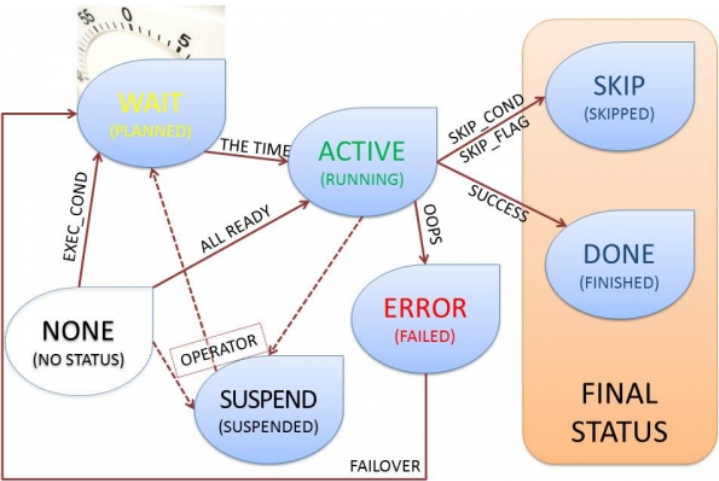
Example above shows dependencies between processes including both predecessor and exclusion types.

Example below substitutes exclusion dependency with resources. Resources allows either full exclusion (consumption 100%) or limit number of huge modules at the same time (consumption 50% allows processing up to 2 such processes).



[See: More about the Heap Workflow principles you can read here](#)

State Diagram of task in SIMPLETASK solution



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Following downloads, one for metadata structure and second one for PL/SQL packages, allow you to run your ETL or Data Migration tasks. To install follow these steps:

- 1. Create database user (e.g. BWTA_OWNER)
- 2. Allow database space quota to store metadata (not extensive space required)
- 3. Grant following privileges to the user:
 - CREATE SESSION
 - CREATE TABLE
 - CREATE TRIGGER
 - CREATE VIEW
 - CREATE SEQUENCE
 - CREATE JOB
 - CREATE PROCEDURE
 - EXECUTE ON DBMS_LOCK
- 4. Install metadata structures running the first following script download
- 5. Install packages running the second following script download
- 6. Install views running the third following script download

Script: Create BWTA metadata structure.sql

```
-- DDL for Sequence BWTA_HEAP_SEQ
CREATE SEQUENCE "BWTA_HEAP_SEQ" MINVALUE 1 INCREMENT BY 1 START WITH 1 NOCACHE ORDER NOCYCLE;
-- DDL for Sequence BWTA_LOG_ROUND_SEQ
CREATE SEQUENCE "BWTA_LOG_ROUND_SEQ" MINVALUE 1 INCREMENT BY 1 START WITH 1 NOCACHE ORDER NOCYCLE;
-- DDL for Sequence BWTA_LOG_THREAD_SEQ
```

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Script: Create BWTA core packages.sql

```
-- PACKAGE BWTA_METADATA
Create or replace PACKAGE "BWTA_METADATA" IS
--Purpose: Simple processes and task management / METADATA API
--Author: Bob Jankovsky, copyleft 2008, 2013
--History: 1.3 /22-JUN-2013 -- extracted from central utility and enhanced
--          1.4 /24-JUL-2013 -- new Rename methods
```

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Script: Create BWTA core views.sql

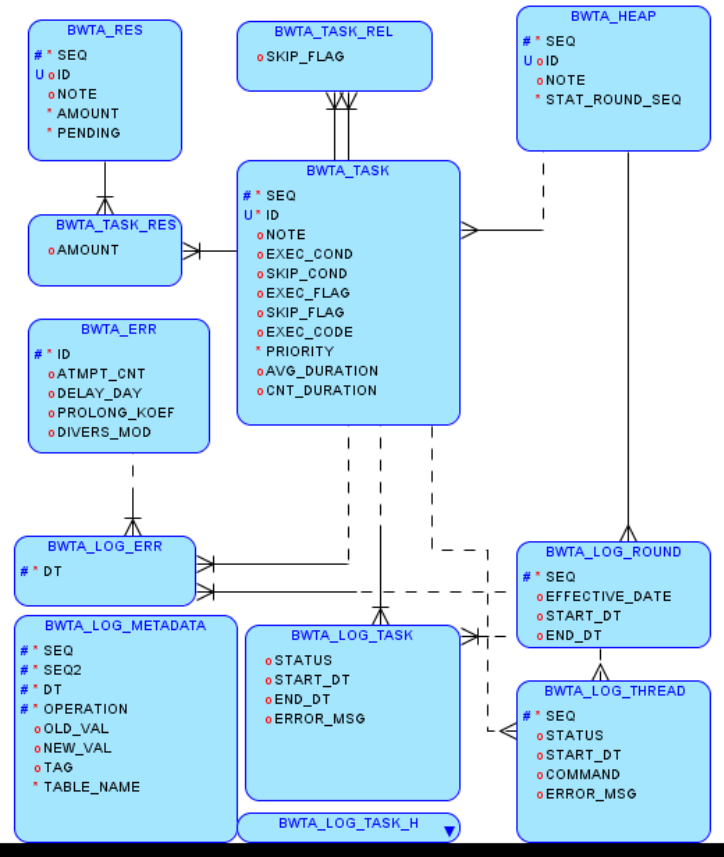
```
-- View BWTA_V_ERR
CREATE OR REPLACE FORCE VIEW BWTA_V_ERR AS
SELECT
'ORA'||to_char(ID,'00000') as ID,
ATMPT_CNT,
DELAY_DAY*24*60 AS DELAY_MIN,
PROLONG_KOEF,
DIVERS_MOD
```

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METADATA MODEL



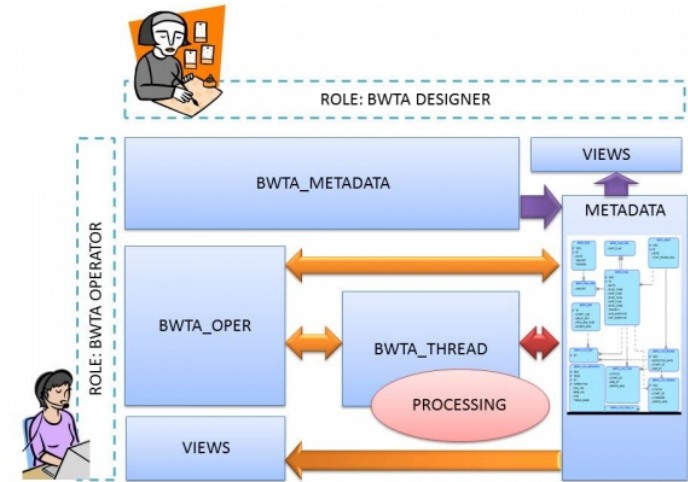
Metadata structure description:

BWTA_TASK_RES			
Relation between processes - predecessor specification			
<u>TASK_SEQ</u>	NUMBER	1	Sequence key of task
<u>RES_SEQ</u>	NUMBER	2	Sequence key of resource
AMOUNT	NUMBER	0	Consumption of specified resource by the process
BWTA_TASK_REL			
Relation between processes - predecessor specification			
<u>SEQ1</u>	NUMBER	1	Sequence key of dependent task
<u>SEQ2</u>	NUMBER	2	Sequence key of the predecessor task
SKIP_FLAG	NUMBER(1)	0	Skip flag to disable dependency
BWTA_TASK			
Process (task) to be run			
<u>SEQ</u>	NUMBER	1	Sequence key of task
HEAP_SEQ	NUMBER	M	Sequence key of heap
ID	VARCHAR2(100)	M	ID of process
NOTE	VARCHAR2(500)	O	Description of task
EXEC_COND	VARCHAR2(2000)	O	Condition code of execution to block task based on external condition
SKIP_COND	VARCHAR2(2000)	O	Condition code of skip to skip task based on external condition
EXEC_FLAG	NUMBER	0	Flag of execution to block task
SKIP_FLAG	NUMBER	0	Flag of skip to skip task
EXEC_CODE	VARCHAR2(2000)	O	Execution PL/SQL code
PRIORITY	NUMBER	M	Priority of execution (less is more important)
AVG_DURATION	NUMBER	0	Average duration of process based on statistics
CNT_DURATION	NUMBER	0	Count of runs involved in statistics
BWTA_RES			
Resource definition			
<u>SEQ</u>	NUMBER	1	Sequence key of resource
ID	VARCHAR2(100)	O	ID of resource
NOTE	VARCHAR2(500)	O	Description of resource
AMOUNT	NUMBER	M	Total amount of resource (e.g. 100 [%])
PENDING	NUMBER(1)	M	0...resource released after end of process, 1...resource should be released by negative consumption
BWTA_LOG_THREAD			
Thread of execution			
<u>SEQ</u>	NUMBER	1	Sequence key of thread
ROUND_SEQ	NUMBER	0	Sequence key of round
STATUS	VARCHAR2(10)	O	Status of thread (ACTIVE, INACTIVE, SLEEP)
TASK_SEQ	NUMBER	0	Sequence key of active task for the ACTIVE status
START_DT	DATE	0	Start date of current activity
COMMAND	VARCHAR2(100)	O	command for thread - STOP to stop thread after current activity
ERROR_MSG	VARCHAR2(2000)	O	Error message for the ERROR status
BWTA_LOG_TASK_H			
Process execution log			
TASK_SEQ	NUMBER	0	Sequence key of process
ROUND_SEQ	NUMBER	0	Sequence key of round
STATUS	VARCHAR2(10)	O	Status of process (ACTIVE, ERROR, DONE, SUSPEND, SKIP, WAIT)
START_DT	DATE	0	Start date and time of process execution or time to wait for
END_DT	DATE	0	End date and time of process execution
ERROR_MSG	VARCHAR2(4000)	O	Error message for the ERROR status
TS	TIMESTAMP(6)	O	Timestamp of the change
BWTA_LOG_TASK			
Process execution log			
<u>TASK_SEQ</u>	NUMBER	1	Sequence key of process
<u>ROUND_SEQ</u>	NUMBER	2	Sequence key of round

STATUS	VARCHAR2(10)	O	Status of process (ACTIVE, ERROR, DONE, SUSPEND, SKIP, WAIT)
START_DT	DATE	O	Start date and time of process execution or time to wait for
END_DT	DATE	O	End date and time of process execution
ERROR_MSG	VARCHAR2(4000)	O	Error message for the ERROR status
BWTA_LOG_ROUND			
Round of the batch execution			
SEQ	NUMBER	1	Sequence key of round
HEAP_SEQ	NUMBER	M	Sequence key of heap
EFFECTIVE_DATE	DATE	O	Effective date of round
START_DT	DATE	O	Start date and time of round
END_DT	DATE	O	End date and time of round - indicates completed rounds
BWTA_LOG_METADATA			
SEQ	NUMBER	1	Primary key of changed record
SEQ2	NUMBER	2	Optional extension of key of changed record
DT	TIMESTAMP(6)	3	Timestamp of realized change
OPERATION	CHAR(1)	4	Operation (I,U,D)
OLD_VAL	XMLTYPE	O	Old value of record XML element
NEW_VAL	XMLTYPE	O	New value of record XML element
TAG	VARCHAR2(100)	O	
TABLE_NAME	VARCHAR2(30)	M	Table of the change
BWTA_LOG_ERR			
Log of all the realized failover actions			
ROUND_SEQ	NUMBER	1	Round when it happened
TASK_SEQ	NUMBER	2	Sequence key of Task
ERR_ID	NUMBER	3	Error ID
DT	TIMESTAMP(6)	4	Timestamp when it happened
BWTA_HEAP			
Batch of processes to be run			
SEQ	NUMBER	1	Sequence key of batch, -1 is default one
ID	VARCHAR2(100)	O	ID of batch
NOTE	VARCHAR2(500)	O	Description of batch
STAT_ROUND_SEQ	NUMBER	M	Last round the statistics has been gathered
BWTA_ERR			
Maintained errors			
ID	NUMBER	1	ORA error number
ATMPT_CNT	NUMBER	O	Number of attempts
DELAY_DAY	NUMBER	O	Delay specified as a fragment of day
PROLONG_KOEF	NUMBER	O	Koefficient of prolongation of each next attempt
DIVERS_MOD	NUMBER	O	Modulo used for diversification of particular processes

TASK_ID	EFFECTIV	STATUS	START_DT	END_DT	MINUTES	AVG_MINUTES	PREDECESSOR_TASKS	BLOCKING_TASKS
P1	22.08.08	DONE	29.06.13	29.06.13	2,05	2,03541667		
P2	22.08.08	DONE	29.06.13	29.06.13	2,33333333	2,33333333		
P3	22.08.08	ACTIVE	29.06.13		2,55	4,16666667		
P4	22.08.08	ACTIVE	29.06.13		,233333333	5,175	P1,P2	
P5	22.08.08					1,675	P3	P3
P6	22.08.08					5	P4	P4
P7	22.08.08					5,15833333	P5,P6	P5,P6
SQL> r								
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P1	22.08.08	DONE	29.06.13	29.06.13	2,05	2,03541667		
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P4	22.08.08	ACTIVE	29.06.13		2,01666667	5,175	P1,P2	
P5	22.08.08	ACTIVE	29.06.13		,166666667	1,675	P3	
P6	22.08.08					5	P4	P4
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P4	22.08.08	DONE	29.06.13	29.06.13	2,66666667	5,175	P1,P2	
P5	22.08.08	ACTIVE	29.06.13		1,56666667	1,675	P3	
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P4	22.08.08	DONE	29.06.13	29.06.13	2,66666667	5,175	P1,P2	
P5	22.08.08	DONE	29.06.13	29.06.13	1,66666667	1,675	P3	
P6	22.08.08	ACTIVE	29.06.13		,883333333	5	P4	
P7	22.08.08					5,15833333	P5,P6	P6
SQL> r								
TASK_ID	EFFECTIV	STATUS	START_DT	END_DT	MINUTES	AVG_MINUTES	PREDECESSOR_TASKS	BLOCKING_TASKS
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P3	22.08.08	DONE	29.06.13	29.06.13	4,16666667	4,16666667		
P4	22.08.08	DONE	29.06.13	29.06.13	2,66666667	5,175	P1,P2	
P5	22.08.08	DONE	29.06.13	29.06.13	1,66666667	1,675	P3	
P6	22.08.08	DONE	29.06.13	29.06.13	5	5	P4	
P7	22.08.08	ACTIVE	29.06.13		,133333333	5,15833333	P5,P6	

SECURITY ARCHITECTURE



The most common tasks of the workflow management:

Monitoring of current processes:

```
SELECT
  TASK_ID
, EFFECTIVE_DATE
, STATUS
, to_char(START_DT,'DD.MM.YYYY HH24:MI:SS') AS START_DT
, to_char(END_DT,'DD.MM.YYYY HH24:MI:SS') AS START_DT
, END_DT
, MINUTES
, AVG_MINUTES
, PREDECESSOR_TASKS
, BLOCKING_TASKS
FROM BWTA_V_LOG_TASK_WIDE
WHERE HEAP_SEQ=-1
ORDER BY
  CASE STATUS WHEN 'ERROR' THEN 1
              WHEN 'SUSPEND' THEN 2
              WHEN 'ACTIVE' THEN 3
              WHEN 'DONE' THEN 5
```

```
        WHEN 'SKIP' THEN 5
        ELSE 4
    END
, TASK_ID
```

Error treatment *the first column returns command to restart process*

```
SELECT 'BEGIN BWTA_OPER.restartTask(''||TASK_ID||'');END;' as CMD
, ERROR_MSG
FROM BWTA_V_LOG_TASK_WIDE
WHERE status = 'ERROR'
ORDER BY START_DT
```

List of threads of current round(s)

```
SELECT b.seq
, b.round_seq
, b.status
, TO_CHAR(d.start_dt, 'DD-MM-YYYY HH24:MI:SS') start_dt
, b.task_seq
, c.id
, b.command
, b.error_msg
FROM BWTA_LOG_THREAD B
LEFT JOIN BWTA_TASK C
ON B.TASK_SEQ = C.SEQ
LEFT JOIN BWTA_LOG_TASK d
ON d.task_seq = c.seq
AND d.round_seq = b.round_seq
ORDER BY b.seq
```

SEQ	ROUND_SEQ	STATUS	START_DT	TASK_SEQ	ID	COMMAND	ERROR_MSG
46	20	ACTIVE	29-06-2013 16:49:24	13	P1		
47	20	ACTIVE	29-06-2013 16:49:27	14	P2		
48	20	INACTIVE					
49	20	SLEEP					
50	20	SLEEP					

Number of processes by status (done, to be done, error)

```
WITH LRL AS
(
    SELECT --+materialize
        HEAP_SEQ
        , MAX(SEQ) ROUND_SEQ
    FROM BWTA_LOG_ROUND
    GROUP BY HEAP_SEQ
)
,STAT AS
(
    SELECT
        T.HEAP_SEQ
        ,NVL(LT.STATUS,'WAIT') AS STATUS
        ,LRL.ROUND_SEQ
        ,COUNT(1) CNT
    FROM BWTA_TASK T
    JOIN LRL ON LRL.HEAP_SEQ=T.HEAP_SEQ
    LEFT JOIN BWTA_LOG_TASK LT ON LT.TASK_SEQ=T.SEQ AND LT.ROUND_SEQ=LRL.ROUND_SEQ
    GROUP BY T.HEAP_SEQ
        ,NVL(LT.STATUS,'WAIT')
        ,LRL.ROUND_SEQ
)
,L1 as(
    SELECT
        H.SEQ AS HEAP_SEQ
        ,H.ID AS HEAP_ID
        ,H.NOTE AS HEAP_NOTE
        ,LR.START_DT
        ,LR.END_DT
        ,S.STATUS
        ,S.CNT
    FROM BWTA_HEAP H
    JOIN STAT S ON S.HEAP_SEQ=H.SEQ
    JOIN BWTA_LOG_ROUND LR on LR.SEQ=S.ROUND_SEQ
)
Select * from L1
PIVOT
(SUM(CNT) FOR STATUS IN (
    'DONE' AS Done_cnt
    , 'WAIT' AS Wait_cnt
    , 'ACTIVE' AS Active_cnt
    , 'SUSPEND' AS Suspend_cnt
    , 'ERROR' AS Error_cnt
    , 'SKIP' AS Skip_cnt
))
```

HEAP_SEQ	HEAP_ID	HEAP_NOTE	START_DT	END_DT	DONE_CNT	WAIT_CNT	ACTIVE_CNT	SUSPEND_CNT	ERROR_CNT	SKIP_CNT
-1	DEFAULT	Default batch process	29.06.13 17:33:06			4	3			

List of remaining tasks

```
SELECT
    TASK_ID
, EFFECTIVE_DATE
, STATUS
, to_char(START_DT,'DD.MM.YYYY HH24:MI:SS') AS START_DT
, to_char(END_DT,'DD.MM.YYYY HH24:MI:SS') AS START_DT
, END_DT
, MINUTES
, AVG_MINUTES
, PREDECESSOR_TASKS
, BLOCKING_TASKS
FROM BWTA_V_LOG_TASK_WIDE
where HEAP_SEQ=-1
AND NVL(STATUS,'#') not in ('DONE','SKIP')
ORDER BY
    CASE STATUS WHEN 'ERROR' THEN 1
                WHEN 'SUSPEND' THEN 2
                WHEN 'ACTIVE' THEN 3
                ELSE 4
```

```
END
, TASK_ID
```

Active operational tasks:

Wake up sleeping threads
(after change of metadata)

```
Begin
    BWTA_OPER.WakeupThread;
    commit;
End;
/
```

Stop workflow
Stops run new processes, keeps current processes to be finished

```
Begin
    BWTA_OPER.stop;
End;
/
```

Restart of workflow after stop

```
Begin
    BWTA_OPER.ReleaseThreads;
End;
/
```

Remove inconsistency between system and metadata
check orphans

```
Begin
    BWTA_OPER.checkOrphans;
End;
/
```

Add threads into processing
number of additional threads should be specified

```
Begin
    BWTA_OPER.addThreads(<number of threads>);
End;
/
```

Reduce number of threads
Deletes required number of sleeping threads. If there is not enough sleeping threads next will be marked with the STOP command.

```
Begin
    BWTA_OPER.remThreads(<number of threads>);
End;
/
```

Success story of mentioned solution:
Despite it seems sofisticated parallelizing solutions are domain of stable ETL processes more than one time migration processes, we used it for one time migration of historical data from 4 country-based sites. Challenge of the migration was, the data we migrated slightly differed in time and slightly differed between particular sites. Migration processes had been developed and tested on samples of data so run-time problems was expected and there was just limited frame of time to migrate all the data history. Implementing mentioned SIMPLETASK solution in heavy parallel mode the effect of failover resulted in following result:

- Two developers permanently solved problems of data inconsistencies, what would be show stopper in most other situations
- Failover effect of Simple task caused not a single minute has been lost on the critical path of the migration

Despite I consider it almost incredible, if you decide to remove the solution from your system, I add a script to drop all the created database object belonging to SIMPLETASK solution above.

[Script: Drop_scheduler_solution.sql](#)
Drop package BWTA_METADATA;
Drop package BWTA_OPER;
Drop package BWTA_THREAD;
Drop table BWTA_HEAP cascade constraints;
Drop table BWTA_TASK cascade constraints;
Drop table BWTA_TASK_REL cascade constraints;
Drop table BWTA_RES cascade constraints;
Drop table BWTA_TASK_RES cascade constraints;
Drop table BWTA_ERR cascade constraints;
Drop table BWTA_LOG_ROUND cascade constraints;
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