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Customization Upgrade Guide Release 5.8 Area: Market Data

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1 Introduction

This topic is for customization specialists. It describes changes that you may need to make to your existing customization **before** you upgrade to Avalog Core release 5.8.

1.1 Replacement of EVAL_SCEN_CSS by EVAL_CSS



You can opt to update your customization for this change before upgrading to Avaloq Core release 5.8:

- In releases 5.2 to 5.6, the Asset Evaluation Engine supports both the new and the old customization. By default it continues to use the old customization, but you can set the avq.ae base parameter's use_legacy_paramitem to false to enable the new customization described in this section.
- Starting with release 5.7, the new customization will automatically be used.
- For releases 5.7 and above, both parameters need to be set to false. **This is mandatory for all clients.**

The following changes in customization are included in the Avalog Asset Evaluation Engine in release 5.8:

- The source EVAL_SCEN_CSS is removed and replaced by the EVAL_CSS source.
- The task **Calculate evaluation scenarios** (id: 1847; task_eval_scen) no longer exists. It was originally used to improve performance, but is no longer needed. There is no replacement.
- The checkbox use pre-calculated values on task Evaluation of financial products program (id: 1848; task_eval) is removed because task Calculate evaluation scenarios no longer exists.
- The following eval_css functions need to be overwritten in customization, as the return values of 'null' in kernel are no longer mapped automatically to the kernel models:
 - $\verb| cf_mdl_id: must return code_eval_mdl.dcf|. At the moment there is no other model available. \\$
 - opt_mdl_id: must return the appropriate option pricing models, depending on the asset class, for example code eval mdl.bs for equity, commodity and FX options.

In the past, the Asset Evaluation Engine had a lot of performance and memory problems associated with the use of the MEM_DOC_ASSET data dictionary by the EVAL_SCEN_CSS source. The problems were caused by the fact that the asset order was loaded into memory.

To solve these problems, in Avaloq Core release 5.8 we:

- Changed the data dictionary used by the Asset Evaluation Engine's customization from MEM_DOC_ ASSET to a new data dictionary, MEM_ASSET
- Replaced the CSS source used by the Asset Evaluation Engine from EVAL_SCEN_CSS to a new source, EVAL_CSS

The new MEM_ASSET data dictionary is faster because asset orders are no longer loaded into memory. It is accessed by the new customization source EVAL CSS.

For all functions of the new EVAL CSS:

- The i_doc_asset parameter from the MEM_DOC_ASSET data dictionary is replaced by i_asset from the new MEM_ASSET data dictionary
- The i_eval_date parameter from the MEM_DOC_ASSET data dictionary is not present in the new MEM_ASSET data dictionary

The following EVAL SCEN CSS functions are removed completely:

Function removed Explanation

cf_hor_in_years	Perpetuals need to have a call or put date otherwise no evaluation is possible	
use_par_flo	The new Avaloq kernel code now behaves as if use_par_flo is set to false	
notnl_date_expr	Depended on use_par_flo	

The following functions are renamed:

Old function name in EVAL_SCEN_CSS

New function name in EVAL_CSS

pb_rfig_intr_calc_method_id	intr_calc_method_id
pb_rfig_compd_mtd_id	compd_mtd_id
pb_rfig_src_price_type_id	src_price_type_id
vlt_struct_collect_id	vsc_id

The following functions have new default behaviour:

Function name	New default setting in EVAL_CSS	
opt_mdl_id	Null	
alw_vlt_fallbk	False	
intr_calc_method_id	Null	
compd_mtd_id	Null	
src_price_type_id	Null	

1.2 Change to eval_css.calc_rfig function for futures

In ACP 5.8, the simple delta model for futures (evaluation model $smpl_delta$) now allows you to calculate the future's present value based on the underlying price and the delta of the future. The present value is stored as usual in the pv market data domain.

In the $eval_css.calc_rfig$ function for futures, for the market data domain, you now have to return either "delta" or "pv", but not both together. If you return both, you will get an error message in ACP 5.8.

Here's the function definition: