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BOPF Quick Guide

SAP Business Object Processing Framework

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Foreword

First of all, I want to thank you for purchasing this e-book. This gives you the key to get started with BOPF quickly and learn the most important aspects of the framework in a short time. In the following chapters you will find general information, but also more in-depth knowledge to implement your first data models.

It is our goal that after reading the book you will have all the essential tools available to master BOPF and not to waste too much time on deep insights. In any case, you will only collect most of the practice during application and development.

Have fun working through the chapters and learning the framework!

Introduction

What does BOPF stand for? How can you use it successfully and effectively? What is behind it? These questions we want to clarify in this small book around the topic BOPF and bring you the benefits of the framework something closer.

Definition

BOPF stands for "Business Object Processing Framework" and is a framework written by SAP for processing and maintaining related data. The framework was written completely object-oriented, so that the access to the data is only possible through the provided classes and methods.

Availability

BOPF has been officially released by SAP since Release 7.4 and comes standard with no additional activated extensions. It does not matter which database is in the system, the framework works with and without a HANA database. If you own a HANA system, then there are a few minor processing steps.

Usage

What do you need the framework for, and where can it support you? In fact, using complex data models can help you keep your data in more than one database table.

A simple example of a business object is, for example, the FI document. There is a document header (BKPF) and the line items (BSEG), but also other items for taxes (BSET) or the auxiliary indices (BSIK, BSAK, etc.). All data belong together, if you delete the document header, all positions and entries in the other tables should also be deleted. Only in this way does the database always remain completely consistent.

Advantages

- Time and cost savings
- Standard access to all data
- Separation of business logic and UI logic
- Central maintenance of the object
- Easy expandability

Disadvantages

- Knowledge and understanding of the technology (design pattern, OOP)
- Compliance with the defined purpose of use

Tools

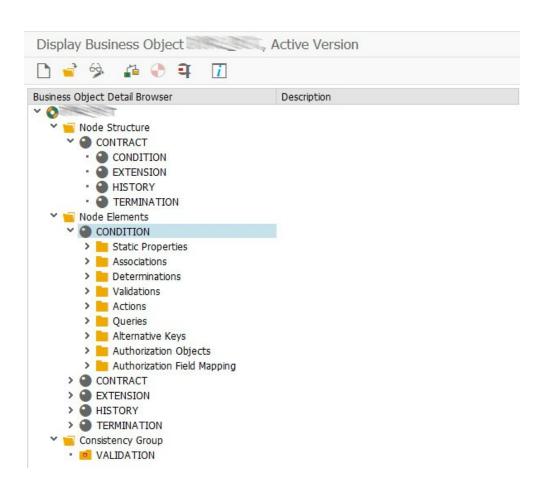
There are special tools in the system for creating and processing the business objects. Basically, the access, in addition to the standard transactions, still includes the definition tool (BOBX) and the test tool (BOBT). In this chapter we want to briefly explain the function and the transactions.

Definition (BOBX)

At this point you will get an overview of all objects in the system in the first step. The folders are structured according to SAP objects, the home and local objects in the system. Customer objects that are transported are created in the home folder. Customer objects that are not transported are available in the local folder and clearly demarcated.

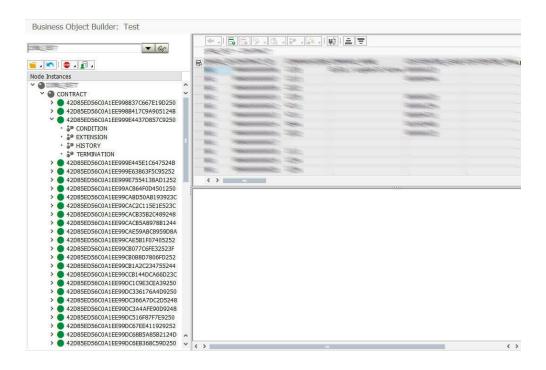


With the forward navigation you will then land in the detail screen. The entire data model is created in this tool. Here you can look at the individual functions, structures, classes and other dependencies.



Test (BOBT)

The test cockpit is used to test all functions of the business object and thus includes all possible functions that are normally possible. With appropriate authorizations, productive data can also be adapted. You should therefore pay attention to which functions you use in production.



In the first step you select the BOPF over the upper area, which you want to test. When exiting BOBX, the data model is already preassigned. Initially, no data is loaded from the tables, but must first be read via the queries. These can be found in the left menu under the "Folder" icon.

The toolbar above the right image is for editing, setting locks, executing actions and navigate to sub nodes. Here, the majority of editing functions can be performed.

Hint: All data that is changed and saved here are stored in the database. This also applies to productive data (if corresponding authorizations exist).

Editing (SE11, SE24)

Other important tools for you are the SE11 for editing the tables and structures, as well as the SE24 for editing the classes in the system. The tools do not have to be used, but can also be called up via forward navigation from transaction BOBX.

Eclipse

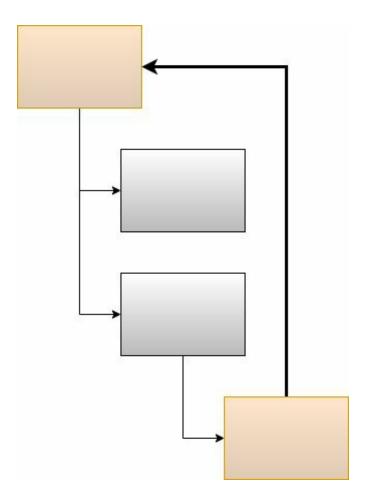
Of course, editing the model is also possible via Eclipse if you prefer this development environment. Most of the time we will be in the area of SAP GUI, but later we will show you the navigation in Eclipse and the ADTs a bit more.

Structure

When defining the structure of the business object, some minor points should be noted, but they are very important for the object to work. In this chapter we want to go into the structure and the way it works and what the object brings with it.

Structure

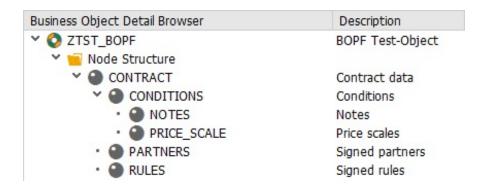
The structure of the object always begins with a root node. This node is the central component, the header data, of the business object. We will create a data model in the next series. There can be only one root node in the entire model, as it has to be unique.



All other nodes below the root are referred to as sub nodes and are connected via relationships to the respective top node. In addition to this relationship, there is always a connection to the root node, no matter how deep you are in the hierarchy.

Data model

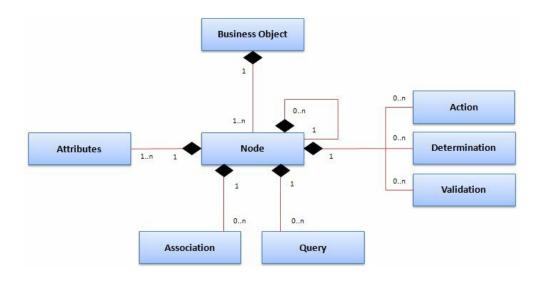
The data model has the contract as the root node. There are the relevant headers and simple relationships to data such as creator, partner, name and contract ID for example. Under the contract, the terms of the contract, so what is the signatory, the individual partners or parties that conclude the contract and certain rules to be observed. Under the conditions, there is also other data, such as notes and price ranges, which may be related to the terms.



The structure and composition of the individual nodes, we will introduce to you in one of the coming chapters and jointly create the structures and databases.

Functions

In the following picture, which comes from transaction BOB, all actions and possibilities on a node in the BOPF are displayed in a compact way. All these actions are needed to be able to work well with your model and to get the best out of it. One or more nodes belong to a business object.



Explanation:

- Attribute Each node has different attributes, structures, tables
- Association There are defined relationships to top nodes or subnodes in the tree
- Query A defined interface for retrieving data from the model
- Action Performs an action on the model. This is usually associated with changes to the data
- Determination Are passive data collection, read routines and additions to the data in the model
- Validation Checking the data for consistency and completeness for various defined actions

Define a node

In the last chapter, we showed you how a structure can look like out of the various nodes in a BOPF, how they are connected and what you can do with them. In this chapter we want to create a node, in this case the root node of our model.

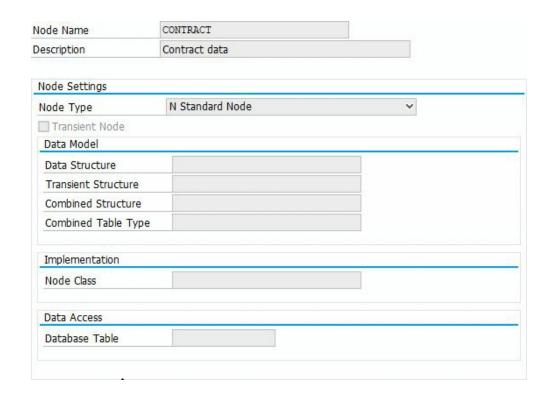
The root

Everything starts in the data model with the root node and the actual header data. After creating a new model, a root node is created immediately as it is needed. By default, the root node is called ROOT, but can be customized and renamed at any time to fit your own data structure.

Terms

The data model consists of different structures, table types, and tables. Here is a short explanation of the terms that will fall over and over again:

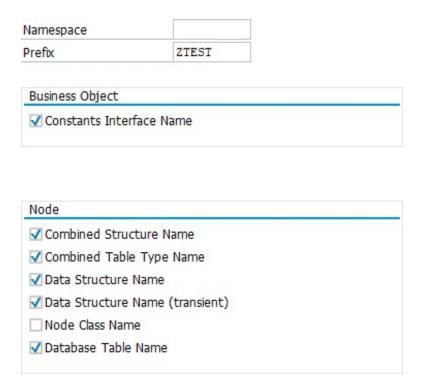
- Data structure Corresponds to the data structure that is stored on the database at the end, here all data fields to be stored are defined.
- Transient structure Includes fields that are read during runtime or selection. These fields are not backed up to the database and must be populated manually. These are mostly fields that result from existing master data.
- Combined Structure As the name implies, this is a structure that links persistent and transient data together and makes them available to the user.
- Combined table type Is the table type of the combined structure.
- Database table The name of the database under which the persistent data is stored.



Definition

Using the example of the root node, we want to perform the installation for you and go through the individual steps. In addition to the header data stored on the database, we also want to take over a field in the transient data, which should be read at runtime.

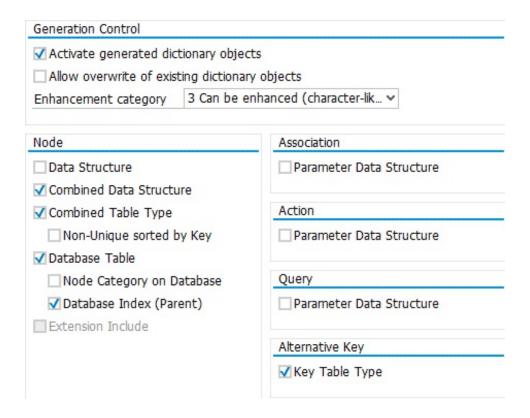
In the first step we have to define the names of the individual structures and table types. SAP also offers a nice feature that makes us think. Via the menu item "Extras -> Propose repository name" you will get a popup, which you can use to generate all names. Mark the checkboxes as below in the picture to suggest all necessary names.



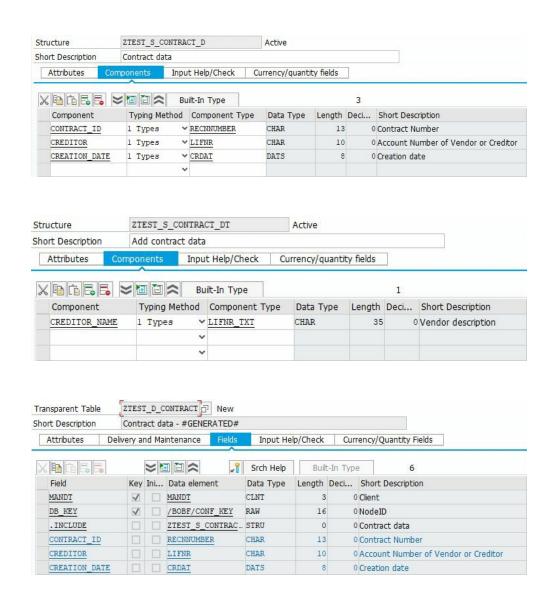
After confirming the popup you will receive the suggestions for all structures.

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Transient Structure	ZTEST S CONTRACT DT	
Combined Structure	ZTEST S CONTRACT	
Combined Table Type	ZTEST_T_CONTRACT	
Implementation		
Node Class		
Data Assess		
Data Access		

By double-clicking navigation, we create in the first step the data structure that should hold the data in the database. For the example we use a contract number, the creditor and the creation date. In the transient structure we want to read the name of the creditor from the master data. After activating the two structures you only need to activate the data type and the database table. Also, for this SAP has already deposited a function. Again with "Extras -> Generate Dictionary Elements" the following pop-up will be displayed.



The checkboxes "combined structure" and "table type" should be activated, as well as the database. This will automatically create the last objects and we will not have any work left. The two structures and the finished database table can be found in the following pictures.



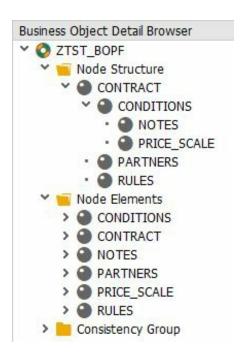
As you can see from the table, the client and the database key for the header table were automatically generated. The data structure taht has been created has no key in the initial state. In a later chapter we will create a real key for the data.

Data model

In the last chapter we defined a single node and also the different structures. Here, we would like to introduce you to the finished data model and how we defined the individual nodes.

Data model

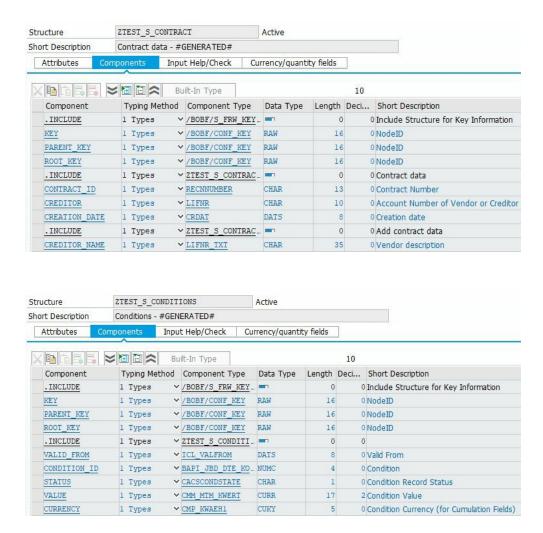
The model consists of different levels of nodes and our root node is the contract that has different entities under it. Directly under the contract are the conditions, the partners and the rules/agreements. Under the various conditions there are still notes and discounts.

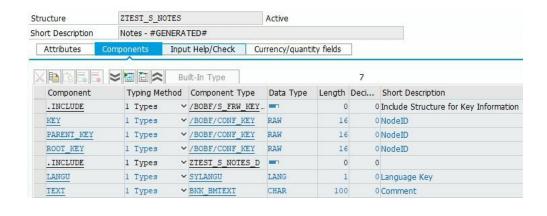


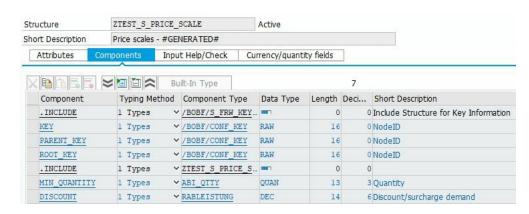
Tables

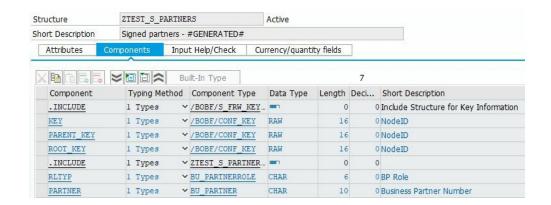
As you can already see in the description of the tables, they were automatically generated by the framework. The description can be adjusted at any time to meet your standard definitions. The first three fields of each table have the same key and other auxiliary fields that are included into the table through a structure.

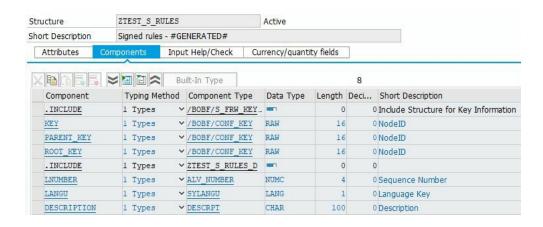
- KEY Key of the entry in the current table
- PARENT_KEY Key to the next higher level
- ROOT_KEY Key of the root node





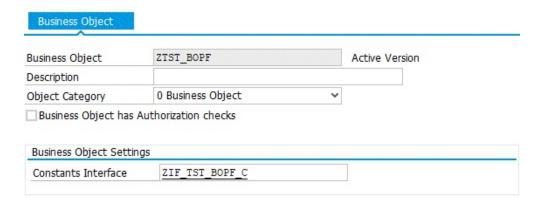






Constants Interface

The interface ZIF_TST_BOPF_C contains all constants for access to the data model. The interface is regenerated every time the data model changes because it includes the fields as well as the structures and nodes as generated GUIDs. The interface is needed for all accesses to the data model and is therefore a central component of BOPF.

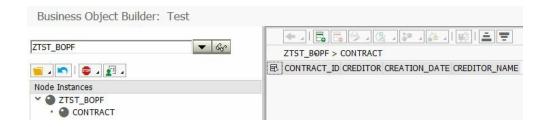


Test data

Creating, reading and deleting the data can easily be done via transaction BOBT. Getting the first records in the tables is no problem for you after this chapter.

BOBT

After calling the transaction, you usually get a blank screen and you have to choose your model first. With the arrow down you can select your object and you should get the following picture.



With a click on the white page button, you can create a new empty record and fill it with values. If you want to create an entity below this dataset, then you have to press the following button. Here are all nodes of the BOPF available, which are located under the current node. As soon as you have selected a node, you will get an empty table again, since no dataset has been created yet.



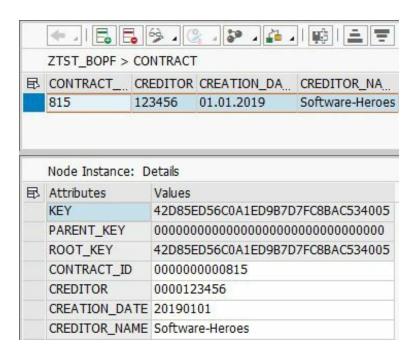
If you have created a contract, you can see the entire structure of nodes and sub nodes in the navigation tree.

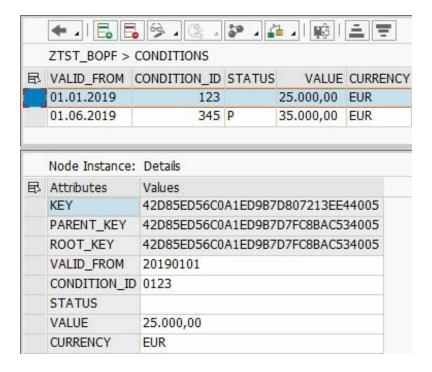
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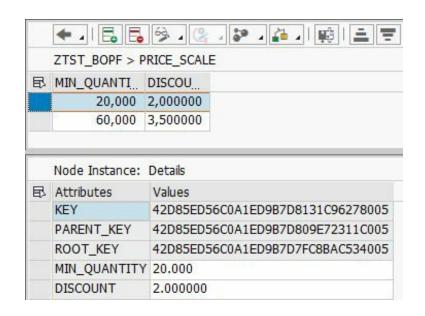
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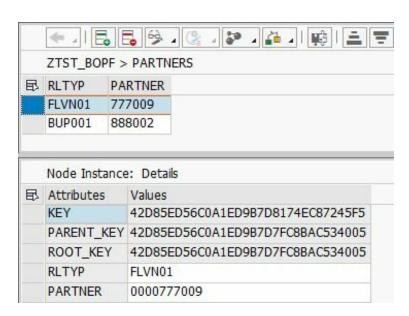
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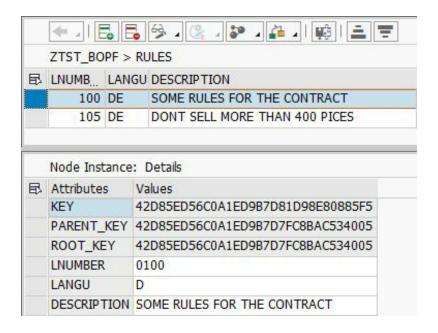
As a summary of the entries made, we show you once again the test data we have created for the contract.







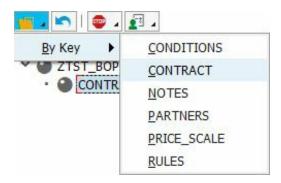




In the upper part are all data with external representation, the leading zeros are missing here for example. The lower part shows the data with the leading zeros, where you can always find the internal data. The lower part is also the detailed representation for the marked record, if there are several other records.

Read

For reading the datasets, only the standard function is available. This gives the possibility to read directly via the key of the data record. The function can be found under the folder icon on the left side of the screen.



It will open a popup, which is still empty at the beginning. With the button for a new element, we get a blank line in the list. After entering the non-speaking key (GUID) and confirm, the record is loaded.

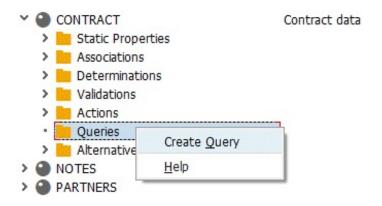


Queries

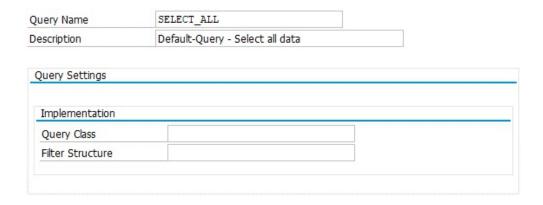
In this chapter, we'll look at how we can easily read data. Because we have already seen in the last chapter, there are only simple accesses via the key, but this must first be determined.

Query

There are queries that we can create and use. The definition of a query takes place in transaction BOBX, where we also create the model. With a right-click on queries, we can define a new query.



Without much effort, we can create two basic queries that the system already provides. SELECT_ALL finds all keys from the BOPF and returns them without restrictions. SELECT_BY_ELEMENT adopts the selection criteria and limits the number of keys. For this, the query requires a structure or field to be filtered.

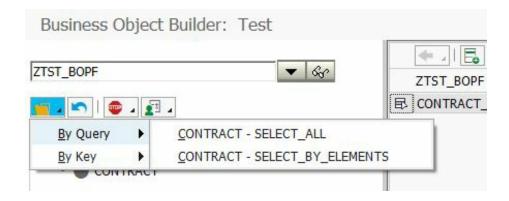


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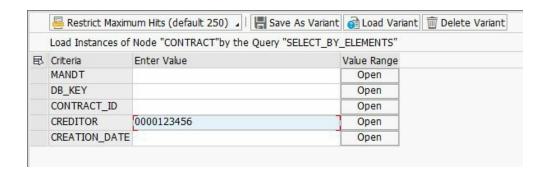
From experience, we can tell you that depositing the real table is the best way. Although the transient fields from the data are missing, the keys for PARENT can also be queried if, for example, you enter the search via a lower entity.

BOBT

After definition and activation in the model, the two new queries are also available in the test environment. These can now be used for the selection. If you just want to read all elements from the tables, the query SELECT_ALL is sufficient.



If you want to restrict the elements, you will get a popup again. This time, all fields from the structure are available for input, which should make it easier for you to narrow down the data. Now you can also restrict via the vendor.



Technical solution

Surely you are wondering how to perform the query technically? In this section, we'll show you a code example of how to apply the example above.

In the first step, you need an instance of the service manager to perform an action on the BOPF. Then you fill the selection table with the restrictions and in the last step transfer everything to the QUERY method of the service manager. You get back a message object that you should still check for errors, as well as the key table if entries are included. Since you only received the keys, you still need to request the data via the RETRIEVE method.

```
DATA:
 lt sel TYPE /bobf/t frw query selparam,
lt_data TYPE ztest_t_contract.
" Service Manager Instance
DATA(lo smgr) = /bobf/cl tra serv mgr factory=>get service manager( zif tst bopf c=>sc bo key
).
" Fill selection
APPEND VALUE #(
 attribute name = zif tst bopf c=>sc node attribute-contract-creditor
 sign
           = 'I'
 option
            = 'EO'
           = '0000123456'
low
) TO lt sel.
" Get the keys
lo_smgr->query(
 EXPORTING
                     = zif tst bopf c=>sc query-contract-select by elements
  iv query key
  it_selection_parameters = lt_sel
 IMPORTING
  eo message
                    = DATA(lo_msg_query)
                  = DATA(lt_key)
  et key
).
" Validate errors
IF lo msg query->check() = abap true OR lt key IS INITIAL.
 RETURN.
ENDIF.
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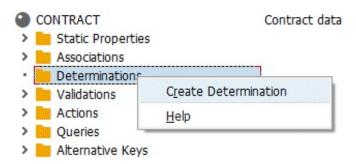
Hint: As you probably noticed, we use the constant interface of the BOPF model for the creation of the service manager, but also for the accesses. Never store the values as literals in these places, as these could change when the interface is regenerated.

Determination

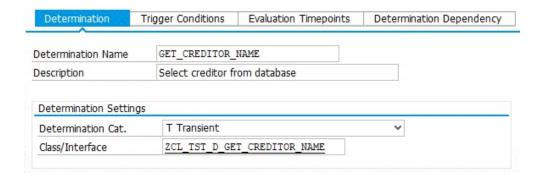
With data collection, you can read additional data at runtime when accessing BOPF. We had already presented this transient data with the data model and now we would like to show you an example of how the data can simply be read.

Create a determination

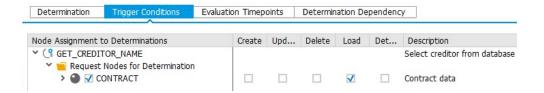
The determination is created on the respective node. For this, transaction BOBX must be called again. On the corresponding node, you now create a determination.



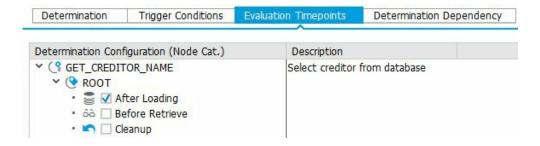
For this, the individual fields are filled, whereby the name of the processing class can be generated again via "Extras -> Propose Repository Names". As a category you choose Transient, because we want to read additional data for this node.



The next step is to set, when the determination should be made. For transient data in most cases the determination is sufficient for "load".



The evaluation timepoint is right here after loading the data from the database so that the data is complete. There are no dependencies for this node and determination.



Implementation

The implementation of the logic takes place in a separate class which implements the interface /BOBF/IF_FRW_DETERMINATION. In method EXECUTE, you receive all selected nodes, in this case only the table with keys. The implementation example is explained in the following code example:

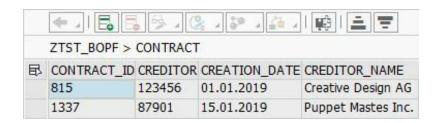
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DATA:
 It head TYPE ztest t contract.
io read->retrieve(
 EXPORTING
  iv node
           = is_ctx-node_key
  it key
           = it_key
  iv fill data = abap true
 IMPORTING
  et data = lt head
).
LOOP AT lt_head REFERENCE INTO DATA(lr_head).
 SELECT SINGLE name1
 FROM lfa1
 WHERE lifnr = @lr_head->creditor
 INTO @lr_head->creditor_name.
 IF sy-subrc = 0.
  io_modify->update(
   EXPORTING
    iv_node = is_ctx-node_key
    iv_key = lr_head->key
    iv root key = lr head->root key
    is data = lr head
  ).
 ENDIF.
ENDLOOP.
```

Using the Retrieve method, you can read the corresponding data for the keys, using the combination table type that accepts the data. Then a loop about the header data by reference, reading the custom properties from the supplier's master record and updating the data with the update method, passing in the

new data as a reference. The loop by reference has already solved this problem.

Test

When reading the node, the data is automatically read at the right time and the structure is enriched. The easiest way to check that is to try the test transaction BOBT. If you look at the sample data now, the field CREDITOR_NAME will be filled.

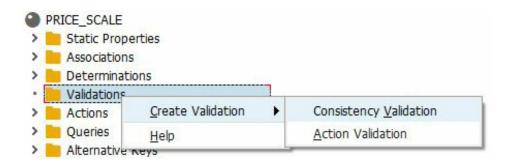


Validation

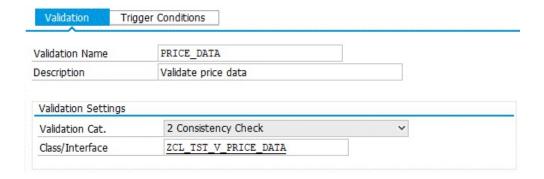
The topic of cleanliness of the data is also very important in the BOPF and provides with the validations a strong method of checking consistency. Similar to the determination, the validation in the data model is also created on the corresponding node. Here we'll show you how to define a validation and implement the appropriate logic in the class.

Create a validation

The validation, like the determination, is again defined on the corresponding node to which it applies. To do so, right-click and select "Consistency validation" to create a new empty object.

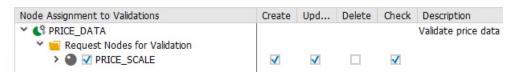


Fill in the name and description of the validation and then you can generate the class name again by suggestion of the system.



The condition must now be activated for certain actions (triggers). In this case, we activate it for all cases, except for deletion, since it makes no sense there. You can only go through validations during generation, if the data is then no longer changeable.

Validation Trigger Conditions



Implementation

The logic is again implemented in the created class implementing the interface /BOBF/IF_FRW_VALIDATION. In the EXECUTE method, all checks are implemented on the data, with the following example:

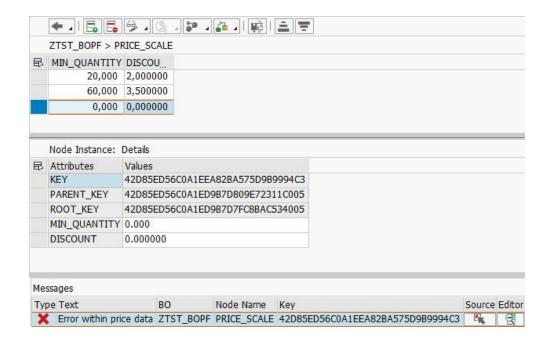
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DATA:
 lt_price_data TYPE ztest_t_price_scale.
eo_message = /bobf/cl_frw_factory=>get_message( ).
io read->retrieve(
 EXPORTING
  iv node
           = is_ctx-node_key
           = it key
  it key
  iv_fill_data = abap_true
 IMPORTING
            = lt_price_data
  et data
).
LOOP AT lt_price_data REFERENCE INTO DATA(lr_price_data).
 DATA(ld_error) = abap_false.
 IF lr price data->min quantity <= 0.
  ld error = abap true.
 ENDIF.
 IF lr_price_data->discount < 0.
  ld error = abap true.
 ENDIF.
 IF ld_error = abap_true.
  APPEND VALUE #( key = lr_price_data->key ) TO et_failed_key.
  eo_message->add_message(
   EXPORTING
    is msg
              = VALUE #( msgty = 'E'
                  msgid = 'ZTEST_MSG'
                  msgno = '001'
              = is_ctx-node_key
    iv node
              = lr price data->key
    iv_key
  ).
 ENDIF.
```

ENDLOOP.

The data must first be read from the data model, because at this point only the keys are available. Afterwards, the data is checked for correctness. If the data has an error, then the key must be transferred to the failed keys table and a message can be generated. In any case, make sure that a new message instance has been created by the factory method before adding the message.

Test

When creating the test data, we will now receive a corresponding error message if the data is not filled correctly. The data can only be backed up if there are no more validation errors.

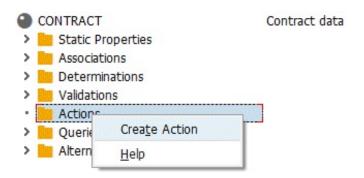


Action

There should be different actions available on the data model that each user of the BOPF should execute? In this chapter, we'll show you what such an action can look like by "a partner is signing". The actions are externally published and collected changes to the data model, which are made available to the user.

Create an action

In the first step, we create the action at the top level, the contract. The reason is that the different partners in the real world also sign on the contract and not on the partner data.



Again, name and description must be entered to complete the data. The name of the class can be generated via the suggestion in the context menu (more about this in the investigation). The partner structure should serve as an import parameter because the new partner should sign a contract.



In the final step, we also set a cardinality of the change. There are three options that can be chosen: Work on one node, several nodes or no node. In our case, we only want to work with one contract.

1 Single Node Instance

- 0 Static Action (No Node Instances)
- 1 Single Node Instance
- 2 Multiple Node Instances

Implementation

We implement the logic in the new class which implements the interface /BOBF/IF_FRW_ACTION. In the EXECUTE method, the logic of the conversion is developed and all the addressed nodes are processed. A small example for the implementation:

```
DATA:
 lt_partners TYPE ztest_t_partners,
 ls_new TYPE ztest_s_partners,
ls_param TYPE ztest_s_partners.
eo_message = /bobf/cl_frw_factory=>get_message( ).
IF lines( it_key ) <> 1.
 et_failed_key = it_key.
 eo_message->add_message(
  EXPORTING
   is_msg
             = VALUE #( msgty = 'E'
                msgid = 'ZTEST MSG'
                msgno = '003'
           )
 ).
 RETURN.
ENDIF.
ASSIGN is_parameters->* TO FIELD-SYMBOL(<ls_param>).
IF sy-subrc = 0.
ls_param = CORRESPONDING #( <ls_param> ).
ELSE.
 et failed key = it key.
 eo_message->add_message(
  EXPORTING
             = VALUE #( msgty = 'E'
   is msg
                msgid = 'ZTEST_MSG'
                msgno = '004'
           )
 ).
 RETURN.
ENDIF.
```

The first part of the coding we build the message instance, because here we

validate further data and check whether data has been transferred. If more than one key has been handed over or the partner data is missing, we will trigger a corresponding error.

```
io_read->retrieve_by_association(
 EXPORTING
  iv node
              = zif tst bopf c=>sc node-contract
  it key
             = it key
  iv association = zif tst bopf c=>sc association-contract-partners
  iv fill data = abap true
 IMPORTING
  et data
             = lt_partners
).
READ TABLE lt_partners
WITH KEY rltyp = ls_param-rltyp
     partner = ls_param-partner
TRANSPORTING NO FIELDS.
IF sy-subrc = 0.
 et failed key = it key.
 eo_message->add_message(
  EXPORTING
             = VALUE #( msgty = 'E'
   is msg
                msgid = 'ZTEST_MSG'
                msgno = '002'
           )
 ).
 RETURN.
ENDIF.
ls_new-partner = ls_param-partner.
ls_new-rltyp = ls_param-rltyp.
io_modify->create(
 EXPORTING
  iv node
                = zif_tst_bopf_c=>sc_node-partners
  is data
               = REF #( ls new )
  iv_assoc_key
                  = zif_tst_bopf_c=>sc_association-partners-to_parent
  iv source node key = zif tst bopf c=>sc node-contract
                  = it_key[ 1 ]-key
  iv_source_key
  iv root key
                 = it_key[ 1 ]-key
 IMPORTING
                = DATA(ld_key)
  ev_key
).
```

In the second part, we read out all the partner data for the association agreement and validate the current partners against the new one. If all goes well, we will add the new record to the database and sign the contract.

Report

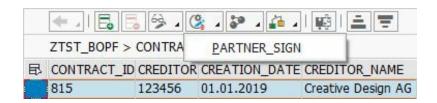
For the test of the action we want to show you an implementation in a program that does not need BOBT and what it would probably look like in the real world:

```
DATA(lo_tmgr) = /bobf/cl_tra_trans_mgr_factory=>get_transaction_manager().
DATA(lo_smgr) = /bobf/cl_tra_serv_mgr_factory=>get_service_manager( zif_tst_bopf_c=>sc_bo_key
).
DATA(ls_parameters) = VALUE ztest_s_partners(
 rltyp = 'BUP001'
partner = '0000888002'
).
lo_smgr->do_action(
 EXPORTING
                  = zif_tst_bopf_c=>sc_action-contract-partner_sign
  iv act key
  it_key
                = VALUE #( ( key = '42D85ED56C0A1ED9B7D7FC8BAC534005' ) )
                   = REF #( ls parameters )
  is parameters
 IMPORTING
  et failed key
                  = DATA(lt failed)
                  = DATA(lo_msg)
  eo_message
).
IF lt failed IS INITIAL.
 lo tmgr->save(
  IMPORTING
   ev rejected
                  = DATA(ld reject)
   et_rejecting_bo_key = DATA(lt_keys)
).
ENDIF.
IF ld_reject = abap_true.
lo tmgr->cleanup().
ENDIF.
```

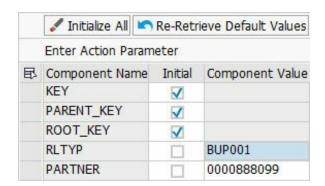
In our example, the data and the entry to be changed are hard-coded, here a dynamic determination should be performed and read via the contract. If the action was successful and the table lt_failed is empty, the data can be persisted to the database.

Test

In transaction BOBT, after loading a contract, the action can be found in the upper context menu, where all available actions are listed.



After execution of the action, a pop-up appears with the expected import data that can be filled or left empty for testing. After confirming this popup, the action will be executed and iterated through your code.



If, for example, a partner record is already included, an error message occurs as with the validations. The buttons behind the message can also be used to navigate to the source code where the message was generated. Since we left nodes and keys blank when generating the message, the information is missing in the display.

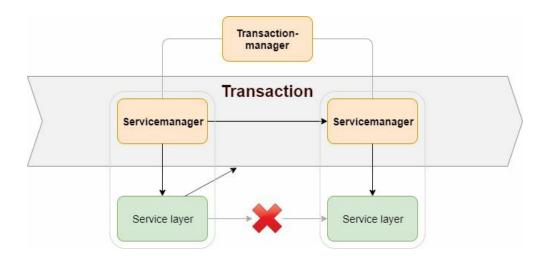


Manager

As you've seen in recent chapters, we've already used a few managers for outside access who have done various things for us. Now we want to show you what it is all about and for what you need which manager.

Functionality

The managers are used to manage the object and the data streams within the processing in the BOPF. For a brief explanation, the following graphic illustrates the scenario:



The transaction includes all the actions and changes that are to be performed on a BOPF model and can be thought of as a flow, in which individual actions are repeatedly carried out. For this the managers are needed.

Transaction manager

Monitors and collects all changes to the model and forms a LUW to keep the data consistent. The manager takes care of the entire transaction and at the end writes the data back to the database. That's why he's the staple on everything.

Service manager

Always created for a specific BOPF model so the manager knows what data he manages. Provides actions to change the data, perform actions on the model, read and validate data. The actions of the manager are always on their own.

Service layer

Only affected by the service manager and unable to communicate with another service layer of another manager. After the action has been taken, processing returns to the transaction layer.

Example

In this specific case, you can read data only with the help of a service manager, but you need the transaction manager as soon as the data is to be changed concretely.

In the variant without transaction manager, the data is read by filter and via the QUERY method. As a result, you get a table with the affected keys and can then use the RETRIEVE method to read in the data in the appropriate structure:

```
DATA:
lt sel
         TYPE /bobf/t_frw_query_selparam,
It contracts TYPE ztest t contract.
DATA(lo smgr) = /bobf/cl tra serv mgr factory=>get service manager( zif tst bopf c=>sc bo key
).
INSERT VALUE #(
 attribute name = 'CREDITOR'
 sign
           = 'I'
 option
            = 'EQ'
           = '0000123456'
 low
) INTO TABLE lt_sel.
lo_smgr->query(
 EXPORTING
                     = zif_tst_bopf_c=>sc_query-contract-select_by_elements
  iv_query_key
  it selection parameters = lt sel
 IMPORTING
  et key
                  = DATA(lt_key)
).
lo_smgr->retrieve(
 EXPORTING
  iv node key
                     = zif tst bopf c=>sc node-contract
  it key
                 = lt_key
 IMPORTING
  et_data
                  = lt_contracts
).
```

In the variant with transaction manager, a table with changes is created (a

contract with a rule) and changed by the MODIFY method. If there are no problems and errors, the transaction manager can take over the data and create it in the tables. In the case of an error, the CLEANUP method is called, which rolls back the steps since the last save.

```
DATA:
lt_mod TYPE /bobf/t_frw_modification.
DATA(ld_key) = /bobf/cl_frw_factory=>get_new_key().
" Contract data
DATA(ls_contract) = VALUE ztest_s_contract(
 contract id = '910'
 creditor = '0000123456'
 creation_date = '20191101'
).
INSERT VALUE #(
         = zif_tst_bopf_c=>sc_node-contract
 change_mode = /bobf/if_frw_c=>sc_modify_create
         = REF #( ls contract )
 data
 kev
         = ld key
) INTO TABLE lt mod.
" Rules
DATA(ls_rule) = VALUE ztest_s_rules(
 lnumber = 1
 langu
         = 'D'
 description = 'One rule for all'
).
INSERT VALUE #(
         = zif_tst_bopf_c=>sc_node-rules
 change mode = /bobf/if frw c=>sc modify create
         = REF #( ls_rule )
 data
 association = zif tst bopf c=>sc association-rules-to parent
 source_node = zif_tst_bopf_c=>sc_node-contract
 source key = ld key
) INTO TABLE lt mod.
DATA(lo tmgr) = /bobf/cl tra trans mgr factory=>get transaction manager().
DATA(lo_smgr) = /bobf/cl_tra_serv_mgr_factory=>get_service_manager( zif_tst_bopf_c=>sc_bo_key
).
lo smgr->modify(
```

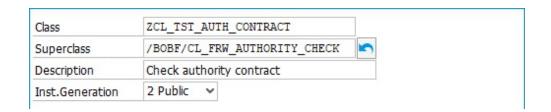
```
EXPORTING
  it_modification = lt_mod
 IMPORTING
  eo_change
               = DATA(lo_change)
  eo_message
               = DATA(lo_msg)
).
IF lo_msg->check( ) = abap_false.
lo_tmgr->save(
 IMPORTING
   ev_rejected
                 = DATA(ld_reject)
   et_rejecting_bo_key = DATA(lt_keys)
).
ENDIF.
IF ld_reject = abap_true.
lo_tmgr->cleanup( ).
ENDIF.
```

Authorization

The developer help in the BOPF describes two ways to create your own authorization check, first with the class /BOBF/CL_LIB_AUTHCHECK_W_QUERY or with completely new implementation of your own logic with the abstract class /BOBF/CL_FRW_AUTHORITY_CHECK. Now we show you the complete route via the abstract class, in which you implement your own authorization checks.

Preparation

The class for checking the authorizations must be created ourselves, since we are working with inheritance and have to do some rework on the new class. Name, description and parent class must be entered, the rest can remain on the standard settings.



You should redefine the methods CHECK_AUTHORITY and CHECK_AUTHORITY_STATICALLY in the first step, but you can leave them empty. The method GET_QUERY_CONDITION_PROVIDER should also be redefined and requires implementation. In the following coding you will get a sample coding of how such an implementation can look like. The configuration is read there and a provider for the node and objects is created. Without the implementation of the method, an error occurs when performing operations on the business object.

```
is_customizing_context = is_ctx
).
```

Implementation

During the implementation, we use the dynamic check on values of the instance, i.e. we implement the CHECK_AUTHORITY method. The method has the following interface, which we can use:

Ty.	Parameter	Typing	Description
▶ □	IS_CTX	TYPE /BOBF/S_FRW_CTX_AUTH	Context Information for Authority Checks
▶ □	IT_KEY	TYPE /BOBF/T_FRW_KEY	Key Table
▶□	IO_READ	TYPE REF TO /BOBF/IF_FRW_READ	Interface to Read Data
□▶	ET_FAILED_KEY	TYPE /BOBF/T_FRW_KEY	Key Table
□▶	EO_MESSAGE	TYPE REF TO /BOBF/IF_FRW_MESSAGE	Interface of Message Object

Accordingly, the context of the request is available to us, with which we first check whether the correct node has been selected. BOPF checks the authorizations for all nodes, but our check should only work specifically for the head entry. If this is successful, we read in the data for the node and check the data against an authorization object. Faulty nodes are taken over by the return table ET_FAILED_KEY so that these data records are filtered out. An implementation could therefore look like this:

```
DATA:

lt_head TYPE ztest_t_contract.

IF is_ctx-node_key <> zif_tst_bopf_c=>sc_node-contract.

RETURN.

ENDIF.

eo_message = /bobf/cl_frw_factory=>get_message().

io_read->retrieve(

EXPORTING

iv_node = is_ctx-node_key

it_key = it_key

iv_fill_data = abap_true

IMPORTING

et_data = lt_head
).

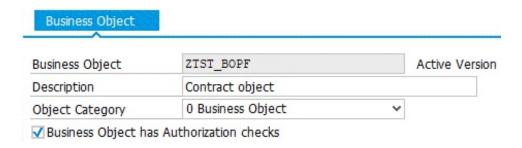
LOOP AT lt_head REFERENCE INTO DATA(lr_head).
```

" Do Authority Check

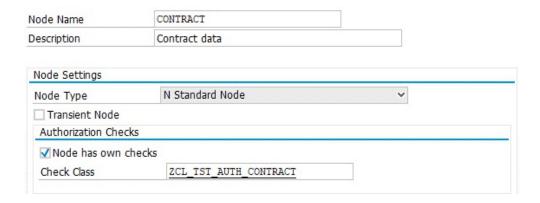
IF sy-subrc <> 0.
 INSERT VALUE #(key = lr_head->key) INTO TABLE et_failed_key.
 ENDIF.
ENDLOOP.

Activation

However, your own authorization check must first be activated before it run automatically. For this, the checkbox "Business Object has authorization checks" must be activated in the header of the business object.



This unlocks additional options and fields on the nodes. The checkbox "Node has own checks" and the deposit of the class then, activate the checks. Then the authorization for the respective node is checked with each access.



Interface

When working with BOPF, you will inevitably come across the interfaces that are available and use them to read or change data. Here we are going to familiarize you with the names and uses so that you can use them efficiently and instinctively.

Usage

As usage, we want to introduce two interfaces that you will probably see more often in the end during the BOPF development. The first image relates to the EXECUTE method of the action. Whenever you implement an action, you will get this interface:

Art	Parameter	Typisierung	Beschreibung
▶□	IS_CTX	TYPE /BOBF/S_FRW_CTX_ACT	Context Information for Actions
▶ □	IT_KEY	TYPE /BOBF/T_FRW_KEY	Key Table
▶ □	IO_READ	TYPE REF TO /BOBF/IF_FRW_READ	Interface to Reading Data
▶ □	IO_MODIFY	TYPE REF TO /BOBF/IF_FRW_MODIFY	Interface to Change Data
▶ □	IS_PARAMETERS	TYPE REF TO DATA	
□▶	EO_MESSAGE	TYPE REF TO /BOBF/IF_FRW_MESSAGE	Message Object
□▶	ET_FAILED_KEY	TYPE /BOBF/T_FRW_KEY	Action cancelled
□▶	ET_DATA	TYPE INDEX TABLE	

The second picture relates to a determination. No parameters structure is passed and no return data are filled. Here you should only work with the data that is available in the BOPF and field contents are adjusted.

Art	Parameter Typisierung		Beschreibung
▶ □	IS_CTX TYPE /BOBF/S_FRW_CTX_DET		Context Information for Determinations
H	■ IT_KEY TYPE /BOBF/T_FRW_KEY Key Table		Key Table
H	IO_READ	TYPE REF TO /BOBF/IF_FRW_READ	Interface to Reading Data
▶ □	IO_MODIFY	TYPE REF TO /BOBF/IF_FRW_MODIFY	Interface to Change Data
□▶	EO_MESSAGE	TYPE REF TO /BOBF/IF_FRW_MESSAGE	Message Object
□▶	ET_FAILED_KEY	TYPE /BOBF/T_FRW_KEY	Key Table

Variables

When using BOPF you will always come across the same variables and interfaces, in this section we want to go into the typical variables and names.

IS_CTX

- Structure
- Information to the business objekt, node and relationship

IT_KEY

- Table
- Selected keys (without data)

IO_READ

- Object
- Used to read data
- Method RETRIEVE Read data
- Method RETRIEVE_BY_ASSOCIATION Read above association

IO_MODIFY

- Object
- Used to change data
- Method DO_ACTION Trigger an action
- Method DO_MODIFY Change some data

IO_QUERY

- Object
- Used to query some data

IV_FILL_DATA

- Field
- Indicator whether return data should only be the keys or also data
- in most cases the keys are enough (performance)

EO_MESSAGE

- Object
- Created messages

ET_FAILED_KEY

- Table
- Bad keys
- e.g. from authorization check or when accessing

ET_DATA

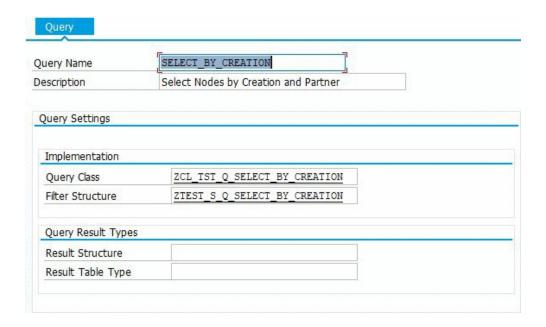
- Table
- Data from BOPF
- Type depends on the current node

Custom Query

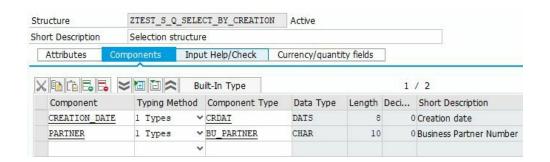
In some cases, you would like to announce interfaces to the outside and give your user the opportunity to perform frequently used queries again and again? There are custom queries that you can define in the BOPF. Now we show you an example of how you can implement something like this.

BOBX

It all starts with defining the query in the data model. To do this, go back to transaction BOBX to expand the model and create your own query. You store a name and optionally a description and you can have the dictionary object names generated again.



We would like to enable the user to perform a custom and unique query and therefore provide some fields from our data model in a structure, the name of the structure we can also have generated by the system. Before we create the class, we need the complete structure.



Data interface

Let's take another look at the data interface of the method before we start implementing it. As you will recognize from some chapters before, we already know many parameters. There is again the configuration data of the current node and objects for reading and changing data.

Art	Parameter	Typisierung
▶□	IS_CTX	TYPE /BOBF/S_FRW_CTX_QUERY
▶□	IT_FILTER_KEY	TYPE /BOBF/T_FRW_KEY OPTIONAL
▶□	IT_SELECTION_PARAMETERS	TYPE /BOBF/T_FRW_QUERY_SELPARAM OPTIONAL
▶□	IO_QUERY_AUTHORITIES	TYPE REF TO /BOBF/IF_FRW_AUTHORITY_QUERY OPTIONAL
▶□	IS_QUERY_OPTIONS	TYPE /BOBF/S_FRW_QUERY_OPTIONS OPTIONAL
▶□	IO_QUERY	TYPE REF TO /BOBF/IF_FRW_QUERY
▶□	IO_READ	TYPE REF TO /BOBF/IF_FRW_READ
▶□	IO_MODIFY	TYPE REF TO /BOBF/IF_FRW_MODIFY OPTIONAL
▶□	IV_FILL_DATA	TYPE BOOLE_D DEFAULT ABAP_FALSE
▶□	IT_REQUESTED_ATTRIBUTES	TYPE /BOBF/T_FRW_NAME OPTIONAL
□▶	EO_MESSAGE	TYPE REF TO /BOBF/IF_FRW_MESSAGE
□▶	ET_KEY	TYPE /BOBF/T_FRW_KEY
□▶	ES_QUERY_INFO	TYPE /BOBF/S_FRW_QUERY_INFO
□▶	ET_DATA	TYPE INDEX TABLE

For your own query, the selection (IT_SELECTION_PARAMETERS), which contains the value restrictions for the individual fields, the query object (IO_QUERY) with which we can carry out standard queries, and the return fields ET_KEY and ET_DATA are particularly relevant. If something goes wrong, the message object (EO_MESSAGE) should of course be filled.

Implementation

You now have to process the following steps: Break down the selection into the individual ranges and do a select on the database. From a performance perspective, you can of course also use a database view or CDS view, which would be a bit more powerful than the JOIN.

In the next step you transfer the data to the query object, which will now select and return the correct data based on the settings and keys.

```
DATA:
 lt key
          TYPE /bobf/t_frw_key,
 lt r create TYPE RANGE OF crdat,
 lt_r_partner TYPE RANGE OF bu_partner.
eo_message = /bobf/cl_frw_factory=>get_message( ).
CLEAR: et_key, et_data.
LOOP AT it_selection_parameters REFERENCE INTO DATA(lr_param).
 CASE lr param->attribute name.
  WHEN 'CREATION DATE'.
   INSERT VALUE #(
    sign = lr_param->sign
    option = lr_param->option
    low = lr_param->low
    high = lr param->high
   ) INTO TABLE lt r create.
  WHEN 'PARTNER'.
   INSERT VALUE #(
    sign = lr_param->sign
    option = lr_param->option
    low = lr_param->low
    high = lr param->high
   ) INTO TABLE lt_r_partner.
 ENDCASE.
ENDLOOP.
SELECT c~db key
FROM ztest d contract AS c
INNER JOIN ztest d partner AS p
 ON p~parent_key = c~db_key
WHERE c~creation date IN @lt r create
 AND p~partner IN @lt_r_partner
INTO TABLE @lt key.
```

```
IF sy-subrc = 0.
 io_query->query(
  EXPORTING
   is_ctx
                  = is_ctx
   it_filter_key
                    = lt_key
   io_query_authorities = io_query_authorities
                       = is_query_options
   is_query_options
   io_query
                    = io_query
   io_read
                   = io_read
                     = io_modify
   io_modify
                    = iv_fill_data
   iv_fill_data
   it_requested_attributes = it_requested_attributes
  IMPORTING
   eo_message
                      = eo_message
   et_key
                   = et_key
   es_query_info
                      = es_query_info
   et_data
                   = et_data
).
ENDIF.
```

Helper methods

In this chapter we want to show you briefly what methods and helps from BOPF are available that support you in development and save you time when you reuse them. In some places you should also use them, otherwise problems or errors can occur.

Framework Factory

You get some help methods available via the framework's factory class /BOBF/CL_FRW_FACTORY. These are general methods for handling the data.

GET_MESSAGE

Return of a new message object for the transfer of error messages in the event of problems with data determination or processing. The current error status can also be determined via the object.

GET_NEW_KEY

Generation of a new unique key to save the data in the database. Usually a key is generated if none is handed over. However, if you want to create data with associations, you already need the key of the previous dataset for the association.

GET_NEW_TRANSIENT_KEY

Creates a new transient key and returns it. These keys can be created for disposable records if, for example, entire nodes in the model are transient but need a key for identification.

GET CONFIGURATION

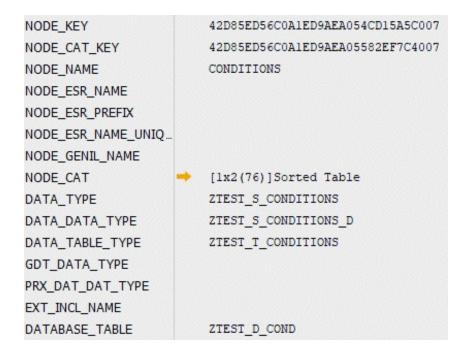
Reading in the configuration for a BOPF model (key of the data model from the constant interface) and returning an object of the type /BOBF/CL_CONFRT_COMPLETE.

```
DATA(lo_config) = /bobf/cl_frw_factory=>get_configuration( zif_tst_bopf_c=>sc_bo_key ).

lo_config->get_node(
    EXPORTING
    iv_node_key = zif_tst_bopf_c=>sc_node-conditions
    IMPORTING
```

```
es_node = DATA(ls_node)
).
```

The structure of LS_NODE then contains information about the selected node in the example above. This makes it easy to find the data types or tables for the selected node.



Constant Interface

The generated constant interface is an important access point to the generated keys and nodes and connects them with meaningful names. As you have already seen in the example above, you can read the configuration for the data model in a readable form without having to remember the technical identifier.

Hint: With new nodes or changes in the model, the constant interface is regenerated, so it is best practice to only access the constants, as these do not change as long as the node names do not change.

As an example, an extract from the interface for our data model:

```
INTERFACE zif tst bopf c
 PUBLIC.
 INTERFACES /bobf/if_lib_constants .
 CONSTANTS:
  BEGIN OF sc action,
  BEGIN OF conditions.
    create conditions TYPE/bobf/act key VALUE '42D85ED56C0A1ED9AEA0558383898007',
    delete conditions TYPE /bobf/act key VALUE '42D85ED56C0A1ED9AEA055838416C007',
    save_conditions TYPE /bobf/act_key VALUE '42D85ED56C0A1ED9AEA055838493C007',
    update conditions TYPE/bobf/act key VALUE '42D85ED56C0A1ED9AEA0558383D70007',
    validate_conditions TYPE /bobf/act_key VALUE '42D85ED56C0A1ED9AEA0558384568007',
  END OF conditions,
   BEGIN OF contract,
    create contract TYPE /bobf/act key VALUE '42D85ED56C0A1ED9AEA0525CBC3E8006',
    delete contract TYPE /bobf/act key VALUE '42D85ED56C0A1ED9AEA0525CBF46C006',
    lock_contract TYPE /bobf/act_key VALUE '42D85ED56C0A1ED9AEA0525B61750006',
                 TYPE /bobf/act key VALUE '42D85ED56C0A1EEA82BB08B1DA099376',
    partner sign
    save_contract TYPE /bobf/act_key VALUE '42D85ED56C0A1ED9AEA0525CBFCF0006',
    unlock contract TYPE /bobf/act key VALUE '42D85ED56C0A1ED9AEA0525B89214006',
    update_contract TYPE /bobf/act_key VALUE '42D85ED56C0A1ED9AEA0525CBC8C0006',
    validate contract TYPE /bobf/act key VALUE '42D85ED56C0A1ED9AEA0525CBF8E0006',
   END OF contract,
  BEGIN OF notes,
    create notes TYPE/bobf/act key VALUE '42D85ED56C0A1ED9AEA058A5C783400A',
    delete notes TYPE /bobf/act key VALUE '42D85ED56C0A1ED9AEA058A5C85CC00A',
               TYPE /bobf/act_key VALUE '42D85ED56C0A1ED9AEA058A5C8DD800A',
    save notes
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update_notes TYPE /bobf/act_key VALUE '42D85ED56C0A1ED9AEA058A5C81BC00A', validate_notes TYPE /bobf/act_key VALUE '42D85ED56C0A1ED9AEA058A5C89F000A', END OF notes.

BEGIN OF partners,

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BEGIN OF price scale,

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validate_price_scale TYPE /bobf/act_key VALUE

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END OF price_scale,

BEGIN OF rules,

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END OF sc action.

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Performance

You have probably already wondered what the performance of this framework shows in the end when we access the individual data? Here we want to talk about this topic and give you some suggestions.

Amount of data

In principle, the framework is very fast when accessing individual components if you subtract the loading time of the framework and the settings. You don't have to worry about direct access to a small amount of data or reading sub-items, since these accesses are sufficiently fast enough.

However, as soon as you use the BOPF model in a gateway service, for example, and the first "count query" goes on the total data, you will not be able to avoid a manually SELECT. With a large amount of data, it can already be worth implementing a manual access.

Performance black hole

Normal access to the data is quick, but there are some mechanisms in the BOPF that slow down performance. These include:

- Authority checks
- Determinations

Authority check

The data is protected by an authorization check and each record must be checked accordingly? This can have a strong impact on performance, especially if you have to read all or a lot of data. Here it is advisable to work with a buffer if you have already carried out a test for a combination. The check requires more performance than access to a sorted table.

Determination

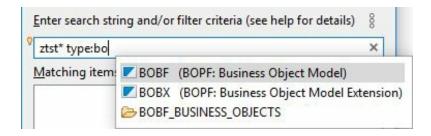
If data is also derived, it is usually read from other tables, which means additional access. A determination cannot be deactivated for only special access. Here is our recommendation to you to set manual access directly to the data table.

Eclipse

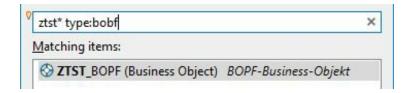
The working environment for ABAP is to become Eclipse in the future, says SAP and is bringing more and more features for ABAP development into Eclipse. Now we want to show you what is working so far in relation to BOPF in Eclipse.

Search

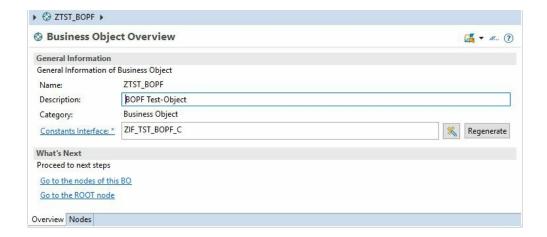
In order to edit a BOPF model, it has to be found first. To do this, you can simply use the general search in Eclipse, which you can access via shortcurt CTRL + SHIFT + A. Here you can work with a type filter to filter by BOBF or BOBX and only get relevant objects.



In this example we wanted to have all ZTST objects of type BOBF. Since we only have one such model in the system, the corresponding result is displayed.

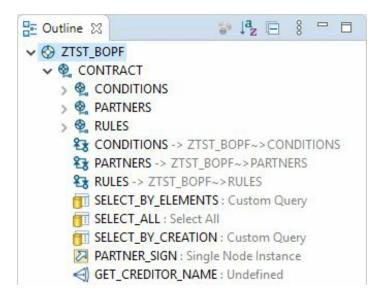


After selecting the object, you will land in the overview of the BOPF. From here you can control the different areas and objects.



Navigation

There are several ways that the ADTs offer you navigation and overview in the BOPF. On the one hand, the outlines show you an overview of the entire property and you can easily navigate to the individual sections.



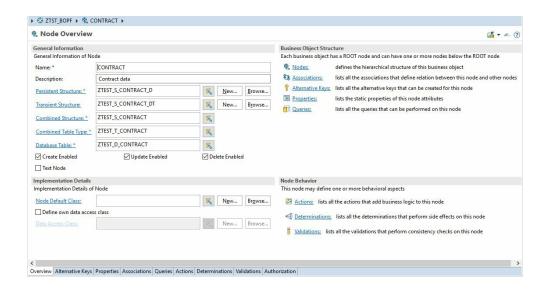
On the other hand, you can also access the subsequent sections of an object using the arrow in the upper area. With one click, the menu for navigation opens.



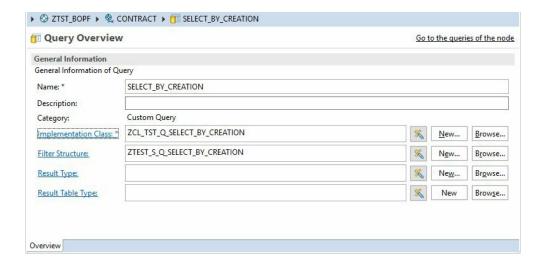
Nodes

The overview of a node works similar to the SAP GUI, you get all information about the structures and tables at a glance. What you might notice are the different ways of navigating and calling the functions within the node.

- Navigation to the object works via the link in front of it
- Suggestions for the name via the button with the magic wand
- New objects are created using the "New" button
- Suggestions for other functions are divided into different categories



Let's take a look at our self-defined query, which was created directly under the contract. Here, as in the BOBX, we find information about the query, the structure used and our implemented class.



Another click on the link in front of the class opens another tab and we are right in the class and could now adjust the methods and definitions.

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            DATA:
              It_key TYPE /bobf/t_frw_key,
lt_r_create TYPE RANGE OF crdat,
lt_r_partner TYPE RANGE OF bu_partner.
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            eo_message = /bobf/cl_frw_factory=>get_message( ).
           FREE et_key.
FREE et_data.
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            LOOP AT it_selection_parameters REFERENCE INTO DATA(lr_param).
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               CASE lr_param->attribute_name.
WHEN 'CREATION_DATE'.
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                     INSERT VALUE #(
                     sign = lr_param->sign
option = lr_param->option
low = lr_param->low
high = lr_param->high
) INTO TABLE lt_r_create.
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                   WHEN 'PARTNER'.
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Ending

You have learned a lot in the last few chapters and already followed the example? Then you are ready for the "real" world out there. For the implementation of your data model, it is best to always use the environment that you can handle the best.

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