Use bulk operations

Administrators sometimes must change multiple objects (hundreds or even thousands of documents). It is inefficient to change objects individually. But you can change multiple objects by using bulk actions and batch operations.

You can perform bulk actions on search and sweep results. In this unit, you will learn about bulk operations on searches.

You can find the documents by using a search, and then update them by using a bulk action. The application of these actions occurs either while the query runs or after the query runs. For actions that are applied after a query runs, you select the search results to which the actions apply.

Bulk actions and bulk operations

Bulk actions:

- are performed on objects during a search
- affect all objects that the search returns
- · can be combined to perform several actions at the same time
- must be enabled before initiating the search

Batch operations:

- can be accessed from searches and other containers
- affect only selected objects
- · can perform only one action at a time

Types of Bulk actions

The following are the two main types of bulk actions:

- Predefined The actions are predefined and you specify them by selecting checkboxes, such as deletion or canceling check-out of documents.
 - You can select actions that might not be relevant for all search results. If an action is not relevant to a particular search result, it is not executed for that result.
- Script You can define more bulk actions with a JavaScript script. To allow future reuse, save your scripts with a .js extension.
 - For more information, refer to the IBM FileNet P8 Platform V5.5.x Knowledge Center: https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSNW2F_5.5.0/com.ibm.p8.ce.ad min.tasks.doc/p8pcc438.htm

Activity: Use bulk actions to modify security for multiple documents

Bulk actions are a powerful way to update multiple documents and should be used with caution. In this activity, you will create a search with a bulk action to update multiple documents simultaneously.

In this activity, you will accomplish the following:

- Check the security before running the bulk actions.
- Create a search for marketing materials.
- Create and run bulk actions that update security on the search results.
- Verify the security change on the marketing materials.

Check the security before running the bulk actions.

In this task, you will check the security of the documents before you run the bulk actions that adds the Marketing security group.

- Ensure that the IBM FileNet P8 Platform components are started.
 If you have not started them earlier, start the components by using the earlier activity: Prepare your system Start IBM FileNet P8 Platform.
- In the Mozilla Firefox browser, click the ACCE bookmark or type the following URL: http://vclassbase:9080/acce
- Type p8admin for the User name field, FileNet1 for the Password field, and then click Log In.
- On the left pane of the EDU_P8 tab, expand the Object Stores folder and then click the Sales object store.
- From the Sales tab, expand the Sales > Browse > Root Folder node on the left pane and then click Marketing.
- From the Marketing tab on the right pane, click the link of a document (Example: MarketingPlan1.docx).
- On the MarketingPlan1.docx tab, select the Security subtab and verify that the Marketing security group is not listed under the Access Permissions section.
 - The Marketing group is already configured in the Active Directory on your student system. You will run a bulk action to add the Marketing group to the documents in the next task.

- Close the Marketing and MarketingPlan1.docx tabs.
- Leave the administration console open for the next task.

Create a search for marketing materials.

In this task, you will create a search for use in bulk actions. You have already logged in to the administration console as p8admin and the Sales object store tab is opened.

- From the Sales tab, click Search on the left pane.
- From the Saved Searches tab on the right pane, click New Object Store Search.
- On the New Object Store Search tab > Simple View subtab, select Document for the Class field and then click Yes when you are prompted to fetch properties for the Document of Subclasses.
- Enter the following values under the Criteria section:

Property: Document Title

Condition: Starts With

Value: Marketing



The values you entered are used to construct a query for the objects of Document class. For an SQL statement, class (Document) is the table, each object is a row, and object properties (Document Title) are the selected columns.

You will enable the bulk actions in the next task and then run the search.

Create and run bulk actions that update security on the search results.

The search is open and the bulk actions are currently disabled. In this task, you will enable them, configure the update security bulk action, and then run the search.

 On the New Object Store Search tab, click the Bulk Actions (Disabled) subtab and then select Enable.

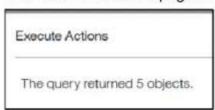


- Scroll down to the Security area and then select the Update security option.
- Click Add and then select Add User/Group Permission.

You can also specify a role for role-based access.

- On the Add Users and Groups page, type Marketing in the Search field and then click Search.
- Select the Marketing group, move it to Selected Users and Groups by using the right arrow, and then click OK.
- Back the New Object Store Search tab, verify that the Marketing group is listed under the Security section.
- Scroll down to the Permissions area and then select the checkboxes under the Add Allow column for the following permissions.
 - View all properties
 - Modify all properties
 - View content
 - Create an instance
 - Change state
 - Minor versioning
 - Major versioning
 - Read permissions
- Click Run.

The **Execute Actions** page with a message about the query results is displayed.



 Click Close on the Execute Actions page and leave the New Object Store Search tab opened for the next activity.

Verify the security change on the marketing materials.

In the previous task, you ran a search that included a bulk action to update security. The action occurred as the search ran. Inspect one of the documents to ensure that the Marketing group was added to the document. The search tab is open, displaying the search that you recently ran.

- On the Bulk Actions (Enabled) tab, clear the Enable checkbox to disable bulk actions, click Run to run the search again, and then view the search results.
- Click the title of one of the documents in the Search Results table.
 The document properties page opens in a tab.
- On the document properties page, open the Security tab and then verify that Marketing is now displayed in the Access Control List.



If Marketing is not displayed, click Refresh.

- Select the checkbox for the Marketing row and then click Edit.
 Verify that the permissions match the permissions that you specified for this group in the bulk action.
- Click Cancel and then click Close to close the document properties page.
- Click Close on the New Object Store Search tab, click OK to close when you are prompted, and then close the Saved Searches tab.
- Log out of the administration console and then close the browser.

Activity: Use bulk operations to cancel checkout of documents

Assume an example scenario where Misty, a member of the Marketing group, has left the company. Some of the documents were still checked out by this user. As an administrator, you must cancel the checkout so that other users can edit these documents. In this activity, you will use bulk operations that cancels checkout on all of the documents that Misty has checked out.

Important note: This activity builds on the previous activity and so ensure that the *Use* bulk actions to modify security for multiple documents activity is completed.

In this activity, you will accomplish the following:

- Preparation: Check out documents.
- Use batch operations to cancel the check out.

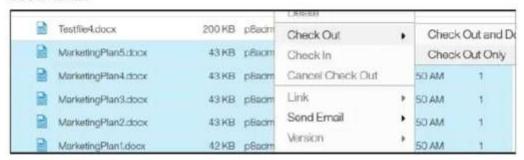
Preparation: Check out documents.

In this task, you will log on as Misty and check out some documents in the IBM Content Navigator (ICN) client to use later with the bulk action.

- In the Mozilla Firefox browser, click the Finance Desktop bookmark or enter the following URL: http://vclassbase:9081/navigator/?desktop=FinanceDesktop
- Type Misty for the User name field, FileNet1 for the Password field, and then click Log In.
- Click the down arrow next to Finance on the upper right and select the Sale repository from the list.
- On the left pane, click the Marketing folder.
- Right a click a document that begin with MarketingPlan in the title and then select Properties.
- On the Properties page, select the Security tab, and verify that the Marketing group is listed for the Author field.



 Select all the documents that begin with MarketingPlan in the title (5 documents) and then click Actions > Check Out > Check Out Only to check out the documents.



Misty is a member of the Marketing group and she can check out only documents to which the Marketing group has major and minor versioning permissions. You set these permissions in the previous task through a bulk action.

Verify the checked out documents have a lock icon and then log out of the ICN desktop and close the Browser.

Use batch operations to cancel the check out.

In this task, you will log in as an administrator (p8admin) and use batch operations to cancel the checkout of the Marketing documents that Misty has checked out.

- In the Mozilla Firefox browser, click the ACCE bookmark or type the following URL: http://vclassbase:9080/acce
- Type p8admin for the User name field, FileNet1 for the Password field, and then click Log In.
- On the left pane of the EDU_P8 tab, expand the Object Stores folder and then click the Sales object store.
- In the Sales tab, expand the Sales > Browse > Root Folder node on the left pane and then click Marketing.
- From the Marketing tab on the right pane, select the documents that begin with MarketingPlan in the title (5 documents that have lock icon) and then click Actions > Batch Operations.

Use the Actions menu from the Contents subtab.

 On the Batch Operations page, open the Actions tab, select the Cancel checkout option under Versioning, and then click OK. Click OK when you are prompted with the message for the Cancel checkout.



Click OK again when you get a message that the operation is complete.



- Back on the Marketing tab, verify that the checkout is cancelled for the documents that you selected (The lock icon is not shown now).
- Log out of the administration console and then close the browser.