

Universal Task Documentation

Universal Automation Center support for scheduling Informatica Power Center V9.6.x

ut-inf-pc-v9-6-startworkflow-windows

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Abstract:

This Universal Task allows to schedule an Informatica Power Center Workflow by calling the Power Center Webservices Hub SOAP command *"startWorkflow"*.

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2 Introduction

Informatica Power Center provides a Web Services Hub to schedule Power Center Workflows using the SOAP communications protocol for web services.

The here described Universal Task calls the “*startWorkflow*” SOAP Webservice to run a Workflow in Power Center.

Details on the Power Center Web Services Hub can be found here [1]:

Some details about the universal task for Power Center:

- It is based on the standard Power Center (PC) Web Services Hub using SOAP protocol
- The PC Web Services Hub Interface is called from a Universal Agent running on a Windows Server or a Linux Server – Note: This document focuses on the Windows Version
- The Windows Server needs to have Python 2.7.x or 3.6.x installed
- Any Additional Web Services Hub SOAP command as listed in [1] can also be implemented using the same approach.
- An extract of the Python script, which is called as part of the Universal template can be found here [3] or can be looked up in the controller under the Universal template
- Exit code processing has been added to the universal task script:
 - In case a workflow fails E.g. If you provide a wrong workflow name, it will fail, and you can re-start the job with the correct ID.
 - In case of a connection error the task will fail e.g. wrong IP address or Port of the Power Center Web services HOST
 - In case a wrong password has been entered the instance will fail
- You can configure all connection Parameters via the Universal Task
- You can select different log-levels e.g. Info and debug
- Http and Https connections are support (Note: the host certificate is not verified)

3 Installation

3.1 Software Requirements

Universal Task name: *Informatica startWorkflow_Windows*

Related UAC XML Files for template and task: [2]

Software used:

For the set-up you need:

1. Python 3.6.3 (or 2.7.x) for Windows installed on a server where an Universal Agent is installed.
2. For Python the following modules are required:
 - *requests*, to perform the REST connection towards the PC SOAP API
 - *argparse*, to allow testing of the Universal Template script on the command line
 - *sys*, for output re-direct processing
 - *datetime*, date and time stamps for messages
 - logging, to provide logging capabilities for debug, info etc.
 - `xml.dom.minidom` import `parse`, `parseString`, to parse XML results

Note: Only the module requests need to be added to python 3.6.3

3. Universal Controller 6.4.2.x or higher
4. Universal Agent 6.3.0.3 or higher installed on a Windows Server
5. Power Center 9.6.x with Web Service Hub enabled

3.2 Installation Steps

The following describes the installation steps:

1. Install Python 3.6.3 for Windows on the Universal Controller server or any Windows Server running a Universal Agent.

Official Download link: <https://www.python.org/downloads/>

Note:

Install python with the options:

- add python to windows path
- Install for all users

2. Add the request module to your python installation

In a dos command shell run as Administrator:

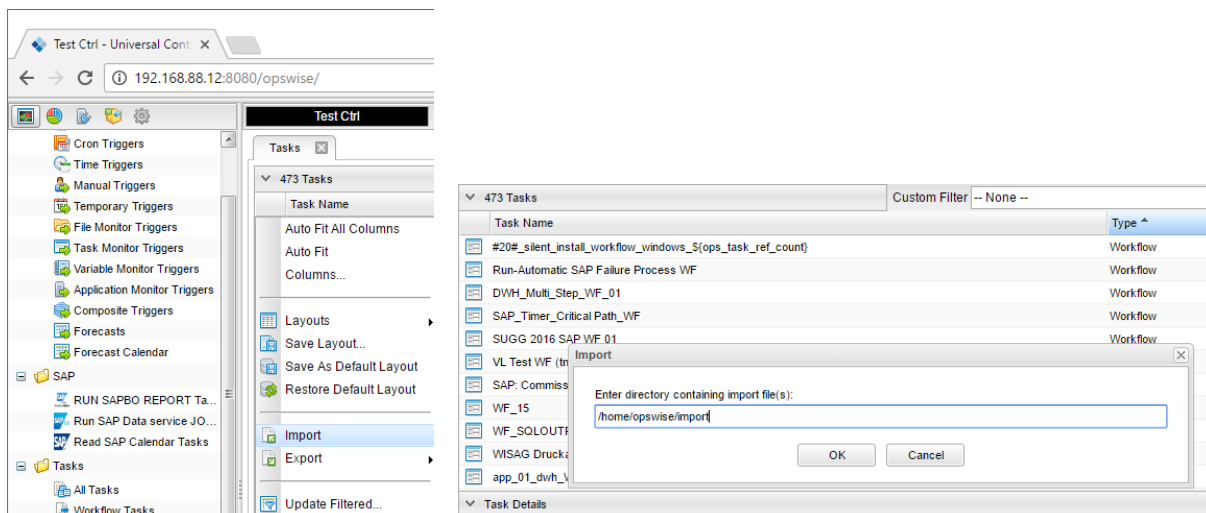
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pip install requests
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Note: The module *requests* contain the commands to perform the SOAP commands towards the Power Center Webservice Hub.

It is assumed that the modules argparse, sys, datetime, logging, xml.dom.minidom are already available. If not install them via pip.

3. Import the Universal Task including the Universal Template to your Controller

Go to “All Tasks” and load via the Import functionality the Universal Task configuration into the Controller.



4 Universal Task Configuration

1. Activate: Resolvable Credentials in Universal Automation Center:

93 Properties	
Name	Value
Resolvable Credentials Permitted	true

2. Fill Out the Universal Task for each Power Center Workflow to be scheduled:

Informatica startWorkflow_Windows Task Details

UpdateNewLaunch TaskView ParentsCopyDeleteRefre

Informatica startWorkflow_Windows TaskVariablesActionsVirtual ResourcesMutually ExclusiveInstancesTriggersNotesVersions

General

Task Name :startWorkflow load_seller_data_windowsVersion :20

Task Description :calls the "startWorkflow" Webservice on the Informatica Webservice Hub

Member of Business Services :

Resolve Name Immediately :☐

Hold on Start :☐

Virtual Resource Priority :10Hold Resources on Failure :☐

Further Info's :

System :

Informatica startWorkflow_Windows Details

Agent :\${Win_AGNT}Agent Cluster :

Agent Variable :☒Agent Cluster Variable :☐

Credentials :Cluster Broadcast :

Credentials Variable :☐Run with Highest Privileges :☐

repositoryname :stonebranch_reproPort :7333

domainname :Domain_WalldorfInformatica Credentials :informatica

username :IS servicename :stonebranch_is

foldername :stonebranchworkflowname :load_seller_data

requestmode :NORMALtimeout :60

TaskinstancePath :Hostname :Walldorf

loglevel :DEBUG

Power Center Credential for Universal Task:

Credential Details: informatica

Update Convert Delete Refresh Close

Credential Versions

Details

Name : informatica Version : 1

Type : Resolvable

Runtime User : Administrator

Runtime Password :

Description : Credentials for Power Center

Key

Location (FTP only) :

Member of Business Services :

Description:

Field	Required	Description
Agent	Mandatory	The windows Universal Agent, which runs the Python request module to call the PC “startWorkflow” SOAP Webservice
Repositoryname	Mandatory	Name of the repository to log in to.
usernamepace	Optional	The security domain of the user account used to log in to the repository. Required if there is more than one security domain in the PowerCenter domain.
Domainname	Mandatory	Domain name for the Integration Service.
Foldername	Mandatory	Name of the folder containing the workflow.
requestmode	Mandatory	Indicates the recovery strategy for the session task: - NORMAL. Restarts a session without recovery. - RECOVERY. Recovers a session.
loglevel	Mandatory	logging settings DEBUG, INFO, WARNING, ERROR, CRITICAL
Informatica Credentials	Mandatory	Credentials for Power Center
IS Servicename	Mandatory	Name of the Integration Service that runs the workflow.
workflowname	Mandatory	Name of the workflow to run.
Timeout	Mandatory	Maximum amount of time the Web Services Hub can take to process a request and generate a SOAP response before the request times out. If the Web Services Hub is unable to generate a

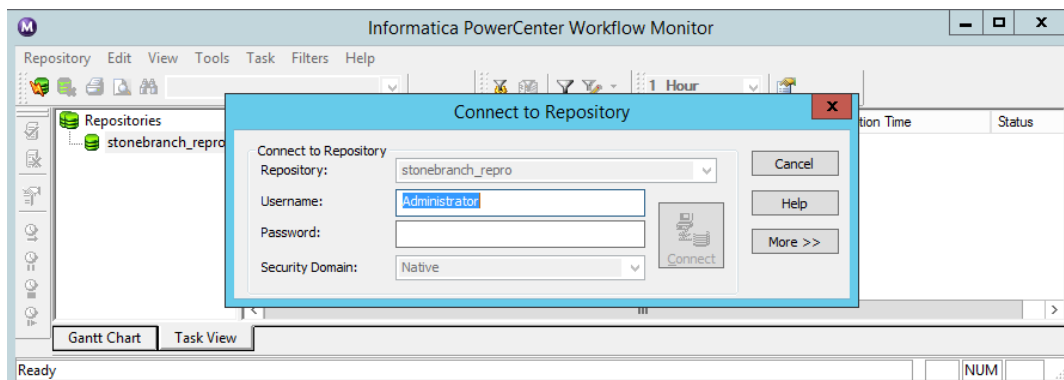
		response within the timeout period, it sends a fault message to the web service client and drops the connection. Default is 60 seconds. Set to 0 to disable the timeout period.
Hostname	Mandatory	Web Services Hub host name
Port	Mandatory	Web Services Hub port number
SSL	Optional	Choose if you want to connect via http or https to your webservice hub. In the Power Center Administration Gui you can look up the configuration by clicking on the webservice hub: e.g. http: http://walldorf:7333/wsh https: https://walldorf:10333/wsh

5 Power Center

The following provides to non-Informatica Consultants an Introduction how to verify that a Workflow, which was started via the Universal Task for Power Center, has been successfully executed in PC.

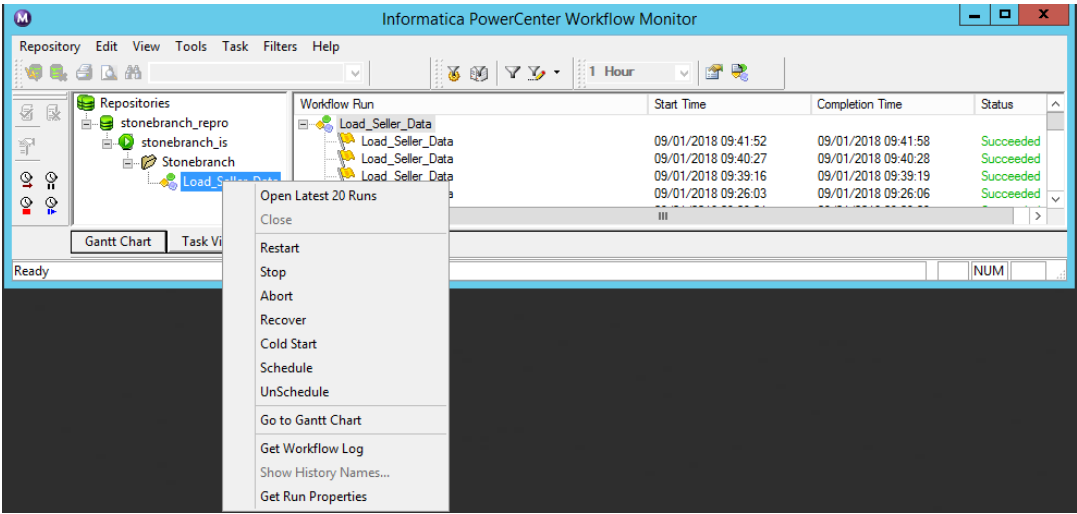
5.1 How to lookup a Workflow instance in PC

1. Log-in to the Power Center Workflow Monitor



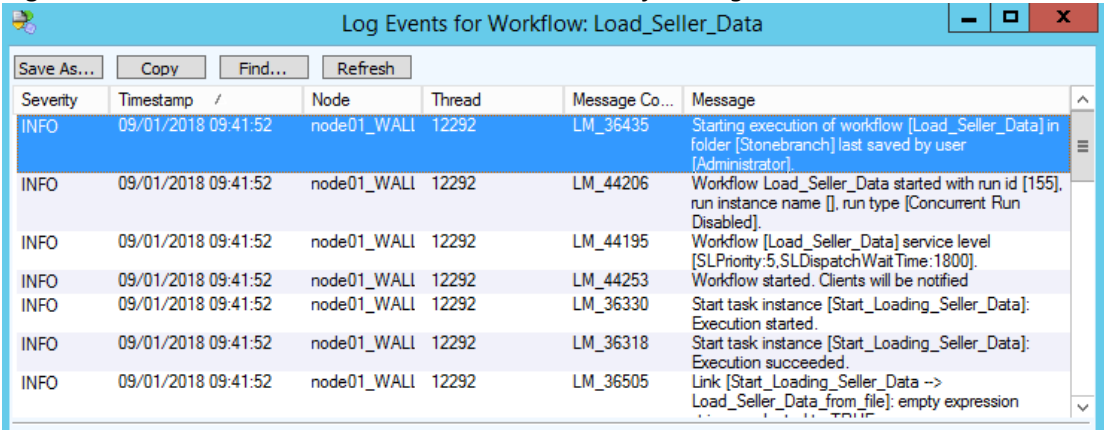
2. Log-in to the Power Center Workflow Monitor

Browse to your Workflowname. In the example the Workflow is called: *Load_Seller_Data*
In the right screen you can see all executed instances including their status e.g. *Succeeded*.



3. Verify the Workflow Log

Right Click on the workflow will allow to *Get the Workflow Log*



Note: The same Workflow log information is also available in the Universal Task Output.

4. Verify the Workflow Log in Universal Automation Center

All Log Information show in the Power Center Workflow Monitor are also available in the Universal Controller Web-Gui in the Task Instance screen and Output.

The following screenshot shows the Task Instance Screen:

Informatica startWorkflow_Windows Task Instance Details: startWorkflow load_seller_data_windows

Update Re-run Retrieve Output... Delete Refresh Close

Informatica startWorkflow_Windows Task Instance Virtual Resources Exclusive Requests Output Notes

Task: startWorkflow load_seller_data_windows Invoked By: Manually Launched

Task Description: calls the "startWorkflow" Webservice on the Informatica Webservice Hub

Member of Business Services: Execution User: ops.admin

Resolve Name Immediately: Calendar: System Default

Virtual Resource Priority: 10 Hold Resources on Failure:

Further Info's: System:

Status

Status: Success Exit Code: 0

Status Description:

Operational Memo:

Trigger Time: Launch Time: 2018-01-09 09:39:14 +0100

Queued Time: 2018-01-09 09:39:14 +0100

Start Time: 2018-01-09 09:39:25 +0100 End Time: 2018-01-09 09:39:32 +0100

Duration: 7 Seconds CPU Time: 390

Process ID: 10768

Informatica startWorkflow_Windows Details

Agent: M135 Win AGNT Agent Cluster:

Agent Variable: Agent Cluster Variable:

Credentials: Run with Highest Privileges:

Credentials Variable: Port: 7333

repositoryname: stonebranch_repro Informatica Credentials: informatica

domainname: Domain_Walldorf IS servicename: stonebranch_is

usernamepace: workflowname: load_seller_data

foldername: stonebranch timeout: 60

requestmode: NORMAL

The following screenshot shows the Log file in the Task Instance Output Screen:

Informatica startWorkflow_Windows Task Instance Details: startWorkflow load_seller_data_windows

Informatica startWorkflow_Windows Task Instance Virtual Resources Exclusive Requests Output Notes

2 Output

Output

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INFO : Tue Jan 09 09:39:16 2018 [LM_44206] : 12300 workflow Load_Seller_Data started with run id [153], run instance name [], run type [Concurrent Run Disabled]
INFO : Tue Jan 09 09:39:16 2018 [LM_44195] : 12300 workflow [Load_Seller_Data] service level [SLPriority:5,SLDispatchWaitTime:1800].
INFO : Tue Jan 09 09:39:16 2018 [LM_44253] : 12300 workflow started. Clients will be notified
INFO : Tue Jan 09 09:39:16 2018 [LM_36330] : 12300 Start task instance [Start_Loading_Seller_Data]: Execution started.
INFO : Tue Jan 09 09:39:16 2018 [LM_36318] : 12300 Start task instance [Start_Loading_Seller_Data]: Execution succeeded.
INFO : Tue Jan 09 09:39:16 2018 [LM_36505] : 12300 Link [Start_Loading_Seller_Data --> Load_Seller_Data_from_file]: empty expression string, evaluated to 1
INFO : Tue Jan 09 09:39:16 2018 [LM_36388] : 12300 Session task instance [Load_Seller_Data_from_file] is waiting to be started.
INFO : Tue Jan 09 09:39:16 2018 [LM_36682] : 12304 Session task instance [Load_Seller_Data_from_file]: started a process with pid [17868] on node [node01_WALLDORF]
INFO : Tue Jan 09 09:39:16 2018 [LM_36330] : 12304 Session task instance [Load_Seller_Data_from_file]: Execution started.
INFO : Tue Jan 09 09:39:17 2018 [LM_36488] : 12308 Session task instance [Load_Seller_Data_from_file] : [TM_6793 Fetching initialization properties from the repository]
INFO : Tue Jan 09 09:39:17 2018 [LM_36488] : 12308 Session task instance [Load_Seller_Data_from_file] : [DISP_20305 The [Preparer] DTM with process id [17868] is ready to start]
INFO : Tue Jan 09 09:39:17 2018 [LM_36488] : 12308 Session task instance [Load_Seller_Data_from_file] : [PETL_24036 Beginning the prepare phase for the session]
INFO : Tue Jan 09 09:39:17 2018 [LM_36488] : 12308 Session task instance [Load_Seller_Data_from_file] : [TM_6721 Started [Connect to Repository].]
INFO : Tue Jan 09 09:39:17 2018 [LM_36488] : 12308 Session task instance [Load_Seller_Data_from_file] : [TM_6722 Finished [Connect to Repository]. It took [6 seconds].]
INFO : Tue Jan 09 09:39:17 2018 [LM_36488] : 12308 Session task instance [Load_Seller_Data_from_file] : [TM_6794 Connected to repository [stonebranch_repro] successfully.]
INFO : Tue Jan 09 09:39:17 2018 [LM_36488] : 12308 Session task instance [Load_Seller_Data_from_file] : [TM_6721 Started [Fetch Session from Repository].]
INFO : Tue Jan 09 09:39:17 2018 [LM_36488] : 12308 Session task instance [Load_Seller_Data_from_file] : [TM_6722 Finished [Fetch Session from Repository]. It took [6 seconds].]
INFO : Tue Jan 09 09:39:17 2018 [LM_36488] : 12308 Session task instance [Load_Seller_Data_from_file] : [TM_6721 Started [Partition Group Formation].]
INFO : Tue Jan 09 09:39:17 2018 [LM_36488] : 12308 Session task instance [Load_Seller_Data_from_file] : [TM_6722 Finished [Partition Group Formation]. It took [6 seconds].]
INFO : Tue Jan 09 09:39:17 2018 [LM_36488] : 12308 Session task instance [Load_Seller_Data_from_file] : [PETL_24037 Finished the prepare phase for the session]
INFO : Tue Jan 09 09:39:17 2018 [LM_36488] : 12308 Session task instance [Load_Seller_Data_from_file] : [TM_6792 Notifying the Integration Service that the process is ready to start]
INFO : Tue Jan 09 09:39:18 2018 [LM_36318] : 12304 Session task instance [Load_Seller_Data_from_file]: Execution succeeded.
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6 Test Cases

The following basic test cases has been performed:

Case#	Assumed behavior	Result
Start a Job based on a correct Foldername, Servicename and Workflow	Job should finish with status "succeeded" in PC and "success" in the UC Task Instance. The Task Instance output should contain the same log file as in PC.	Correct
Start a Job based on a wrong Foldername	Task should fail with error "500" and message ERROR - Check that the Workflow: [xyz], Foldername: [xyz] and is_servicename: [xyz] are correct	Correct
Start a Job based on a wrong Servicename	Task should fail with error "500" and message ERROR - Check that the Workflow: [xyz], Foldername: [xyz] and is_servicename: [xyz] are correct	Correct
Start a Job based on a wrong Workflowname	Task should fail with error "500" and message ERROR - Check that the Workflow: [xyz], Foldername: [xyz] and is_servicename: [xyz] are correct	Correct
Start a Job on PC providing the wrong server port	Task should fail with error "Http Connection Pool Error 10061"	Correct
Start a Job on PC providing the wrong server hostname	Task should fail with error "Failure: HTTPConnectionPool Error 11001"	Correct
Start a Job on PC with a blocked firewall	Task should fail with error "Failure: HTTPConnectionPool Error 11001"	Correct
Start a Job on PC with the wrong user	Task should fail with error "Failure: 500 .."	Correct
Start a Job on PC using http connection, but PC Web Service Hub is setup as https host	Task Failure : ('Connection aborted.', error(111, 'Connection refused'))	Correct
Start a Job on PC using https connection (PC Web Service Hub is setup as https host)	Job should finish with status "succeeded" in PC and "success" in the UC Task Instance. The Task Instance output should contain the same log file as in PC.	Correct

7 Document References

This document references the following documents:

Ref#	Description
[1] PC_961_WebServicesProviderGuide_en.pdf	Power Center Webservices Hub description
[2] XML extract of Universal Task	UAC XML extract of the Universal Template and Task <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ops_credentials_13ae541df9a84a9fa74c4129d65834df ops_task_universal_91050ea839594edc8e0c905bce95d3d5 ops_unv_tmplt_c39bba9112e34156b44aae2d43d24a3e
[3] UT_Informatica_RunWorkflow_v9	Python Script which is used in the Universal template