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This manual has been organized as a step by step guide to teach how to create reports using Oracle Developer Suite 10G. The target audience is new comes to Oracle Developer suite. It assumes that the reader has basic knowledge of Oracle concepts and PL/SQL. After completing this course, you will be able to crate variety of reports using Oracle Developer Suite 10G.

This manual is organized to be read in a serial fashion and follow the instructions given in the document as it is. Practical examples are given in each section to guide you through every step. The tables referred here are common (shared) tables used by different batches, so care should be taken not to delete or update the rows which does not belong to you, this may create problem for the other batches. At the end of the course, you should delete the data you have created.

There are several symbols used to designate particular sections, which are described below:

 - Describes the purpose of the section.

 - Notes relevent to the scetion above

 - This denotes the task to be completed by the audience on his own PC. The layout of the output has to be followed as it is. For any confusion, the faculty shoul dbe contacted.

1. Introduction to AOL

The AOL is a collection of pre-built application components and facilities and it consists of forms, subroutines, concurrent programs and reports, database tables and objects, messages, menus, responsibilities, flexfiled definitions, various guides and library functions. AOL is also the short name for the System Administration module of Oracle which is where you control such things.

2. Terminology

 In this section you will learn about the key terminology of the AOL, which will be explained in detail in subsequent sections

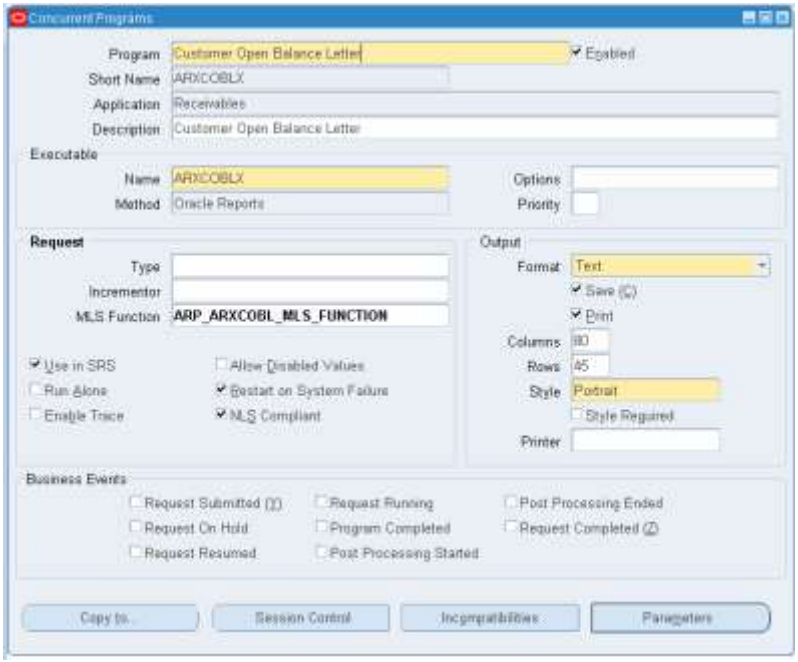
APPS Schema

An ORACLE schema that has access to the complete Oracle Applications data model. This is a database user having super user access. Further detail of this schema is available in the “Technical Architecture” manual.

Concurrent Program

A concurrent program is an executable, which is capable of running a job from within Oracle Applications. A concurrent program has to be submitted from within the application. It can accept parameters at the runtime, and is capable of executing a variety of codes like PL/SQL code, Database stored procedure and function, Shell scripts and binaries. Any piece of code that you want to run from within Oracle Applications has to be registered as a Concurrent Program. A concurrent program can be schedules to run at a particular time, and several options are available to control the behaviors of a concurrent program.

A Concurrent program looks like this:



The details will be explained in next chapters.

Concurrent Request

When a program is submitted for running, it is called a Concurrent Request.

The below diagram shows two programs which has completed.

There are few things to note here:

Request ID: Whenever a concurrent program is submitted for run, the system allocates a new request id.

Name: This is the name of the program.

Parent: A Concurrent Program often submits another Concurrent Program, In this case request id – 7563960 has been invoked by request id – 7563959.

Phase: When a Concurrent Program is submitted, it may not start running immediately, and goes through different phases – Pending, Running and Completed/Error. A program can be in pending state for many reasons, for example: Concurrent Manager is not ready to take the job. Then it goes into running state.

Status: This shows that the current status of concurrent request, If everything is fine, it will show – Normal , else it may show – Standby (meaning waiting for Concurrent manager), or Error (if a problem has occurred while running)

Parameters: The parameter values which has been supplied while submitting the program.

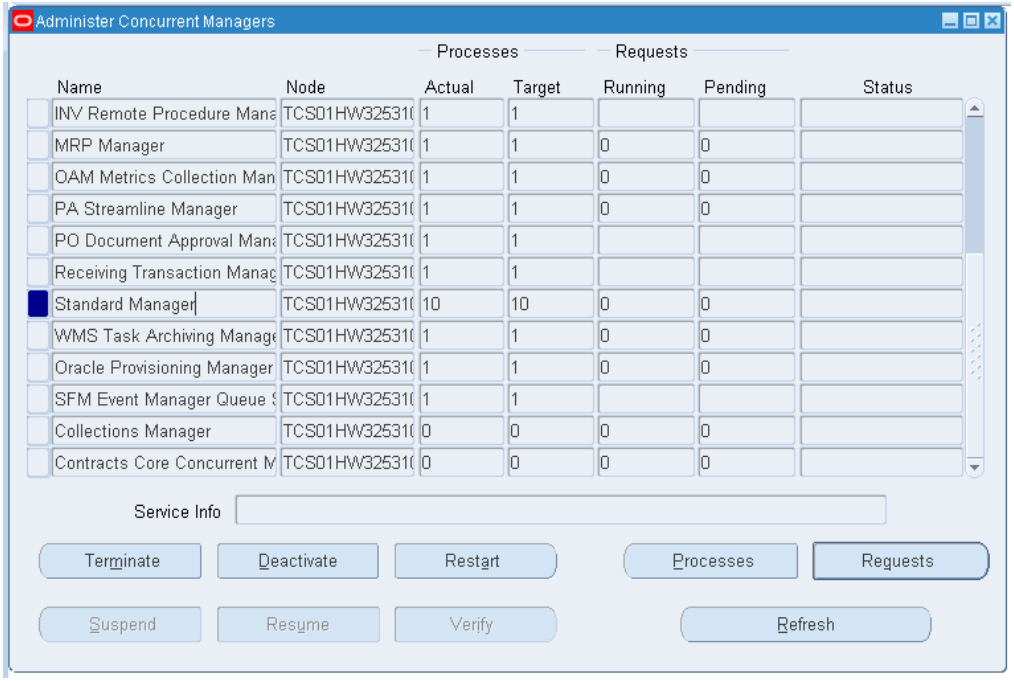
Video1: Script:

In this video, we will see how a concurrent program looks like, and what a concurrent request is.

Concurrent Manager

This is a tool which actually runs the Concurrent Programs which has been submitted. This has an in built scheduler, which can control when a program will run, and on what conditions.

The below picture shows the concurrent managers:



Note the following:

Name: Name of the Concurrent Manager

Node: The server where the manager is running.

Actual: The actual number of processes, the manager has is running. This means the number of Concurrent Programs the manager can run parallel. In this case, the MRP Manager can run one and the Standard Manager can run 10 Concurrent Programs parallel.

Target: The number of processes the Concurrent Manager has been asked to run. This should be same as the Actual column in normal conditions, but will differ if some of the processes have died.

Running: The number of Concurrent Programs, the manager is actually running at this moment. In this case, none of the managers are running anything, meaning no one has submitted any Concurrent Requests.

Pending: Number of Concurrent Programs waiting to be run

Status: Status of the Concurrent Manager, will show null, if everything is fine, else will show 'Deactivated', if the manager has been deactivated.

Application

An application is a collection of Forms, Reports and PL/SQL objects to meet a particular business objective. There are large numbers of these objects in Oracle Applications, which has been categorized into different applications.

For example, our current installation contains:

- 3978 Forms
- 2273 Reports
- 574690 Database Objects(PACKAGE BODY,TABLE,INDEX,SEQUENCE,PACKAGE,TABLE PARTITION,LOB)

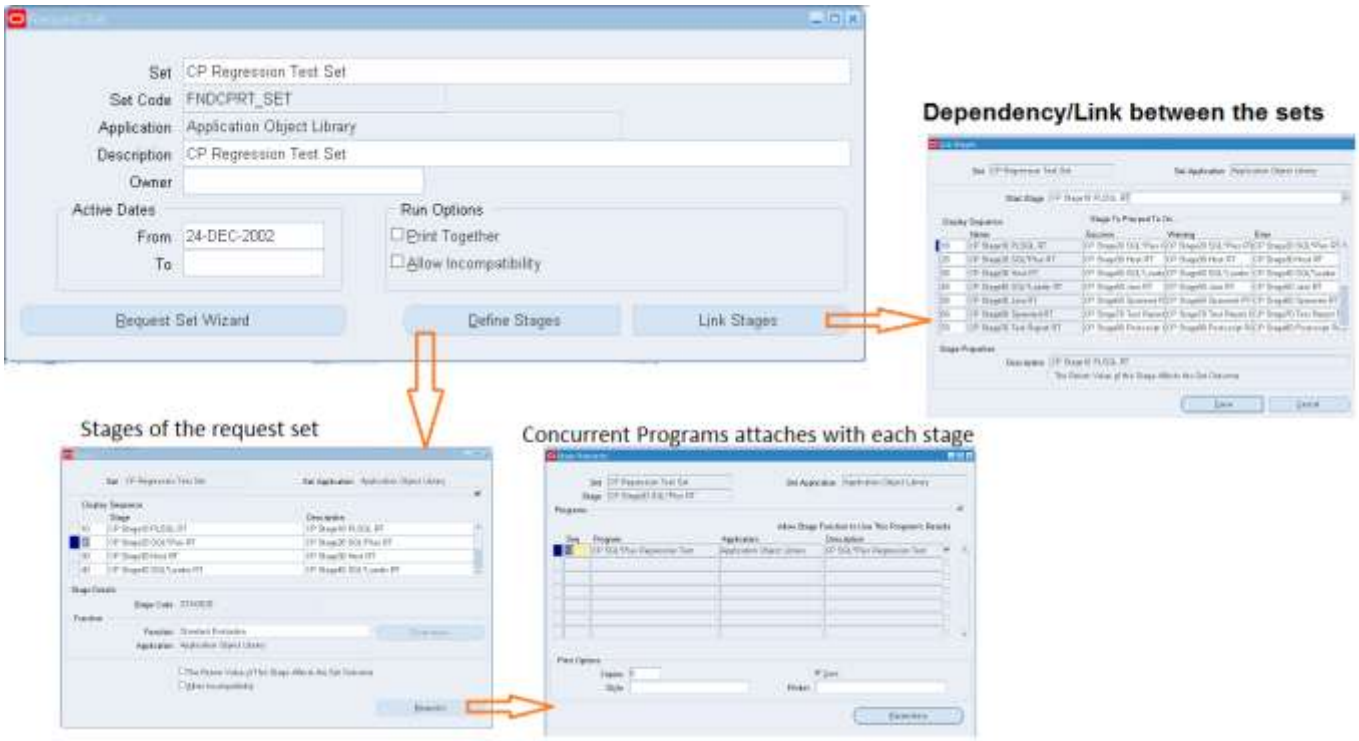
Out of which, the application "**Payables"** holds the following:

- 54 Forms
- 110 Reports
- 2 PACKAGE BODY
- 345 TABLE
- 620 INDEX
- 139 SEQUENCE
- 2 PACKAGE
- 64 TABLE PARTITION
- 4 LOB

Request Set

A Request set is a collection of concurrent programs with optionally linked of execution sequence. When we need to executed a set of programs in a particular order, we create a request set. The programs within a request set can be executed in a particular order and depending on certain conditions.

A sample of Request Set has been illustrated in the following diagram:



Note the following in the above diagram:

Request Set named "**CP Regression Test Set**" has stages namely:

CP Stage10 PLSQL RT

CP Stage20 SQL*Plus RT

CP Stage30 Host RT

CP Stage40 SQL*Loader RT

Each stage has a concurrent program attached to it. In this diagram, we are showing the Concurrent Program attached to the stage "**CP Stage20 SQL*Plus RT**", and we can see that the Concurrent Program named "**CP SQL*Plus Regression Test**" is attached to this stage.

The diagram also shows the link between the stages. This is done by clicking the **Link Stage button**.

Look at the first row of the Link Stage window, this means:

If Stage **CP Stage10 PLSQL RT** completes successfully, run the stage **CP Stage20 SQL*Plus RT**

If Warning run the stage **CP Stage20 SQL*Plus RT**

If Error run the stage **CP Stage20 SQL*Plus RT**

Responsibility

A collection of functions within an Oracle Application. A responsibility is assigned to a user. A user can have multiple responsibility. User can change the responsibility to get a different set of privileges. This functionality is called segregation of duties.

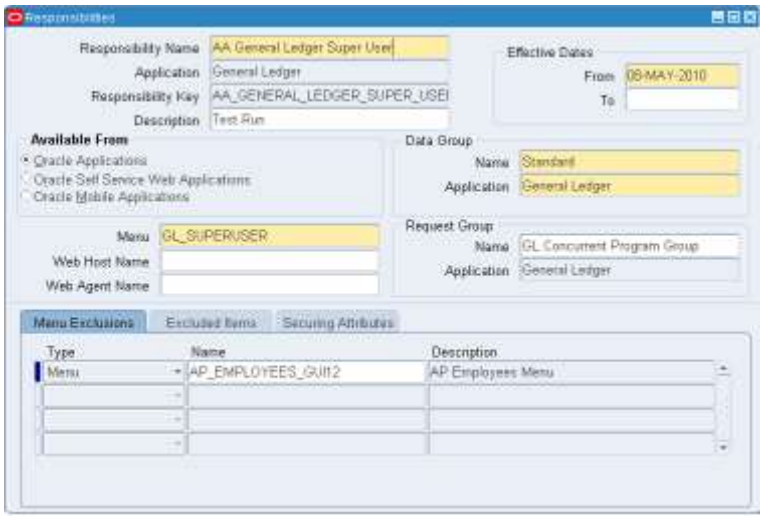
The user gets to do the following functions by virtue of the responsibility assigned to him/her:

1. What form/functions he will be able to access
2. What Concurrent Programs he will be able to run
3. What data will he be able to access through the above cause

The important attribute of a responsibility are:

1. Menu – this decided the navigation menu and submenu the user gets when he logs into Oracle Applications
2. Request Group – this decided what Concurrent programs the user will be able to run
3. Data Group – this decides what data the user will have access to.
4. Menu Exclusion – What function or submenu will be excluded (from the menu assigned to it) to this responsibility.

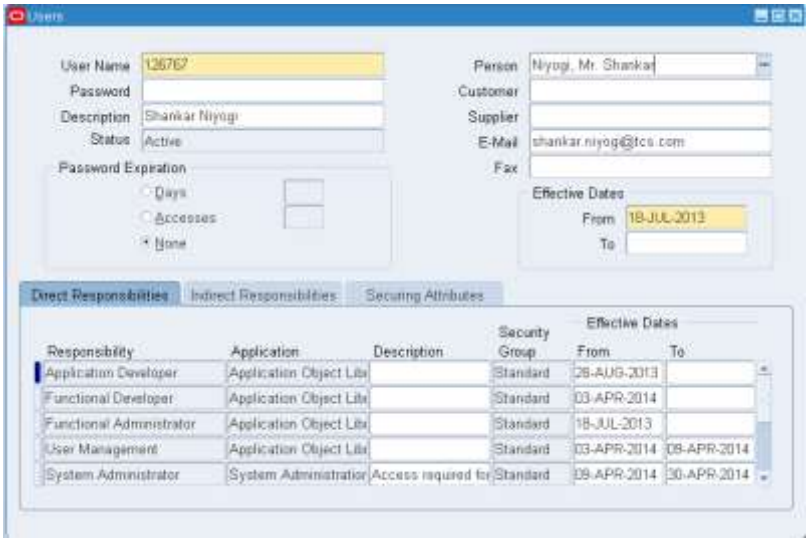
The below diagram is an example of a responsibility definition:



User

A user is the login id for Oracle Applications. A user has to supply a password along with user id to access the application. A user has a set of responsibilities.

The person field is the HR users created for the user in the Human Resource system. The Oracle Application user is linked to this through this form, but all users do not have a person attached to it.



The relationship between User > Responsibility and Menu is depicted in the diagram below

Request Group

A request group is a collection of Concurrent Programs. The request group is assigned to a responsibility. User having this responsibility can run these programs.

The below diagram shows the Concurrent Programs attached to the Request Group "**Application Developer Reports"** (Diagram x) **.** The User Name – 105642 has the responsibility Application Developer (Diagram z). This responsibility is attached to the request group "**Application Developer Reports**" (Diagram y). This Request Group has a set of programs attached to it (Diagram x), so, the user **105642** will be able to run all of these Concurrent Programs.

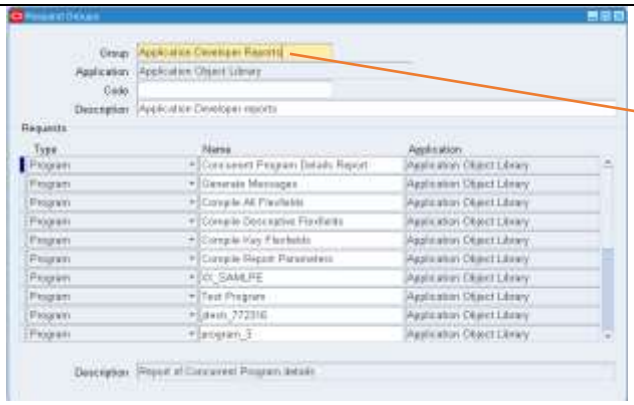
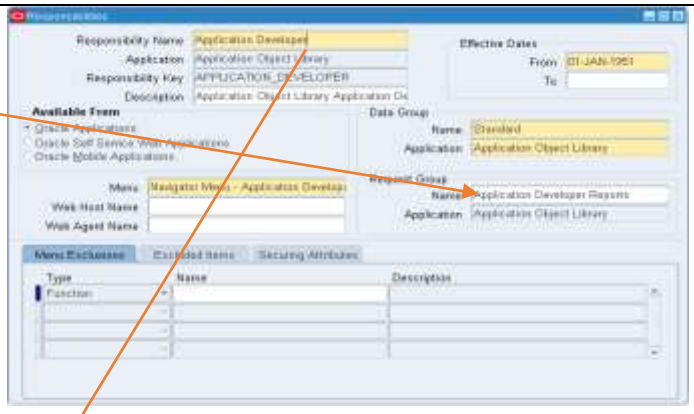


Diagram x



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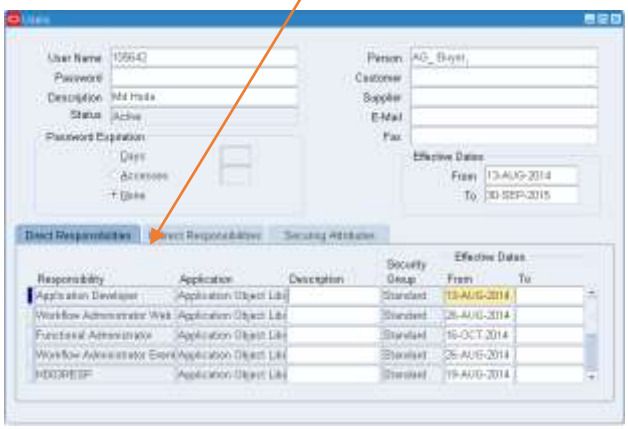
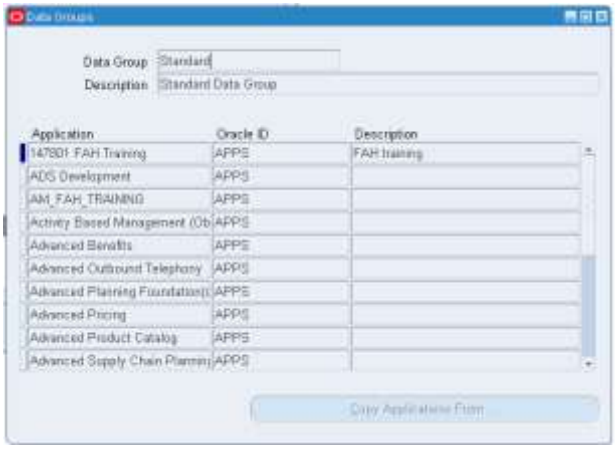


Diagram z

Data group

A Data Group defines the mapping between Oracle Applications products and ORACLE user IDs. A Data Group determines which Oracle database accounts will be sued by an application to connect through forms or concurrent programs to the database.

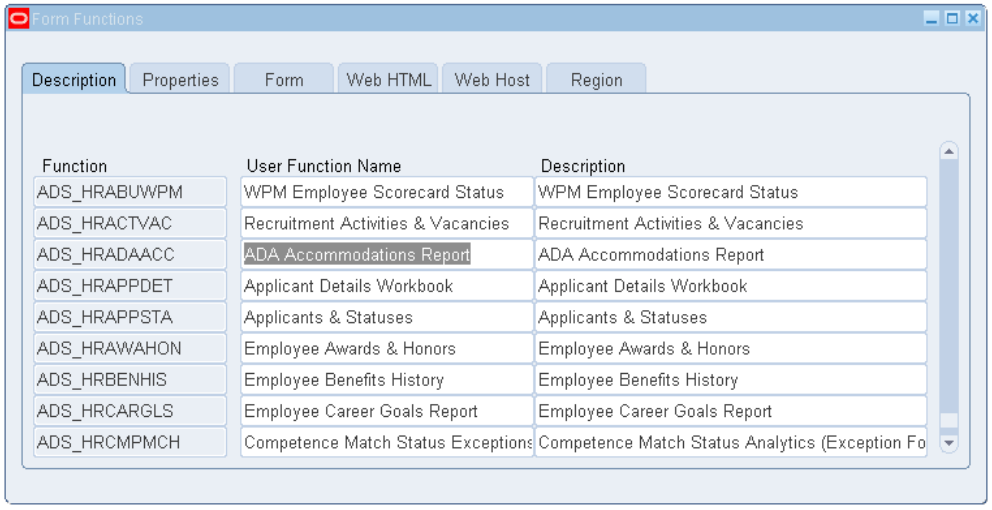
Data group named **Standard** is created by default, and other data group can be created as needed.



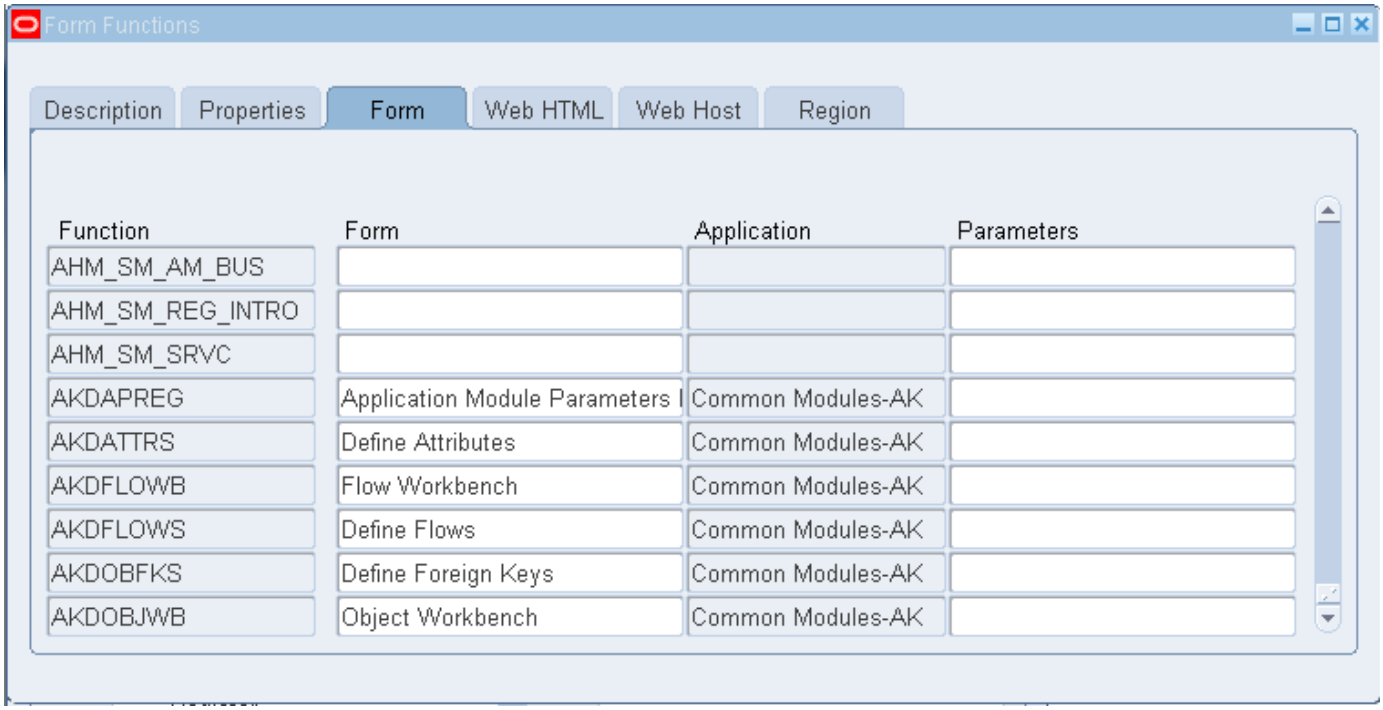
The above diagram shows two data groups defined in our instance.

Function

A function is attached to a menu. When the user clicks on a menu item, he invokes a function. A function can be a form, or a URL or jsp page.

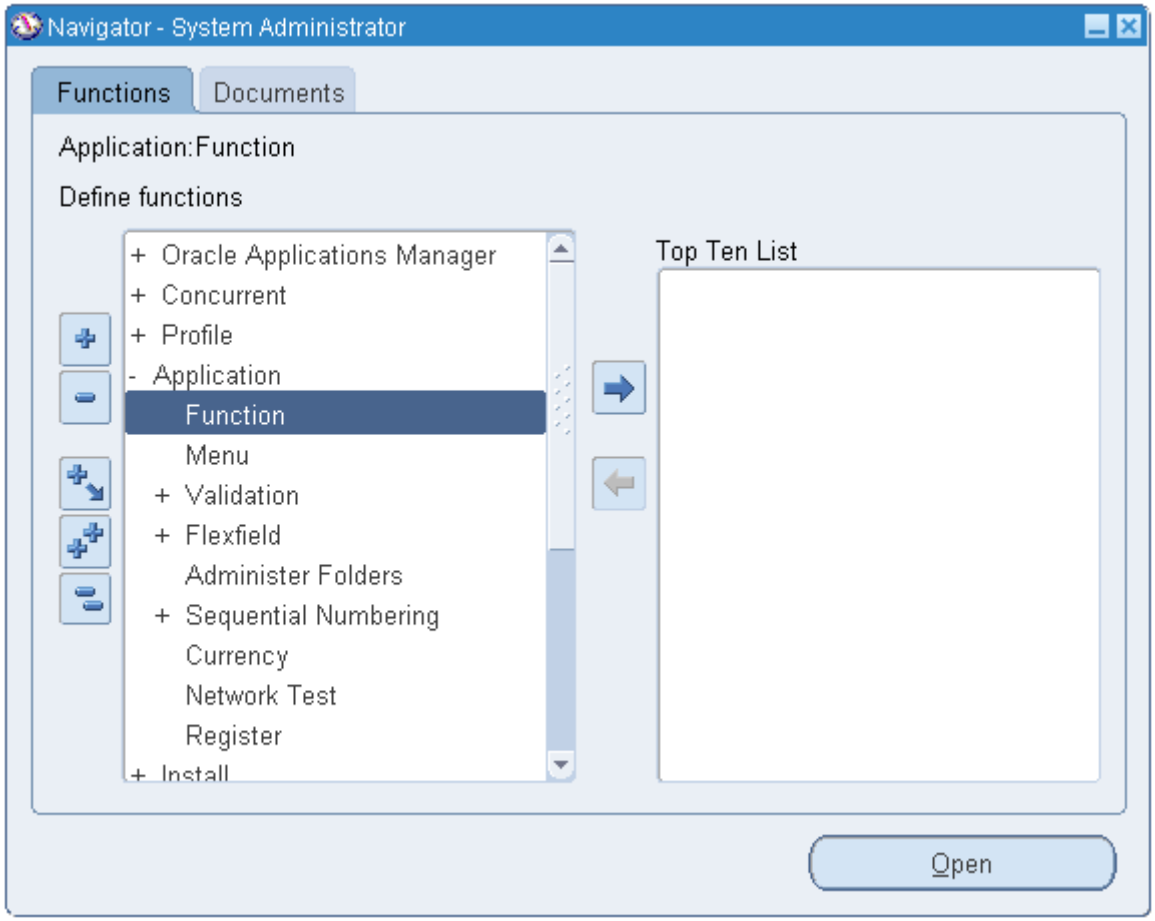


The above diagram shows the definition of functions, with different tabs. You need to click on the relevant tab for the registration. For example, if you want to define the function to call a form, click on the Form tab and enter the form detail which needs to be called. For example, the Form named 'Define Attributes' has been attached to the function – AKDATTRS.

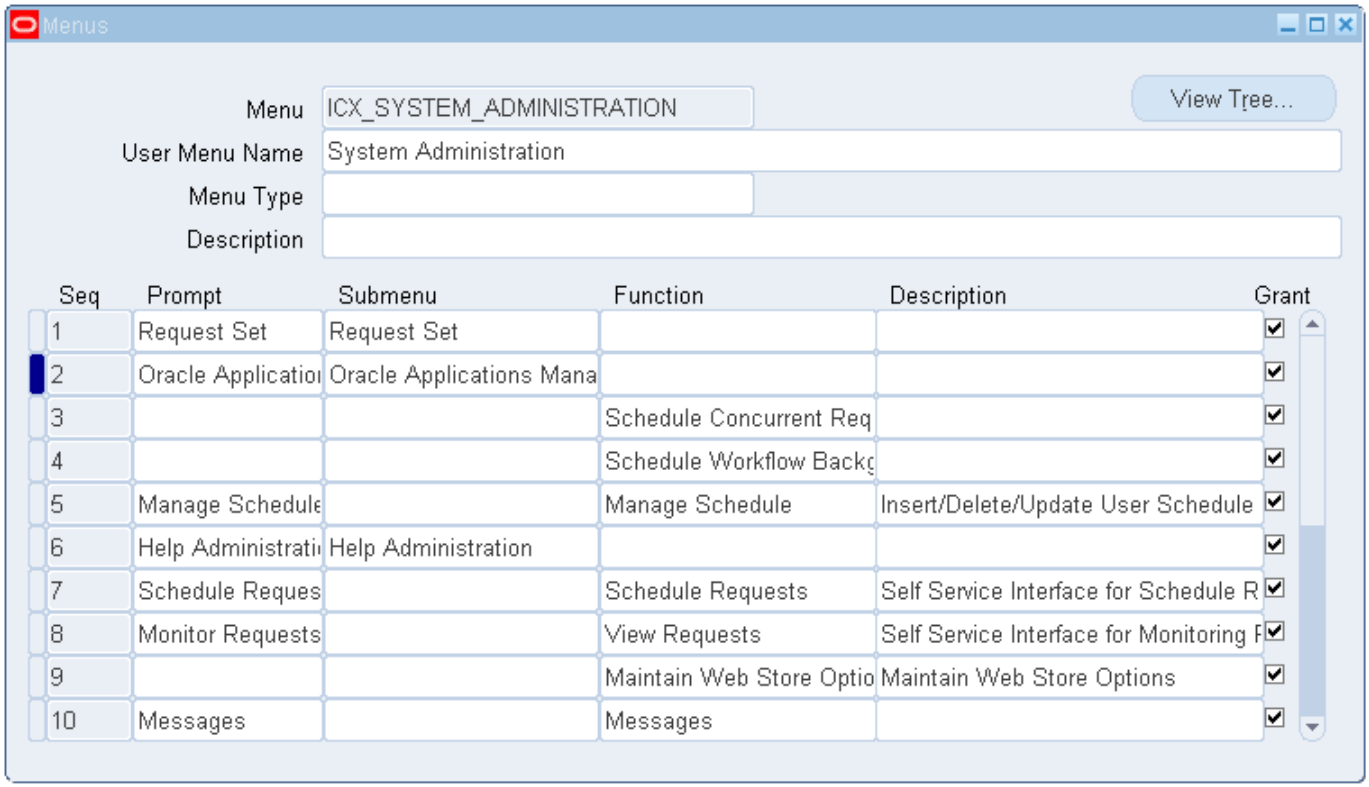


Menu

Collection of its submenus and functions in the navigator window. In the below screenshot, a user is logged in with a responsibility – 'System Administrator' and he has a menu, which has items shown below. This is called a menu for the responsibility 'System Administrator'.



The below screenshot shows, the place where the menu structure has been defined:



Note the following:

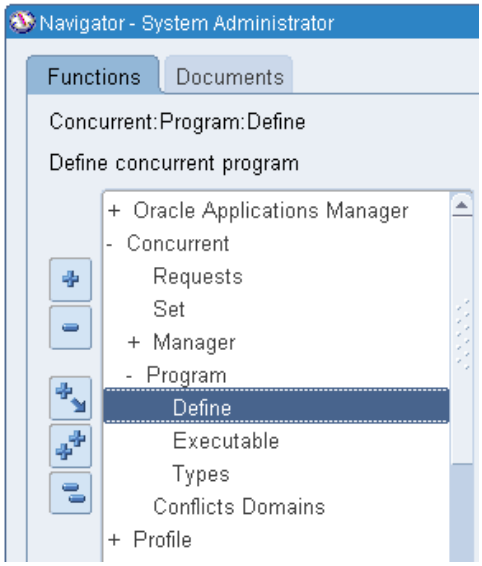
- A menu has a name (here - ICX_SYSTEM_ADMINISTRATION), a prompt which the user will see . Try to correlate the entries appearing in previous diagram and these sentries.
- A menu can have a submenu(optional), which can have further submenus
- A submenu will appear with a '+' symbol, and will open up another menu tree when clicked.
- Each entry in a menu has a sequence number, item will appear in the same sequence at runtime
- Each menu item should have a function attached.
- When a user clicks on a menu item, the function attached to it fires and invoked the Form or Web page or a jsp page attached to it. After finishing the task, the control comes back to the menu.

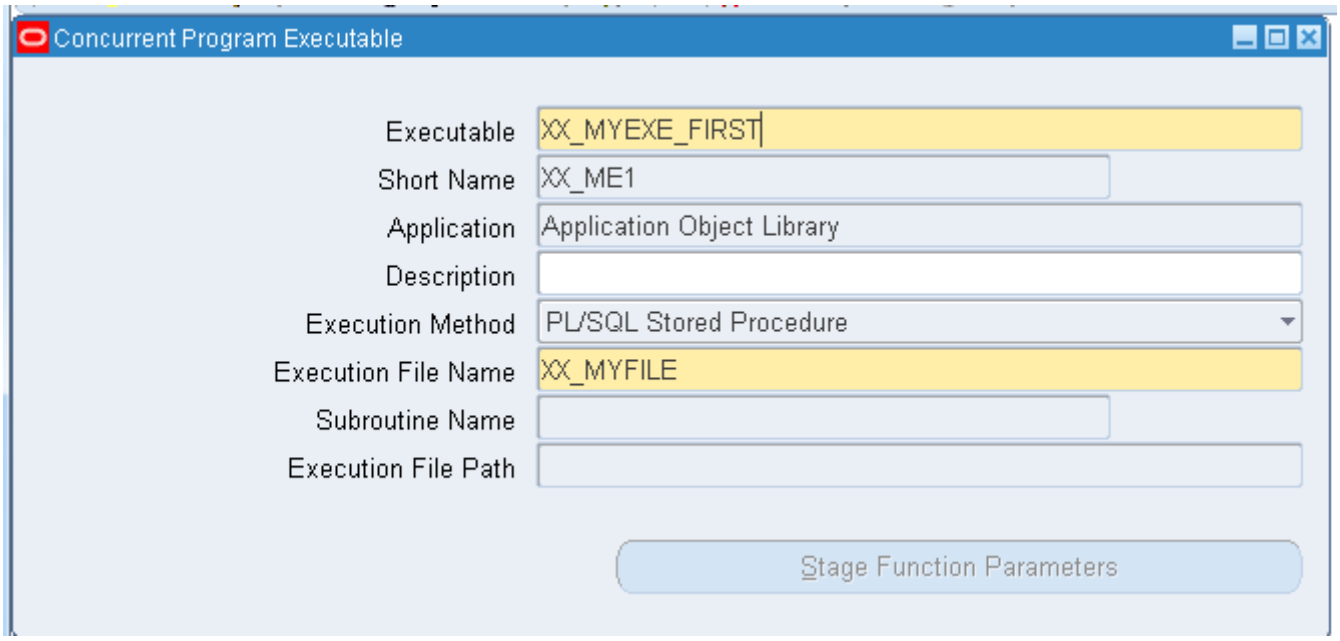
3. Concurrent Program registration

In this section you will learn how to register a concurrent program in detail. This will cover the important fields and navigation to be followed.

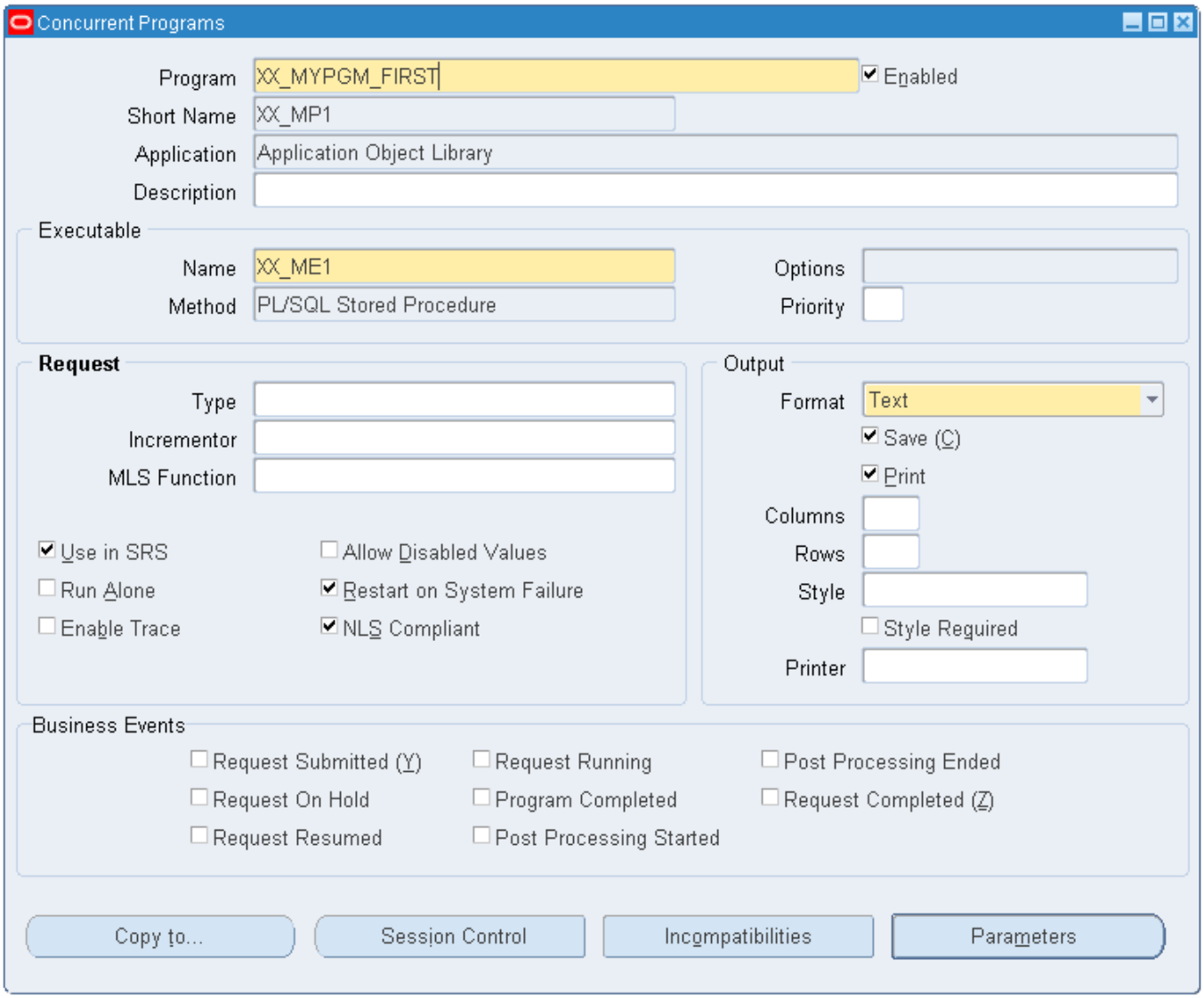
Step1: Define Concurrent Program Executable

You need to change the responsibility to '**System Administrator'** or '**Application Developer**' and follow the navigation: Concurrent > Program > Executable





Step2: Define Concurrent Program

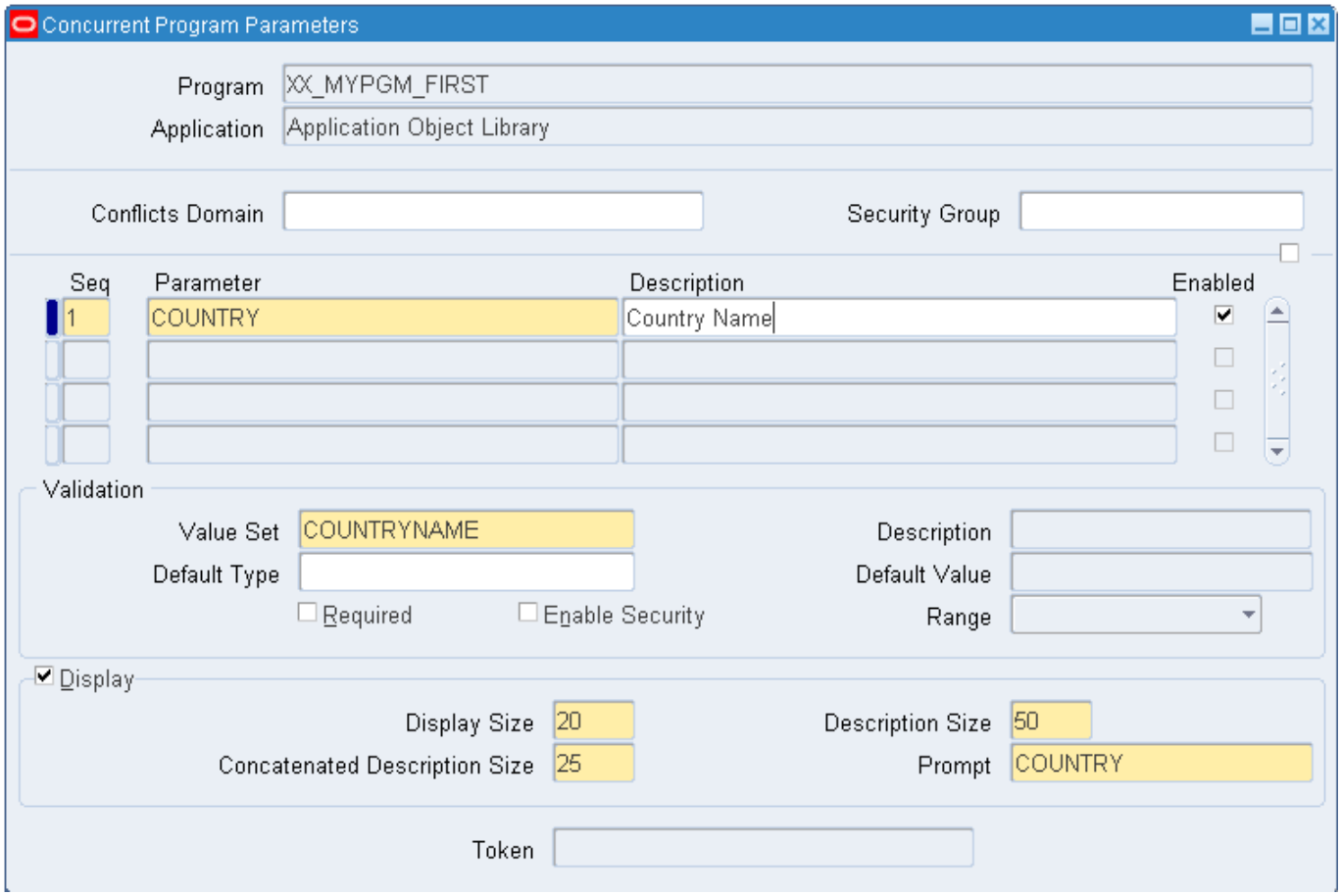


Note: The **Short Name** field in the executable definition screen, must match the **Name** field in the Concurrent Program definition screen.

Click on the Parameter button to crate runtime parameters (if any) to be passed to the Concurrent Program.

Step3: Define Parameters (Optional)

Parameters have a sequence number and they will appear to the user at runtime in the same sequence.



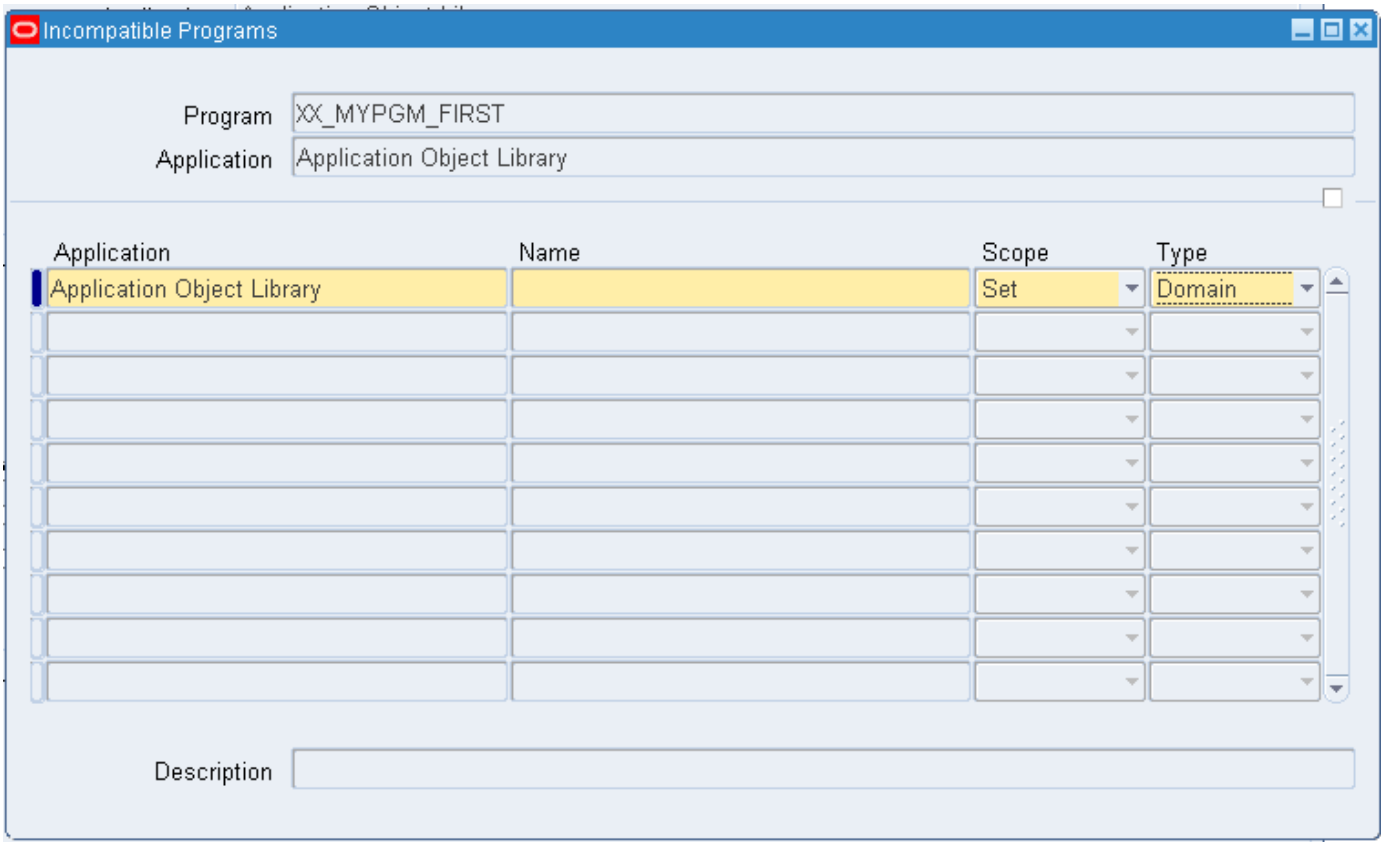
Step4: Attach valueset to parameters(optional)

A Parameter is validated against a value set. I.e , if you select a valuset = **50 Characters**, then at runtime, you have to enter 50 characters to this parameter.

Step4: Define Incompatibilities (optional)

If a program **'A'** is defined to be incompatible with program **'B'**, then program **'A'** cannot run, when program '**B'** is running.

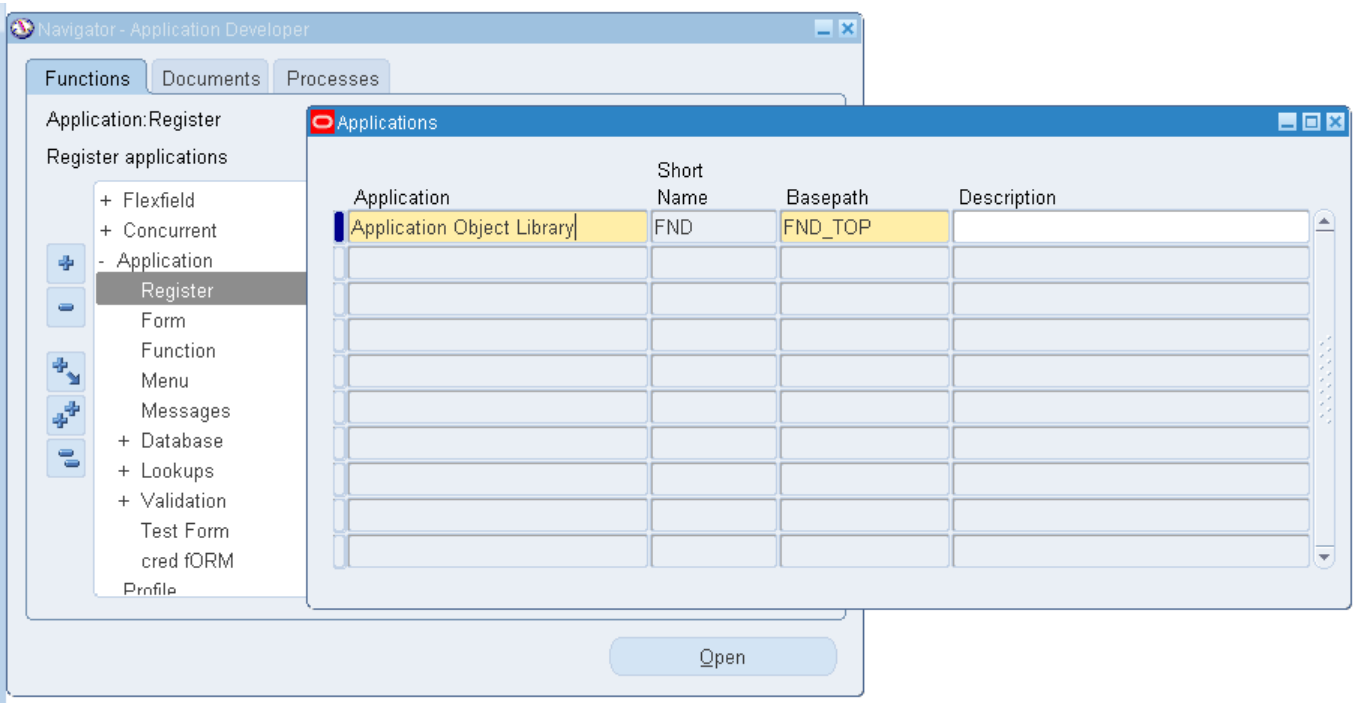
To do this, click on the **Incompatibilities** button and define the incompatible program.



4. Application registration

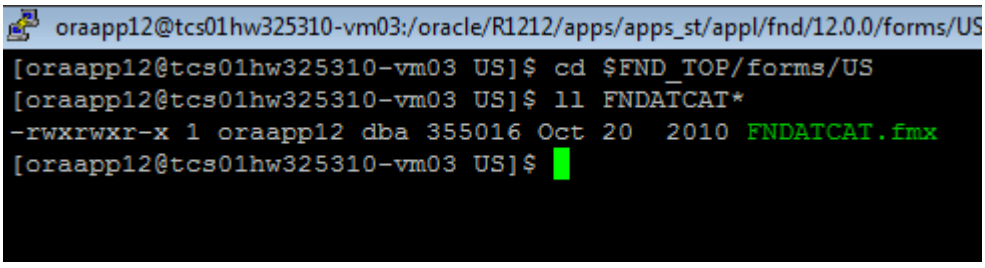
Change Responsibility to **'Application Developer'**

Navigate to Application > Register



Enter the name of your application and other fields as seen in the above screen. The **Basepath** is the file path on the server, where the executables belonging to this application will reside.

For example, in this case, if you register a form under this application, it will reside under the directory – FND_TOP/forms/US directory on the form server.

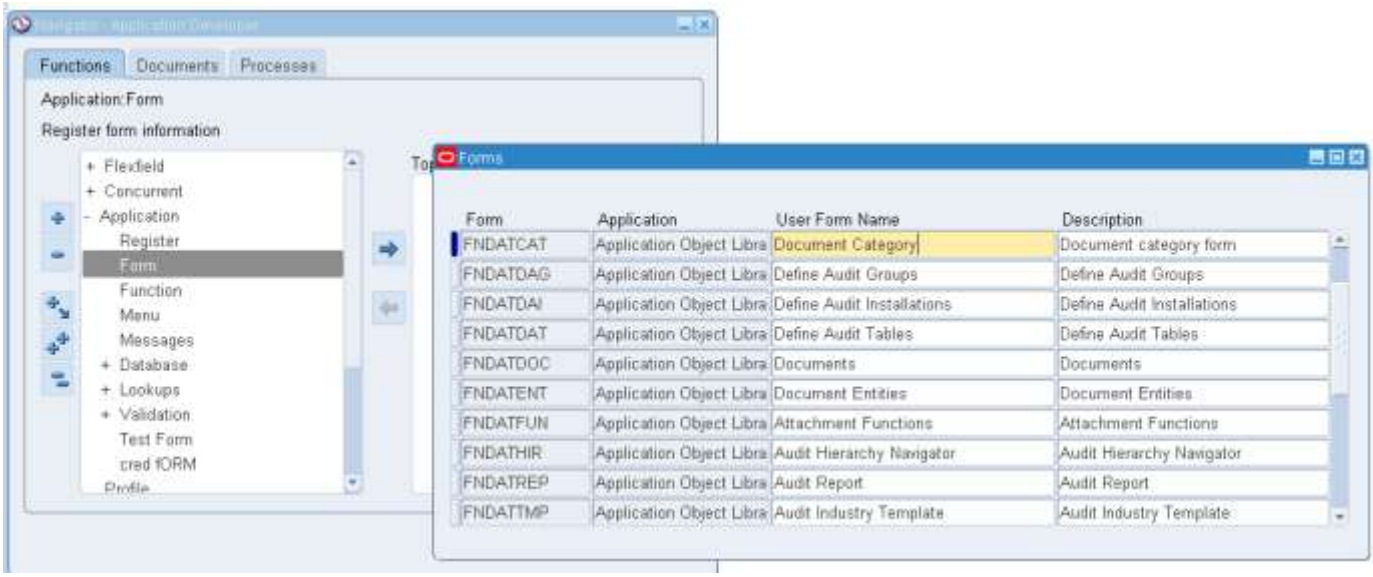


Note: the above screenshot is showing the application name , which comes be default with oracle applications, so do not try to create any application with this name, chose your own name.

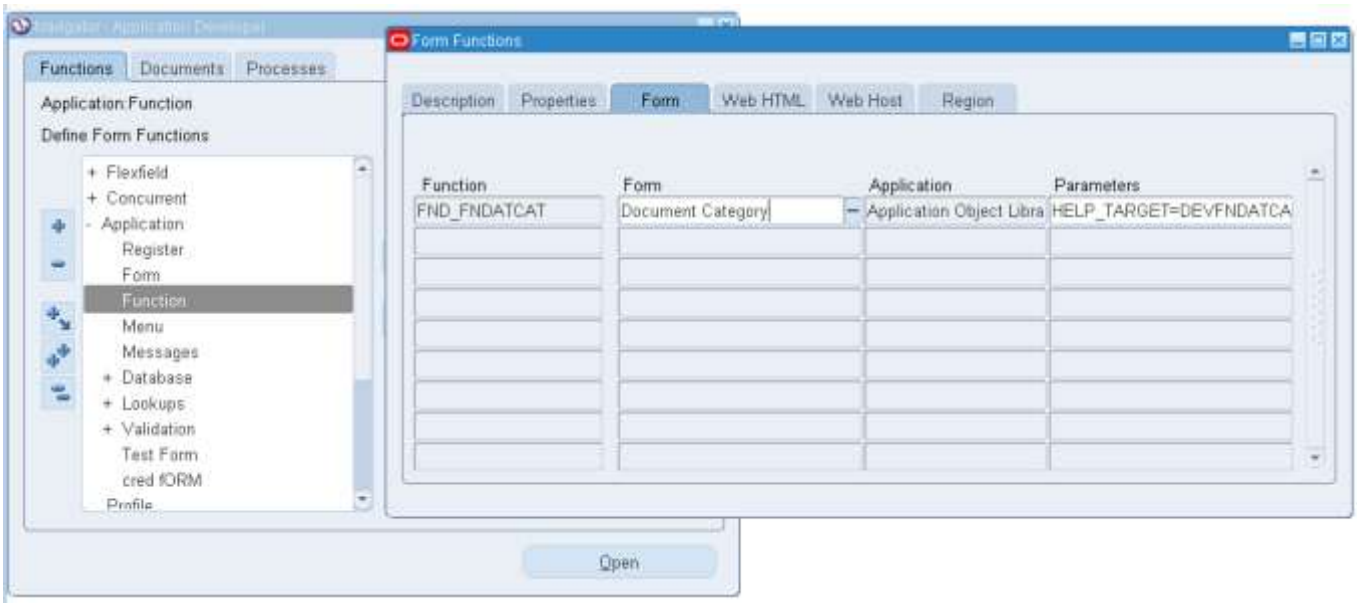
5. Form/Function registration

Change Responsibility to **'Application Developer'**

Navigate to Application > Form

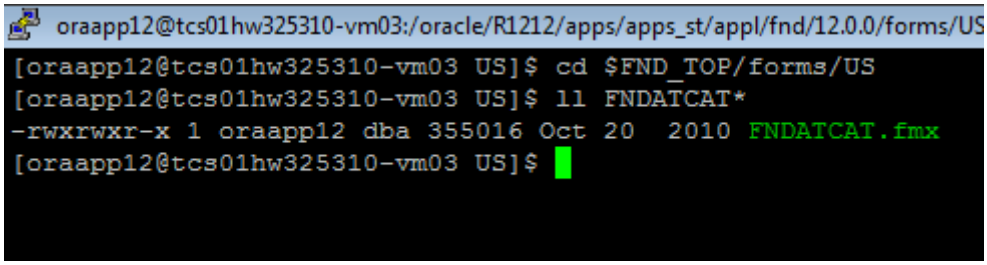


Enter the fields as shown above and save. We will take the example of form '**FNDATCAT'** and User Form Name= '**Document Category'** here.



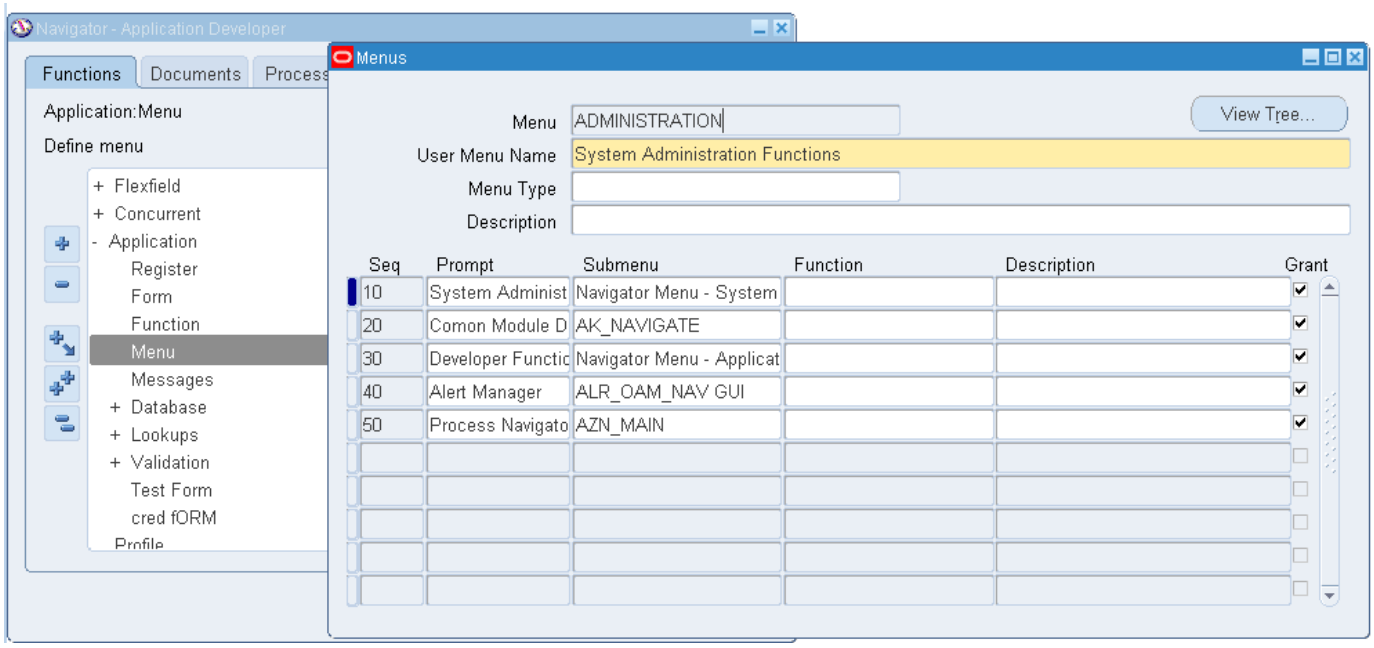
The '**User Form Name'** in the first screen should match **'Form'** field in the second screen.

Since the Basepath of this application is FND_TOP, the form executable **FNDATCAT.fmx** needs to be in the directory as shown in the screenshot of the form server below:



6. Creating Custom Menu

Change Responsibility to **'Application Developer'**
Navigate to Application > Menu



Step1: Give a name and **User Menu Name** to the menu, the **User Menu Name** field will be used link the menu to the Responsibility.

Step2: Enter the menu items, and the runtime prompt. You can wither assign a function or a submenu to a menu item. Look at the function definition in earlier section.

Step3: Compile the menu – this is done automatically when you save the menu.

7. Alerts

Introduction:

Oracle Alert is a utility to create different kind of alert events, which can trigger, depending on certain condition.

This is a powerful tool to get alert messages, when something goes wrong in the system. For Example, we want the system to send a mail to the Stores manager, when a particular item in demand runs low in the inventory, say goes to 20% of the required stock level.

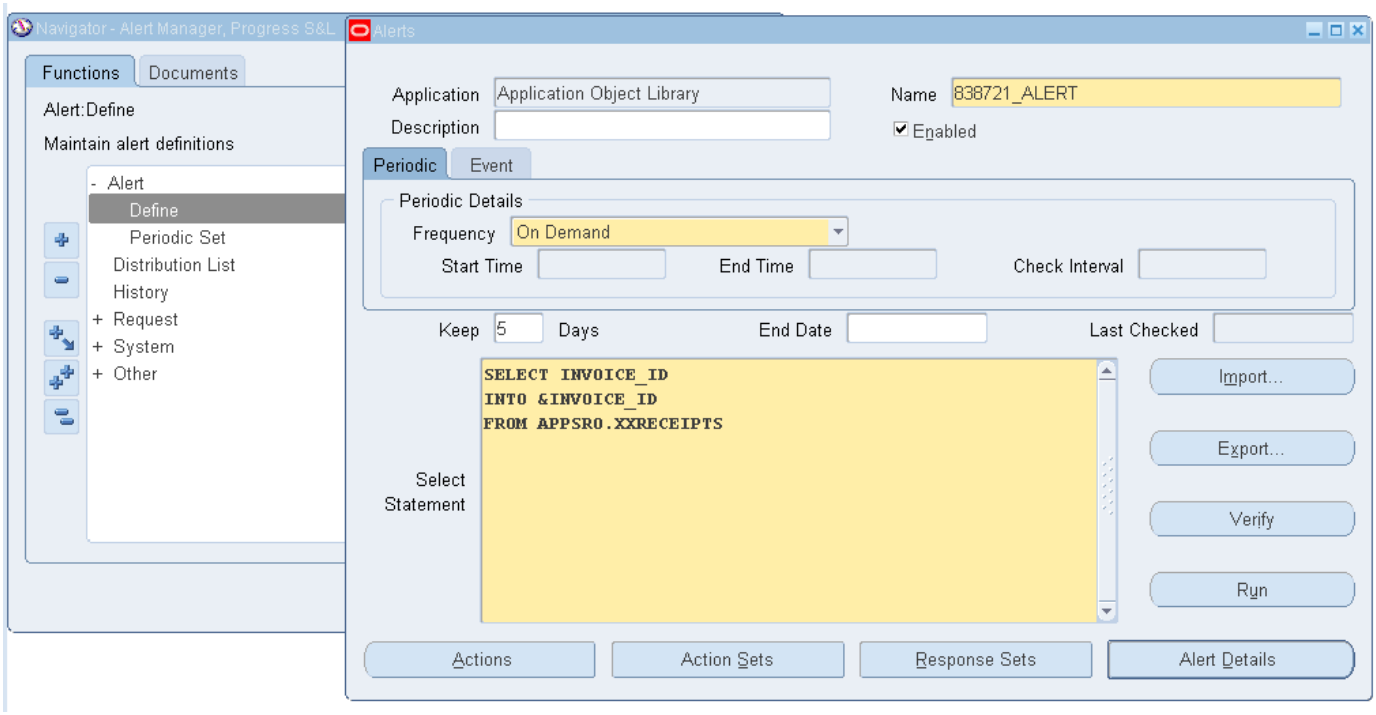
Since all the data in an ERP system is stored in oracle database, we can use this tool to generate a variety of alerts which will keep informing us well in time, before things really get wrong.

Another example of setting up alerts will be for the Database Administrators, which will alert them when space in the database is running low.

Creating an Alert:

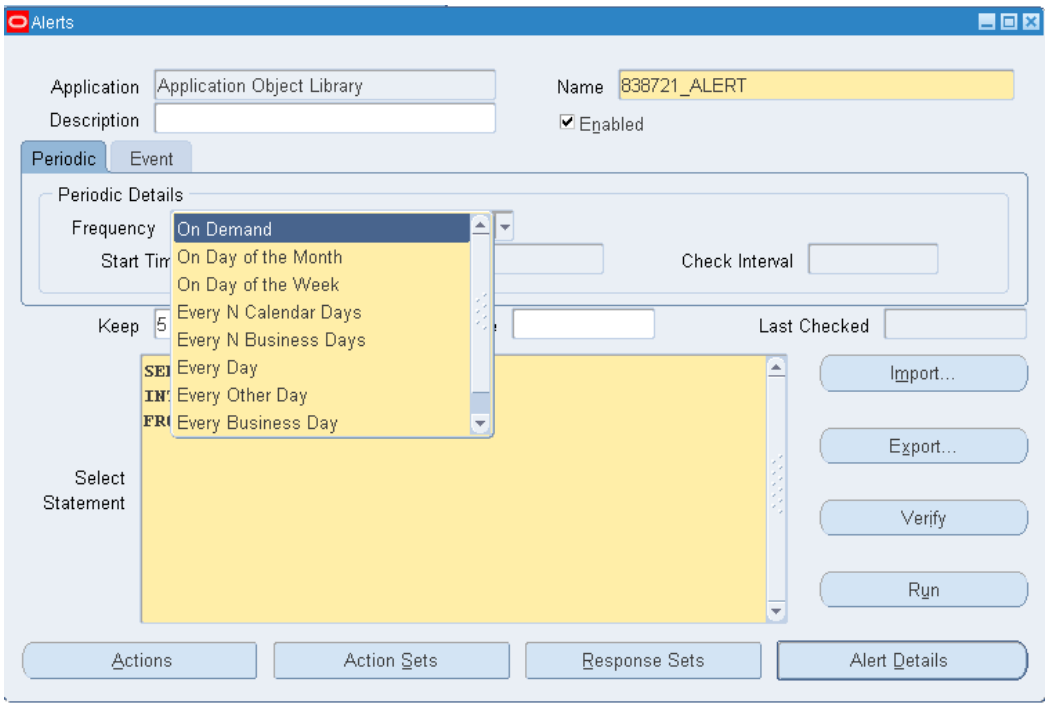
Change Responsibility to **'Alert Manager**

Navigate to Alert > Define

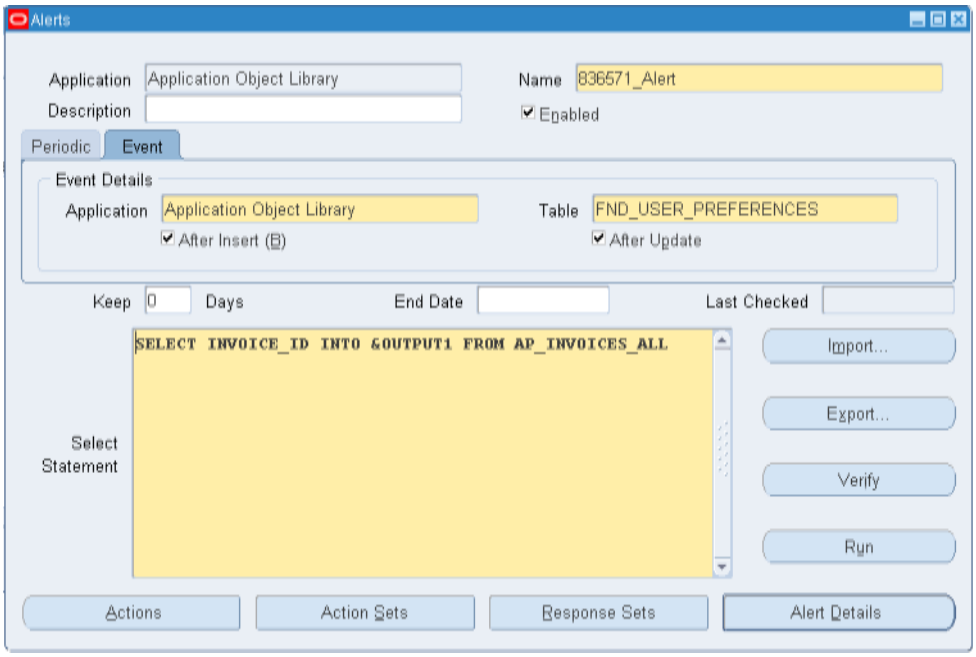


An alert can be **Periodic** or **Event** type

A periodic alert is fired at a particular frequency, the frequency can be one these shown in the diagram below:


Alerts
Application
Application Object Library
Name
838721_ALERT
Description
Enabled
Periodic
Event
Periodic Details
Frequency
On Demand
On Day of the Month
On Day of the Week
Every N Calendar Days
Every N Business Days
Every Day
Every Other Day
Every Business Day
Start Tim
Check Interval
Keep
Last Checked
Select Statement
Import...
Export...
Verify
Run
Actions
Action Sets
Response Sets
Alert Details

An event Alert will fire if an insert or update is made on a table, in the below example, we have used the table FND_USER_PREFERENCES.

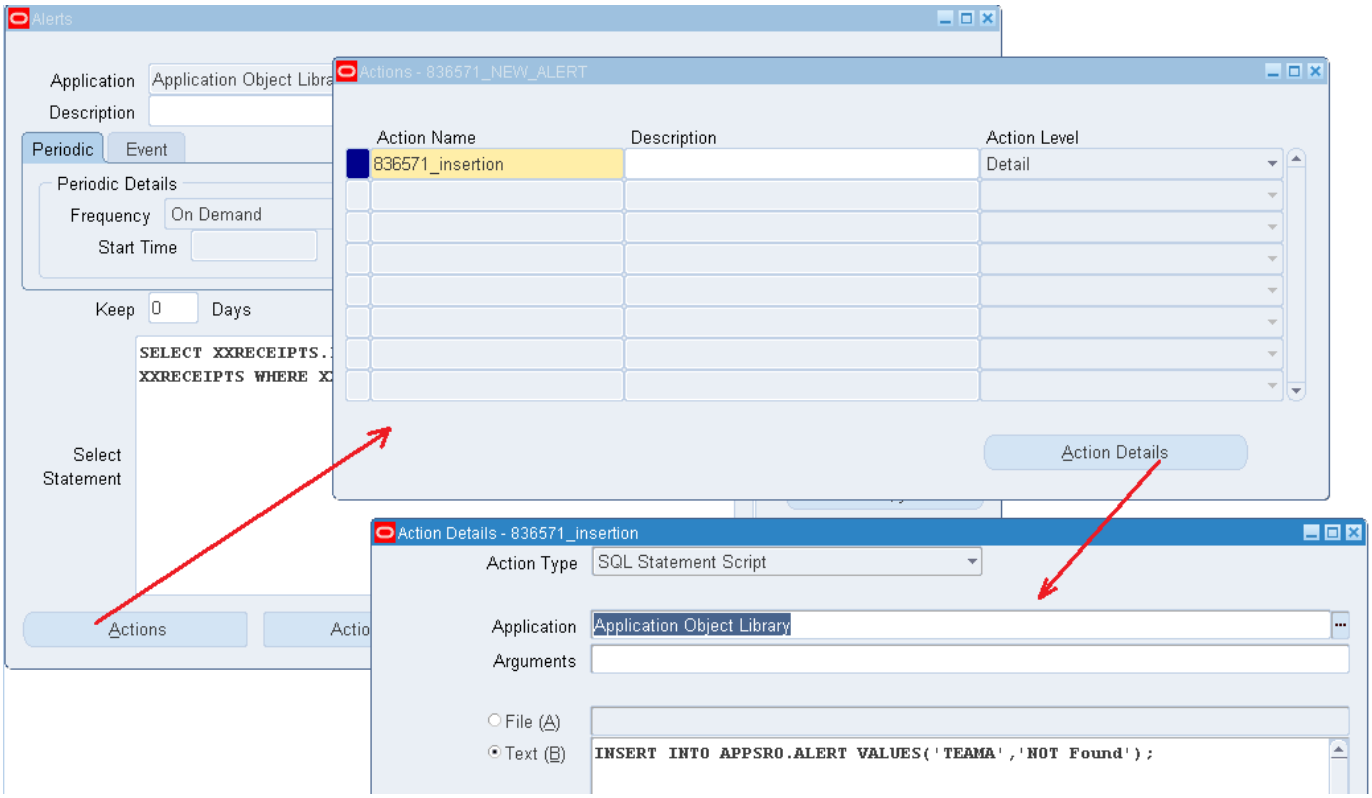


When this alert is fired, the sql statement mentioned in the '**Select Statement**' section gets executed.

What happens when an alert fires:

When an alert fires, the Actions or Action Sets defined with the alert gets executed. This is done by clicking the action button and then clicking the Action Details Button

The below example is a Periodic alert, inserts a row into table ALERT_VALUES when the alert fires.



Example 1: Creating an Alert

Problem Description: Write a periodic alert with frequency = 'On Demand', which will check if the table has any data for invoice_id=840027. If it finds any such row, it will insert a row into the table ALERT, quoting the number of such invoice found. The detail of these tables are given below:

```
SQL> desc appsro.xxreceipts

Name                                      Null?    Type
 ----------------------------------------- -------- ---------------------
 INVOICE_ID                                         VARCHAR2(10)
 VENDOR_ID                                          CHAR(2)
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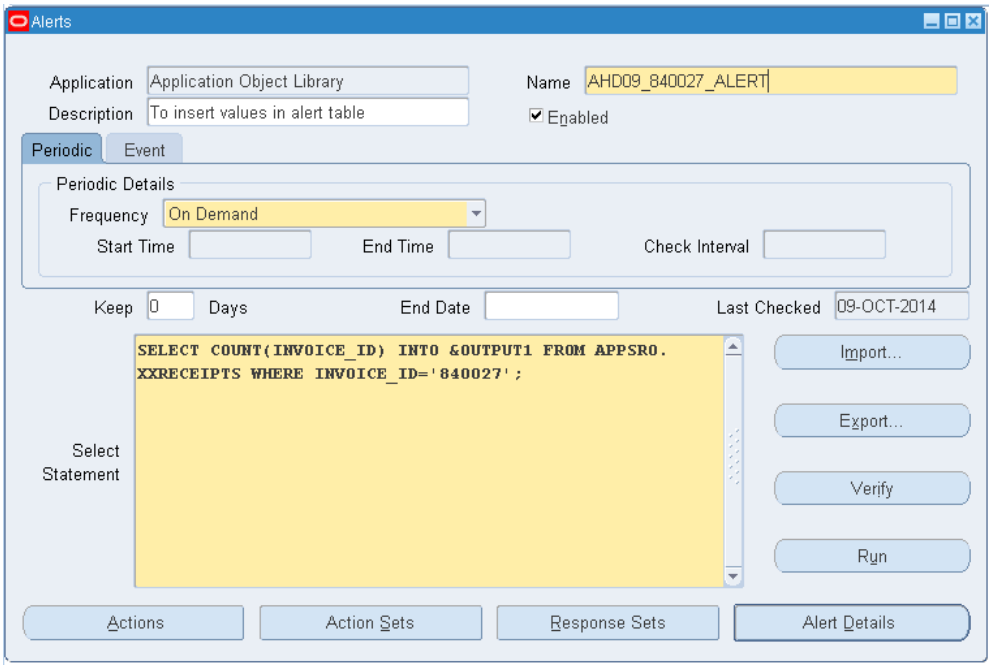
```
 RECEIVED_ITEM_QTY                                       NUMBER
 RECEIVED_ITEM_NAME                                      VARCHAR2(30)


SQL> desc appsro.alert
 Name                                      Null?    Type
 ----------------------------------------- -------- ----------------------
 TEAM_NAME                                          VARCHAR2(10)
 ALERT_DETAIL                                       VARCHAR2(100)
```

Solution 1:

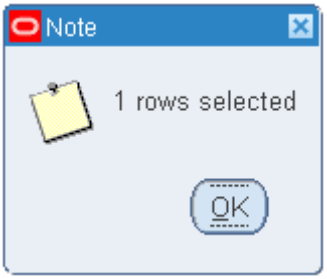
Step1: Create the alert – Alert > Define:




```
SELECT COUNT(INVOICE_ID) INTO &OUTPUT1 FROM APPSRO.XXRECEIPTS WHERE
INVOICE_ID='840027';
```

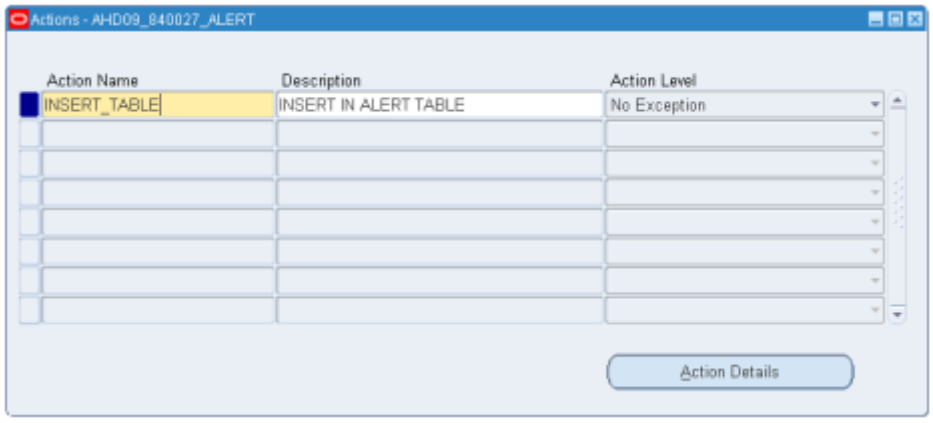
Note that we are storing the result of the query into a variable named OUTPUT1. This variable can be used later on in the alert.

Step2: Hit the run button



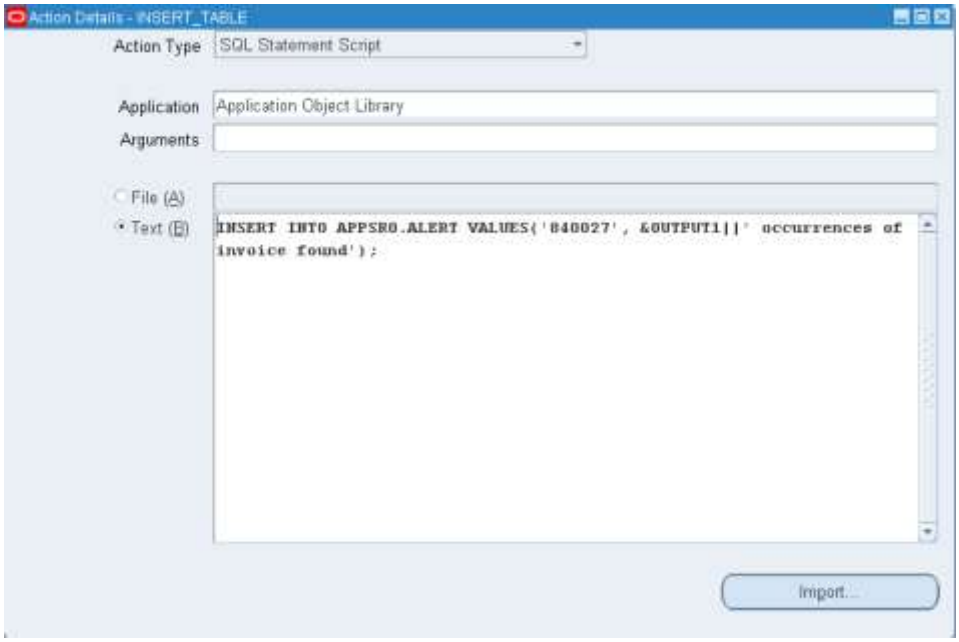
It will run the sql and tell you, if it finds any data.

Step2: Hit the Actions button



Enter the details as above.

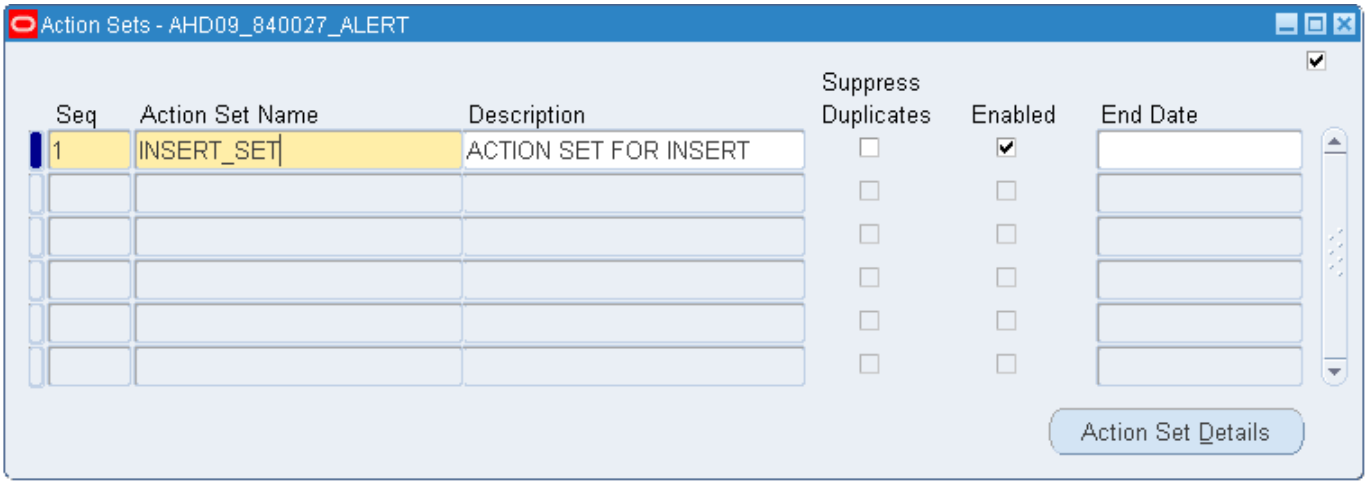
Step2: Hit the 'Actions Details' button and type as below.



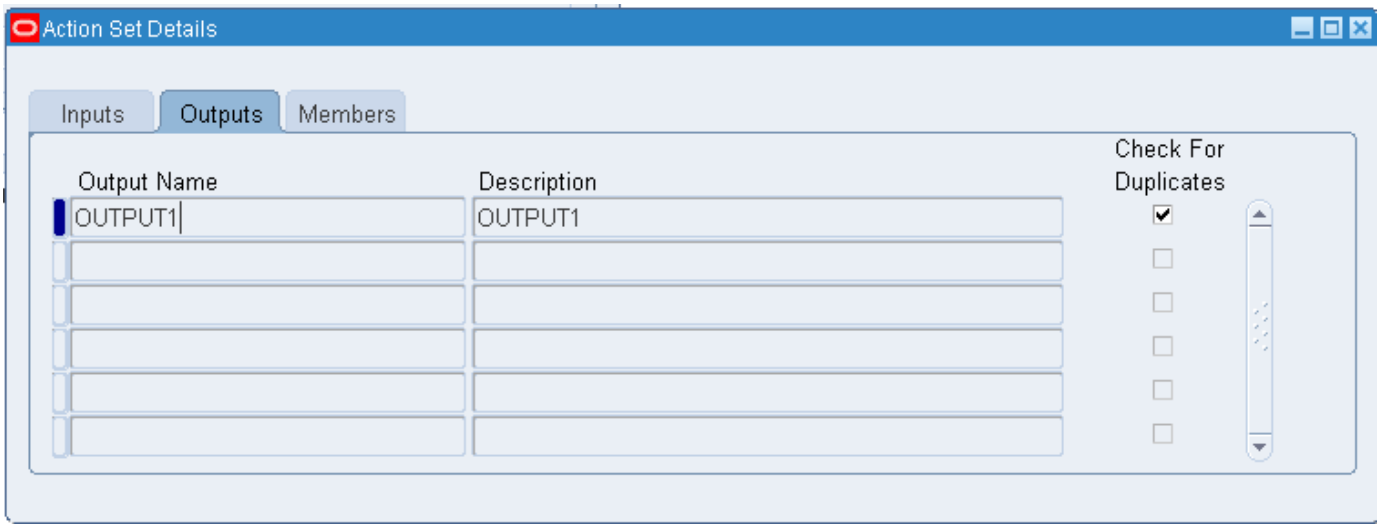
INSERT INTO APPSRO.ALERT VALUES('840027', &OUTPUT1||' occurrences of invoice found');

Now you have created the action. But the action will not fire unless it is attached to an action set.

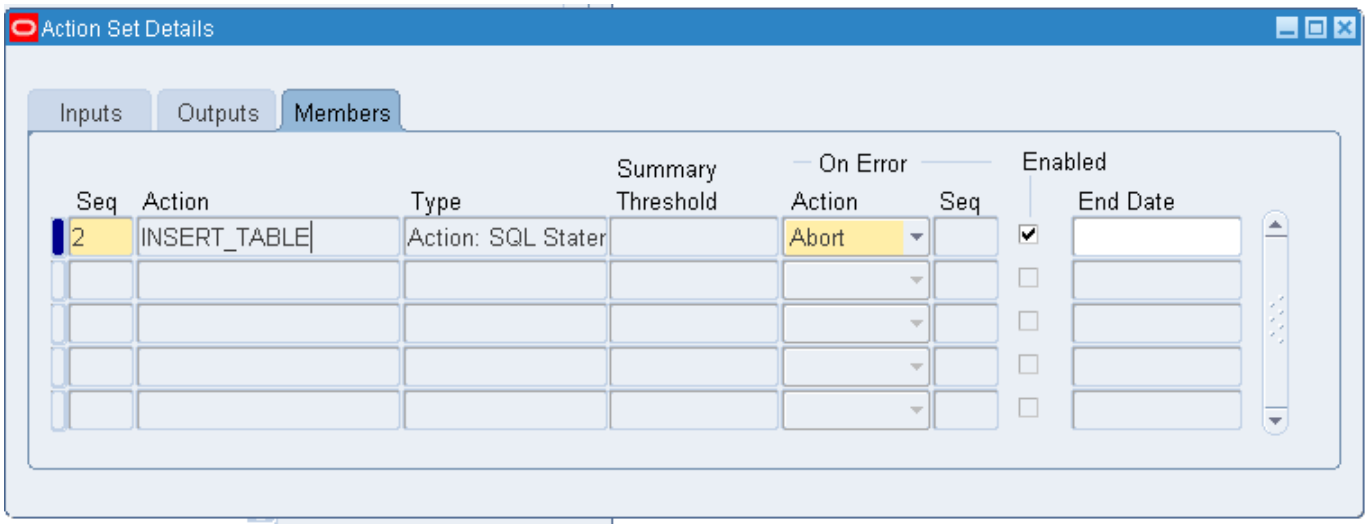
Step2: Hit the 'Actions Set' button, give a name to the action set as below.



Step2: Hit the 'Actions Set Details' button, and click on the output tab, you can see the OUTPUT1 variable, which we have create in the main select statement.



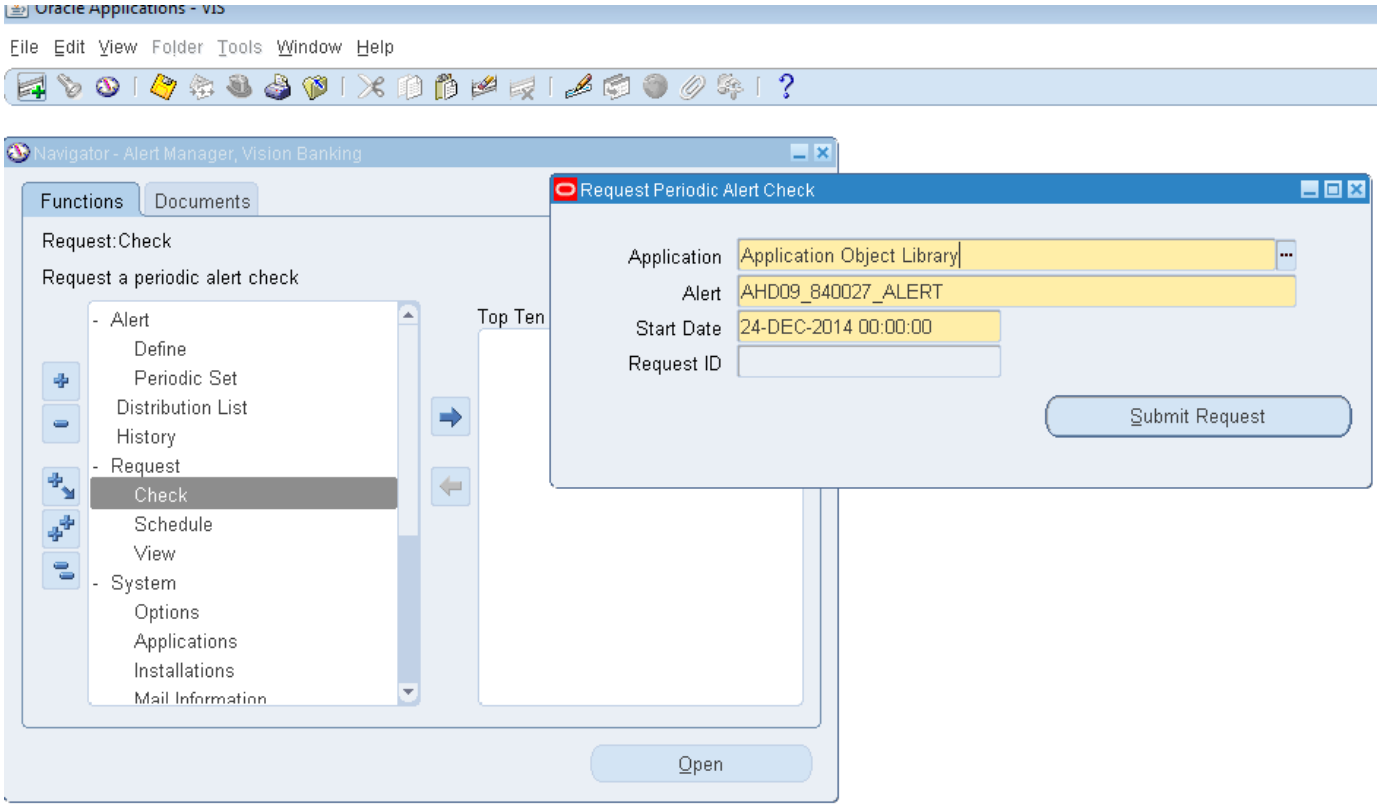
Now click on the Members Tab, here you can see all the actions you have defined earlier. In this case , we will see only one action called INSERT_TABLE. Select that action.

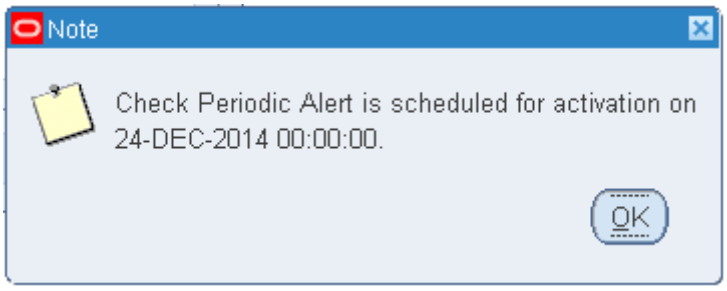


Step2: Run the alert:

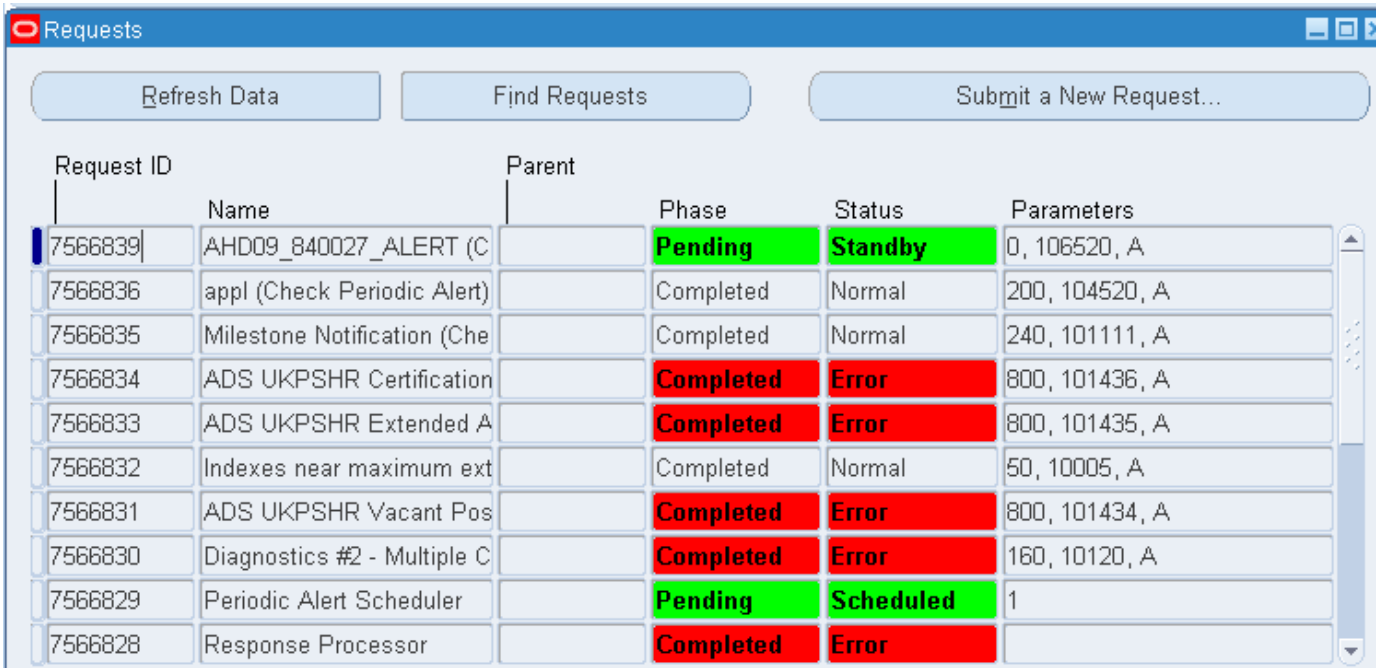
Navigation – Request > Check

Select the application and Alert Name and hit 'Submit Request'





Sine this is an 'On Demand' type, a concurrent program will fire immediately, in this case, request ID – 7556839.



Upon completion of the request, you can see the output file , in this case it is as below:

```
View
********************************************************************************
Performing alert "AHD09_840027_ALERT"
Connecting to "APPS"
  Performing action set "INSERT_SET"
Oracle Alert did not perform the No exception action "INSERT_TABLE" because there
were exceptions returned for this action set.
```

TASK1: Find out why the program has failed.

8. Alert Concurrent Programs

Concurrent managers are components of the Oracle Alert concurrent processing facility that monitor and run time-consuming, non-interactive tasks without tying up your terminal. Whenever you submit a concurrent request in Oracle Alert, such as checking an on-demand

alert, a concurrent manager processes that request in the background, letting you perform an unlimited number of tasks simultaneously.

The concurrent manager processes the following concurrent programs for Oracle Alert:

- **Periodic Alert Scheduler** - Resides in the concurrent queue and runs every 24 hours at 12 AM, when it submits requests for all periodic alerts that are scheduled to run during the next 24 hours
- **Check Periodic Alert** - Submits a request to the concurrent manager when you check an on demand alert
- **Check Event Alert** - Submits a request to the concurrent manager when an insert or an update to an event table occurs
- **Alert Action Processor** - Performs response actions when Oracle Alert receives an e-mail response to an alert message
- **No Response Action Processor** - Checks for alert messages whose specified response days have passed without receiving a valid response and performs the no response follow-up actions

If for some reason you need to inactivate or activate the concurrent manager, you can use the Schedule Alert Programs form.

Before you use the Schedule Alert Programs form for the first time, make sure you specify the following in the More Options tabbed region of the Oracle Alert Options form:

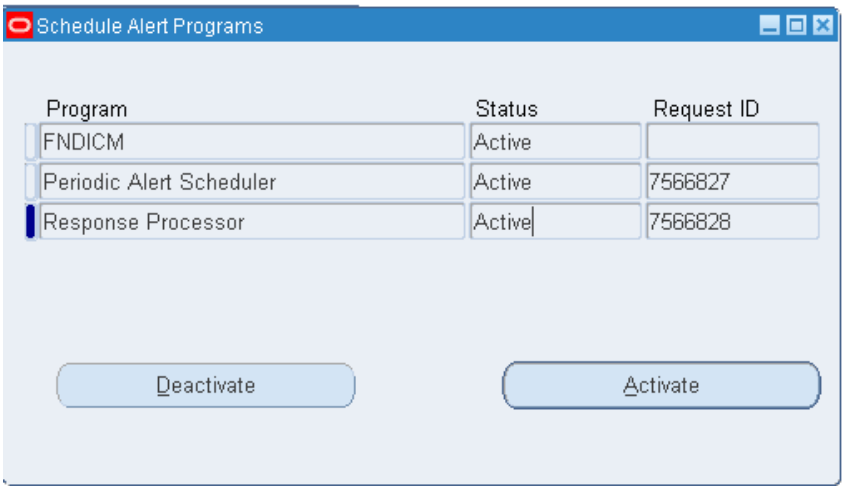
- Concurrent Manager Name (default is STD)
- Concurrent Manager Startup Command (default is STARTMGR)

To activate or deactivate the concurrent manager

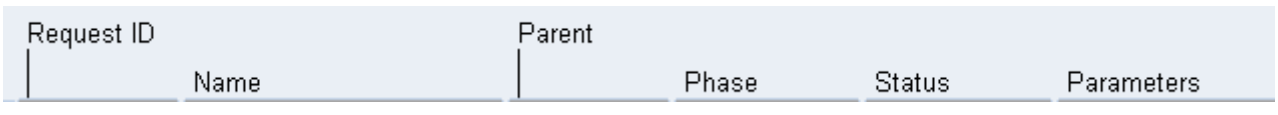
1. Navigate to the Schedule Alert Programs form. The Status field shows whether the concurrent manager is active or not.
2. Select Internal Manager.
3. If the status is deactivated, choose Activate to start the concurrent manager immediately.
4. If the status is Active, choose Deactivate to terminate any running requests and deactivate the concurrent manager immediately.

Note: You can activate or deactivate the concurrent manager on the current date you can activate or deactivate the concurrent manager on the current date only.

The below screenshot illustrates how to activate and deactivate these programs:



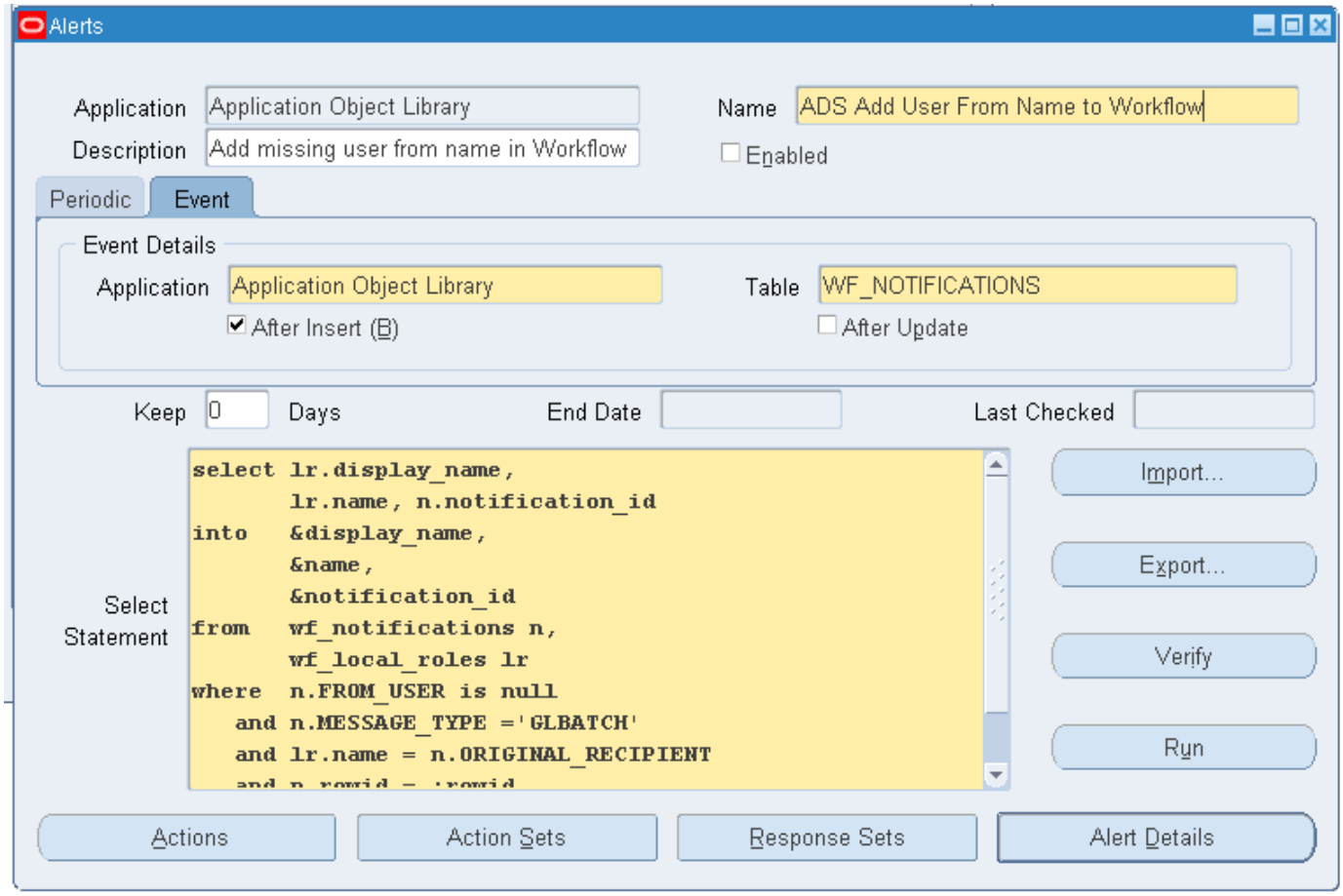
Upon activation, a request ID will be generated. Note that these programs will always be in Pending/Schedules state, meaning they keep on running all the time, waiting for the alert requests.



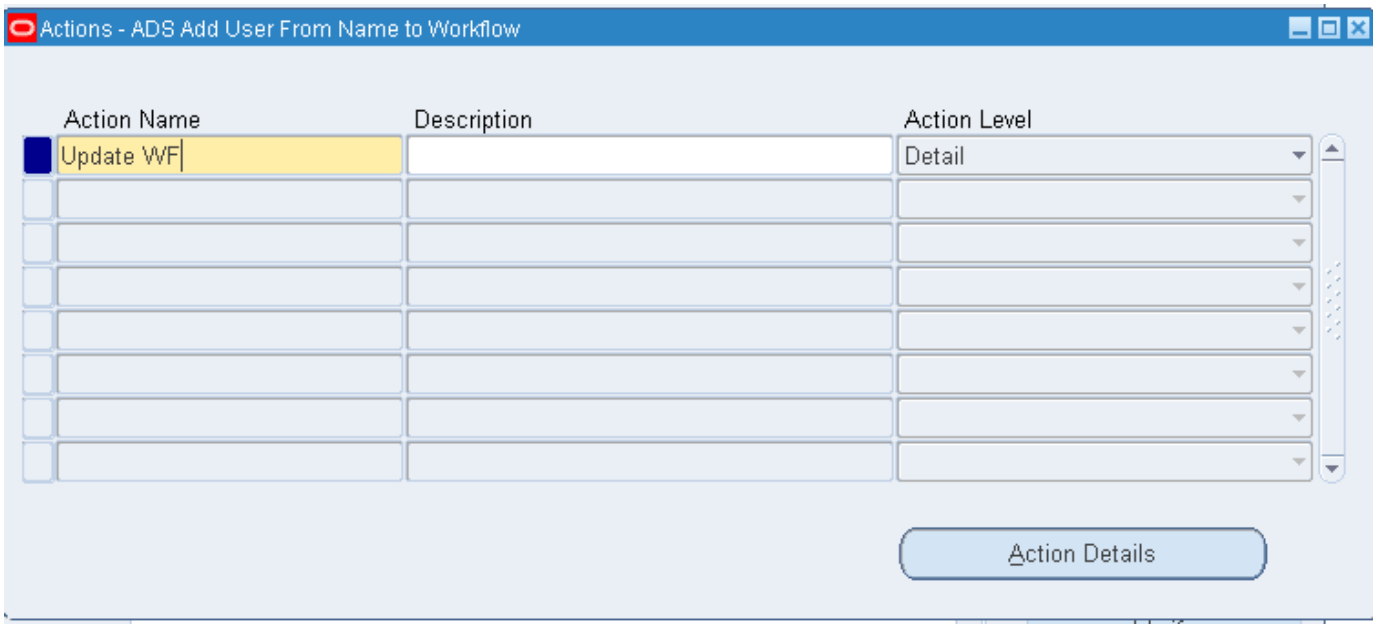
7566829	Periodic Alert Scheduler		**Pending**	**Scheduled**	1

Here is an example of an alert program which comes by default with Oracle Applications:

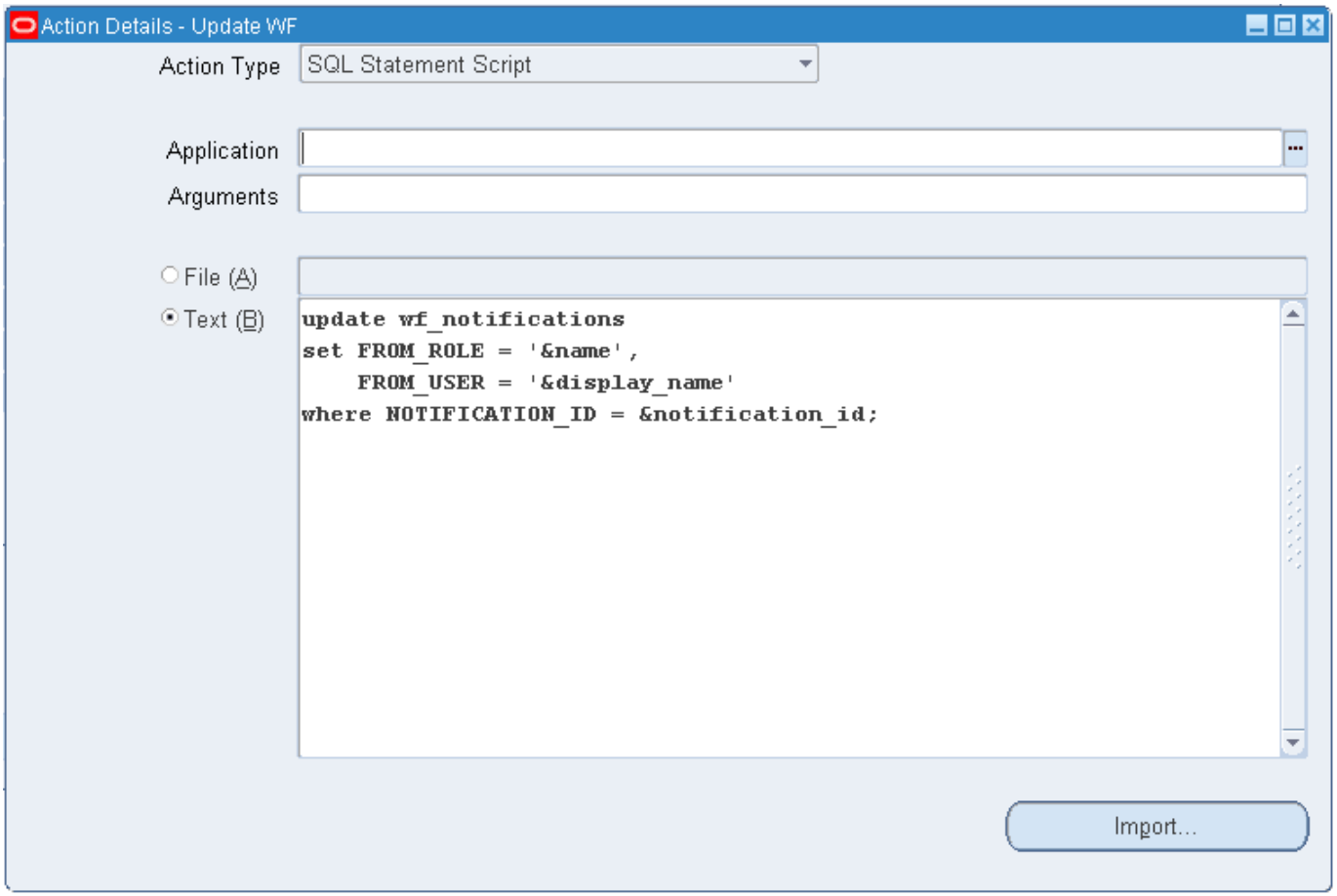
Alert:



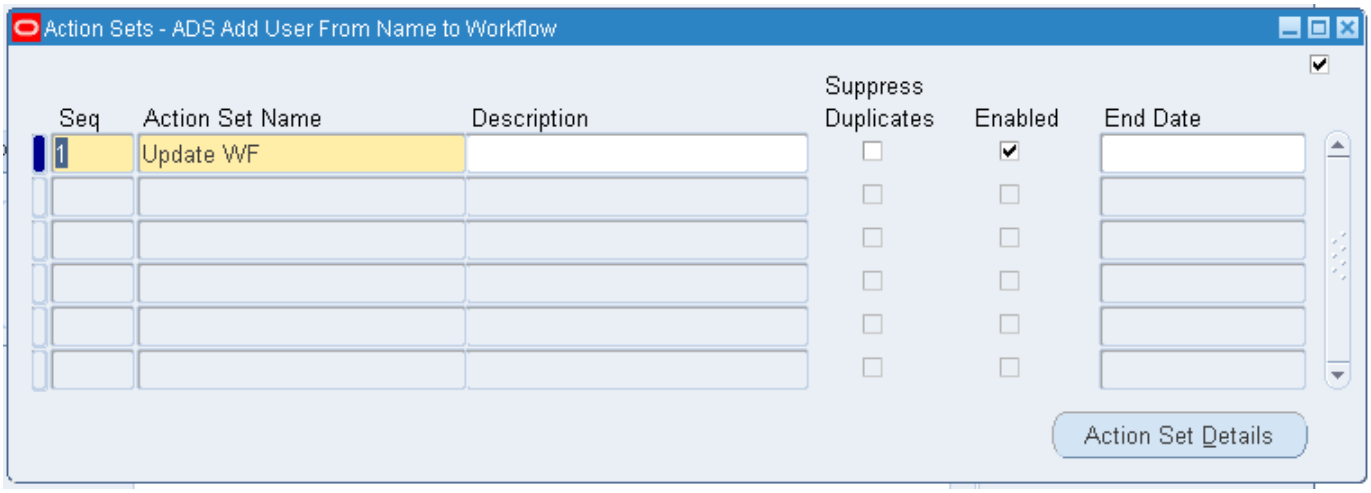
Action:


Actions - ADS Add User From Name to Workflow
Action Name
Description
Action Level
Update WF
Detail
Action Details

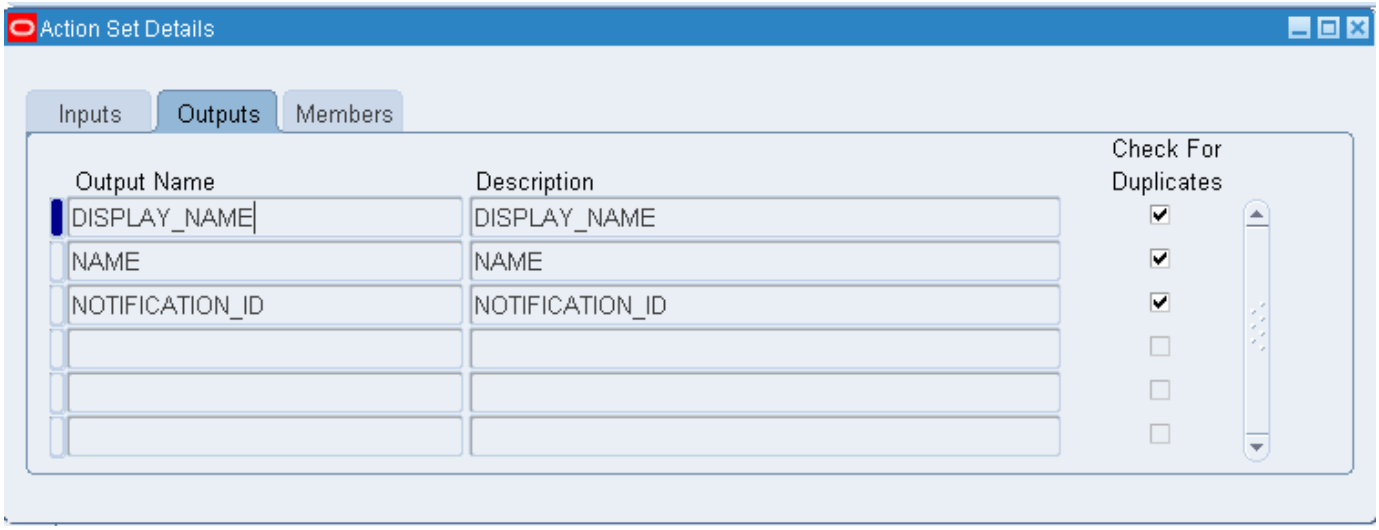
Action Detail:

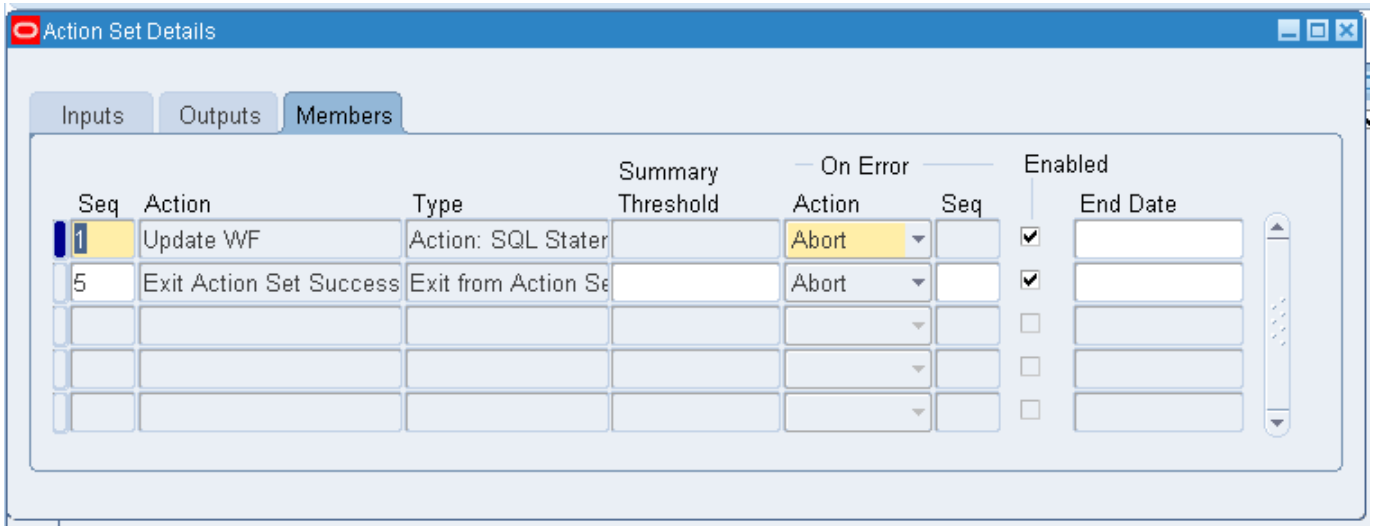


Action Set:



Action Set Details:





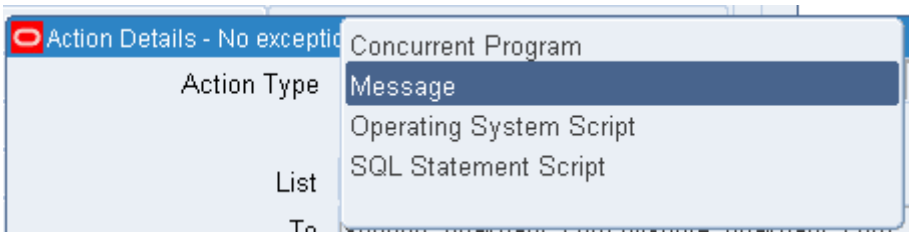
TASK 2: Login to Oracle Applications, review this alert and write down what this alert is trying to achieve.

9. Distribution Set

So far, we have seen that an alert can execute a sql statement as an action, however, it can also perform the following:

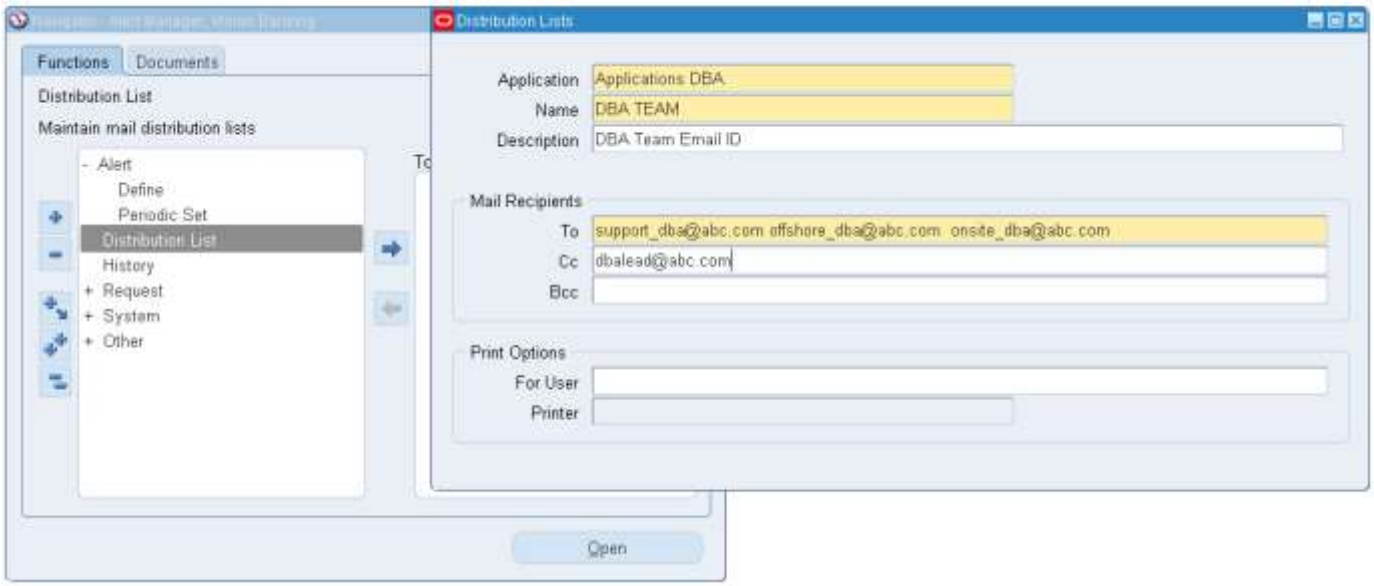
1. Run a Concurrent Program
2. Send an email message
3. Run an Operating System Script

This can be done by selecting the Action Type in the Action windows:

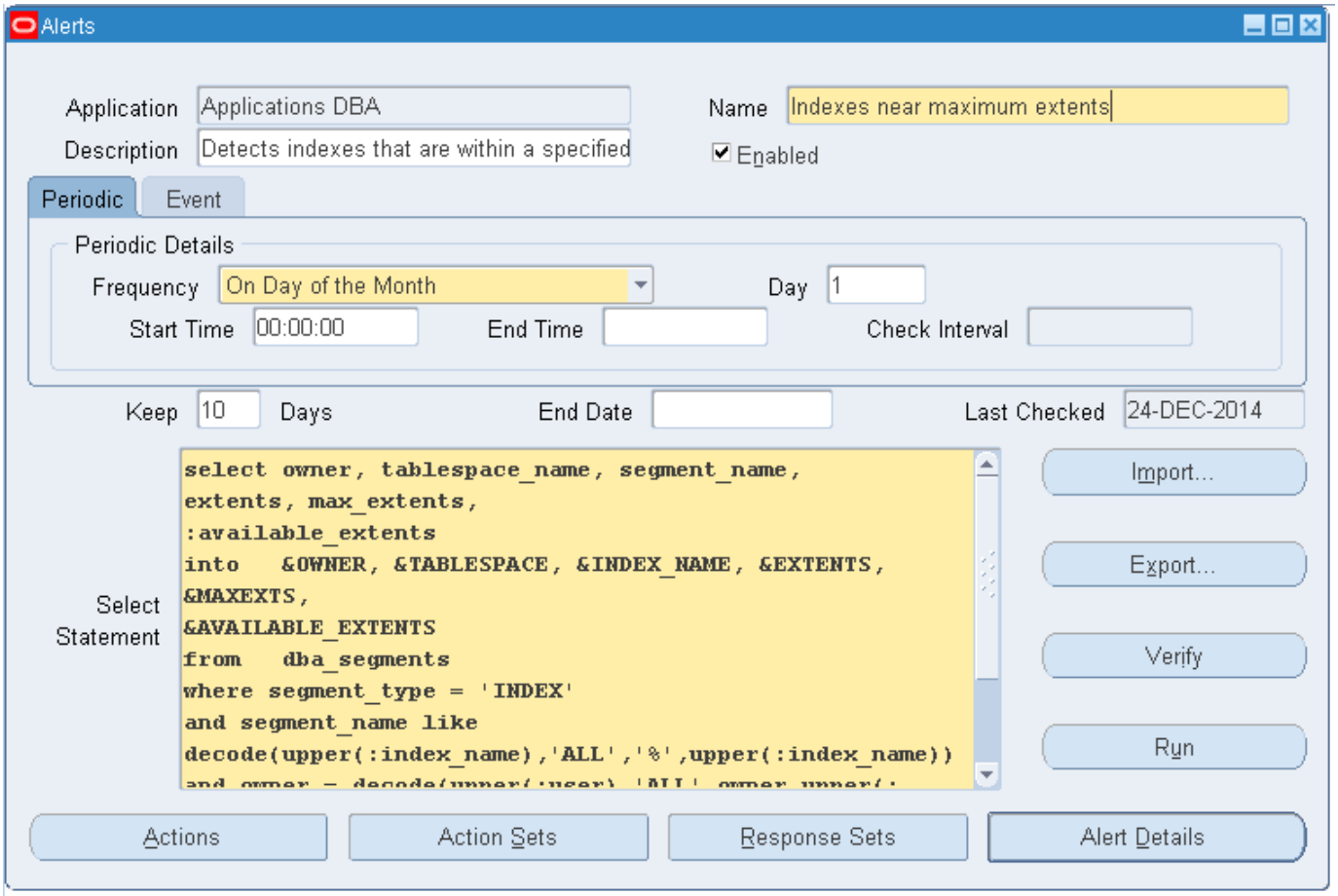


When we define the Action Type as Message, either we can type the email addresses manually, or create a **'Distribution Set'** . A distribution set can contain a set of email addresses.

The below screenshot creates a distributuin set (Navigation: Alert > Distribution Set)



This distribution set can be selected while creating alert, shown in the below example.



Select owner, tablespace_name, segment_name,

extents, max_extents,

:available_extents

into &OWNER, &TABLESPACE, &INDEX_NAME, &EXTENTS, &MAXEXTS,

&AVAILABLE_EXTENTS

from dba_segments

where segment_type = 'INDEX'

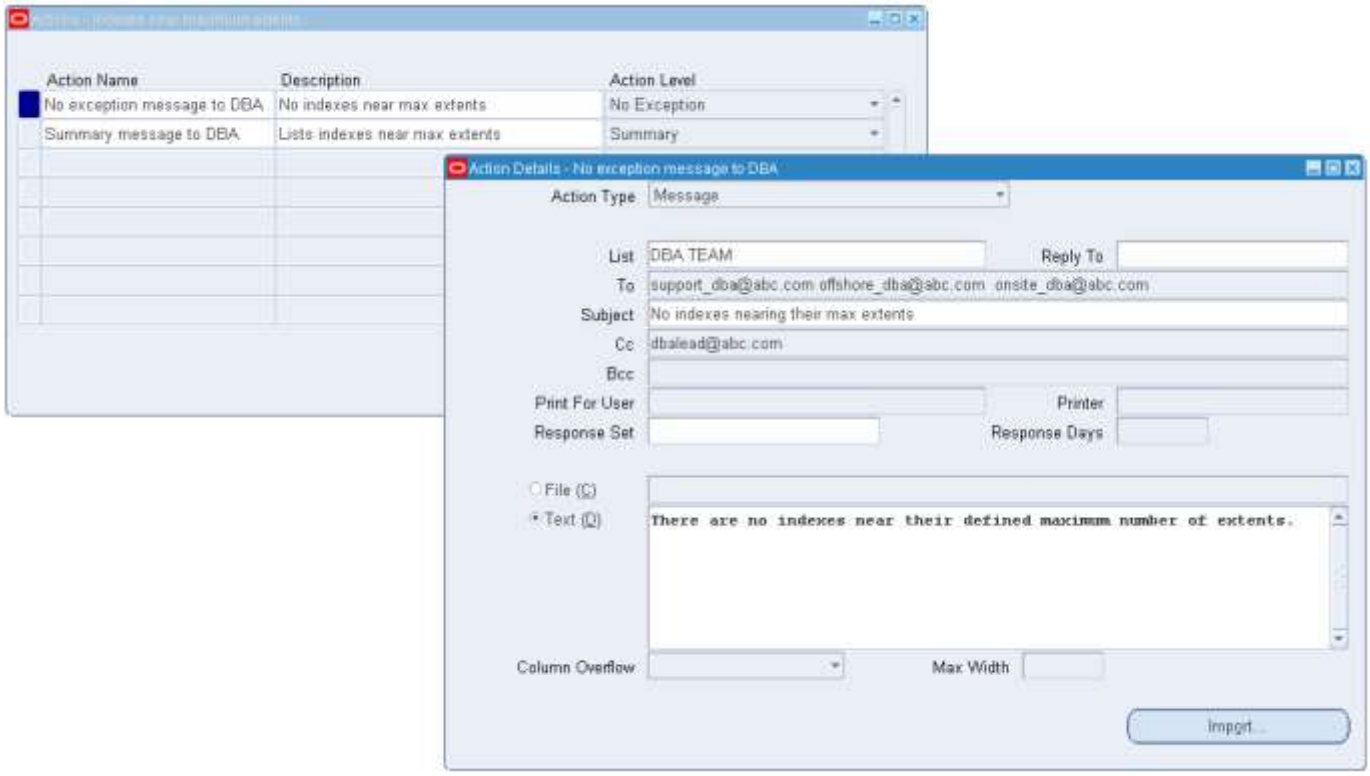
and segment_name like

decode(upper(:index_name),'ALL','%',upper(:index_name))

and owner = decode(upper(:user),'ALL',owner,upper(:user))

and max_extents - extents < :available_extents

order by owner, tablespace_name, segment_name



TASK 3: Create an alert which will send mail to a distribution list every hour and send the list of tablespaces which are reaching 80% of its allocated space.