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Introduction

WAY4TM Scheduler is a tool used to execute various jobs such as programs or scripts by starting WAY4 Manager/DB Manager menu items following predetermined rules set up on workstations with access to the database.

This document is intended for WAY4 system administrators (bank or processing centre employees) responsible for the daily operation of the system and describes work with Scheduler.

While working with this document, it is recommended that users refer to the following reference material from OpenWay's documentation series:

- Scheduler R2 Installation and Setup
- Administering WAY4[™] Application Server
- Administering WAY4™ Universe
- Administering WAY4™ Universe BPM
- WAY4™ Dictionaries
- DB Manager User Management
- Menu Editor
- WAY4 Manager Menu Editor

The following notation is used in this document:

- Field labels in screen forms are shown in *italics*.
- Button labels used in screen forms are enclosed in square brackets, such as [Approve].
- Menu selection sequences are shown using arrows, such as Full → Issuing → Contracts Input
 & Update.
- Key combinations used while working with the client application are shown in angular brackets, such as <Ctrl>+<F3>.
- The names of directories and/or files that vary for each local instance of the program are also displayed in angular brackets, like <OWS_HOME>.

Warnings and information messages are marked as follows:

- Warnings about potentially hazardous situations or actions.
- (i) Information about important features, additional options, or the best use of certain system functions.

Chapter 1. Scheduler Purpose and Structure

An instance is a copy of Scheduler with an ID unique within the database. It is a WAY4U application started on the application server (see the document "Administering WAY4™ Application Server"). The ability of a Scheduler instance to access the database is determined by the privileges of the user specified in its configuration file.

A job is a sequence of actions executed by a Scheduler service command at a particular time specified during job setup. A job is a WAY4 Manager/DB Manager user menu item (Menu Item Definition) interpreted as a BPM task.



In this document, a Menu Item Definition is referred to as a "user menu item". In the documents "WAY4 Manager Menu Editor" and "Menu Editor" the term "user menu item definition" is used to refer to a Menu Item Definition.

Purpose of Scheduler

Scheduler executes jobs according to preconfigured rules specified in the WAY4U application configuration file.

Scheduler has the following capabilities:

- Runs processes that require large numbers of calculations, as a rule, on special Scheduler workstations
- Assures additional security of various jobs by running them by Scheduler instances installed on dedicated workstations excluded from general use and on behalf of users with the corresponding privileges
- Executes routine or continuous operations according to preset schedules, the results being controlled through the process log
- Processes the commands of external applications managing the start of WAY4 jobs. Scheduler web services are used for this purpose.



There are two options for supplying Scheduler: with support of web services and without.

Scheduler jobs are WAY4 Manager/DB Manager menu items.

For AIX, Linux and Solaris platforms, starting operating system processes is supported as well as the operation of certain java pipes. For more information, contact WAY4 customer support.

Examples of Most Common Scheduler Jobs

The following are examples of the most common Scheduler jobs:

- Daily procedures.
- Periodic generation of reports.

- Periodic import of external files, such as banking system files.
- Start (scheduled) of configuration and management scripts on servers with WAY4 applications working on WAY4 Application Server.

Structure of Scheduler

Scheduler comprises the following three components:

- 1. Scheduler executive system: a WAY4U application installed on the application server. Its functions are as follows:
 - Analysing the list of jobs in the database as to their readiness for execution and executing jobs
 - Tracking job execution results and registering them in the corresponding system logs (see the section "Logging Results and Monitoring Job Execution")
 - Sending messages by e-mail about changes in the state of a Scheduler instance or changes in the statuses of Scheduler jobs.

These tasks are executed using the data from the application's configuration file.

- 3. Database tables and procedures. The basic functions of this component are as follows:
 - Storing job data
 - Providing access to the data and verifying data input from various workstations.
- 4. User menu items and forms. This component ensures:
- Registering users with Scheduler access privileges
- Editing and creating jobs (see the section "Creating and Editing Jobs")
- Managing jobs (see the section"Managing Job Execution")
- Monitoring Scheduler operation (see the section "Logging Results and Monitoring Job Execution").

The figure below Fig. 1 shows the interaction of these components.

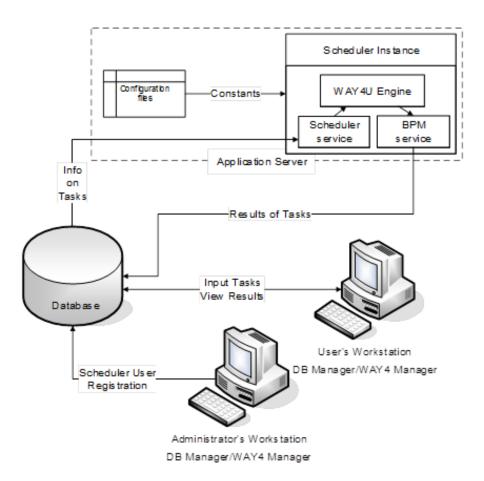


Fig. 1. Interaction of Scheduler components in the system

(i) The Health Monitoring Module can be used to monitor Scheduler operation (see the document "Administering WAY4 Health Monitoring").

Before running Scheduler to execute a job, it must be configured in WAY4 Cards (see the section "Configuring Scheduler in the Client Application". In particular, it is necessary to indicate the Scheduler instance to execute the job and its time of execution. Scheduler is run on the indicated workstation (see the section "Working with Scheduler").

After startup, Scheduler reads the following data from configuration files:

- Scheduler instance ID
- Login information

At the time intervals set in WAY4U application configuration files, Scheduler checks for conditions to execute a job.

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Chapter 2. Working with Scheduler

Scheduler is a WAY4U application started on the application server.

A Scheduler instance is started using the start console utility located in the <AppServer_HOME> /bin directory, with the following parameters specified in the command string:

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start <application name, for example, scheduler>
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An Scheduler instance is stopped using the stop console utility located in the <appServer_HOME>/bin directory, with the following parameters specified in the command string:

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stop <application name, for example, scheduler>
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More detailed information about starting and stopping applications can be found in the section "Managing WAY4 Applications" of the document "Administering WAY4TM Application Server".

(i) When Scheduler operation is started and stopped, a message with the appropriate notification is sent by e-mail. See the section "Scheduler Setup" of the document "Scheduler R2 Installation and Setup" for mail sending configurations.

The command to safely stop Scheduler allows a Scheduler instance to be stopped without interrupting the jobs belonging to the selected instance. When all jobs have been completed, the Scheduler instance stops.

The menu item "WAY4 Scheduler → Stopping Scheduler Instance" is used to execute the command for safely stopping Scheduler. When this menu item is selected, the "Stopping Scheduler Instance" form (see Fig. 2) will be displayed. This form shows information about all registered Scheduler instances, as well as the "Messages" child form (see "Service Messages").

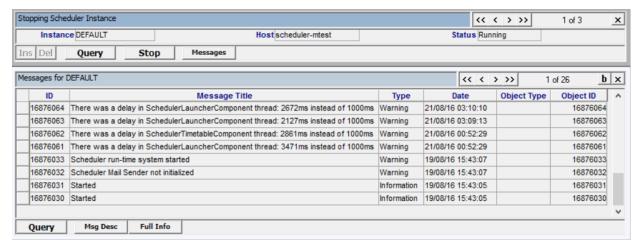


Fig. 2. Stopping Scheduler

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To stop Scheduler, select the required Scheduler instance in the "Stopping Scheduler Instance" form (see Fig. 2) and click the [Stop] button.

Configuring Scheduler in the Client Application

Scheduler is configured in the WAY4 Manager or DB Manager Client Application through the "WAY4 Scheduler → Configuration Setup" menu folder.

Grouping Jobs

To simplify Scheduler setup and monitoring, jobs can be grouped by their function.

Job groups are registered in the "Scheduler Job Groups" grid form (see Fig. 3) opened through the user menu item "WAY4 Scheduler \rightarrow Configuration Setup \rightarrow Scheduler Job Groups".

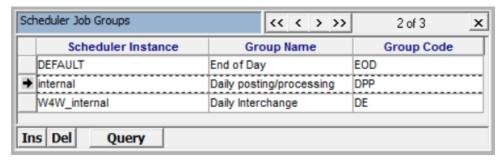


Fig. 3. Grouping jobs

When creating job groups, users fill in the following fields:

- Scheduler Instance Scheduler instance that will be used to execute the jobs from the group
- Group Name group name
- Group Code group code unique within the list of groups.

Creating and Editing Jobs

New jobs are created or existing ones edited in the "Scheduler Jobs" form (see Fig. 4) opened by selecting the "WAY4 Scheduler \rightarrow Configuration Setup \rightarrow Scheduler Jobs" user menu item.

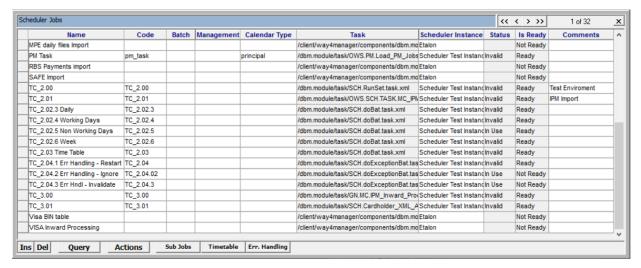


Fig. 4. Form for entering new jobs

This form contains the following fields:

- Name job name
- Code job code unique in the database
- Batch specifies whether this is a batch job (whether it includes subordinate jobs). This field may have one of the following values:
 - "Batch" batch job; when a record containing this value is selected, the [Sub Jobs] button will be shown in the "Scheduler Jobs" form (see Fig. 5). This button is used to enter the parameters of subordinate jobs (see Fig. 6, Fig. 7)
 - "Single" single job.

An empty value in the Batch field corresponds to the "Single" value.

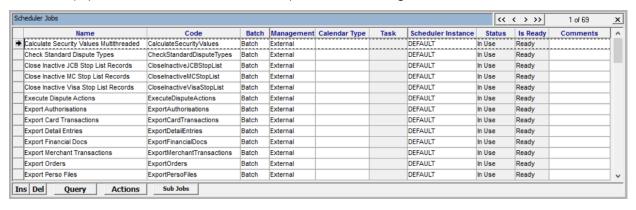


Fig. 5. "Scheduler Jobs" form with batch jobs

- Management the means by which the job will be started:
 - "External" a job is started when an external application's command is executed (see " External Management of Scheduler Jobs (Scheduler Web Services)")
 - "Timetable" a job is executed according to the job's time parameters (see Fig. 6). When a record containing this value is selected, the [Timetable] button will be shown in the "Scheduler Jobs" form (see Fig. 4). This button is used to enter job parameters. An empty value in the *Management* field corresponds to the "Timetable" value
- Calendar Type type of business calendar (see the section "undefined" of the document "WAY4TM Dictionaries")
- Task path to the file of the menu item executed in the job, for example: /dbm.module/task /OWS.Create_Statistics.task.xml
- (i) A batch job must have an empty value in the Task field, meaning it should not call the execution of a menu item. If the Task field of a batch job is filled in, the value in this field will be ignored.
- ① Note that in Scheduler, menu item files are used in xml format only.

When the DB Manager client application is used, a menu item must be converted to xml format, or a WAY4 Manager client application menu item file must be used. A menu item can be converted by selecting the user menu item "WAY4 Scheduler → Configuration Setup → Migrate Menu Item". In the "Migrate Menu Item" window, enter the name of the menu item that must be converted to xml format (for example, OWS.FM.Client) and click the [Proceed] button. If conversion is successful, the "Migrated" information message will be displayed on the screen and the converted file will appear in the working directory "OWS_WORK/client/way4manager/components/dbm.module/task".

To convert all menu items, use the menu item "WAY4 Scheduler → Configuration Setup → Convert OWS_WORK". If conversion is successful, the "Migrated" information message will be displayed on the screen and the converted files will appear in the working directory "OWS WORK/client/way4manager/components/dbm.module/task".

- Scheduler Instance the name of the Scheduler instance. When WAY4 High Availablity is used, the code of the Scheduler instance set in a secondary node can be specified in this field so that Scheduler will run the job in the secondary node. If the "Scheduler Instance" field is not filled in, the job is not executed.
- Status job execution status (see "Monitoring Job Execution").
- Is Ready shows whether the job is ready to be executed; the field will have the "Ready" value after a job is successfully approved.
- Comments additional information about a job.

To add a job, click the [Ins] button in the "Scheduler Jobs" form (see Fig. 4). An empty row will be added to the "Scheduler Jobs" list of jobs.

To enter the parameters of subordinate jobs included in a batch job (that is, a job for which the "Batch" value is specified in the *Batch* field), in the "Scheduler Jobs" form (see Fig. 4), select the required job record and click the [Sub Jobs] button. As a result, the "Sub Jobs for <name of batch job>" form will appear (see Fig. 6).

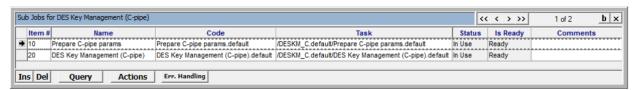


Fig. 6. Entering the parameters of subordinate jobs

The "Sub Jobs for <...> form (see Fig. 6) contains the following fields:

- Item # the number that specifies the order in which the subordinate job will be executed (this field must contain a number larger than zero); the number of the subordinate job must be unique within the batch.
- Name the name of the job.
- Code the job's unique code in the database.
- Task path to the file of the menu item executed in the job, for example: /dbm.module/task /OWS.Predefined_Commodities_Import.task.xml.
- Status job execution status (see "Monitoring Job Execution").

- Is Ready indicates whether the subordinate job is ready to be executed; this field will have the "Ready" value after the parent job is approved.
- Comments additional information about a job.

The [Actions] button of the "Sub Jobs for <name of batch job>" form (see Fig. 6) is used to open a context menu containing the following items:

- "Activate" allows the "In Use" status to be restored for a job that was omitted earlier (see " Monitoring Job Execution").
- "Deactivate" allows a subordinate job to be omitted. This job's *Status* field will show the "Inactive" value. This subordinate job will be skipped when executing a batch job.

The [Err Handling] button of the "Sub Jobs for <...>" form (see Fig. 6) is used to configure Scheduler actions when errors occur during job execution (see Fig. 8).

To specify parameters determining the time a job will be started, use the "Timetable for <name of job>" and "Time " forms (see Fig. 7) opened by clicking the [Timetable] button in the "Scheduler Jobs" form (see Fig. 4).

(1) The [Timetable] button in the "Scheduler Jobs" form (see Fig. 4) is shown when a job record is selected that has the "Timetable" value or an empty value in the Management field.

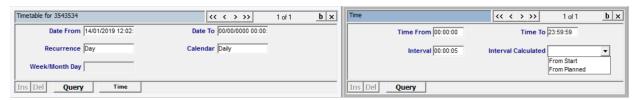


Fig. 7. Editing time parameter parameters of a job

The "Timetable for <name of job>" form (see Fig. 7) contains the following fields:

- Date From/To is a group of two fields. The earliest date when the job may be executed is specified in the first field. The latest date (inclusive) when the job may be executed is specified in the second one.
 - (i) For a job to be executed continuously over an indefinite period of time, a past date such as 01.01.01 should be entered in the first field of the *Date From/To* field group and an empty date in the second field.
- Recurrence job execution frequency:
 - "Single" once
 - "Day" the frequency is measured in days
 - "Week" the frequency is measured in weeks (the job will be executed on a certain day of the week)

- "Month" the frequency is measured in months (the job will be executed on a certain day of the month).
 - ① Processed jobs that must be executed only once (Status = "Closed", Recurrence = "Single) are shown in the "Scheduler Jobs" form (see Fig. 4) for 8 days after their execution.
- Calendar business/non-business day for Recurrence != "Single" mode:
 - "Daily" the day the job is executed does not depend on whether it is a business or nonbusiness day
 - "Workdays" on business days
 - "Nonworkdays" on non-business days
 - i) Business and non-business days are specified according to the business calendar with the type specified in the *Calendar Type* field of the "Scheduler Jobs" form (see Fig. 4).

A more detailed description of how values in the *Calendar* field of the "Timetable for <name of job>" form (see Fig. 7) influence job execution is given in the table below Table 1.

- Week/Month Day the number of the day (entered from the keyboard). The way in which the number of the day is specified depends on the combination of values specified in the Recurrence and Calendar fields (see Table 1).
 - (i) If the day specified in the Week/Month Day field does not exist in the month, the next launch is scheduled for the next month.

Table 1. Possible values of "Timetable for <name of job>" form fields

Value in the Re	Value in the Calend ar field	Value in the Week /Month Day field	Parameters for job execution frequency
Single	-	-	The job is executed once
Day	Daily	-	The job is executed daily
	Workdays	-	The job is executed on working days (according to the calendar whose type is specified in the Calendar Type field of the "Scheduler Jobs" form, see Fig. 4).
	Nonworkda ys	-	The job is executed on non-working days (according to the calendar whose type is specified in the Calendar Type field of the "Scheduler Jobs" form, see Fig. 4).

Value in the Re	Value in the Calend ar field	Value in the Week /Month Day field	Parameters for job execution frequency
Week	Daily	The number of the day of the week (1-7) is specified in the field: 1 – Monday, 2 – Tuesday, 3 – Wednesday, 4 – Thursday, 5 – Friday, 6 – Saturday. 7 – Sunday.	The job is executed on the day of the week whose number is specified in the Week/Month Day field.
	Workdays		The job is executed if the day of the week whose number is specified in the Week/Month Day field is a working day according to the calendar whose type is specified in the Calendar Type field of the "Scheduler Jobs" form, (see Fig. 4).
			Several days separated by commas also may be specified in the field. In this case, the task will be executed once a day on the specified days.
	Nonworkda ys		The job is executed if the day of the week whose number is specified in the Week/Month Day field is a non-working day according to the calendar whose type is specified in the Calendar Type field of the "Scheduler Jobs>" form, (see Fig. 4).
Month	Daily	Required day of the month (from 1 to 31).	The job is executed on the day of the month that is specified in the Week /Month Day field.
		-1	The job is executed monthly on the last day of the month.
	Workdays	Sequence number of the required working day from the start of the month (from 1 to 15).	The job is executed on the working day (according to the calendar whose type is specified in the Calendar Type field of the "Scheduler Jobs" form, see Fig. 4) whose sequence number is specified in the Week/Month Day field. Several days separated by commas also may be specified in the field. In this case, the task will be executed once a day on the specified days.
	Nonworkda ys	Sequence number of the required non-working day from the start of the month (from 1 to 4).	The job is executed on the non-working day (according to the calendar whose type is specified in the Calendar Type field of the "Scheduler Jobs>" form, see Fig. 4) whose sequence number is specified in the Week/Month Day field.

(i) When the "Week" or "Month" value is selected in the Recurrence field, the Week/Month Day field may not contain a null value (that is, the field is mandatory).

The "Time" form opened by clicking the [Time] button in the "Timetable for <name of job>" form (see Fig. 7) contains the following fields:

- Time From/To is a group of two fields. The earliest time in the day when the job may be executed is specified in the first field. The latest time in the day (inclusive) when the job may be executed is specified in the second field
 - (i) Note that the first field of the *Time From/To* group may contain a value exceeding the second field value. In this case, job execution may be continued on the following day. For example, a job may be executed between 22.00 and 02.00 of the next day.
 - When the time for executing a job changes, Scheduler checks if the job has already been executed in the specified time interval. If the job was already executed on the date specified, but the time it was last executed does not correspond to the new interval, it is considered the job was not executed and it will be executed immediately. To avoid this situation, change the schedule's time of validity from the next day.
- Interval is the time interval between job starts if the job must be executed more than once during the same day.
- Interval Calculated is a method for determining when the time interval calculation is started between repeated job executions. Possible values:
 - From Start is a time interval before the repeated job execution that is calculated from an actual time of starting the previous job. Job execution can be run with a little delay, so the runtime error in each subsequent time interval will increase.
 - From Planned is a time interval before the repeated job execution that is is calculated from the previous scheduled start time.

To set up Scheduler actions if job execution errors occur, use the "Err. Handling for ..." form (see Fig. 8) opened by clicking the [Err. Handling] button in the "Scheduler Jobs" form (see Fig. 4) or the "Sub Jobs for <...>" form (see Fig. 6).

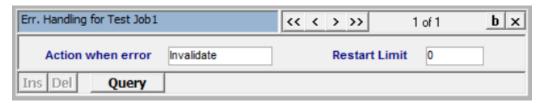


Fig. 8. Configuring actions in case of job execution errors

Scheduler actions in case of job execution errors are specified in the Action when error field by selecting a value from the following list:

- "Invalidate" the job is set to the "Invalid" status (see "Monitoring Job Execution")
- "Restart" the job is immediately restarted; the maximum number of successive runs is specified in the Restart Limit field. If the job cannot be executed after the specified number of restarts, it is set to the "Invalid" status
- "Ignore" the job is considered executed

When errors occur in the process of executing subordinate jobs included in a batch job:

- If the "Ignore" value is specified in the Action when error field for the subordinate job, the next job from the batch will be started; this does not affect the status of the batch (parent) job.
- If the "Reset" value is specified in the Action when error field for the subordinate job, an attempt will be made to restart the subordinate job according to settings for actions to be taken in the case of errors. If the repeat attempt to execute the subordinate job is successful, the status of the batch (parent) job does not change. If the repeat attempt to execute the subordinate job was not successful (and the permissible number of starts has been reached), the subordinate and batch (parent) jobs are given the "Invalid" status (see "Monitoring Job Execution"), and the batch job is processed according to settings for actions to be taken in the case of error.
- If the "Invalidate" value is specified in the Action when error field for the subordinate job, the batch (parent) job is given the "Invalid" status (see "Monitoring Job Execution") and is processed according to settings for actions to be taken in the case of error.

The [Actions] button of the "Scheduler Jobs" form (see Fig. 4) is used to open a context menu containing the following items:

- "Approve One" used to approve changes made when editing a job.
 - (i) Subordinate jobs are approved at the same time as the batch job to which they belong.
- "Approve All" used to approve all jobs in the list.
- "Activate" allows the "In Use" status to be restored for a job that was omitted earlier (see " Monitoring Job Execution").
- "Deactivate" allows a subordinate job to be omitted. This job's *Status* field will show the "Inactive" value.

Switching between Daylight Savings/Standard Time

When creating and editing Scheduler jobs, it is necessary to consider the following particularities of Scheduler operation connected with switching between daylight savings/standard time:

- If the start time of a job coincides with the switch to daylight savings time (clocks are moved one hour forward), the scheduled start time may fall out of the specified time interval
 - For example:
 - A job must be started in the time interval from 02:20 to 02:50
 - When switching to daylight savings time, the clocks are moved from 02:00 to 03:00
 - In this case, start of the job will be scheduled for 03:20
- If a repeat interval is specified for the job and the job must be executed more than once within the time interval, when the clocks are moved back, a delay will arise between repeat starts

For example:

- A job must be started in the interval from 01:00 to 04:00 every 15 minutes
- When switching to standard time, the clocks are moved from 03:00 to 02:00
- In this case, after the job is executed at 02:45, it will next be started at 03:00, meaning the interval between starts will be one hour and 15 minutes

Recommendations for Creating Jobs

When creating jobs for Scheduler, consider the following:

- For a job to start a pipe, specify "Silent" for the Dialog Type field in the pipe's settings.
- For a job to start a file import or export pipe, in the pipe's settings, set the required paths in the values of parameters for input and output directories.
- If dialog windows with data input are used when running a menu item, set values for this data by running other menu items that do not require data input. Dialog windows are ignored when executing a job and warning messages are written to the Scheduler log.

Logging Results and Monitoring Job Execution

To analyse results and manage job execution, use the "WAY4 Scheduler \rightarrow Scheduler Monitor" user menu item.

Instance Status

Selecting the user menu item "WAY4 Scheduler → Scheduler Monitor" will open the "Scheduler Monitor" form (see Fig. 9). It contains information on all registered Scheduler instances. In addition, the "Jobs" form (see Fig. 10) showing the jobs for an instance will be automatically opened.



Fig. 9. Information on the current mode of Scheduler instances

The "Scheduler Monitor" form contains the following fields:

- Instance instance name
- Host name of the server where the corresponding Scheduler instance is started
- Status current status of the Scheduler instance:
 - "Running" the instance is running
 - "Stopped" the instance has been stopped
 - "Interrupted" the instance has been paused as it was started repeatedly (see "History of Scheduler Sessions").

The "Scheduler Monitor" form contains the following control buttons:

[Jobs] – opens the list of job set up for the instance (see "Monitoring Job Execution")

- [Messages] opens the list of messages generated by the Scheduler service and BPM service for the current session of the instance (see "Service Messages")
- [Start Log] opens the history of starting the instance (see "History of Scheduler Sessions").

Monitoring Job Execution

The "Jobs" form (see Fig. 10) shows the list of jobs set up for a Scheduler instance. This form opens automatically when the "Scheduler Monitor" form (see figure Fig. 9 in the section "Instance Status") is opened, or by clicking the [Jobs] button in the "Scheduler Monitor" form.

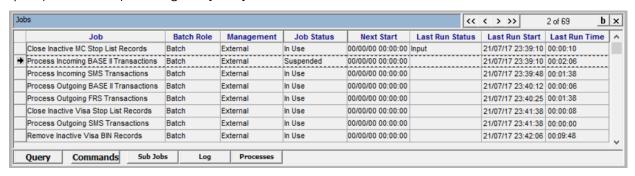


Fig. 10. List of jobs for an instance

This form contains the following fields:

- Job job name
- Batch Role shows whether this is a batch job (whether it includes subordinate jobs). The field may contain the following values:
 - "Batch" batch job; when a record containing this value is selected, the [Sub Jobs] button will be shown. This button is used to view the parameters of subordinate jobs (see Fig. 11.)
 - "Single" single job
- Management method for managing job execution:
 - "External" a job is started when the command of an external application is executed (see "External Management of Scheduler Jobs (Scheduler Web Services)")
 - "Timetable" a job is executed according to fixed time parameters (see Fig. 7 in the section "Creating and Editing Jobs"). When a record containing this value is selected, the [Timetable] button is shown in the "Jobs" form (see Fig. 10). This button is used to view the parameters of subordinate jobs. An empty value in the Management field corresponds to the "Timetable" value
- Job Status job execution status; the field can take on the following statuses:

"Prepared" – the job has been edited and successful approved; after Scheduler checks whether the conditions for job execution are met, the value of the field changes to "In use".

- "In use" the job is included in the schedule, it is either being executed or in waiting mode
- "Invalid" an error occurred during execution of the job (see "Creating and Editing Jobs")

- "Closed" the maximum number of restarts has been exceeded for the job. This status is also assigned to completed jobs that should be executed only once (Recurrence=Single, see the section "Creating and Editing Jobs")
 - i) Processed jobs that must be executed only once (Status = "Closed", Recurrence = "Single) are shown in the "Jobs" form (see Fig. 10) for 8 days after their execution.
 - "Suspended" the scheduled execution of the job has been paused by the user (see " Managing Job Execution")
 - (i) When a job status changes, a message with the corresponding notification is sent by e-mail. For mail sending configurations, see the section "Scheduler Setup" of the document "Scheduler R2 Installation and Setup".
- Next Start date and time of the next job start calculated by Scheduler during regular polling according to parameters determining the job execution time (see "Creating and Editing Jobs")
- Last Run Status result of the previous job start
- Last Run Start date and time of the previous job start
- Last Time period of job execution after the previous start.

The "Jobs" form (see Fig. 10) contains the [Commands...] button used to start associated procedures (see "Managing Job Execution").

To view the parameters of subordinate jobs included in a batch job (jobs for which the "Batch" value is specified in the *Batch* field), in the "Jobs" form (see Fig. 10), select the required job record and click the [Jobs] button. The "Sub Jobs for <name of batch job>" form will appear (see Fig. 11.).

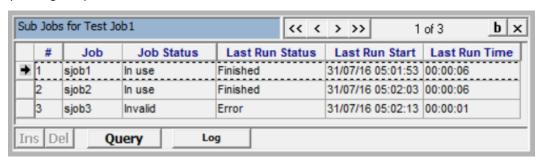


Fig. 11. Viewing the parameters of subordinate jobs

The "Sub Jobs for <name of batch job> form (see Fig. 11.) contains the following fields:

- # a number specifying the order in which the subordinate job will be executed (this field must contain a number larger than zero)
- Job job name
- Job Status job execution status (see "Monitoring Job Execution")
- Last Run Status the result of the last time the job was run

• Last Run Start – the date and time the job was last run.

The [Log] button in the "Jobs" form (see Fig. 10) and the "Sub Jobs for <name of batch job>" form (see Fig. 10.) is used to open a log with the execution history of the selected job (see Fig. 12).

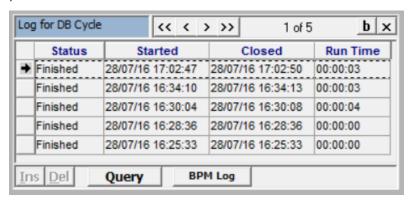


Fig. 12. Job execution history

The job log form contains the following fields:

- Status job execution result:
 - "Running" in the process of execution
 - "Finished" executed
 - "Error" error occurred during execution
 - "Canceled" execution canceled
- Started the date and time the job was started
- Closed the date and time of job completion
- Run Time –job execution.

Service Messages

To access Scheduler service and BPM service messages generated during the current instance session, use the [Messages] button in the "Scheduler Monitor" form (see figure Fig. 9 in the section "Instance Status").

Clicking the button will open the "Messages for ..." form (see Fig. 13).

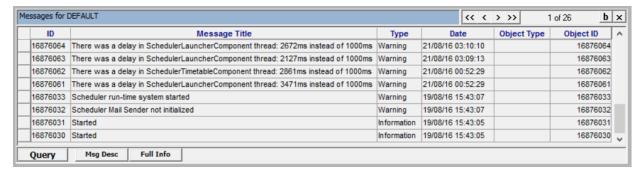


Fig. 13. Scheduler service and BPM service messages

This form contains the following fields:

ID – message ID

- Message Title message text
- Type type (error message, warning, or information message)
- Date date and time of message generation
- Object Type name of the database table to which the message belongs
- Object ID number of a row in the table specified in the Object Type field.

The [Msg Desc] button is used to open a message description.

The [Full Info] button is used to display the contents of the Message Title field.

History of Scheduler Sessions

To access the history of Scheduler instance sessions, use the [Start Log] button in the "Scheduler Monitor" form (see figure Fig. 9 in the section "Instance Status").

Clicking this button will open the "Start Log for ..." form (see Fig. 14).

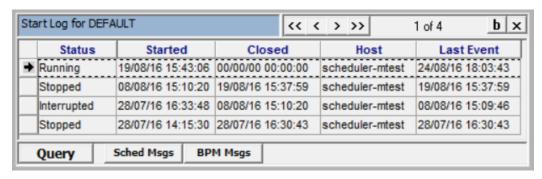


Fig. 14. History of instance sessions

This form contains the following fields:

- Status status of a Scheduler instance session (see "Instance Status"):
 - "Stopped" the session was completed normally
 - "Running" the session was not completed
 - "Interrupted" the session was interrupted
 - (i) When a Scheduler instance is started, the application checks for sessions with the "Running" status. If this session is found, Scheduler checks whether the value in the Last Event field of the session exceeds the limit specified in the configuration files. If the limit is exceeded, the session is assigned the "Interrupted" status, and the Scheduler instance is started. If the limit is not exceeded, the session is rechecked until the session is completed (set to the "Stopped" status) or the limit is exceeded.
- Started start date and time
- Closed end date and time
- Station name of the workstation where the corresponding Scheduler instance is started
- Last Event date and time that a Scheduler instance records in the field with the frequency specified in the configuration file; the value of the field is used to determine whether the current session should be interrupted.

The control buttons [Sched Msg] and [BPM Msg] are used to access the messages generated by Scheduler service and BPM service respectively during the selected session of the instance.

Managing Job Execution [Working with Scheduler]

Users can manage job execution using the "Jobs" form (see "Monitoring Job Execution").

Clicking the [Commands...] button in the form will open the context menu for managing jobs (see Fig. 15).

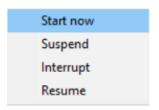


Fig. 15. Context menu for managing jobs

Using the menu, users can:

- Start job execution by selecting the "Start Now" item (if the corresponding Scheduler instance is running)
- Forbid job execution (adjust the schedule) by selecting the "Suspend" item; in this case, Scheduler will not start the job until the user allows its execution by selecting the "Resume" item or approving the job
- Assign the executed with error status to the job by selecting the "Interrupt" item

Allow job execution by selecting the "Resume" item.

Chapter 3. External Management of Scheduler Jobs (Scheduler Web Services)

Execution of Scheduler jobs can be called using external applications, for example, an external scheduler. An external call is a special Scheduler function provided by Scheduler web services. Scheduler web services are available if the corresponding Scheduler supply option was installed (see the section "Scheduler Installation" of the document "Scheduler R2 Installation and Setup".

Scheduler jobs are managed using web services by sending http requests containing an additional attached file in wsdl format. Scheduler web services perform four functions:

- startSchedulerJob execute Scheduler job
- getSchedulerJobStatus check the status of a Scheduler job
- getSchedulerJobInfo get full information about the status of a Scheduler job.
- getSchedulerJobLog request the job log.
- stopSchedulerJob stop Scheduler job.

Examples:

1. To get the wsdl file containing a description of Scheduler's Web service software interface syntax, send a request (http get request) in the following format:

http://<name of Scheduler web server>:<port number specified during Scheduler installation>/name of application on the application server set during Scheduler installation>/ws?wsdl

After executing the request, a file will be sent to the user containing a description of Scheduler's Web service software interface syntax.

 To start execution of a Scheduler job, send a request (http post request) in the following format:

http://<name of Scheduler web server>:<port number specified during Scheduler installation>/name of application on the application server set during Scheduler installation>/ws

The request must contain an attached file in the following format:

```
<soapenv:Envelope xmlns:soapenv="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
xmlns:wsin="http://www.openwaygroup.com/wsint">
<soapenv:Header/>
```

```
<soapenv:Body>
<wsin:startSchedulerJob>
<wsin:instanceCode>Scheduler instance code
</wsin:instanceCode>
<wsin:jobCode>Job code, unique in the database</wsin:jobCode>
<wsin:addParameters>Additional parameters</wsin:addParameters>
</wsin:startSchedulerJob>
</soapenv:Body>
</soapenv:Envelope>
```

(i) For information about Scheduler instance codes, see the section "Registering Scheduler Instances" of the document "Scheduler R2 Installation and Setup". The job code is specified when creating and editing Scheduler jobs (see "Creating and Editing Jobs").

Additional parameters are sent to the process started using a Scheduler job (a Scheduler job itself does not use additional parameters). Additional parameters are set in the following format:

```
<wsin:addParameters>Parameter1 = Value1, Parameter2 = Value2...
addParameters>
```

Where Parameter1, Parameter2, etc. are the names of parameters of a specific WAY4 process started by Scheduler. These parameters and their values (Value1, Value2, etc.) are determined by the process being started.

The section for setting additional parameters <wsin:addParameters> is optional (not mandatory).

Sent parameters will be shown in the WAY4 Process Log as parameters of the process started using a Scheduler job.

Scheduler checks that "execute SQL" and "stored procedure" scripts do not close a process, and if they do, an error message is logged to Process Log.

After the request is executed, the user will be sent a file in the following format, containing the identifier of the job started (cmdld).

```
<s:Envelope xmlns:s="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
<s:Body>
```

```
<startSchedulerJobResponse xmlns="http://www.openwaygroup.com/wsint" xmlns:</pre>
xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
<startSchedulerJobResult>
<cmdId>parameter value cmdId</cmdId>
<errMsg>I Job has been accepted to execute</errMsg>
</startSchedulerJobResult>
</startSchedulerJobResponse>
</s:Body>
</s:Envelope>
```

1. To check Scheduler job status, send a request (http post request) in the following format:

```
http://<name of Scheduler web server>:<port number specified during
Scheduler installation>/<name of application on the application server set
during Scheduler installation>/ws
```

The request must contain an attached file in the following format:

```
<soapenv:Envelope xmlns:soapenv="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"</pre>
xmlns:wsin="http://www.openwaygroup.com/wsint">
<soapenv:Header/>
<soapenv:Body>
<wsin:getSchedulerJobStatus>
<wsin:cmdId>parameter value cmdId</wsin:cmdId>
</wsin:getSchedulerJobStatus>
</soapenv:Body>
</soapenv:Envelope>
```

The value of the started job's identifier (cmdld) is specified in the response file sent when the http request calling the start of the Scheduler job is executed (see Item 2 in the current section).

After execution of the request, the user will be sent a file in the following format, containing information about the Scheduler job status:

```
<s:Envelope xmlns:s="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
<s:Body>
<getSchedulerJobStatusResponse xmlns="http://www.openwaygroup.com/wsint"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
<getSchedulerJobStatusResult>
<status>name of Scheduler job status</status>
</getSchedulerJobStatusResult>
</getSchedulerJobStatusResult>
</getSchedulerJobStatusResponse>
</s:Body>
</s:Envelope>
```

(i) The full list of possible job statuses is contained in a wsdl file that also contains a description of Scheduler web service software interface syntaxes.

To get the Scheduler job log, send a request (http post request) in the following format:

http://<name of Scheduler web server>:<port number specified during Scheduler installation>/name of application on the application server set during Scheduler installation>/ws

① During execution of a Scheduler job, several processes may be executed, including those organised in a hierarchical structure (tree). For messages shown in the job log, the process to which they belong is specified. The Scheduler job log is a view from the database's PROCESS MESS table.

The request must contain an attached file in the following format:

```
<wsin:messagePattern> messagePattern </wsin:messagePattern>
<wsin:messageType> messageType </wsin:messageType>
</wsin:getSchedulerJobLog>
</soapenv:Body>
</soapenv:Envelope>
```

Where:

- 1. cmdId the ID of the started job. This value is specified in the response file sent when executing an http request starting the execution of a Scheduler job (see Item 2 in the current section). This parameter is mandatory.
- 2. rowLimit a number limiting the number of messages in the requested log
- 3. processPattern a parameter allowing messages to be filtered by process name. SQL "LIKE" syntax is used; for example, "EXPORT%". Filtering is performed according to the PROCESS_NAME field of the PROCESS_MESS table
- 4. messagePattern a parameter allowing messages to be filtered according to message text. SQL "LIKE" syntax is used, for example, "EXPORT%". Filtering is performed according to the MESSAGE_TEXT field of the PROCESS_MESS table
- 5. messageType a parameter allowing messages to be filtered according to type:
 - "E" only error messages
 - "W" only error and warning messages

After the request is executed, the user will be sent a file containing the Scheduler job log. An example of such a file is shown below.

```
<s:Envelope xmlns:s="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
<s:Body>
<getSchedulerJobLogResponse xmlns="http://www.openwaygroup.com/wsint" xmlns:
xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
<getSchedulerJobLogResult>
<log>
<logRecord>
<id>>24071535</id>
<process>Test Job</process>
<message>Started</message>
<type>I</type>
</logRecord>
<logRecord>
<logRecord>
<logRecord>
</logRecord>
</lor
</pre>
```

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The following parameters are used in the file:

- 2. id message ID
- 3. process process name
- 4. message message text
- 5. type message type:
 - a. "I" only information messages
 - b. "E" only error messages
 - c. "W" only error and warning messages.

To stop execution of a Scheduler job, send a request (http post request) in the following format:

http://<name of Scheduler web server>:<port number specified during Scheduler installation>/name of application on the application server set during Scheduler installation>/ws

The request must contain an attached file in the following format:

```
</soapenv:Body>
</soapenv:Envelope>
```

(i) For information about Scheduler instance codes, see "Registering Scheduler Instances" of the document "Scheduler R2 Installation and Setup". A job code is specified when creating and editing Scheduler Jobs (see "Creating and Editing Jobs ").

After executing the request, the user will be sent a file in the following format:

```
<s:Envelope xmlns:s="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
<s:Body>
<stopSchedulerJobResponse xmlns="http://www.openwaygroup.com/wsint" xmlns:
xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
<stopSchedulerJobResult>
<errMsg>I STOP command registrated</errMsg>
</stopSchedulerJobResult>
</stopSchedulerJobResponse>
</stopSchedulerJobResponse>
</s:Body>
</s:Envelope>
```

The following parameters are used in the file:

errMsg - message:

- 1. "I" informational message, stop command has been sent.
- 2. "E" an error has occurred, stop command has not been sent.
- 3. "W" warning, stop command has been sent.

To get full information about a Scheduler job, send a request (http post request) in the following format:

http://<name of Scheduler web server>:<port number specified during Scheduler installation>/name of application on the application server set during Scheduler installation>/ws



During execution of a Scheduler job, several processes may be executed, including those organised in a hierarchical structure (tree). For messages shown in the job log, the process to which they belong is specified. The Scheduler job log is a view from the database's PROCESS_MESS table.

The request must contain an attached file in the following format:

Where *cmdld* is the ID of the started job. This value is specified in the response file sent when executing an http request starting the execution of a Scheduler job (see Item 2 in the current section). This parameter is mandatory.

After the request has been executed, the user will be sent a file containing full information about the Scheduler job's status. A sample file is shown below:

```
Response

<s:Envelope xmlns:s="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">

<s:Body>

<getSchedulerJobInfoResponse xmlns="http://www.openwaygroup.com/wsint"

xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">

<getSchedulerJobInfoResult>

<status>FINISHED</status>

<processes>

<processesRecord>
<id>316</id>
</name>Job: report test</name>

<status>CLOSED</status>
```

```
<errorLevel>OK</errorLevel>
</processesRecord>
</processes>
</getSchedulerJobInfoResult>
</getSchedulerJobInfoResponse>
</s:Body>
</s:Envelope>
```

The following parameters are used in the file:

id – message ID.

name - job name.

status – job status. The full list of possible job statuses is contained in a wsal file that also contains a description of Scheduler's Web service software interface syntax.

errorLevel – job status message type. Possible values: "ERROR", "WARNING", "OK".

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Chapter 4. Special Functions of Menu Items used in Scheduler Operation

Scheduler uses special functions of menu items (of BPM service).

Parallel Data Export

Scheduler supports execution of C-pipes in parallel mode, i.e. when several pipe copies are run simultaneously. This mode is only used for pipes exporting data to files and is used to improve performance.

Parallel Data Import

Scheduler supports execution of Java pipes in parallel mode, i.e. when several pipe copies are run simultaneously. This mode is only used for pipes importing data from files and is used to improve performance.

To enable this mode, using DB Manager/WAY4 Manager menu editor, set the *Parallel Mode* property for the menu subitem with the "Java Pipe" type and configure a Scheduler job for this menu subitem (see "Creating and Editing Jobs").

Working with the WAY4 Manager menu editor is described in the document "WAY4 Manager Menu Editor". For information about configuring the "Java Pipe" type menu subitem, see the section "Java Pipe Type" of this document.

Working with the DB Manager menu editor is described in the document "Menu Editor". For information about configuring the "Java Pipe" menu subitem, see the section "Special" Type" of the document "Menu Editor".

Business Exception Handling

When executing a Scheduler job, a menu item definition consisting of subitems is called. Usually, subitems included in the menu item are executed sequentially. During Scheduler operation, it is often necessary to change the sequence of executed actions depending on the results of subitems executed earlier.

To do so, BPM service functionality is used. This functionality allows business exception handling (i. e. creation of "branched" algorithms for executing menu items. An example of a two-tiered scheme for business exception handling is shown in the following figure Fig. 16.

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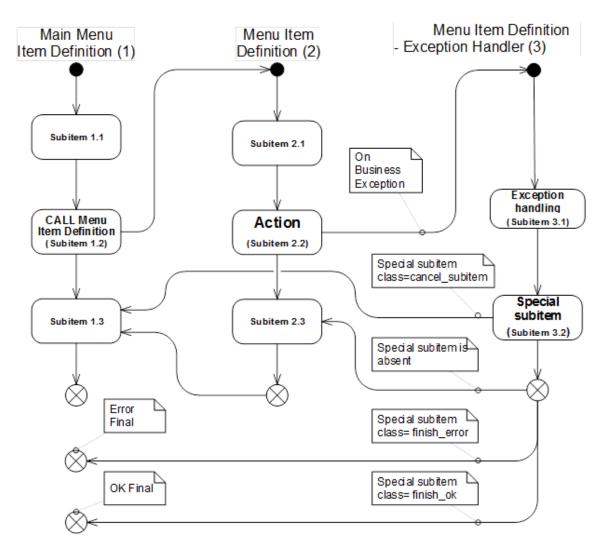


Fig. 16. Business exception handling scheme

In this scheme:

- Main Menu Item Definition (1) menu item in one of the subitems of which (Subitem 1.2) another menu item (Menu Item Definition (2)) is called (CALL Menu Item Definition)
- Menu Item Definition (2) menu item in one of the subitems of which (Subitem 2.2) a special menu item used for business handling (Exception Handler (Special) (3)) is called if an error occurs (On Business exception)

Note that the menu item for handling business exceptions is called Exception Handler in the WAY4 Manager client application

- If in the process of executing the subitem (Subitem 2.2) an error does not occur, the subitems (Subitem 2.3) of this menu item (Menu Item Definition (2)) continue to be executed. After this process is completed, a return is made to the first menu item (Main Menu Item Definition (1)) (to the subitem next to the subitem that called the transition; in this case, Subitem 1.3)
- If in the process of executing the subitem (Subitem 2.2) an error occurs, a transition is made (On Business exception) to a special menu item used for business exception handling (Exception Handler (3))

In order for another menu item to be called if an error occurs when executing a subitem, the menu subitem property Execute Menu Item on Error is used. When configuring subitem properties, a link can be specified in this field to the menu item executed if an error occurs (Exception Handler (Special))

The Execute Menu Item on Error field can be filled in for the following types of menu subitems:

- SQL (see "Checking Conditions")
- Flag (see "Synchronising Processes")
- Waiting Files
- Java Pipe

In this scheme, the Execute Menu Item on Error property is specified for the menu subitem Subitem 2.2.

In the DB Manager client application in order for another menu item to be called if an error occurs when executing a subitem, the menu subitem property *Run if previous step was unsuccessful* of the "Menu Item" menu item is used (see the section "Editing Menu Sub-items" ("Menu Item" Type) of the document "DB Manager. Menu Editor").

- Exception Handler (3) special menu item used for business exception handling. This item includes:
- Subitems (Subitem 3.1) used for exception handling (Exception Handler);
- Subitem with the "Other" type ("Special" subitem with the "Special" type in the DB Manager client application) (Subitem 3.2) used to select the actions executed after exception handling. When configuring this type of menu subitem, the following values can be specified in the Class field of the "Other" form (in the Parameters field of the "Special parameters" form in DB Manager):
 - "finish_error" after exception handling (Exception Handling, Subitem 3.1), menu items are completed and the job status will be returned to Scheduler (error message)
 - "finish_ok" after exception handling (Exception Handling, Subitem 3.1) menu items are completed and the job status will be returned to Scheduler (successful execution message)
 - "cancel_subitem" after exception handling (Exception Handling), execution of the menu item calling the transition to exception handling (Menu Item Definition (2)) is cancelled and a transition will be made to the subitem Subitem 1.3 belonging to the menu item Main Menu Item Definition (1)
- If the "Other" type subitem ("Special" subitem with the "Special" type in DB Manager) (Special Subitem is absent) is absent from the menu item used for business exception handling (Exception Handler (3)), after exception handling (Exception Handler, Subitem 3.1) the subitem (Subitem 2.3) will be executed that is next to the subitem calling the transition to exception handling (On Business Exception).

Synchronising Processes

Scheduler uses BPM service functionality for synchronising processes. This functionality is available by creating a menu subitem with the "Flag" type. This subitem makes it possible to set up a special parameter ("flag") and depending on its state, to differentiate access (in time) to a resource or wait for the execution of an Event. If the conditions specified in the flag settings are not met, business exception handling may be called (see the figure Fig. 16 in the section "Business Exception Handling").

For more information about working with the WAY4 Manager menu editor, see the document "WAY4 Manager Menu Editor". For configuration of the "Flag" type menu subitem, see the "Type "Flag" section of the document "WAY4 Manager Menu Editor".

Working with the DB manager menu editor is described in the document "Menu Editor". For configuration of the "Flag" type menu subitem, see the section "Special" Type" of the document "Menu Editor".

Checking Conditions

In the process of executing jobs, Scheduler allows conditions to be checked using SQL requests and the further logical branching of menu items depending on the results of executing a stored procedure or function. This can be used for business logic exception handling (see figure Fig. 16 in the section "Business Exception Handling").

To use this functionality, create a menu subitem with the "Sql" type and when configuring its properties, specify the "Check and interrupt" value in the Action field.

For more information about working with the WAY4 Manager menu editor, see the document "WAY4 Manager Menu Editor". For configuration of the "Sql" type menu subitem, see the "Type "Sql" section of the document "WAY4 Manager Menu Editor".

Working with the DB manager menu editor is described in the document "Menu Editor". For configuration of the "Sql" type menu subitem, see the section "Special" Type" of the document "Menu Editor"