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Business Rules

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Business Rules

Business rules are units of business logic that are stored as objects in System Setup. Business rules are used for many different purposes in STEP and come in three variants:

	Input	Output	Side effects allowed
Business actions	Current object, current event batch, etc. provided by the context in which the action is executed. For more on business actions, refer to the Business Actions topic.	None	Yes
Business conditions	Current object, current event, etc. provided by the context in which the condition is evaluated. For more on business conditions, refer to the Business Conditions topic.	Boolean result of evaluating the condition and a message for the user	No
Business functions	Input parameters defined by the function and provided by the functionality evaluating the function. For more on business functions, refer to the Business Functions topic.	Result of evaluating the function	No

A fourth type of business rule, **business library**, allows users to define JavaScript library functions that can be called from other JavaScript-based business rules. For more information on business libraries, refer to Business Libraries topic documentation.

For more information on differentiating between scenarios where one business rule is more useful than another, refer to the Business Rule Use Cases topic in the Business Rules documentation.

Setup Requirements

The following set up is required to use business rules:

1. Perform the one-time setup steps described in Initial Set Up for Business Rules.
2. Create a business rule as described in Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library.
3. Edit the business rule as described in the Editing a Business Rule or Function.
4. Test the business rule as described in Testing a Business Rule.

Additional Information

The following information is useful prior to creating and after a business rule is set up:

1. Review the most common ways to use business rules as described in Using Business Rules in STEP.
2. Review the decisions that affect how a business rule runs as described in Running a Business Rule.
3. Maintain or modify *global* business rules as described in Maintaining a Global Business Rule.
4. To understand more about the business functions and how to use them, refer to Calling a Business Function from a JavaScript Business Rule.
5. Delete a business rule as described in Deleting a Business Rule, Function, or Library.
6. Maintain or modify *local* business rules as described in Business Rules and Workflows in the Workflows documentation.
7. Understand the differences between global and local business rules as described in Global and Local Business Rules.
8. Export a business rule definition as comments and submit to an external source control system for comparison purposes as described in Configuration Management documentation.
9. JavaScript-based business rules can be created, maintained, and (unit) tested outside STEP as described in the VCSI: Editable Business Rules Format topic in the Configuration Management documentation.

Global and Local Business Rules

The scope of a business rule can be either local or global.

- Global business rules are reusable and can have multiple functions, for example, in different workflows, during object approval, and in imports and bulk updates. Global business rules are available when you open a business rule selector.
- Local business rules are specific to one process such as when a specific workflow enters a specific state. Local business rules are not available from a business rule selector. Global business rules can be added to a workflow and then copied for local use. Local business rules are typically located below the workflow where they are used.

Icons are used to differentiate between conditions and actions. A hand indicates the business rule is global.

	Condition	Action
Global		
Local		

Local and global business actions can be executed when entering a workflow state (On Entry), when exiting a workflow state (On Exit), when a deadline is met and the Escalation background process is run, and when the workflow transitions from one state to another (On Transition).

Local and global conditions can be tested on transitions. A transition cannot take place if the associated business action evaluates to false.

For more information about local business rules, refer to the Business Rules and Workflows topic in the Workflows documentation.

Using Business Rules in STEP

Wherever business rules are used, they are always tested or executed in relation to one object at a time, and in a specific context / workspace. The most common places to use business rules are included in the list below.

- **Approvals** - Conditions can be tested when approval is attempted on an object under revision control, and the condition can allow or prevent the approval. Actions executed on approval and can modify data in STEP (typically data on the object being approved), send emails etc. related to the approval.

For more information, refer to the Business Rules on Approval topic.

- **Automatic Classifications** - Actions can be executed to automatically classify objects, and can be applied, for example, on approval, during an import, or as a part of a workflow.

For more information, refer to the Using Automatic Classification with Business Actions topic.

- **Bulk Updates** - Conditions can be tested as a precondition for executing an action. Actions can be executed.

For more information, refer to the Run Business Rule Operation topic.

- **Conditional Attributes** - The JavaScript business action 'Conditionally Invalid Values' bind resolves to a set of all values.

For more information, refer to the Business Rules with Conditional Attributes topic.

- **Data Profiles** - Conditions can be tested against all objects in a category (for example, a part of the Product hierarchy), and the result of the tests can be displayed on the Profile Dashboard.

For more information, refer to the Business Conditions in Data Profiling topic.

- **Event Processors** - Actions can determine when and how to act upon the events from the event processor. This is useful when changes occur on objects and custom actions need to occur.

For more information, refer to the Execute Business Action Processing Plugin Parameters and Triggers topic or the Execute Business Action for Event Batch Processing Plugin Parameters and Triggers topic.

- **Gateway Integration Endpoints** - Accessed from JavaScript in business rule conditions and actions, the bind can work with a variety of the REST methods.

For more information, refer to the Gateway Integration Endpoint Bind topic in the Resource Materials online help documentation. *Gateway Integration Endpoints (GIEPs) do not always use the REST plugin; the Gateway Integration Endpoint Bind topic only applies for GIEPs that use the REST plugin.*

- **Imports and Inbound Integration Endpoints** - Conditions can be tested during imports, and the condition can allow or prevent the creation or update of objects. Actions executed during import can modify the objects being imported, apply actions to objects being imported, send emails, and start workflows, etc.

For more information, refer to the Business Rules in an Import Configuration topic.

- **Matching, Linking, and Merging** - Actions and Conditions can be used to normalize the data for comparison to identify the duplicate products in STEP. Actions can also be used in relation to Golden Records Survivorship Rules.

For more information, refer to Matching section of the JavaScript Binds topic in the Resource Materials online help documentation or the Golden Records Survivorship Rules topic in the Matching, Linking, and Merging documentation.

- **Outbound Integration Endpoint** - Conditions can be used as event filters for an event-based OIEP. Actions can be executed via a pre-processor for any OIEP, or as a event generator to generate derived events to export or publish for an event-based OIEP.

For more information, refer to the OIEP - Event-Based - Event Triggering Definitions Tab topic or the OIEP - Pre-processor - Business Action topic.

- **Web UI** - Actions can be executed to update the object. Conditions can be evaluated to improve data validity.

For more information, refer to the Business Rules in Web UI topic.

- **Workflows** - Conditions can be tested within workflows to allow or prevent transitions from one state to another. Actions can be executed when entering a state, when leaving a state, when performing a specific transition, and when a deadline is met. Actions can also modify the object being tracked by the workflow, modify other objects in STEP, modify the workflow behavior, send email, start other workflows, etc.

For more information, refer to the Business Rules in Workflows topic.

Business Rules on Approval

Global business rules valid for the node being worked can be evaluated or executed during the approval process.

- When a condition evaluates to false, the approval fails, an error message is displayed, and no actions are executed.
- When a condition evaluates to true, the selected actions are executed.

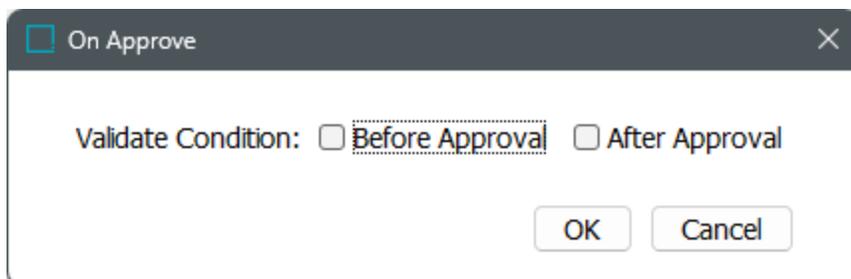
Global business rules are set to run on approval in the Business Rule editor. For more information, refer to the **On Approve** section of the Editing a Business Rule or Function topic.

For information on running business rules during the import process, refer to the Business Rules in an Import Configuration topic.

Evaluate Condition

On conditions, specify to validate the condition before and/or after approval.

- **Before Approval** tests are run in the Main workspace.
- **After Approval** tests against the object as it would appear in the Approved workspace, assuming the approval succeeds. Technically, the object is approved, the condition is tested, and if the condition fails, the approval is rolled back. This allows a condition to test data that is not owned by the object being approved, such as inherited attribute values and references, referenced objects, children, etc., which could be different or non-existent in the Approved workspace. Since approved data is typically what is made available to downstream systems, this is a valuable option.





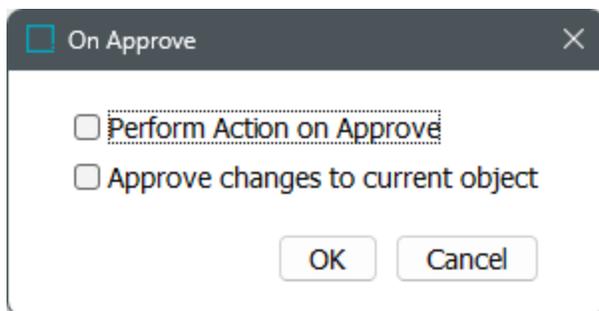
Note: The condition is only guaranteed to be met for a given object at the moment it is tested. If the condition depends on data owned by other objects, those objects can change and be approved without the condition being reevaluated. Therefore, it is common setup to test data on the objects that own the data.

For details on adding a condition, refer to the Specifying a Business Condition topic.

Execute Action

On actions, specify to execute the action on approve and/or to approve changes as well. Execution always takes place in the main workspace prior to the actual approval.

- **Perform Action on Approve**
- **Approve changes to current object** allows changes made to the object being approved to be included in the approval.



For details on adding a condition, refer to the Specifying a Business Action Operation topic.

On Approve Process

When objects are selected for approval, and business rules are set to run On Approve, the steps below are followed:

1. If there is nothing to approve, exit without running business rules.
2. If there is data to approve, run actions configured to be executed on approval.
3. Test all conditions configured to be validated before approval (for sub-conditions, run only until one of them fails). If one or more fails, go to step 8.

4. If using an event-based OIEP, run event filter conditions and event generator actions. Exit and roll back if mandatory data is missing.
5. Perform the approval, including standard dependency checks. If one or more fails, go to step 8.
6. Run all conditions configured to be validated after approval (for sub-conditions, run only until one of them fails), and perform standard mandatory checks. If one or more fail, go to step 8.
7. Run mandatory checks in Approved workspace. Exit and roll back if mandatory data is missing.
8. Commit changes if all previous steps were successful, or roll back changes if any conditions failed.

Due to the order of the On Approve Process, note the following:

- Changes made by actions are not kept when conditions before or after approval are false.
- If the 'Approve changes to current object' option is not checked and an action makes a change to the object being approved, a complete approval cannot be achieved.
- Actions can make changes that cause a condition to become true. For example, a condition could test for the existence of a reference that is added by an action during approval.

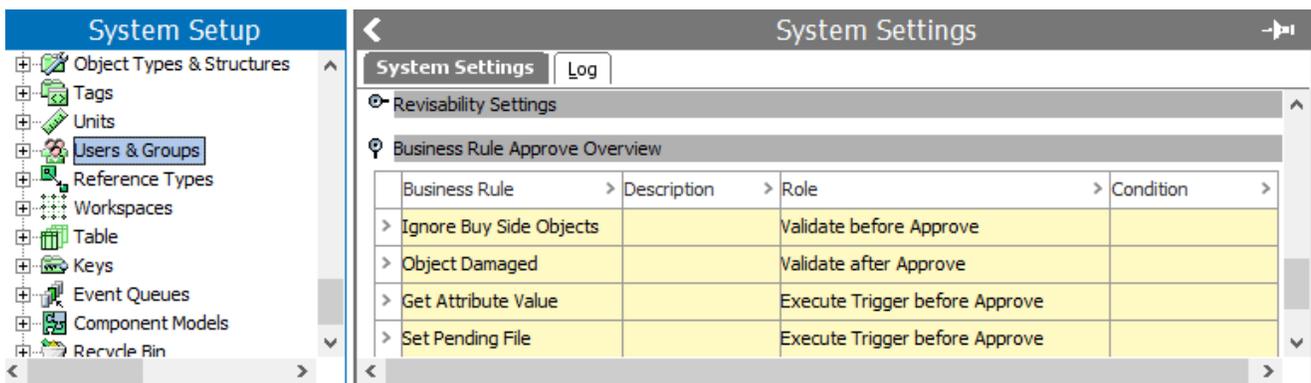


Note: If multiple conditions and actions are tested and/or executed on approval, the order in which the conditions are tested and the actions are executed is not guaranteed.

Business Rules that Run on Approve

Follow the steps below to display a list of all business rules set to run on approval.

1. In System Setup > Users & Groups > click the System Settings tab.
2. Open the **Business Rule Approve Overview** flipper to display business rules configured to be evaluated or executed On Approve.



Business Rule	Description	Role	Condition
> Ignore Buy Side Objects		Validate before Approve	
> Object Damaged		Validate after Approve	
> Get Attribute Value		Execute Trigger before Approve	
> Set Pending File		Execute Trigger before Approve	

Business Rules with Conditional Attributes

For information on setting up a conditionally valid attribute, refer to the Conditional Attribute Display documentation in the System Setup documentation.

For information on adding a bind, refer to the Adding a Bind topic in the Resource Materials online help documentation.

JavaScript Business Rule Bind for Conditional Validity

The Conditionally Invalid Values bind can be used in a JavaScript business action. This resolves to a (possibly empty) set of values, and the set contains all values which have value conditions that evaluate to 'false' for the current node.



Note: This binding is unrestricted in the sense that it is always available, not just from workflows or imports, etc.

This is a JavaScript example for clearing conditionally invalid values.

Required binds:

- invalid:"Conditionally Invalid Values"-binding
- logger:"Logger"-binding

```
//acquire an iterator - easiest way to deal with Sets
var iter = invalid.iterator();
//iterate over conditionally invalid values
while (iter.hasNext()) {
//get the value
    var val = iter.next();
    //test if there is a value and if it is local
    var clean = val.isLocal() && val.getSimpleValue();
    //write to the log
    var msg
    if (clean) {
```

```
        msg = "Cleaning up";
    } else {
        msg = "Ignoring";
    }
    msg += " conditionally invalid ";
    if (val.isLocal()) {
        msg += "local value";
    } else {
        msg += "non-local value";
    }
    msg += val.getAttribute().getID() + " [" + val.getSimpleValue() + "];
    logger.info( msg );
    //in case of local value - delete it
    if (clean) {
        val.setSimpleValue("");
    }
    //empty string handled as null and deletes local values
}
```

JavaScript Business Rule Bind of Workflow State

The workflow state bindings can be used for conditions and actions that, upon import, can resolve and be used for general evaluation and handling of the product being imported.

This is an example business condition applied on import of a maintenance Smartsheet and exported from the Web UI Task List.

Required binds:

- state:"Workflow state"-binding
- node:"Current Object"-binding
- logger:"Logger"-binding

```
//up front test if the import carries expectation of specific workflow
state
if (!state) {
    logger.info("No import state provided");
    //could have instead returned some rejection to say no import if a
state is not supplied
    return true;
}
var instance, task, msg;
//acquire the workflow instance for the node and workflow
instance = node.getWorkflowInstance(state.getWorkflow());
if (!instance) {
    //reject since workflow has been terminated or never started
    msg = "Rejected: Workflow " + state.getWorkflow().getTitle() + " not
started for " + node.getTitle();
    logger.info(msg);
    return msg
}
//look for actual task for node in supplied state
task = instance.getTask(state);
if (!task){
    //no task also causes rejection
    msg = "Someone might have changed data. " + node.getTitle() + " has no
task for state " + state.getID() + " in workflow " + state.getWorkflow
().getTitle();
    logger.info(msg);
    return msg;
}
logger.info('Accepted: a task exists, continue with import');
return true;
```

Business Conditions in Data Profiling

You can test conditions as part of a data profiling process and the results can be visualized in a widget. Conditions can be tested on entire hierarchies as part of the profiling process.

For example, a user wants to know the number products that are missing a selling price from a specific vendor. A business condition can filter for the vendor during profiling, which then can check the selling price value.

For more information, refer to the Data Profiling documentation.

Using a business condition within data profiling involves the following setup:

- Ensuring the business rule is valid for the object type being profiled.
- Setting the object type of the node to allow profiling via the Enable Profiling parameter. For details, refer to the Data Profiles topic in the Data Profiling documentation.

Displaying a data profile widget involves the following configuration:

- Configuring a data profile widget as defined in the Profile Configuration topic.

Business Rules in an Import Configuration

Business rules can be applied during the import process, enabling validation of data while it is being imported. Business actions allow changes to data during import, and can cause other changes as well.

Conditions can be used to reject object creations and modifications to existing objects. Conditions are tested against data as it would appear in STEP assuming the import succeeded. This means that the test is not limited to data in the import file.

Actions are only executed during import if all conditions evaluate to true or a warning is reported. This means, contrary to the approval process described in the Business Rules on Approval section, actions cannot make changes that cause the conditions become true.

The business rules available depend on your system setup. New business rules must be created in System Setup, which also shows if a business rule is used by an import configuration. You cannot delete a business rule if it is used by an import configuration.

To determine if a business rule is used in an Import Configuration:

1. In System Setup, expand the Business Rules node.
2. Select the relevant business rule, and click the Usage tab.

Add a Business Rule to an Import

Business rules can be added with the inbound data tools: Import Manager and IIEPs.

Import Manager

Business rules are configured on the Select Business Rules step of the Import Manager wizard. For more information, refer to the Import Manager - Select Business Rules topic in the Data Exchange documentation.

Import Manager
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1. Select Configuration
2. Select Data Source
3. Select Format
4. Map Data
5. Identify Objects
6. Identify Destination
7. Select Business Rules
8. Advanced Settings

Select Business Rules

Evaluate objects against these conditions. Unless alternative handling is selected for the business rule, users can elect to process objects that do not meet the conditions by either rejecting the object and including an error message in the background process report (BGP), rejecting the object and including an informational message in the BGP, or importing the object even if the conditions are not met and including a warning message in the BGP.

Name	Description	Condition Handling Options
⋮ Email Revalidation Condition	True if Validate Emails Business Condition	Reject and Include Error
⋮ False for Discontinued Products	True if return currentObject.getValue("Discon...	Import and Include Warning
⋮ Add condition		

Execute These Actions for Each Valid Object:

Name	Description
⋮ WorkflowReview	Execute Update product CIC
⋮ Add action	

Back Next Finish Cancel

The saved import configuration includes any selected business rules. For more information, refer to the Maintaining a Saved Import Configuration topic in the Data Exchange documentation.

IIEP

Business rules are configured for the STEP Importer processing engine, on the Select Business Rules step of the IIEP wizard. The selected business rules can be modified by editing the IIEP configuration.

For more information, refer to the IIEP - Configure Processing Engine topic in the Data Exchange documentation.

Inbound Integration Endpoint Wizard

1. Identify Endpoint
2. Choose Receiver
3. Configure Endpoint
4. Configure Pre-processor
- 5. Configure Processing Engine**
 - 5.1. Select Sample File
 - 5.2. Select Data Source
 - 5.3. Select Format
 - 5.4. Map Data
 - 5.5. Identify Objects
 - 5.6. Identify Destination
 - 5.7. Select Business Rules**
 - 5.8. Advanced Settings
6. Configure Post-processor
7. Schedule Endpoint
8. Error Handling & Reporting

Configure Processing Engine : Select Business Rules

Evaluate objects against these conditions. Unless alternative handling is selected for the business rule, users can elect to process objects that do not meet the conditions by either rejecting the object and including an error message in the background process report (BGP), rejecting the object and including an informational message in the BGP, or importing the object even if the conditions are not met and including a warning message in the BGP.

Name	Description	Condition Handling Options
Email Revalidation Condition	True if Validate Emails Busi...	Reject and Include Error
False for Discontinued Products	True if return currentObje...	Reject and Include Error

[Add condition](#)

Execute These Actions for Each Valid Object:

Name	Description
WorkflowReview	Execute Update product CIC

[Add action](#)

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Applying Business Rules

Business rules can be applied to products, classifications, entities, and assets. If business rules are applied to other object types, the rules are not evaluated.

The order of business rule execution for each imported object is first conditions without 'Warn only' enabled, then conditions with 'Warn only' enabled, and finally actions.

- Conditions** - During the import, both changed and unchanged objects are validated against the business conditions. If the validation fails, the change is rejected unless the 'Warn only' parameter is enabled for the condition. When 'Warn only' is not enabled, the changes are not imported, and an error message is logged in the Import Execution Report. When 'Warn only' is enabled, the changes are imported, and a warning message is logged in the Import Execution Report.



Note: To prevent Actions from running, objects are always validated, even if they are unchanged. The business rule itself can react on whether the object is detected as unchanged by the Import (e.g., to avoid rejecting unchanged data). Conditions cannot access the object as it was created prior to the import change.

- **Actions** - Actions primarily modify the imported objects. Ensure that the actions do not affect other objects. Actions are executed in the order specified in the import configuration. If a business action results in an error, the import skips the object. Errors are logged in the Execution Report. Too many errors may stop the import process. It is therefore important that business rules are created to handle expected exceptions.

For performance reasons, the Import Manager sometimes evaluates the same business rule twice for the same object.

Detecting Changes

JavaScript business rules access the imported objects using the 'Current Object' bind and the special 'Import Change Info.'

For each object, the import process detects if there are any changes. This information is provided to the business rules, and the business rules react based on this information.

In JavaScript the 'changeInfo' object contains two members:

- 'isUnmodified()' is true when object is not changed during the import.
- 'getChanges()' allows the business rule to retrieve a list of attribute IDs using 'getAttributes()' where the values have changed.

Business Rule Limitations

- Objects must be imported one at a time for the validation mechanism to work. It is therefore not possible to import nested STEPXML documents when you are using business rules.
- If one or more business rules are selected, the Import Manager uses domain mode.

- Based on the Condition Handling Option selected for each business condition, business conditions will run in the following sequence: those with 'Reject and Include Error' selected, those with 'Import and Include Warning' selected, and those with 'Reject and Include Information' selected.
- Changes are not detected for references and links. Objects with references in the import are therefore always reported as changed.
- Sometimes imported references are deferred if they depend on objects that have not been imported yet. As a consequence, the deferred parts of an imported object are not present while it is being validated by business rules. (The references are deferred until after the business rules have run.) Therefore, use caution when using business conditions to validate references.
- When actions are used, the 'Approve Import Changes' on Advanced step is disabled - importer cannot automatically auto approve imported data because side effects from business actions are unknown. However it is still possible to approve imported objects via a business action.
- Business rules and business conditions are not supported on import of system setup objects.

Business Rules in Web UI

Both business conditions and business actions can be applied in the Web UI.

Business Conditions

The Web UI enables admin users to apply business conditions that validate user-entered data in real time, notifying the user immediately if an applied business condition has not been fulfilled.

Business conditions can also be used to filter Lists of Values (LOVs). By applying a condition that validates if an acceptable value has been selected from an LOV, the user is functionally disallowed from selecting a value that violates the condition.

For details on configuring business conditions in the Web UI, refer to the Data Validation in Web UI topic in the Web User Interfaces documentation.

Business Actions

Via the Web UI designer, business actions can be triggered by action buttons and can be assigned to individual screens using the Business Action parameter.

For details on assigning business actions, refer to the following topics in the Web User Interfaces documentation:

- Action Buttons
- Configuring a Mass Creation Screen
- Parameterized Business Actions in Web UI
- Run Business Action Component

Business Rules in Workflows

Business rules can be used in workflows to control the flow logic, make automatic changes to the objects being tracked with the workflow, or to notify users of task assignments, etc.

Business conditions are used to define the transitions that are legal in the workflow. Conditions can be tested on transitions between States, allowing and/or preventing the transition from being performed.

Business actions can be executed when:

- An object enters a state (On Entry)
- An object leaves a state (On Exit)
- A deadline is met and the deadline checker Background Process is run.
- A transition is performed (On Transition)

For more details and an example, refer to the Business Rules and Workflows topic in the Workflows documentation.

Additional information on using business rules in workflows, including detailed configuration instructions to accomplish specific use cases can be found throughout the Advanced Workflow Topics section of the Workflows documentation.

The public Java API available from JavaScript-based business rules offers functionality specifically for working with workflow logic—primarily the `WorkflowableNode`, `WorkflowInstance`, `WorkflowFunctionHome`, `Task`, and `Workflow` interfaces. Using this functionality, however, requires in-depth knowledge about workflows.

Business Rule Use Cases

The following list includes some of the most common uses for different types of business rules.

Object Approval

Business actions can be triggered by an approval on an object and can make changes to the object being approved, change other data in STEP, or external systems.

Business conditions can be triggered by an object approval and function as gates, either allowing or preventing approval of the object.

Imports / Inbound Integration Endpoint

Business actions can be executed in relation to objects being created or updated via the import.

Business conditions can serve as a filtering tool that can reject object creations as well as any importing data that modifies existing objects.

 **Note:** Business actions will only be executed if all business conditions evaluate as true.

Exports / Outbound Integration Endpoint

Business actions can be evaluated for each generated event with the purpose of producing derived events.

Business conditions can be evaluated for each generated event, either allowing or preventing the event from being added to the associated event queue.

Workflows

Business actions are evaluated and executed when an object enters a state (On Entry), an object leaves a state (On Exit), a deadline is met, or when a transition is performed (On Transition).

Business conditions are tested on the transitions between workflow states, which will serve as a gate as to whether or not an object is moved between states.

Reusable Helper Functions

Business functions serve as a means of helping other business rules. Business functions are the only type of business rules that produce a result based on inputs without changing those inputs or any other data in STEP. Business functions allow users to write JavaScript logic in one place that can be called from other business rules.

Translation Status of a Node

Business functions allow users to access the translation status of any object considering both its context and workspace. It ensures that only translated objects are exported and checks translation status as part of an approval. It also factors translation status into the sufficiency score of an object.

Introduction to Writing Business Rules

Software developers often write business rules in JavaScript since it provides the ability to precisely control the inputs, outputs, and outcomes. Developers may also use the information included in the Technical Documentation, available at [system]/sdk or accessible from the Start Page. However, users who have a good understanding of their own STEP system but limited technical knowledge may want to modify existing JavaScript business rules or write new JavaScript business rules.

This topic discusses determining the type of business rule needed, understanding the business requirements, implementing the logical parts of the requirements, and testing that the business rule meets the goal.

Prerequisites

The example in this topic uses a business condition, which can be created and configured as follows:

1. Create a new business condition. Refer to the [Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library](#) topic.
2. Configure the Evaluate JavaScript operation. Refer to the [Business Condition: Evaluate JavaScript](#) topic.

Determining the Business Rule Type

This example demonstrates how to write a business rule to read the value on an attribute and return 'true' or 'false' based on the value. This type of business rule is a 'check' or 'validation' rule, which means it is a business condition.

A business condition is used to determine if a subsequent action or decision is needed, for example:

- Allow or reject the transition of a product in a workflow.
- Allow or reject the approval of a product.
- During import, reject object creation or modification.

Understanding the Requirements

Before writing the JavaScript code for a business rule, identify the logical parts of the requirements. In this example, the logical parts are:

1. Get access to the object in context. This is the object that is being imported, getting approved, or transitioning in the workflow.
2. Read the value of an attribute on the object.
3. Compare the attribute value against a fixed value and determine if they match.
4. Return 'true' if the values match or return 'false' if the values do not match.

Implementing the Plan

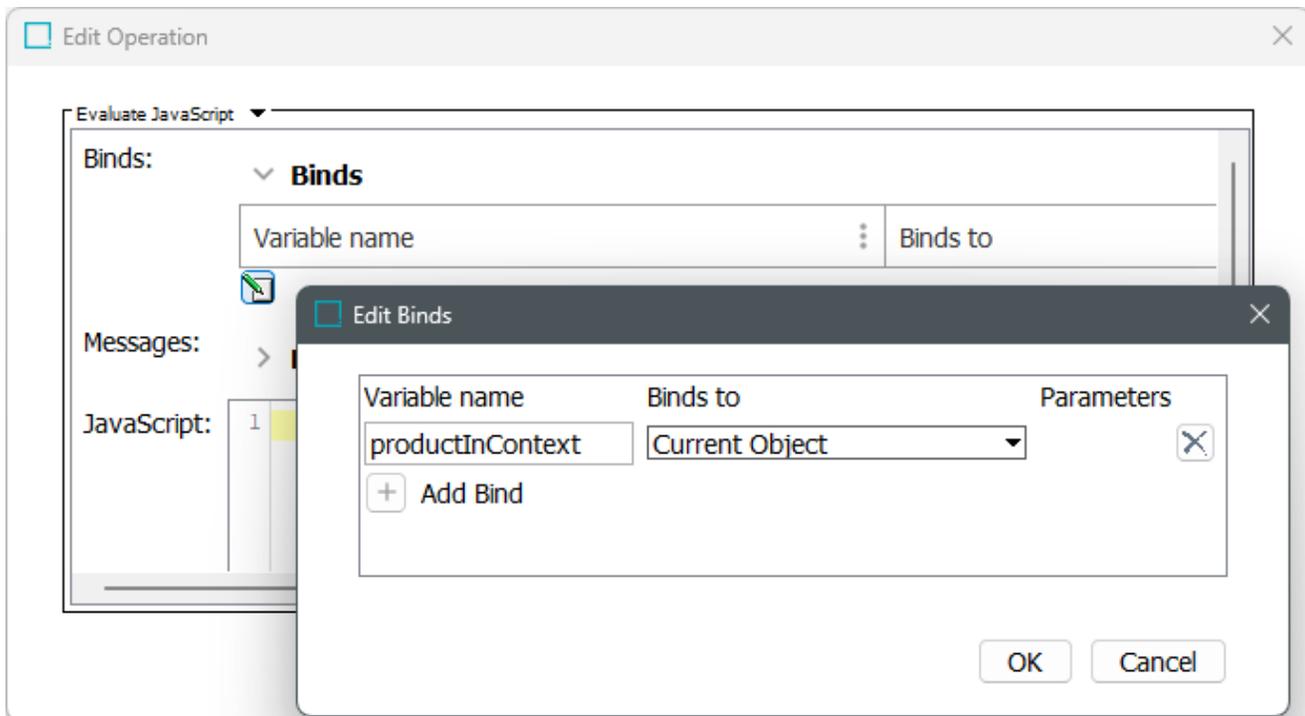
Translating the logical parts of these requirements into a JavaScript business condition includes the steps below.

Get access to the object in context

In a STEP business rule, the Evaluate JavaScript operation uses a 'bind' to access an object in context. 'Binds' allow accessing many types of data and configuration objects and allows the JavaScript code to act on them. A bind requires a variable to represent it within the code. The 'Current Object' bind gives access to values on the object being evaluated.

To implement this part of the business condition, add a bind for the current object:

- Add 'productInContext' for the 'Variable name' parameter.
- Select 'Current Object' from the 'Binds to' dropdown.



This binding creates the 'productInContext' variable, which represents the object that this business rule is processing and makes it available to the JavaScript code. Since the 'productInContext' variable is essentially a Java object, the code can read its parameters and invoke methods on the object. The available parameters and methods are documented in the **Scripting API** section of the **Technical Documentation**, available at [system]/sdk or accessible from the Start Page.

For example, some of the methods are available for the 'Current Object' bind include:

```
productInContext.getName()
productInContext.getParent()
productInContext.getChildren()
productInContext.getValue()
```

Read the value of an attribute on the object

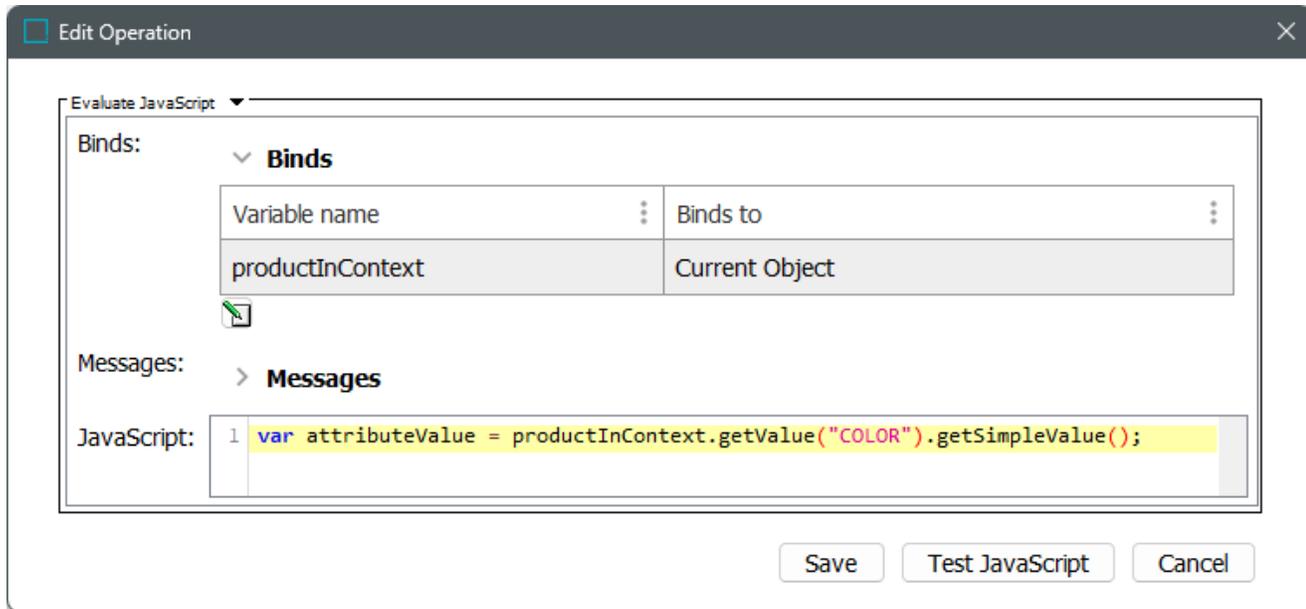
With access to the object in context, now the value of an attribute can be determined. In this example, the attribute ID is 'COLOR' and it is valid for the product being processed by the business condition.

Within the JavaScript code, the variable 'attributeValue' is defined to:

- use the current object, indicated by the 'productInContext' bind variable.
- use the method 'getValue' to get the value of the 'COLOR' attribute.

Add the following code to the JavaScript parameter:

```
var attributeValue = productInContext.getValue("COLOR").getSimpleValue();
```



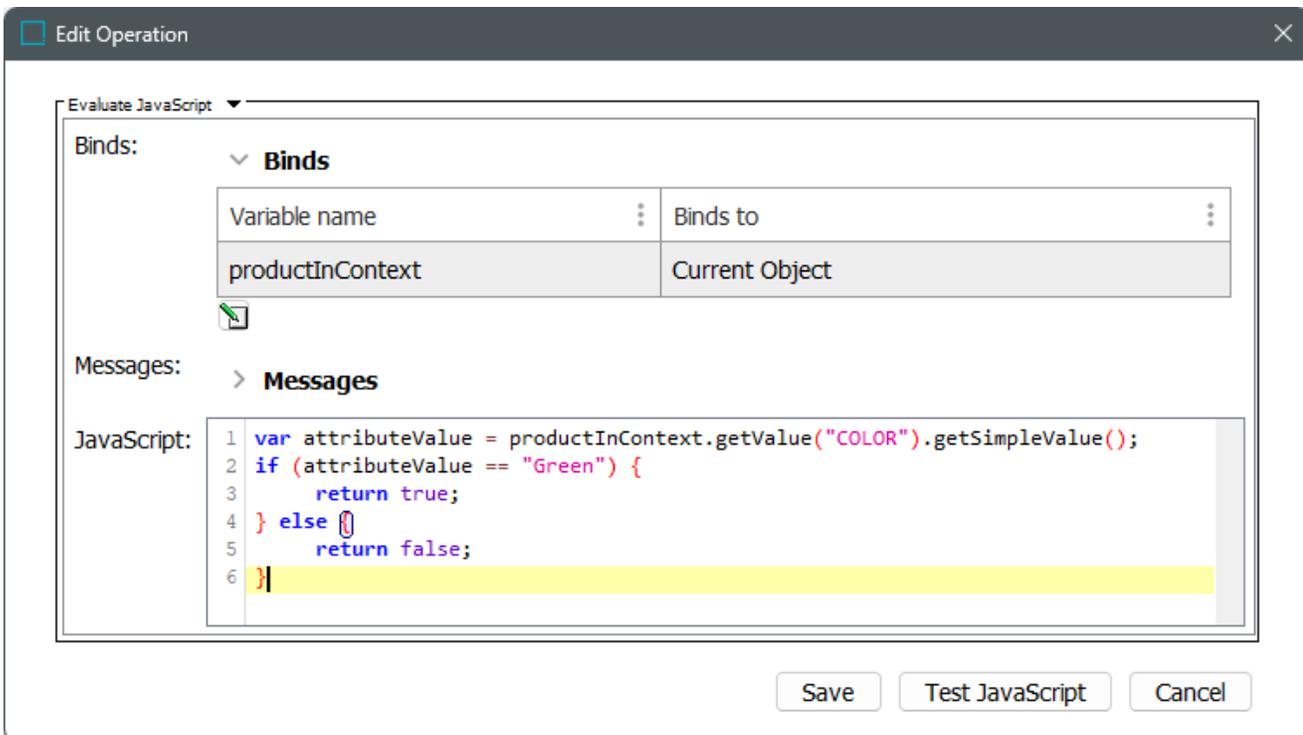
Compare the attribute value against a fixed value

An `if / else` conditional statement compares the value of the current object to a fixed value and determines the outcome.

- The `if` block specifies code to be executed if the condition is true.
- The `else` block specifies code to be executed if the condition is false.

Add the following code to the JavaScript parameter:

```
if (attributeValue == "Green") {
    return true;
} else {
    return false;
}
```



Return 'true' or 'false'

The 'return' method (included above) generates the result of the business condition.

In this example, the result is:

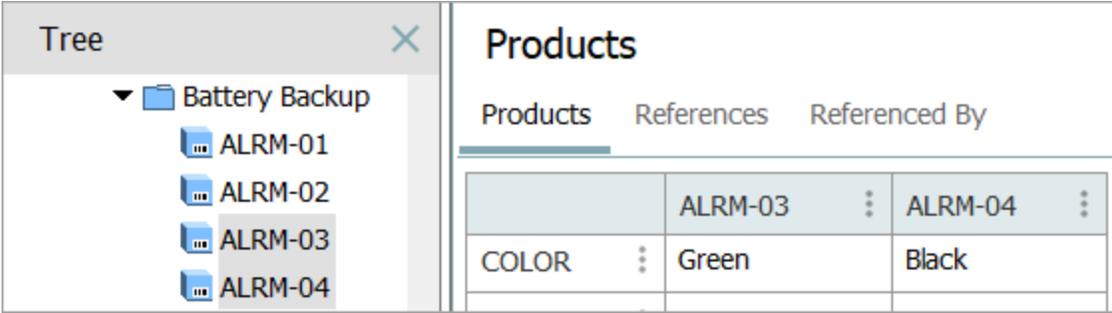
- True for objects with a value of 'Green' for the 'COLOR' attribute.
- False for objects with any value other than 'Green' for the 'COLOR' attribute.

Testing the Business Rule

Before applying a business rule to your data, test your JavaScript against applicable objects to identify coding errors.

Note: Valid object types are defined when creating a business rule. Ensure that the object type of your test objects is set on the business rule. For more information, refer to the Testing a Business Rule topics.

To verify the JavaScript code results, test against an object that should return 'true' and against one that should return 'false.'



The screenshot shows a software interface with two main panels. On the left is a 'Tree' panel with a close button (X). It contains a folder icon labeled 'Battery Backup' which is expanded to show four items: 'ALRM-01', 'ALRM-02', 'ALRM-03', and 'ALRM-04'. On the right is a 'Products' panel with three tabs: 'Products', 'References', and 'Referenced By'. The 'Products' tab is active and displays a table with the following data:

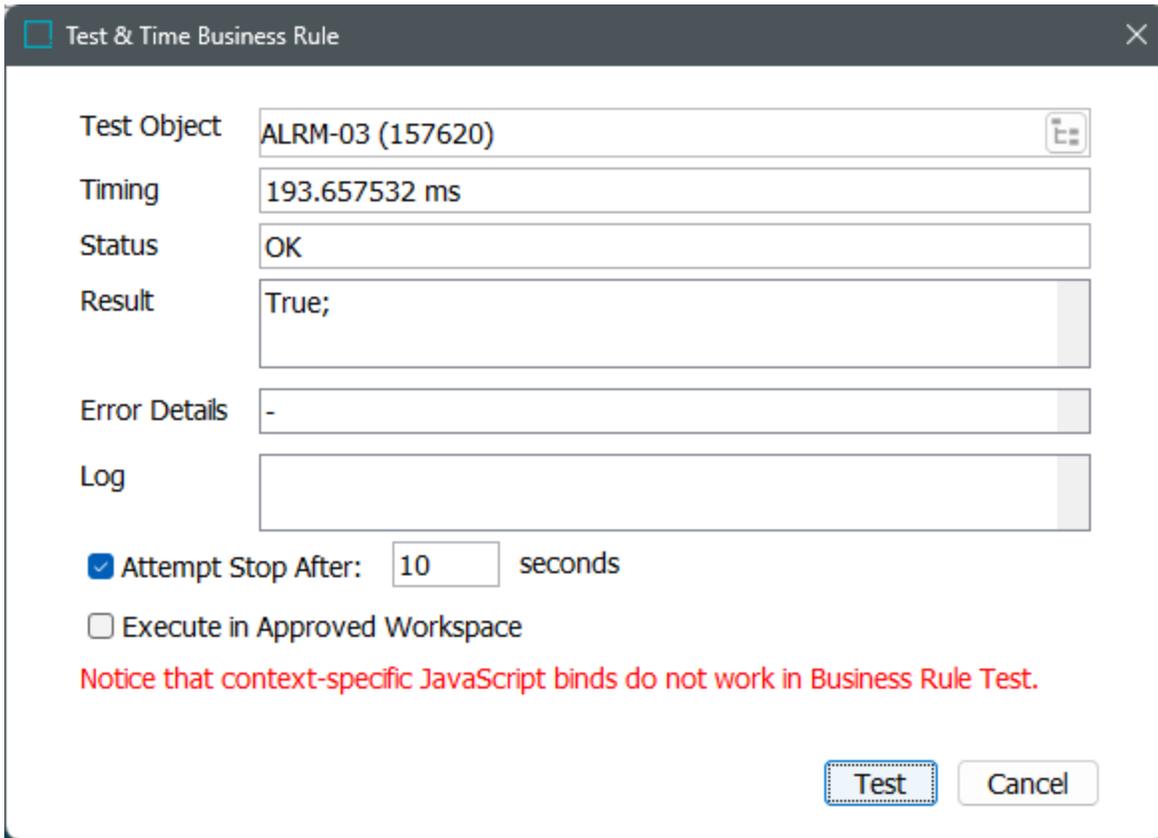
Products		
	ALRM-03	ALRM-04
COLOR	Green	Black

On the Edit Operation dialog (shown in the previous section), click the **Test JavaScript** button.

On the Test & Time Business Rule dialog (shown below), select a test object (the object to run the business condition against) and click the **Test** button.

The 'productInContext' bind variable in the JavaScript code recognizes the 'Test Object' as the 'Current Object.'

- The ALRM-03 product has the value of 'Green' and the business rule result is True.



Test & Time Business Rule

Test Object: ALRM-03 (157620)

Timing: 193.657532 ms

Status: OK

Result: True;

Error Details: -

Log:

Attempt Stop After: 10 seconds

Execute in Approved Workspace

Notice that context-specific JavaScript binds do not work in Business Rule Test.

Test Cancel

- The ALRM-04 product has the value of 'Black' and the business rule result is False.

Test & Time Business Rule ✕

Test Object 

Timing

Status

Result

Error Details

Log

Attempt Stop After: seconds

Execute in Approved Workspace

Notice that context-specific JavaScript binds do not work in Business Rule Test.

Initial Set Up for Business Rules

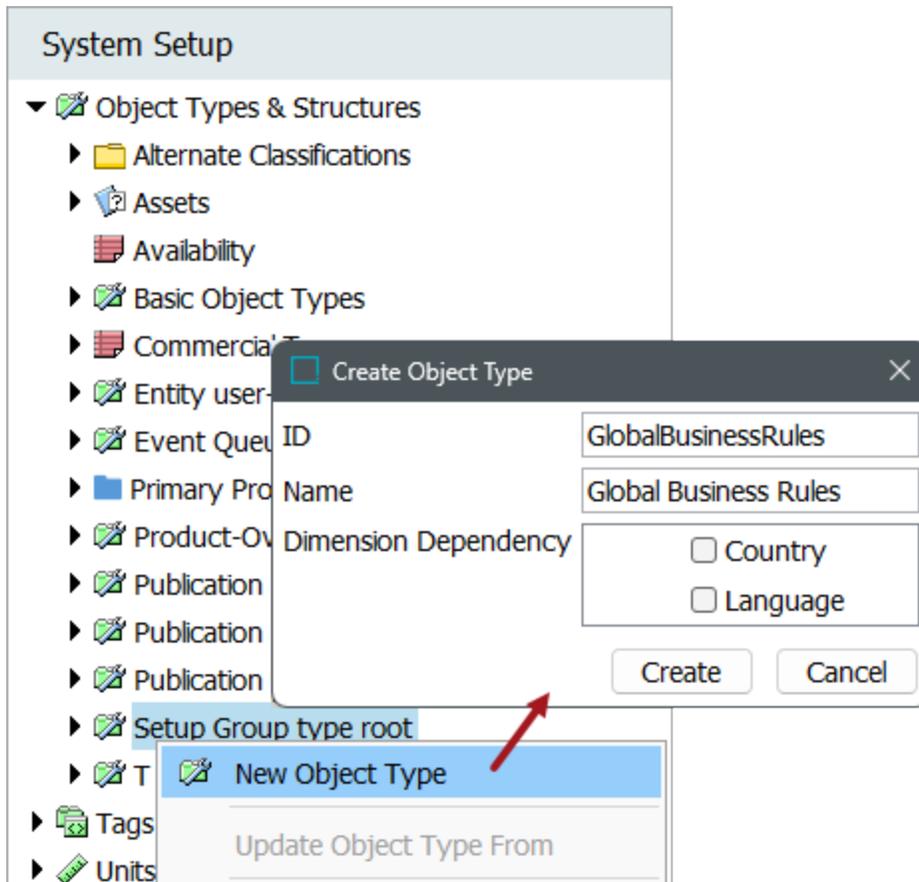
Before business rules, functions, and libraries can be created, a one-time configuration must be completed that includes:

- Create System Setup object types to hold the Global Business Rules, Business Actions, Business Conditions, Business Functions, and Business Libraries
- Assign a Setup Group parent for each object type

Each part of this set up is covered in the steps below. These steps can be carried out multiple times to separate different type of objects for organizational purposes.

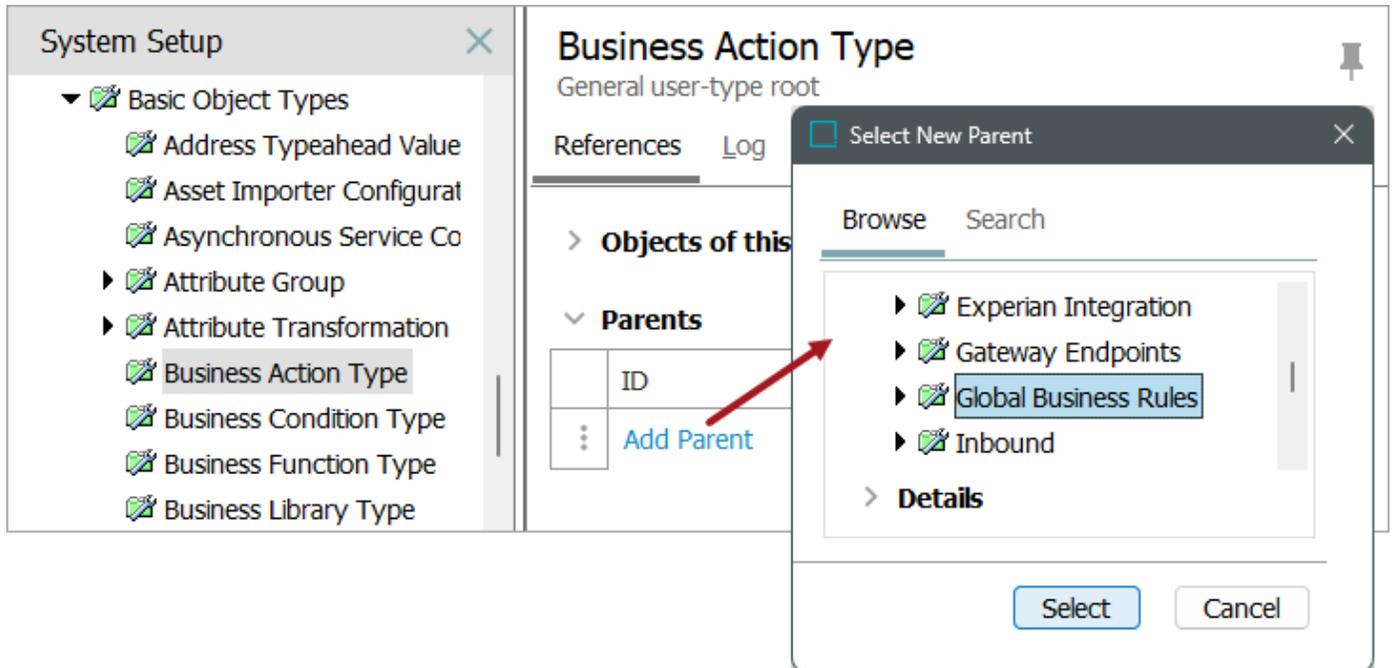
Configuration

1. In System Setup, expand Object Types & Structures.
2. Right-click Setup Group type root and click **New Object Type** to display the Create Object Type dialog.

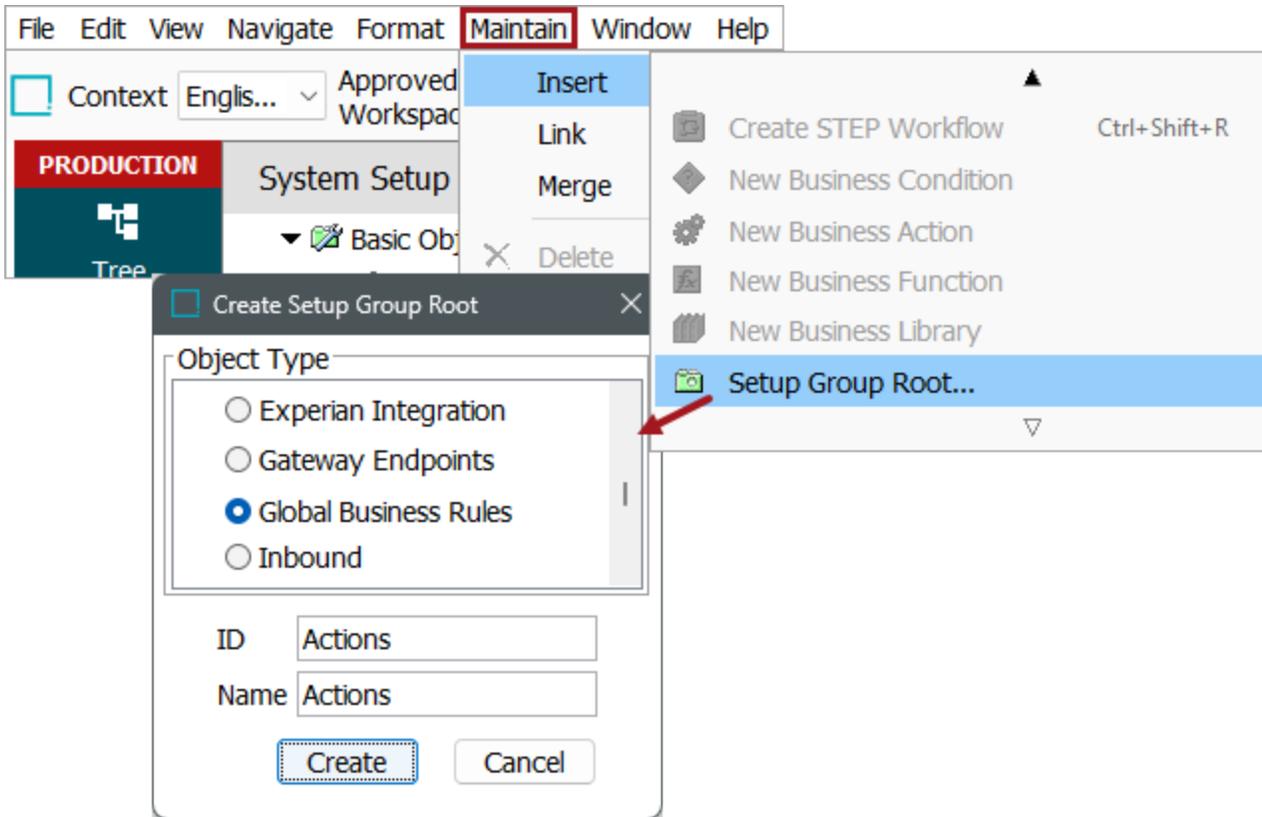


3. Enter an **ID** and a **Name** (such as Global Business Rules) and then click **Create**.
4. Optionally, if additional levels of organization are required to separate business conditions, business actions, and business libraries, right-click the object type you just created, and add the necessary additional object types. For example, name them Business Action Type, Business Condition Type, Business Function Type, and Business Library Type.

- In **Object Types & Structures**, expand Basic Object Types, and then select one of the Business Action Types you just created (Business Action Type, Business Condition Type, Business Function Type, or Business Library Type).

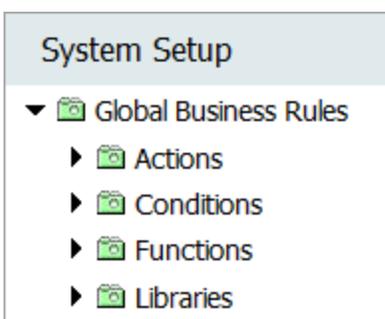


- On the **References** tab, open the Parents flipper and click the **Add Parent** link.
 - In the **Select New Parent** dialog, select the setup group you just created.
 - Click the **Select** button to make it a valid parent.
 - Repeat this step for each object type previously created.
- From the **Maintain** menu, point to **Insert**, and then choose **Setup Group Root** to display the Create Setup Group Root dialog.



- Select the setup group object type you just created, enter an **ID** and a **Name** for one of the object types you created, and then click **Create**. An instance of the object type is created in System Setup.
- Repeat this step for other object types (Business Action Type, Business Condition Type, Business Function Type, or Business Library Type).

The following hierarchy shows a setup group object type instance named Global Business Rules that is configured to hold actions, conditions, functions, and libraries.



For the next step, creating business rules, refer to the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.

Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library

After completing the one-time configuration, business actions, business conditions, business functions, and business libraries can be created in System Setup.

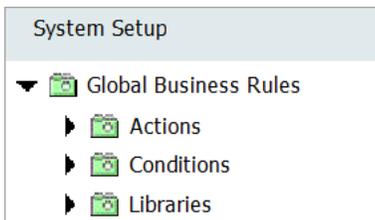
Prerequisites

Perform the required initial setup, refer to the Initial Set Up for Business Rules topic.

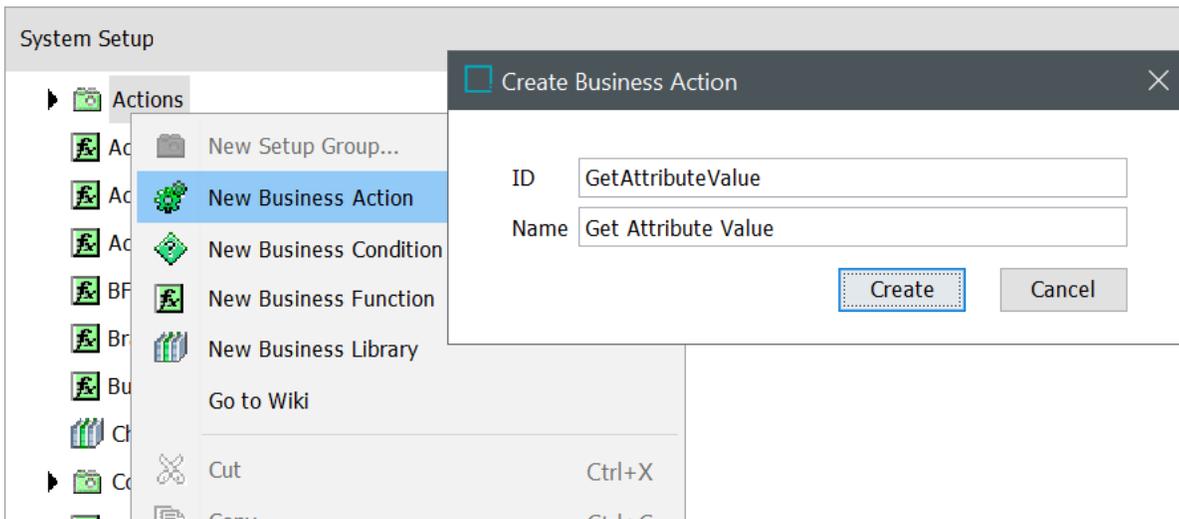
Configuration

Follow these steps to create a business action, business condition, business function, or business library:

1. In System Setup, identify the setup group object type instance configured to hold business rules. In this example, the Global Business Rules instance is configured to hold actions, conditions, functions, and libraries.



2. Right-click on the desired setup group to display a menu for creating the type(s) allowed.

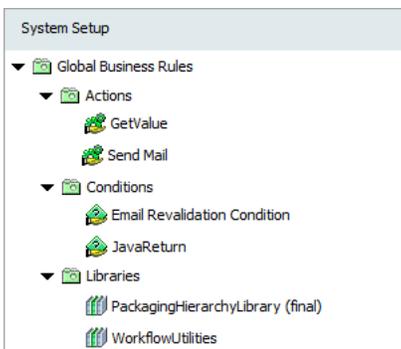


3. Enter an **ID** and a **Name** (such as Get Attribute Value) and then click the **Create** button. The selected business rule is created.

 **Note:** Business rule objects are shown as read-only when viewed in the Approved Workspace.

4. Use the appropriate step:
 - To configure a new action, condition, or function, refer to the Editing a Business Rule or Function topic.
 - To configure a new library, refer to the Editing a Business Library topic.

The following hierarchy shows a setup group object type instance named Global Business Rules that is configured to hold actions (for example, Get Attribute Value), conditions (for example, Object Damaged), functions (for example, Check for Allergens), and libraries (for example, Workflow Utilities).



Editing a Business Rule or Function

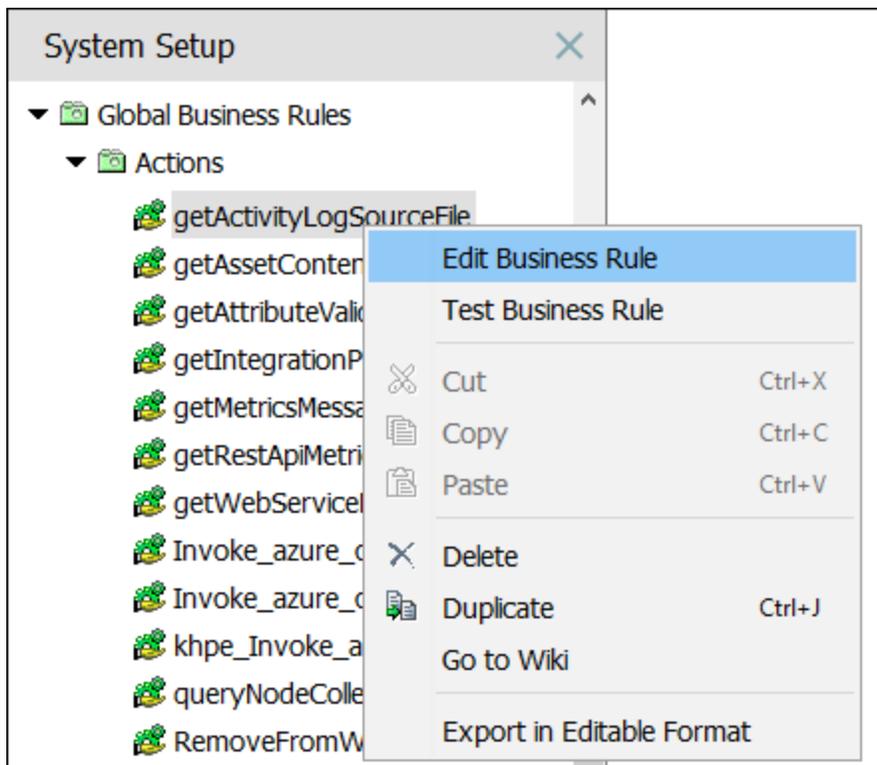
The Business Rule editor allows you to edit settings for a business rule and handles Global and Local business rules differently. For more information, refer to the Global and Local Business Rules topic.

- Note:** Global business rules can also be edited via workflows and uses the same global Business Rule Editor. For more information, refer to the Business Rules and Workflows topic in the Workflows documentation.

Open the Business Rule Editor

To open the Business Rule editor in System Setup:

- Select the business rule, right-click, and select **Edit Business Rule** from the menu.



- For a business action or condition, click the **Edit Business Rule** link on the Business Rule tab.

Send Asset Content

Business Action Type • Revision: 0.22

Business Rule Usage Statistics Status Log

Name	Value
ID	SendAssetContent
Name	Send Asset Content
Revision	0.22 Last edited by USERE on Thu Jun 01 14:31:51 EDT 2017
Description	
Type	Action
Valid Object Types	All object types valid
On Approve	Not Executed
Scope	Global
Run as privileged	<input type="checkbox"/>

Operations Dependencies Applies if

   Execute JavaScript: 2 Bindings, 0 messages

[Edit Business Rule](#)

- For a business function, click the **Edit Business Function** link on the Business Rule tab.

String Concatenate

Business Function Type • Revision: 0.3

Business Function Usage Status Log

Name	Value
ID	BusinessFunctionForStringConcatenate
Name	String Concatenate
Revision	0.3 Last edited by USERE on Fri Sep 29 07:22:40 EDT 2017
Description	
Type	Function
Run as privileged	<input type="checkbox"/>

Function Dependencies

JavaScript Function: 1 Bindings, 1 messages, Parameter, String

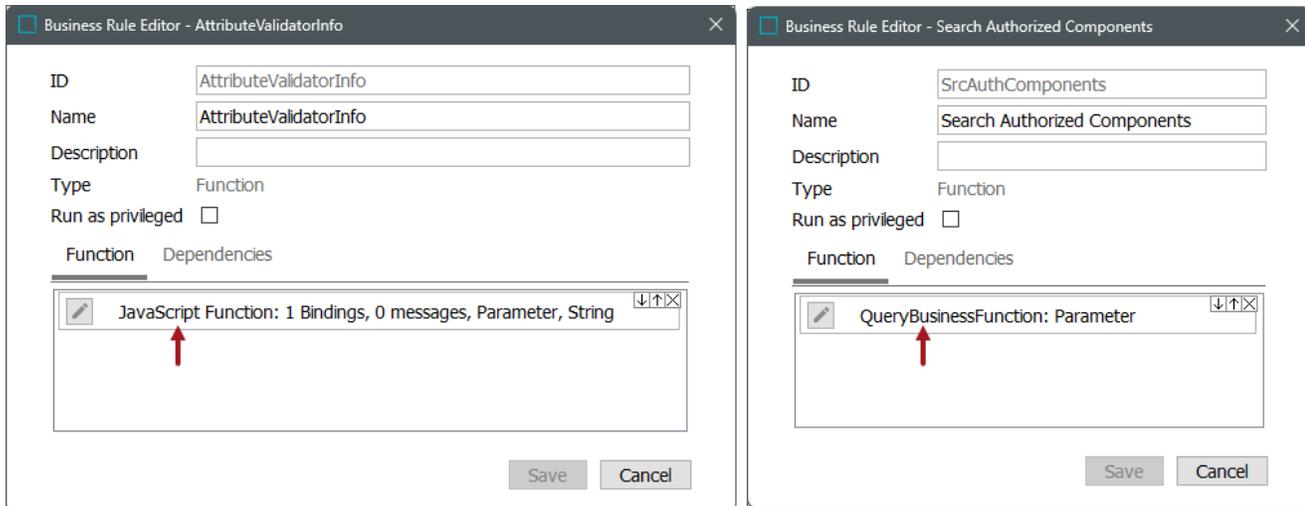
[Edit Business Function](#)

Note: Individual operations can be accessed directly without needing to view the Business Rule / Business Function Editor by selecting either the 'View', 'Edit Operation', or 'Edit Externally' buttons beside the relevant operation. Refer to the **Operations and Function Tab** section below for more details.

For actions and conditions, the Business Rule Editor allows you to modify most parameters on a business rule. However, the ID, Type, and Scope, cannot be edited and are shown with read-only text. Additional configuration is performed on the Edit Operation dialog (accessed by clicking an edit button on the Operations tab).

The screenshot shows a window titled "Business Rule Editor - getActivityLogSourceFile". It contains several input fields and a list of operations. The fields are: ID (getActivityLogSourceFile), Name (getActivityLogSourceFile), Description (empty), Type (Action), Scope (Global), On Approve (Not Executed), Valid Object Types (All object types valid), and Run as privileged (unchecked). Below these fields are three tabs: "Operations", "Dependencies", and "Applies if". The "Operations" tab is active, showing a list with one item: "Execute JavaScript: 2 Bindings, 0 messages". At the bottom of the window are "Save" and "Cancel" buttons.

For functions, the Business Function Editor includes options about the operation provided via the Query Template Builder or the JavaScript included on the Edit Operation dialog (accessed by clicking an edit button on the Function tab). For more information on setting up business functions, refer to the Calling a Business Function from a JavaScript Business Rule topic.



Editor Parameters

The Business Rule Editor parameters are defined below and can be set on a condition, an action, or a function business rule:

ID Parameter

Read-only display to indicate the business rule ID assigned while creating the business rule.

Name Parameter

Displays the business rule name assigned while creating the business rule and can be modified.

Description Parameter

Displays the business rule description assigned while creating the business rule and can be modified.

Type Parameter

Read-only display to indicate the type of business rule being edited. This can be action, condition, a function, or a library.

Scope Parameter

Read-only display to indicate if the business rule is global or local.

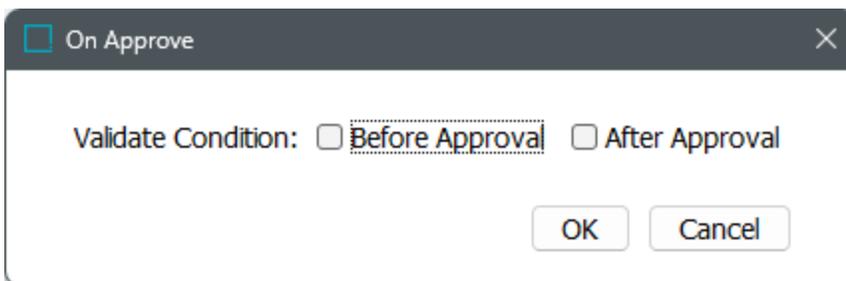
On Approve Parameter

In the On Approve field, specify if the business rules should be run during an approval process. This only applies to global business rules. For local business rules, the setting of the workflow determine this parameter.

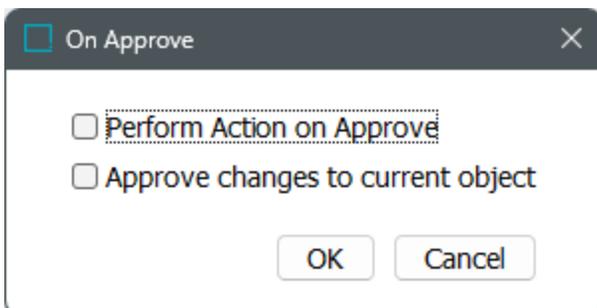
For details on these options, refer to Business Rules on Approval.

Click the ellipsis button (...) to display the On Approve dialog. The 'Valid Object Types' and 'Applies if' settings determine if the condition will be tested when attempting to approve a revisable object.

- On conditions, specify to perform the validations before or after approval.



- On actions, specify to execute the action on approve, and whether to approve changes as well.



Valid Object Types Parameter

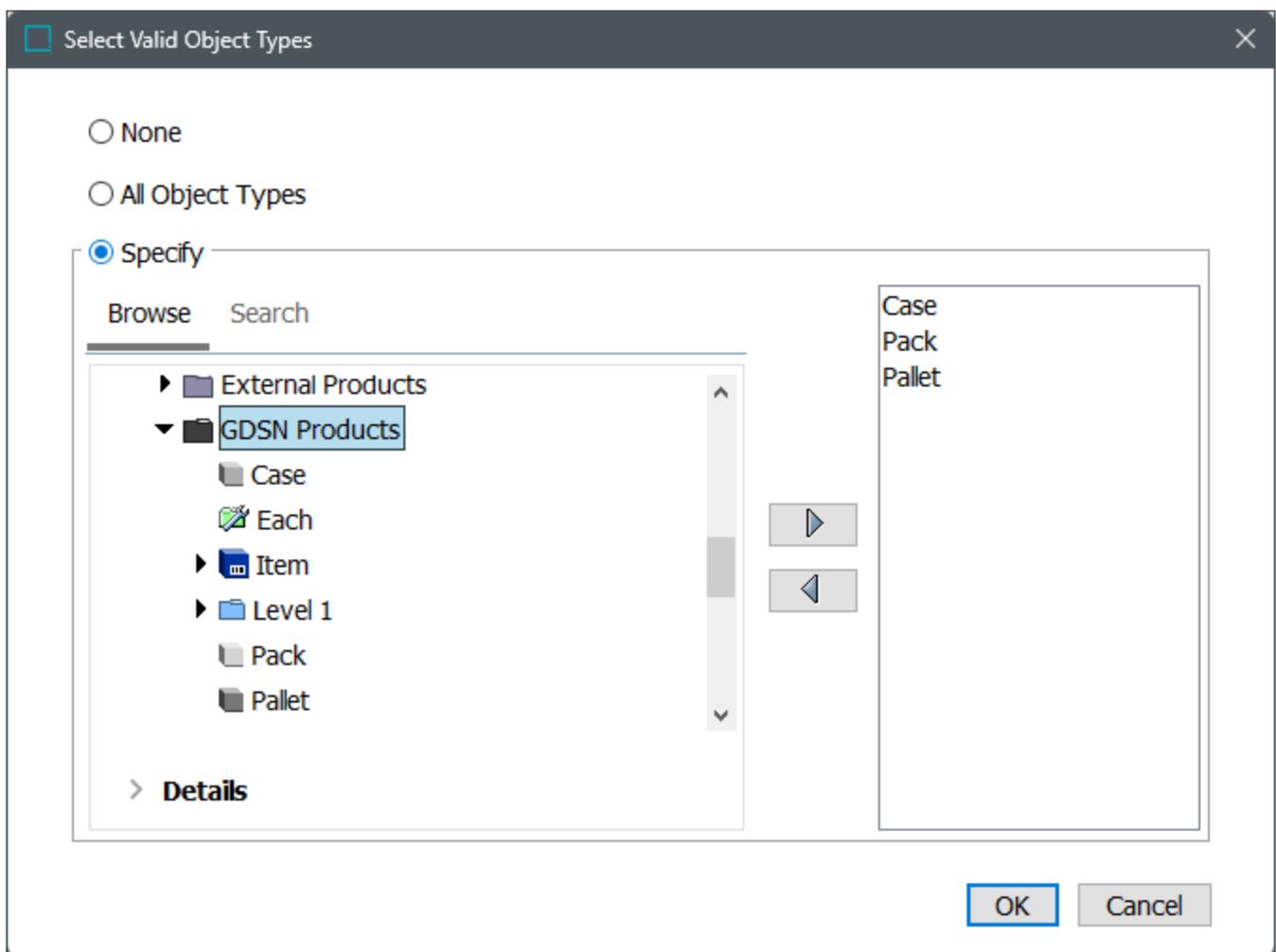
Specify the object type or types for which the business action or condition is valid. This only applies to global business rules. For local business rules, the setting of the workflow determine this parameter.

Note: Business functions do not require a Valid Object Type.

Click the ellipsis button (...) to display the Select Valid Object Types dialog. Select one of the following options:

- **None** - The business rule will not be executed or tested on any object type's instances. Use this option to deactivate the business rule.
- **All object types** - The business rule will be executed or tested on all object type's instances. It is not recommended to use this option since the rule will be executed regardless of the object type.
- **Specify** - The business rule will be executed or tested on the specified object type's instances. This is the common setup since the rule will be executed only on specified object type instances.

Use the Browse or Search tab to identify and select the desired object type, Click the move right button (▶) until all object types are displayed in the panel on the right. Use the move left button (◀) to remove an object type from the list.

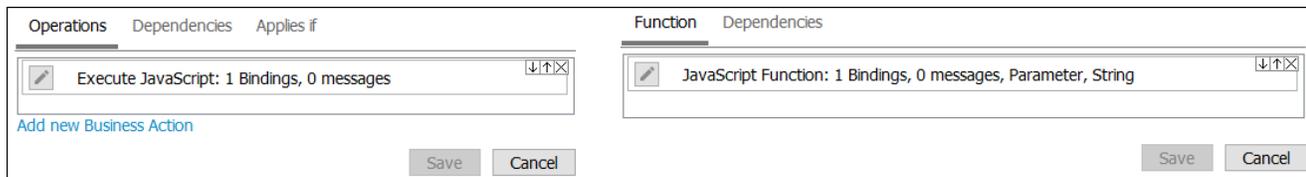


Run as Privileged Parameter

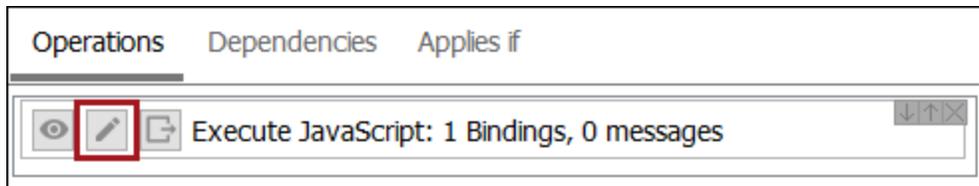
Check the **Run as privileged** checkbox to allow the business rule to execute functions that the user is not authorized to execute.

Operations and Function Tab

The Operations tab allows you to add or modify the actions or conditions that apply to a business rule. The Function tab allows you to modify the Query Template Builder of the JavaScript function that applies to the business rule.



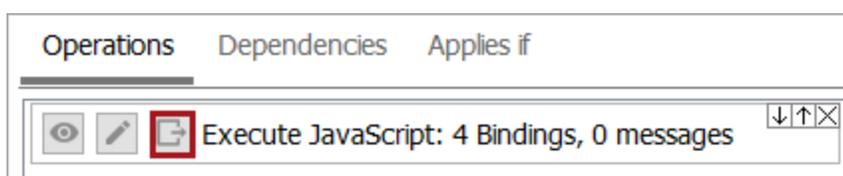
- To add a new condition or action, click the **Add new Business Action** or **Add new Business Condition** link. A new row is added to the list.
- To edit a condition, action, or function, click the **Edit Operation** button. These can also be opened directly from the Business Rule / Business Function tab.



- To change the order of the business rules, use the up or down arrow buttons.
- To delete a business condition, action or function, click the **X** button.

For more information about actions, conditions, and functions, refer to the Business Actions topic, the Business Conditions topic, and the Business Functions topic.

Operations can also be edited externally via the **Edit Externally** button found on the Business Rule / Business Function tab.

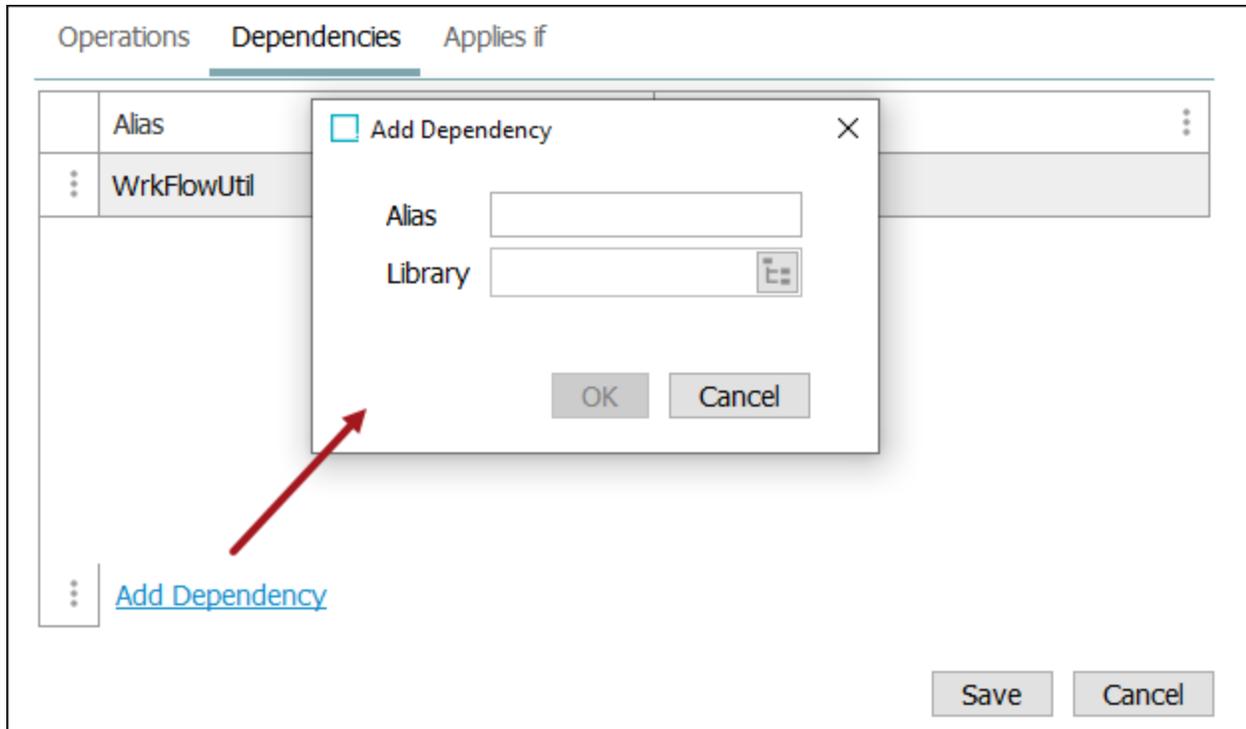


For more information about editing operations externally, refer to the [Editing a Business Rule Externally](#) topic.

Dependencies Tab

The Dependencies tab allows you to reference business rules to business libraries.

- To add a dependency, click the **Add Dependency** link, and type an alias. Then click the ellipsis button (...) and select a business library that contains JavaScript, and click **OK**.



For more information, refer to [Business Libraries](#).

Applies If Tab

The **Applies if** tab allows you to specify a precondition (a condition) to be evaluated before the business rule is applied.

Operations Dependencies **Applies if**

 True if value for Attribute "" ""   

[Add new precondition](#)

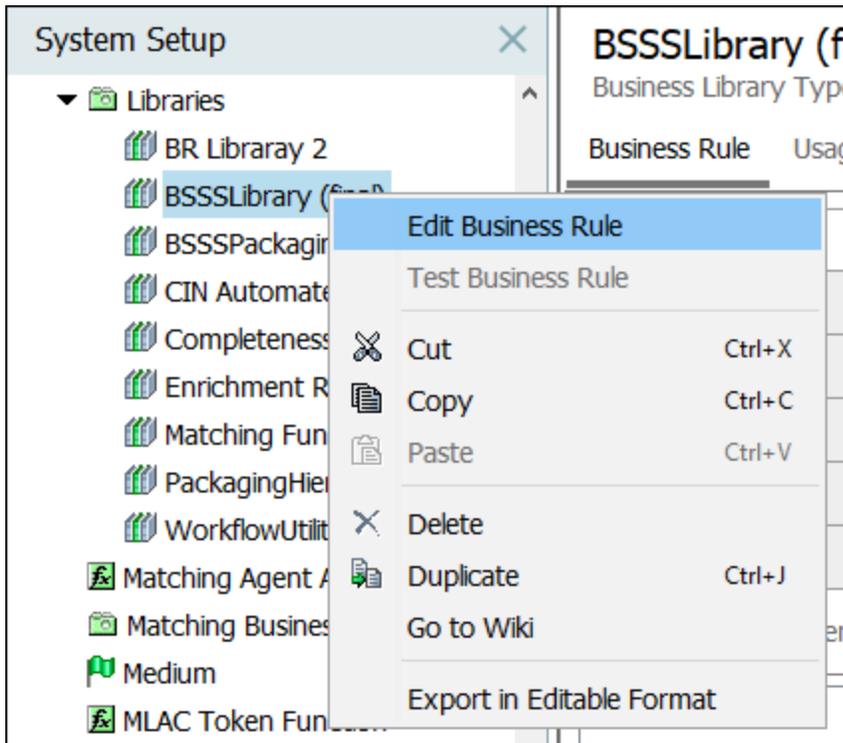
- To add a new condition, click the **Add new precondition** link. A new row is added to the list.
- To edit a condition, click the **Edit Operation** button.
- To change the order of the conditions, click the up or down arrow buttons.
- To delete a condition, click the **X** button.

For more information about conditions, refer to the Business Conditions topic.

Editing a Business Library

There are two ways to open the Business Rule editor in System Setup:

- Select the business rule, right-click, and select **Edit Business Rule**.



- Select the business rule and select the **Edit Business Rule** link on the Business Rule tab.

Enrichment Record Functions

Business Library Type • Revision: 0.8

Business Rule Usage Status Log

	Name	Value
ID		EnrichmentRecordFunctions
Name		Enrichment Record Functions
Revision		0.8 Last edited by DBA on Fri Mar 11 08:23:02 EST 2016
Description		
Type		Library

Operations Dependencies

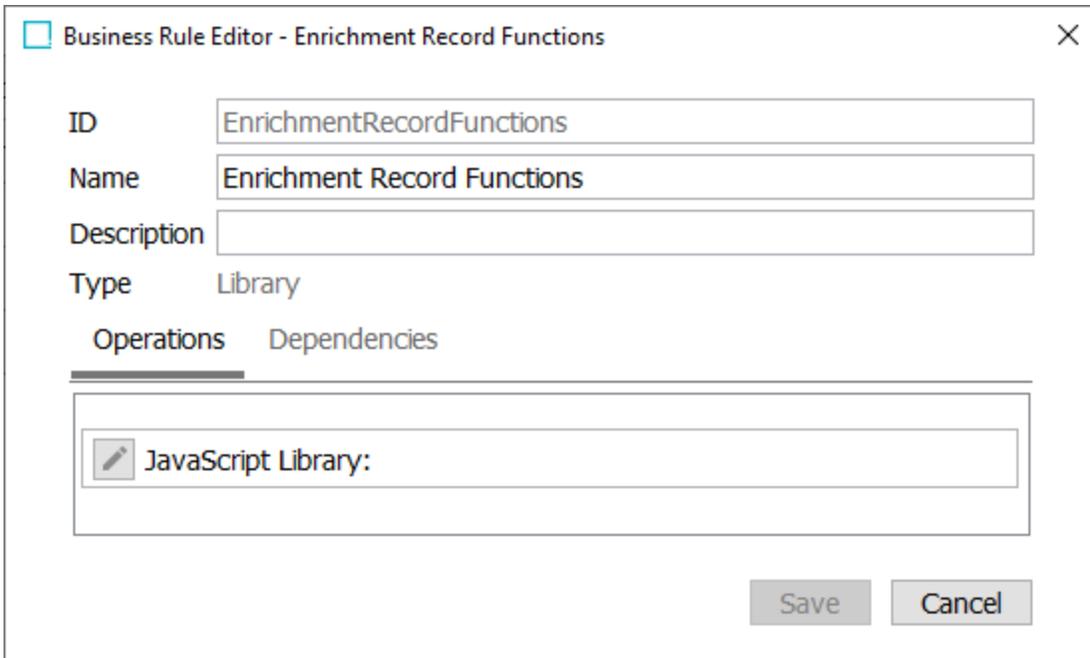



 JavaScript Library:

[Edit Business Rule](#)

Note: The operation can be accessed directly, without needing to view the Business Rule Editor, by selecting either the 'View', 'Edit Operation', or 'Edit Externally' buttons beside the operation. Refer to the **Operations Tab** section below for more details.

The Business Rule Editor for libraries allows you to modify most parameters on a business rule. However, the ID, Type, and Scope, which are all shown with read-only text below, cannot be edited.



The following parameters can be set on a library business rule: Name, Description, Operations, and Dependencies.

ID Parameter

Displays the business rule ID assigned while creating the business rule and cannot be modified.

Name Parameter

Displays the business rule name assigned while creating the business rule and can be modified.

Description Parameter

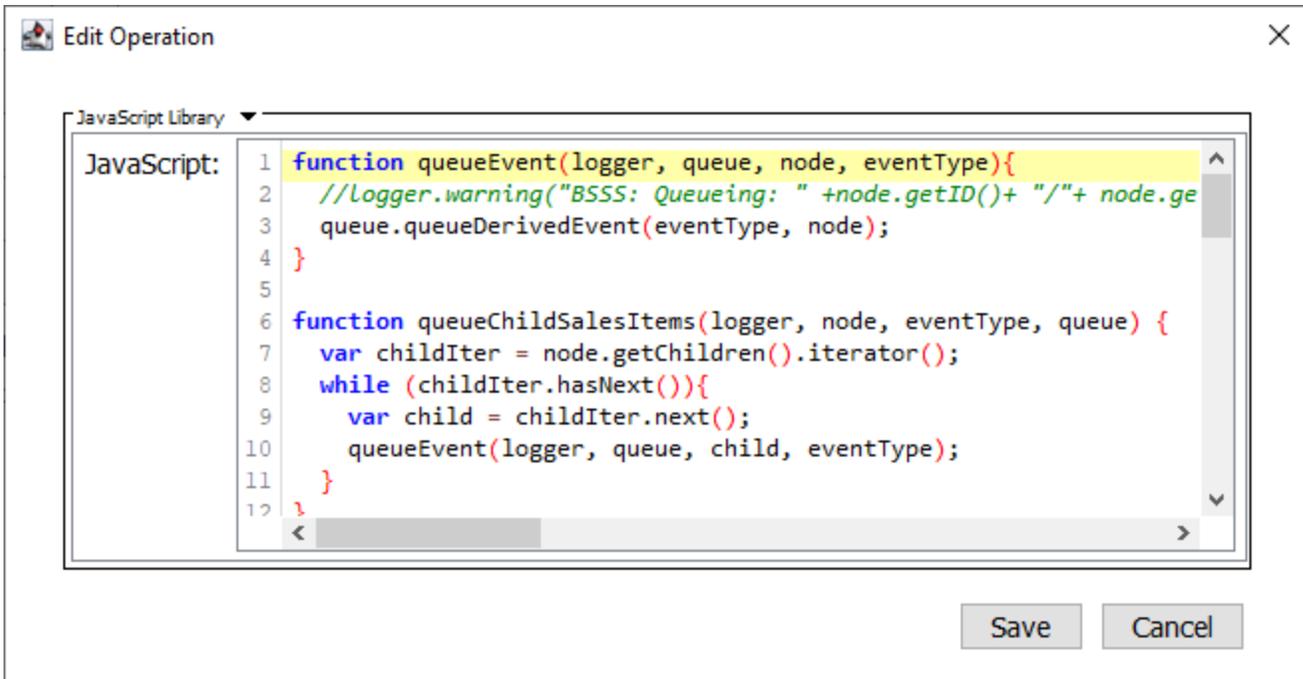
Displays the business rule description assigned while creating the business rule and can be modified.

Type Parameter

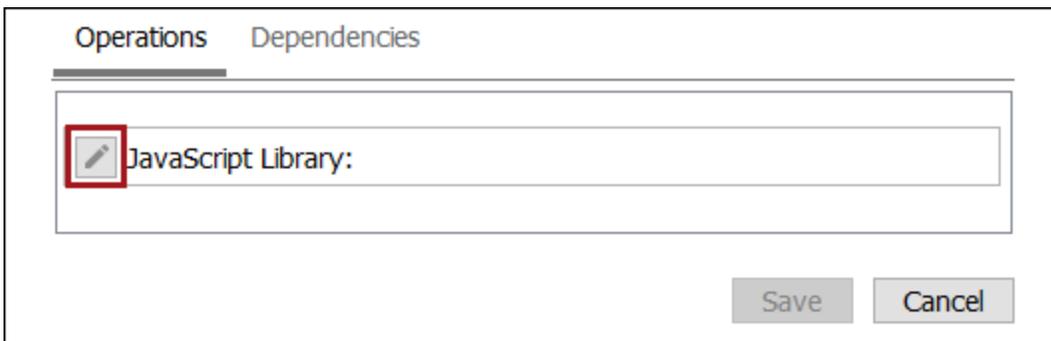
Displays the type of business rule being edited. This can be action, condition, a function, or a library.

Operations Tab

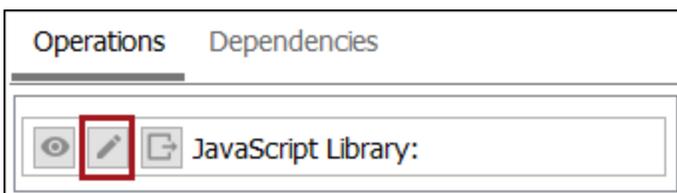
The Operations tab allows you to modify the JavaScript code for the business rule. By default, a JavaScript Library operation is added to a new business library object. All required JavaScript for the library will be added to this operation.



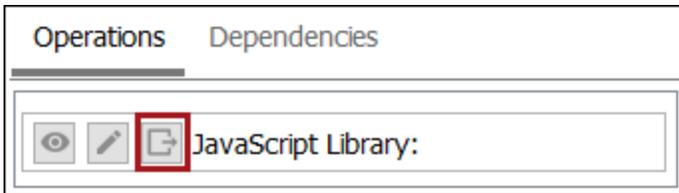
To edit the library, click the **Edit Operation** button.



Operations can also be opened directly from the Business Rule tab via the **Edit Operation** button.



If preferred, operations can also be edited externally via the **Edit Externally** button found on the Business Rule tab.



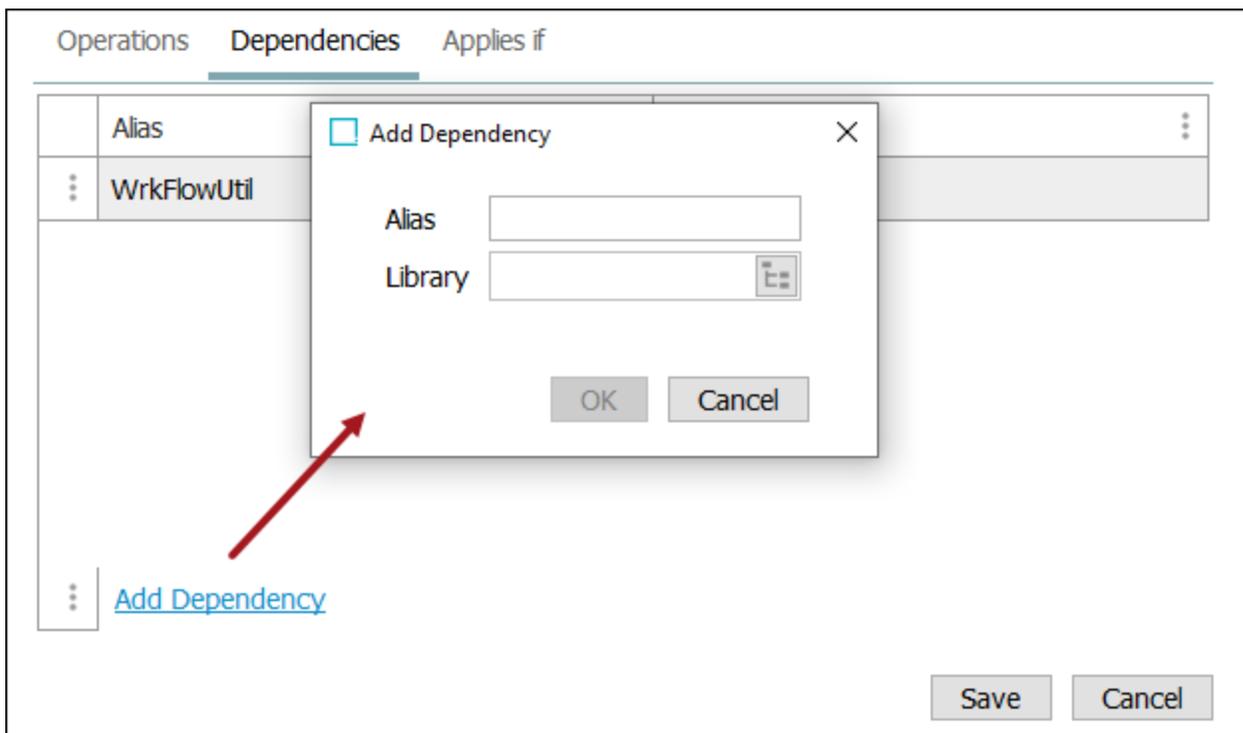
For more information about editing operations externally, refer to the [Editing a Business Rule Externally](#) topic.

Dependencies Tab

The Dependencies tab allows you to reference business rules to business libraries.

Important: A dependency is required to the library from each business action, business condition, or library where you want to be able to use the library.

- To add a dependency, click the **Add Dependency** link, and type an alias. Then select a business library that contains JavaScript. Click **OK** to add it to the list of Alias / Library entries.



Once the dependency has been declared, functions in the library can be called from JavaScripts.

In the following example, an action has a reference to the library with the alias scriptLib and the function CheckClassification.

```
if(scriptLib.CheckClassification(node)) {  
  //Action to perform in case "CheckClassification" returns true  
}
```

Editing a JavaScript Business Rule Externally

Business Rule JavaScript operations can be edited externally via the **Edit Externally** action found on the Business Rule / Business Function tab.

Send Asset Content 📌

Business Action Type • Revision: 0.22

Business Rule Usage Statistics Status Log

	Name			Value
⋮	ID			SendAssetContent
⋮	Name			Send Asset Content
⋮	Revision			0.22 Last edited by USERE on Thu Jun 01 14:31:51 EDT 2017
⋮	Description			
⋮	Type			Action
⋮	Valid Object Types			All object types valid
⋮	On Approve			Not Executed
⋮	Scope			Global
⋮	Run as privileged			<input type="checkbox"/>

Operations Dependencies Applies if

👁 ✎ 📄 Execute JavaScript: 2 Bindings, 0 messages ⏴ ⏵ ✕

[Edit Business Rule](#)

Prerequisites

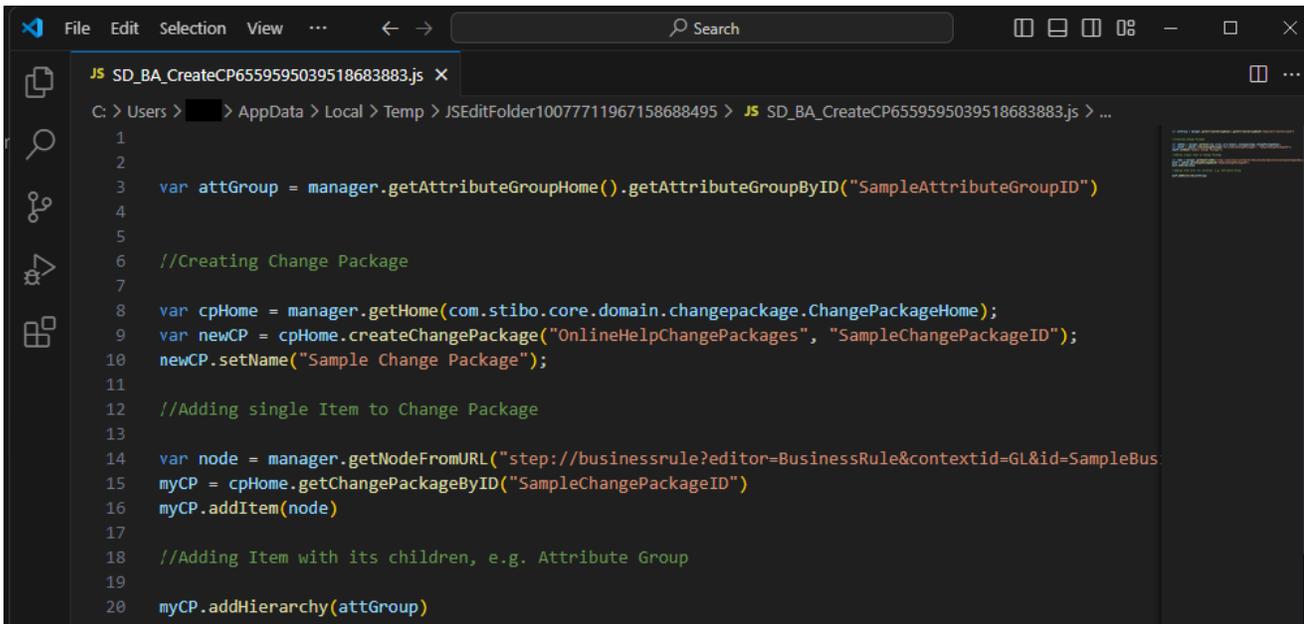
In order to use this feature, Visual Studio Code must be installed and set as the default program for JavaScript (.js) files. Clicking the **Edit Externally** button without setting a default program for .js files will result in an error.



Important: Any program other than Visual Studio Code is unlikely to offer the auto-completion and embedded documentation capabilities described below.

Using an External Editor

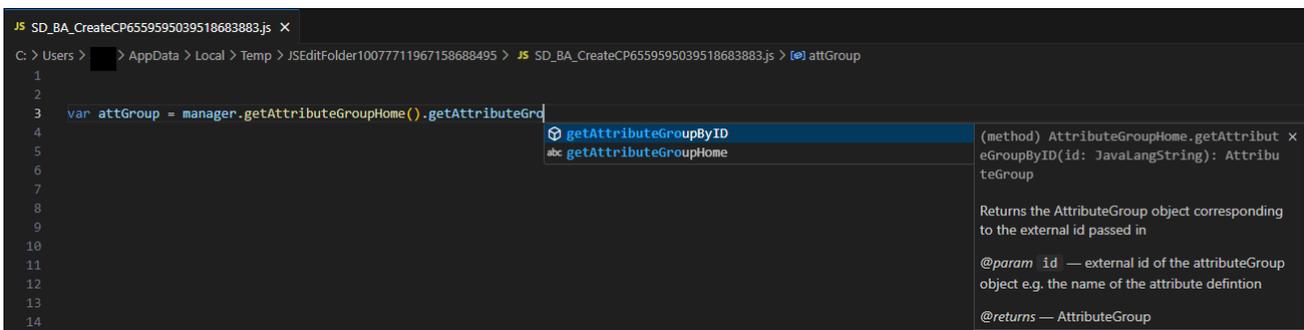
After clicking **Edit Externally** button, a temporary JavaScript file is generated and opened in Visual Studio Code.



```

1
2
3  var attGroup = manager.getAttributeGroupHome().getAttributeGroupByID("SampleAttributeGroupID")
4
5
6  //Creating Change Package
7
8  var cpHome = manager.getHome(com.stibo.core.domain.changepackage.ChangePackageHome);
9  var newCP = cpHome.createChangePackage("OnlineHelpChangePackages", "SampleChangePackageID");
10 newCP.setName("Sample Change Package");
11
12 //Adding single Item to Change Package
13
14 var node = manager.getNodeFromURL("step://businessrule?editor=BusinessRule&contextid=GL&id=SampleBus
15 myCP = cpHome.getChangePackageByID("SampleChangePackageID")
16 myCP.addItem(node)
17
18 //Adding Item with its children, e.g. Attribute Group
19
20 myCP.addHierarchy(attGroup)
  
```

This temporary file has access to additional features, such as code auto-completion and embedded documentation, which can assist users that are not familiar with the Public API. Code auto-completion is generated from STEP JavaScript API content, as well as from binds and associated Business Libraries (if any dependencies are defined on the business rule), and assists the user with writing JavaScript code relevant to business rules.



```

1
2
3  var attGroup = manager.getAttributeGroupHome().getAttributeGr
4
5
6
7
8
9
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11
12
13
14
  
```

getAttributeGroupByID (method) AttributeGroupHome.getAttributeGroupByID(id: JavaLangString): AttributeGroup

abc getAttributeGroupHome

Returns the AttributeGroup object corresponding to the external id passed in

@param id — external id of the attributeGroup object e.g. the name of the attribute definition

@returns — AttributeGroup

Note: Auto-completion may not be available for every method.

Embedded documentation provides the user with additional context for elements in their JavaScript code, such as: parameter type, method descriptions, return type, and any exceptions that may be encountered.

Note: If elements are associated with a library for which a dependency has been defined in STEP, the associated information will only display if the library code has been documented.



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3 var attGroup = manager.getAttributeGroupHome().getAttributeGroupByID("SampleAttributeGroupID")
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5
6 //Creating Change Package
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8 var cpHome = manager.getHome(com.stibo.core.dom
9 var newCP = cpHome.createChangePackage("OnlineH
10 newCP.setName("Sample Change Package");
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(method) AttributeGroupHome.getAttributeGroupByID(id: JavaLangString): AttributeGroup
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@param id — external id of the attributeGroup object e.g. the name of the attribute defintion
@returns — AttributeGroup

After opening an operation in Visual Studio Code, an 'Edit js file' prompt will appear in STEP, and remain until the user either clicks **OK** to accept changes made to the JavaScript file or **Cancel** to disregard changes.

Important: Be sure to save any desired changes to the file in Visual Studio Code before selecting **OK** in STEP.

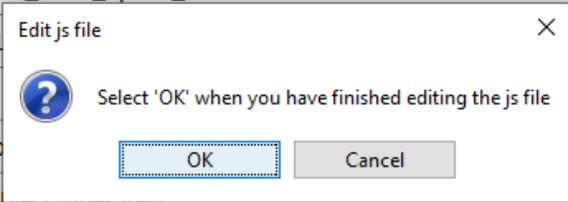
Invoke_azure_openai_service
Business Action Type • Revision: 0.9

Business Rule Usage Statistics Status Log

Name	Value
ID	Invoke_azure_openai_service
Name	Invoke_azure_openai_service
Revision	0.9
Description	
Type	Action
Valid Object Types	All object types valid
On Approve	Not Executed
Scope	Global
Run as privileged	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Operations Dependencies Applies if

Execute JavaScript: 4 Bindings, 0 messages



Once a selection is made, the temporary file is deleted.

Note: JavaScript binds should be defined in STEP, however they are recognized in Visual Studio Code. This is made possible by auxiliary files downloaded alongside the js file. Those files (e.g. js doc, js file, library js file, etc.) should not be edited, as only the business rule js operation file is saved back into STEP.

Note: To facilitate easier editing of the code, the JavaScript classes available in Visual Studio Code are JavaScript stubs. These stubs contain the public API method names and java docs of the java classes that are used at runtime when executing the business rule. However, these stubs are not executable, and while they are treated as root level classes in the Visual Studio Code editor's environment, they do not exist at runtime when the business rule is executed.

-  For example, writing `'var product = new Product();'` might look correct in the editor, but will yield a runtime error during execution because 'Product' does not exist as a root level class at runtime. Almost all Public API object instances are obtained at runtime using the bindings defined for the business rule, or through methods called on other Public API object instances originating from a binding.

Testing a Business Rule

Typically, after creating any business rule, it is important to test that it performs as expected.

For an overview of the decision points involved in running a business rule, refer to the chart in the Running a Business Rule topic.



Important: Business rules using context-specific JavaScript binds cannot be tested using this method. Therefore, JavaScript that uses the import change info or approve context binds cannot be tested. Similarly, business actions where the Execute JavaScript function is used to create parametrized business rules cannot be tested.

Monitor Business Rules



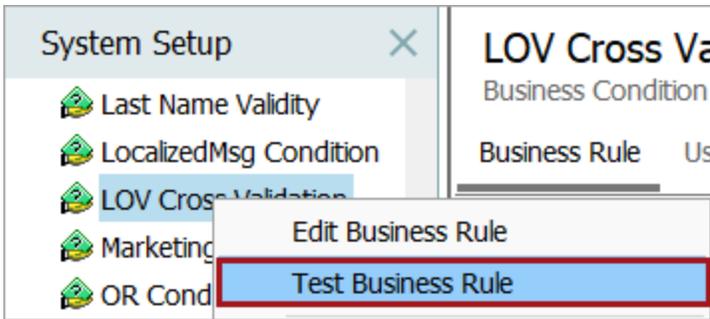
Note: The following functionality is managed by a configuration property that is not available in the Self-Service UI. Contact Stibo Systems Support for assistance.

Using the **BusinessRule.Warning.Threshold** configuration property, allows you to specify a threshold in milliseconds for business action execution. If it takes longer to execute or test a given business action, a warning is posted in the main STEP log file available from the STEP System Administrator button on the Start Page. For information on the log, refer to the Logs topic in the Administration Portal documentation.

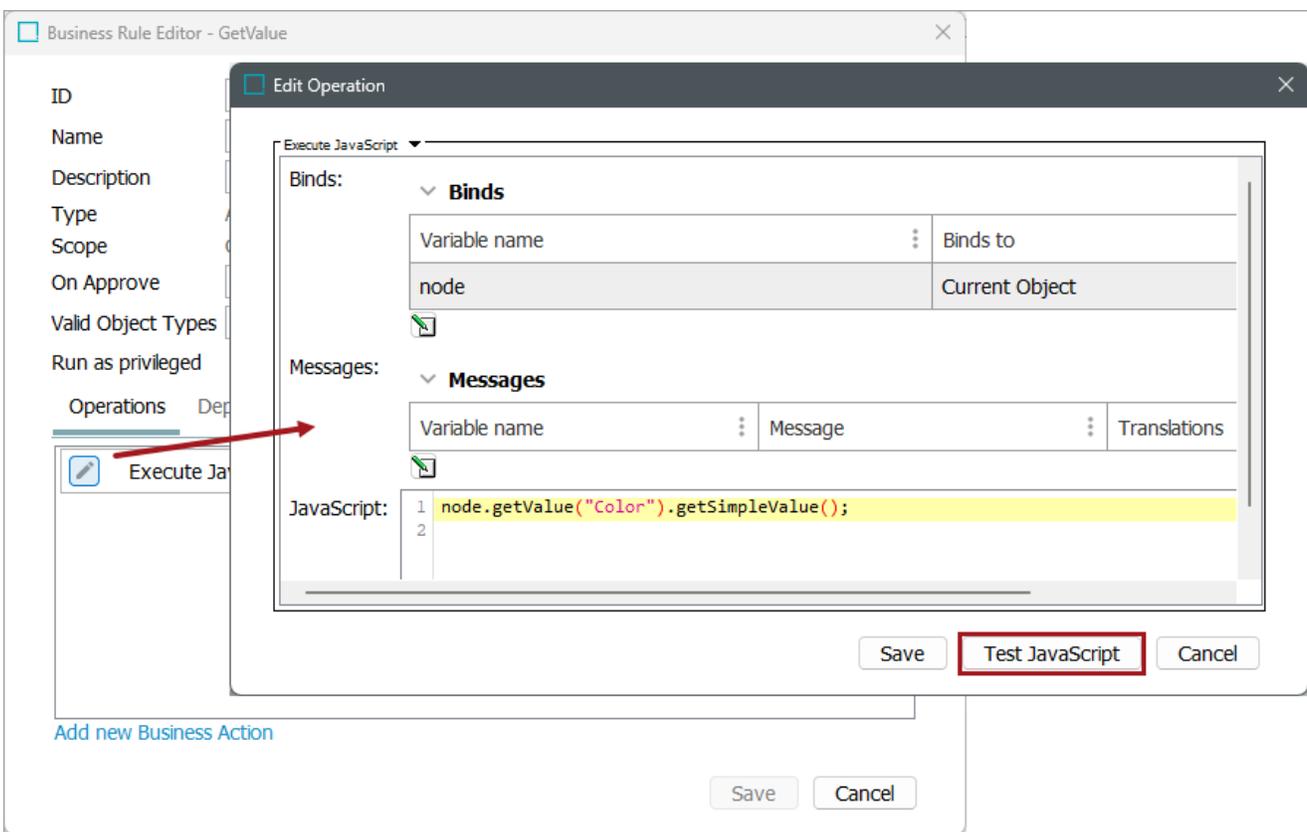
Test & Time Business Rule Dialog

Choose one of the following ways to display the Test & Time Business Rule dialog:

- In System Setup, expand the business rules node, select the business rule to test, display the right-click menu, and click **Test Business Rule**.



- While displaying the Edit Operation dialog for a JavaScript business rule, click the **Test JavaScript** button.



Click the **Test JavaScript** button to test modifications made to the JavaScript. If the modifications should be retained, click **Save**. If the modifications should be rolled back, click **Cancel**.

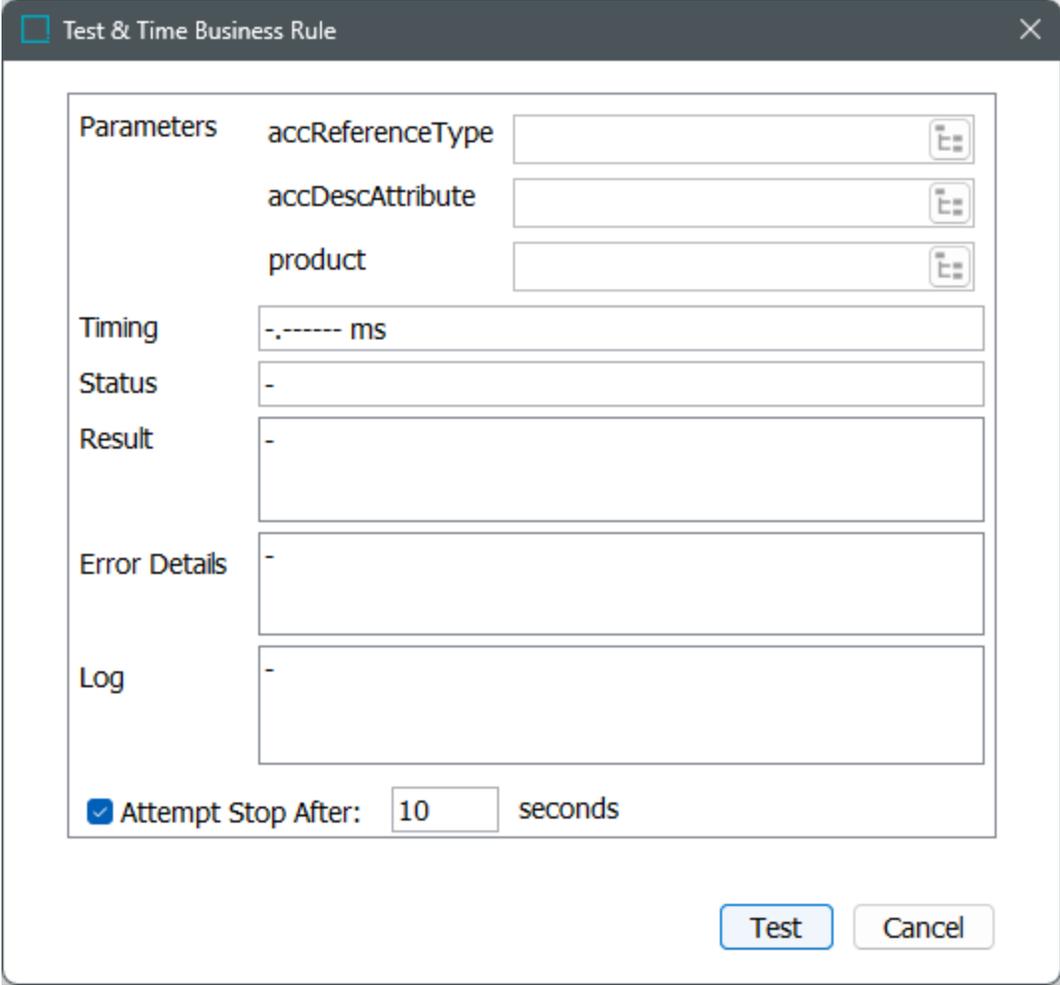
Note: When testing a JavaScript business function in the workbench using the Test & Time Business Rule dialog, the file size is limited to 1 MB. This limit only applies to the testing process and is not enforced when running the business function outside of the Test & Time Business Rule dialog.

Perform Test & Time on a Business Rule

The Test & Time Business Rule dialog includes standard parameters for actions, conditions, and functions. In addition to the standard parameters, testing action business rules include the 'Rollback changes after test' parameter.

The image displays two side-by-side screenshots of the "Test & Time Business Rule" dialog box. Both screenshots show the same fields: Test Object, Timing (with a dropdown set to "ms"), Status, Result, Error Details, and Log. Below these fields are three checkboxes: "Attempt Stop After: 10 seconds" (checked), "Execute in Approved Workspace" (unchecked), and "Rollback changes after test" (checked in the right screenshot, highlighted with a red box). At the bottom of each dialog are "Test" and "Cancel" buttons. A red warning message is visible at the bottom of both: "Notice that context-specific JavaScript binds do not work in Business Rule Test."

In addition to the standard parameters, testing function business rules includes a Parameters section that shows each of the input parameters defined in the business function.



After displaying the dialog, supply the following information to test a business rule.

1. For actions or conditions, in the **Test Object** parameter, click the ellipsis button (...) to display the Select Test Object dialog. Use the Browse or Search tab to identify and select the object used to test the business rule.

Note: The selected object must be of an object type that is valid for the business rule.

2. For functions only, in the **Parameters** section, click the ellipsis button (...) to display the appropriate selection dialog required for the Input Parameters available in the function. Use the Browse or Search tab to identify and select each input object for testing.

3. For actions only, the **Rollback changes after test** checkbox is available. When checked, any changes caused by the action are rolled back after the action has been executed.
4. The **Attempt Stop After: __ Seconds** is checked by default, with the numeric value of ten in the editable field. When checked, if the business rule test does not complete within the number of seconds specified, it is terminated, if possible. This prevents an infinite loop or other unintended long running business rules. The maximum value for the field is 600 seconds. If the business rule test exceeds the limit, the error is displayed: 'Javascript terminated as its execution time exceeded timeout of X seconds,' where the 'X' is the number of seconds in the field.
5. The **Execute in Approved Workspace** is unchecked by default, and the test is performed in the Main Workspace. When checked, the action is performed on the selected object in the Approved Workspace.

Since business functions cannot change data in any workspace, this parameter is not available for business functions. Testing a business function is performed in the current workspace.
6. Click the **Test** button.

Test & Time Business Rule Results

The following parameter values are supplied when the test is complete.

- **Timing** - Displays the time taken to execute the business rule on the selected node.
- **Status** - Displays **OK** (text succeeded), **Not Applicable** (object type tested is not valid), or **Error** as the outcome of the business rule test.
- **Result** - For conditions only, displays the result of the test (**true** or **false**) and any localized messages. For more information, refer to the Localized Messages for JavaScript Business Rules topic.
- **Error Details** - Displays additional information on an error result, including the stacktrace when available.
- **Log** - Displays the log message for debugging and/or testing purposes. In JavaScript, use `Logger` in the code to log a message, as described in the `Logger Bind` topic in the Resource Materials online help documentation.

Testing Outcome Examples

- OK** - This status is displayed when the test is executed successfully. In the following example, a function that concatenates two input values is tested. The outcome of the function is displayed in the Result parameter. For another testing scenario including a function, refer to the Calling a Business Function from a JavaScript Business Rule topic.

Parameters	stringA	Hi there,
	stringB	friend!
Timing	223.007278 ms	
Status	OK	
Result	Hi there, friend!	
Error Details	-	
Log		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attempt Stop After: 10 seconds		

Testing the following business condition includes the outcome of the condition and the localized message in the Result parameter. A Logger message is displayed in the Log parameter.

Test & Time Business Rule
✕

Test Object	<input type="text" value="123855 O (123855)"/>
Timing	<input type="text" value="12.176148 ms"/>
Status	<input type="text" value="OK"/>
Result	<input type="text" value="False; Value is 48. Minimum required is 100."/>
Error Details	<input type="text" value="-"/>
Log	<input type="text" value="INFO: This is a user-defined message using Logger."/>

Attempt Stop After: seconds

Execute in Approved Workspace

Notice that context-specific JavaScript binds do not work in Business Rule T...

- Non Applicable** - This status is displayed when the test object does not match the Valid Object Types on the business rule, as illustrated in the action business rule test image below.

□ Test & Time Business Rule
✕

Test Object	123855 O (123855) 📄
Timing	7.147842 ms
Status	Non Applicable
Result	-
Error Details	-
Log	

Rollback changes after test
 Attempt Stop After: seconds
 Execute in Approved Workspace

Notice that context-specific JavaScript binds do not work in Business Rule Test.

Test
Cancel

- Error** - This status is displayed when the business rule has invalid methods, syntax, or function. For the following condition test, the Error Details parameter includes stacktrace and troubleshooting information.

☐ Test & Time Business Rule
✕

Test Object	123855 O (123855) ☰
Timing	0.000000 ms
Status	Error
Result	-
Error Details	<pre> TypeError: Cannot call method "getApprovedManager" of null (Apprc com.stibo.core.domain.businessrule.evaluate.BusinessRuleException: at com.stibo.core.domain.impl.businessrule.FrontBusi </pre>
Log	<pre> SEVERE: JavaScript Error: TypeError: Cannot call method "getAppro </pre>

Attempt Stop After: seconds

Execute in Approved Workspace

Notice that context-specific JavaScript binds do not work in Business Rule Test.

Test
Cancel

The following business rule has a problem in the JavaScript code as indicated by the row number in the error details parameter.

Test & Time Business Rule

Test Object: 123855 O (123855)

Timing: 0.000000 ms

Status: Error

Result: -

Error Details: missing ; before statement (BR_TEST_TMP_1504365359#7) in BR_TEST_TMP_1504365359 at line number 3 at column number 46
com.stibo.core.domain.businessrule.evaluate.BusinessRuleException: missing ; before statement (BR_TEST_TMP_1504365359#7) in BR_ |
at com.stibo.core.domain.impl.businessrule.FrontBusinessConditionImpl.evaluateConditionInternal(FrontBusinessConditionI |
at com.stibo.core.domain.impl.businessrule.FrontBusinessConditionImpl.lambda\$evaluateConditionInternalLogged\$3(Front

Log: SEVERE: JavaScript Error: missing ; before statement (BR_TEST_TMP_1504365359#7) in BR_TEST_TMP_1504365359 at line number 7

Attempt Stop After: 10 seconds

Execute in Approved Workspace

Notice that context-specific JavaScript binds do not work in Business Rule Test.

Test Cancel

Maintaining a Global Business Rule

The settings for business rules are specified in the Business Rule editor. The following describes how to work with global business rules. For information about local business rules, refer to the Business Rules in Workflows topic.

In System Setup, expand the business rules node, then select the relevant business rule. This opens the business rule editor in a read-only mode.



Note: Business rules viewed in the approved workspace are read-only. Business rules can only be edited from the main workspace.

For information on creating a business rule or library, refer to the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.

For information on deleting a business rule or library, refer to the Deleting a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.

For an overview of the decision points involved in running a business rule, refer to the chart in the Running a Business Rule topic.

Business Rule Tab

Business Action



Business Action Type • Revision: 0.4

Business Rule
Usage
Statistics
Status
Log

	Name			Value
⋮	ID			BusAction
⋮	Name			Business Action
⋮	Revision			0.4 Last edited by STEPSYS on Wed Jan 15 13:42:22 CET 2025
⋮	Description			
⋮	Type			Action
⋮	Valid Object Types			Product Family
⋮	On Approve			Not Executed
⋮	Scope			Global
⋮	Run as privileged			<input type="checkbox"/>

Operations
Dependencies
Applies if








The Business Rule tab displays the following information:

- **ID:** Displays the business rule ID.
- **Name:** Displays the business rule name.
- **Edited by:** Displays information about which STEP user created and last edited including the date and time.
- **Description:** Added by the user to display information about what the business rule does.
- **Type:** Displays whether the business rule is a condition, an action, a library, or a function.

- Valid object types:** Displays the object types valid for the business rule. When a business rule runs, it first checks if the object type is valid for the business rule. If the object type is not valid, the result of the business rule is 'not applicable.' If it is valid, the 'Applies if' operations are checked, and if not valid, the business rule is 'not applicable.' If 'Applies if' operations are valid, the business rule operations are run. For more details and examples, refer to the Testing a Business Rule topic.
- On Approve:** Determines if the business rule is tested or executed before or after approval. This setting is different based on the Type.
- Scope:** Displays if the business rule is global or local. Global business rules are created via System Setup. Local business rules are created via a workflow and are local by default. For more information, refer to the Global and Local Business Rules topic.
- Run as privileged:** Business rules are generally tested and executed with the privileges of the user who triggers the test or execution. This could be a user who approves an object or imports data into STEP. As a business rule designer however, often an action should happen or a test should be performed independent of the user who triggers the condition or action. This is accomplished via the 'Run as Privileged' parameter on the Business Rule editor. When this checkbox is selected, the Action or Condition will be executed or tested with global read / write privileges.

The single Setup Action named 'Maintain business-rule' exists for maintaining business rules. This privilege can be given for specific setup groups. For more information, refer to the **Business Rules** section of the Setup Actions and Error Descriptions topic within the System Setup documentation.

- Operations Tab:** Any number of rules are displayed as read-only. Actions are executed from the top-down and rollback if one fails. Conditions are tested from the top-down, and return 'true' if all are true. Condition testing stops if one is false. To review, click the **View Operation**  icon.
- Dependencies Tab:** Dependencies to business libraries used for JavaScript conditions and action are displayed as read-only. To review, click the **View Operation**  icon.
- Applies Tab:** Preconditions for testing and/or executing the rule are displayed as read-only. If the conditions are not met, 'non-applicable' is displayed during testing / executing. To review, click the **View Operation**  icon.
- Edit Business Rule Link:** To edit the business rule, click the link. For more information, refer to Editing a Business Rule or Function.

Usage Tab

The Usage tab displays information about where the business rule is used. The available flippers are determined by the type of business rule displayed, as shown in the following images.

Business Action 📌

Business Action Type • Revision: 0.4

Business Rule Usage Statistics Status Log

- > **STEP Workflows using this Business Rule**
- > **Assets using this Business Rule**
- > **Business Rules using this Business Rule**

Conditional Validity 📌

Business Condition Type • Revision: 0.1

Business Rule Usage Statistics Status Log

- > **STEP Workflows using this Business Rule**
- > **Business Rules using this Condition**
- > **Objects using this Condition in Profiling**
- > **Assets using this Business Rule**
- > **Business Rules using this Business Rule**

Statistics Tab

This tab shows statistics about how many times a business rule has been invoked and how it performed in the given period.

To view the statistics, select a time interval from the dropdown, and then click the **Load** button.

Statistics

Business Condition Type 📌

Business Rule Usage **Statistics** Status Log

▼ **Performance statistics**

Load
7 days ▼

Minimum duration		0 ms
Average duration		0.67 ms
Maximum duration		5 ms
Total duration		0.01 s
Invocations		9

Log Tab

The Log tab shows the users and all changes that have been made.

Business Action

Business Action Type

Business Rule Usage Statistics Status **Log**

Showing page 1 of 1

2025-01-15 12:43:35 'STEPSYS': Created
 2025-01-15 12:43:35 'STEPSYS': Property modified Using AccumulativeSurvivorshipLib
 2025-01-15 12:45:03 'STEPSYS': Modified
 2025-01-15 13:40:47 'STEPSYS': Modified
 2025-01-15 13:42:22 'STEPSYS': Property modified Changed business rule
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Status Tab

The Status tab provides an overview of the revisions of the business rule, including the user who changed the object and when the change occurred. Previous versions of business rules can be viewed as read-only by clicking the eye icon for the rule.

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Business Action Type • Revision: 0.4																																				
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- **Make Revision:** Select the business rule, on the Maintain menu, click the **Make Revision** option.
- **Revert to:** Select the desired revision row, right-click the > column, and click **Revert to** the option from the menu to restore a previous version.



Note: When reverting to a previous version of a workflow, any local business rules owned by the workflow in question will also be reverted to the revisions that were current at the time of the workflow revision. For more information, refer to the Managing Workflows topic of the Workflows documentation.

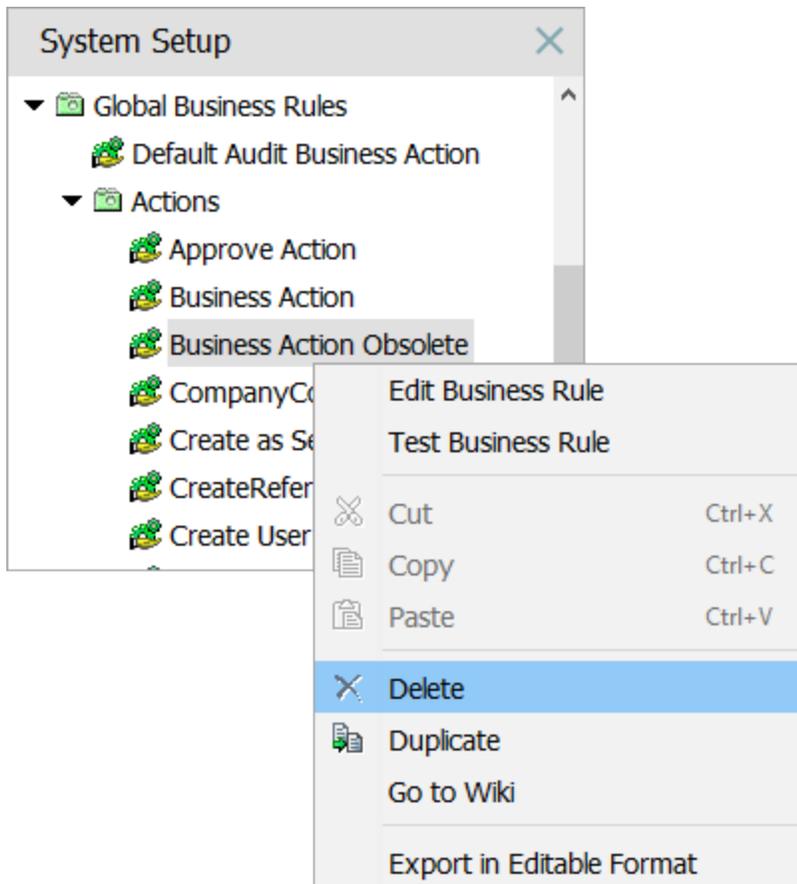
- To delete a revision, select the desired row, right-click the > column, and click the **Purge** option from the menu.

For detail about creating revisions, refer to the Revisions topic within System Setup documentation.

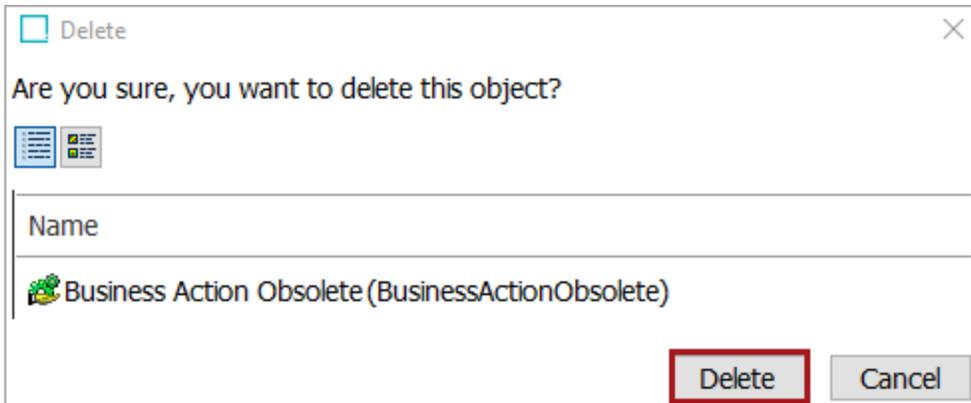
Deleting a Business Rule, Function, or Library

When no longer needed, business rules, functions, and libraries can be deleted.

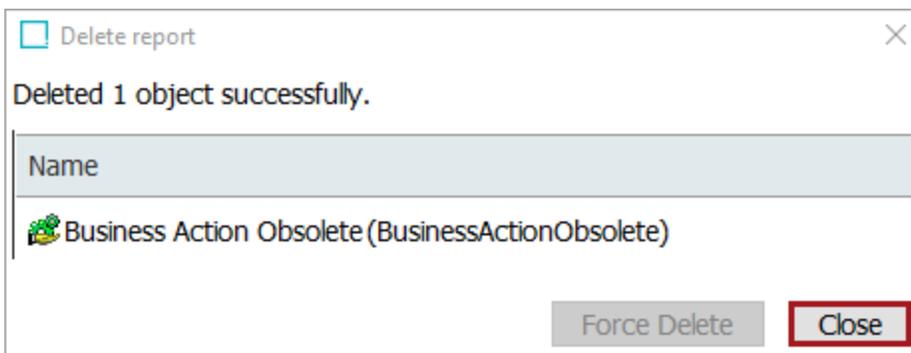
1. On System Setup, select the business rule or library to be deleted.
2. Right-click to display the menu and click the **Delete** option.



3. On the Delete dialog, click the **Delete** button to verify that the business rule should be moved to the System Setup Recycle Bin.



4. On the Delete Report dialog, click the Close button. Otherwise, follow the instructions for Force Delete.



5. The business rule or library is displayed in the System Setup Recycle Bin and can be revived or purged from that location. For more information, refer to the Recycle Bin for System Setup topic.

Business Action Deleted (Not in Use)

Business Action Type • Revision: 0.1

Business Rule Usage Statistics Status Log

▼ **Revisions**

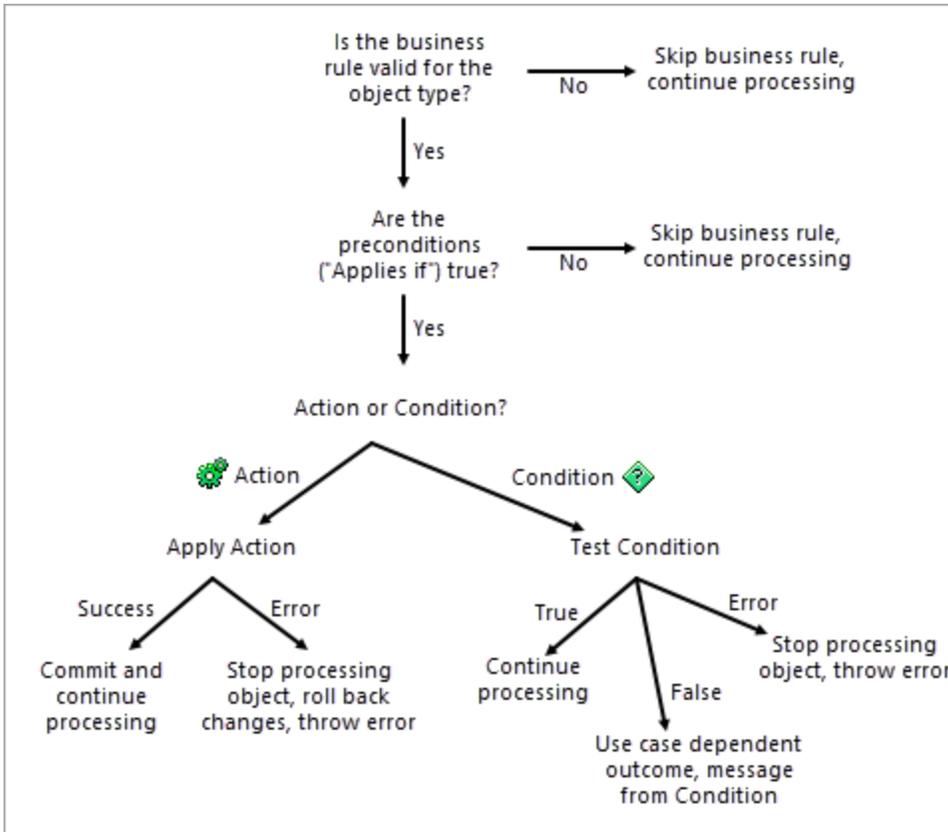
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> **Diagnostics**

Running a Business Rule

The following chart shows the decisions that determine when and if a business rule runs.



For more details and examples of test results, refer to the Testing a Business Rule topic.

Business Actions

A 'business action' is a piece of business logic that can be executed to manipulate data or perform an action. Business actions define the operations that can happen during a variety of system processes and events. For example, at approval of an object, within a workflow (on entry to a state, exit from a state, on the transition between tasks, or when a deadline is met), as part of an import process, or from a bulk update process.

While business actions can be created using JavaScript, simple operations are available as described in the table below.



Important: Business actions can be used to modify data and/or take action, while business conditions should be used to validate data only (not to modify data). For more information, refer to Business Conditions. Alternatively, business functions will produce an output based on non-changing input parameters. For more information on business functions, refer to the Business Functions topic.

Error Messages

Exceptions can be thrown during business rule execution, for instance by deliberately instantiating and throwing a localizable message, as defined in the Localized Messages for JavaScript Business Rules topic. When this occurs, processing is stopped and any updates are rolled back. There are use cases where this will streamline the writing and execution of business rules by mixing validations and data updates, especially if the conditions include data, as it appears after the updates have been made. However, it is strongly recommended that, whenever possible, conditions (which are read-only) and actions (which contain updates) be separate, and that any validation-related error messaging is performed only in the business condition. This will ensure the best performance. Additionally, there are situations where conditions can be evaluated dynamically to provide on-the-fly feedback to users prior to performing an expected action (e.g., enabling / disabling action buttons based on condition results). Keep in mind that when an action encounters an error message, any included updates will not be run until the action is actually performed.

Business Action Operations

To add a business action to a business rule, refer to the Specifying a Business Action Operation topic.

Menu	Action	Description
Assets	Create Assets from URL	Works on a product level and looks at a specified attribute which contains asset file URLs. If a file URL is found, the asset is downloaded, created, and an asset reference is created according to the configuration. For more information, refer to Configuring Asset Download - Business Rules and Bulk Updates in the Digital Assets documentation.
	Send Derived Event for Assets	Raises the Asset Keywords Event. Send assets to the Google Cloud Vision API and returns keywords, but does not set them. For more information, refer to Configuring Asset Analyzer - Setup Group Items and Business Rules in the Digital Assets documentation.
	Set Asset Keywords	Handles the communication to and from the Google Vision API. Send assets to the Google Cloud Vision API, then and returns and sets keywords. For more information, refer to Configuring Asset Analyzer - Setup Group Items and Business Rules in the Digital Assets documentation.
Attribute values	Merge Attribute Values	Merges the value of one attribute into another attribute. For more information, refer to Business Action: Merge Attribute Values .
Data quality	Generate Match Codes	Generates match code values as a part of a business action. For more information, refer to Business Action: Generate Match Codes .
	Standardize address	Overwrites the existing standardized address. Additionally, can be used to generate Loqate address hash values, renew address validations older than a specified number of days, and enable CASS validation for US addresses. For more information, refer to Business Action: Standardize Address .
References	Add Attribute	Adds a link to an attribute without additional configuration. For

Menu	Action	Description
and Links	Link	more information, refer to Business Action: Add Attribute Link.
	Add Reference	Adds a reference of a specified type to a target. For more information, refer to Business Action: Add Reference.
	Add Referenced By	Adds a reference of a specified type from the specified source to the object that is executed as target. For more information, refer to Business Action: Add Referenced By.
	Automatic Classification	Classifies the selected objects automatically according to a set of rules. For more information, refer to Business Action: Automatic Classification.
	Remove Attribute Link	Makes it possible to remove a link to an attribute without additional configuration. For more information, refer to Business Action: Remove Attribute Link.
	Remove Reference	Removes references to a specific target or all references of a specific type. For more information, refer to Business Action: Remove Reference.
	Set Product to Classification Link Type	Assigns a new object type and classification link type to the selected product. For more information, refer to Business Action: Set Product to Classification Link Type.
Workflow	Claim	Claims the task of the current object in the specified workflow and state. For more information, refer to Business Action: Claim.
	Initiate Items in STEP Workflow	Initiates the object the action runs on in a specified workflow. For more information, refer to Business Action: Initiate Items In STEP Workflow.
	Remove object from STEP	Removes the object the action runs on from the specified workflow. For more information, refer to Business Action:

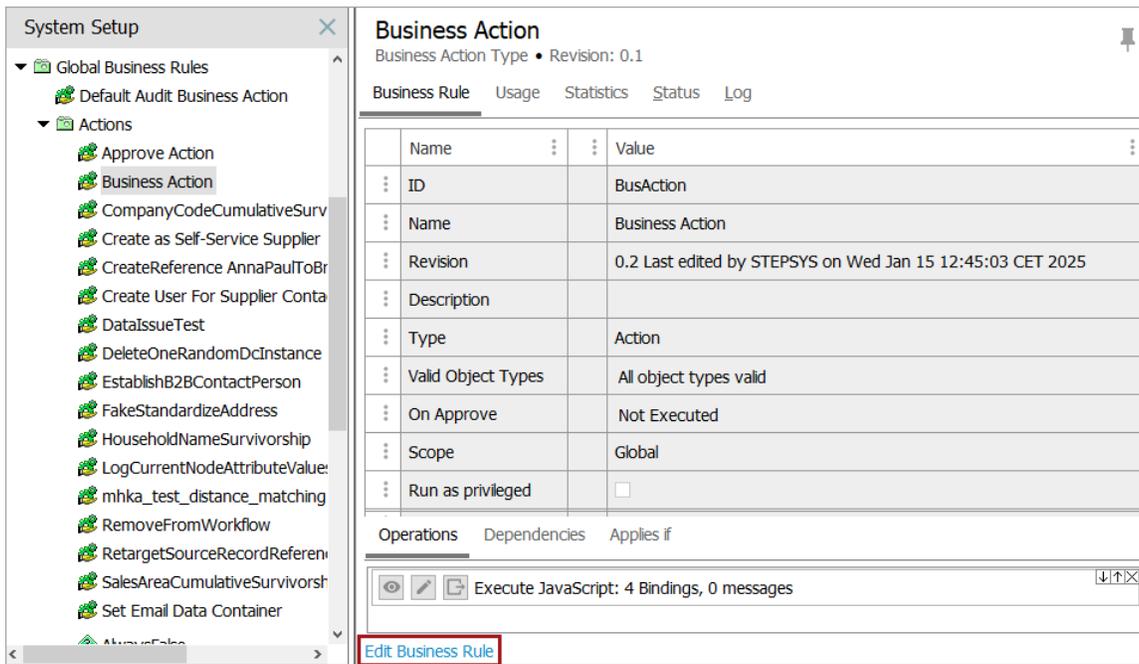
Menu	Action	Description
	Workflow	Remove Object from STEP Workflow.
	Trigger STEP Workflow Event	Triggers a specified workflow event. For more information, refer to Business Action: Trigger STEP Workflow Event.
Execute JavaScript		Enables you to use the methods available in the STEP Public Java API. For more information, refer to Business Action: Execute JavaScript.
Overlap Analysis		Compares records in a pre-defined format with all record of the same object type by specifying a matching algorithm. For more information, refer to Business Action: Overlap Analysis.
Reference Other Business Action		Allows the node to reference other business actions without additional configuration. For more information, refer to Business Action: Reference Other Business Action.
Send Email		Sends email to specified recipients. For more information, refer to Business Action: Send Email.
Send Republish Event		Sends a republish event to an event queue processor. For more information, refer to Business Action: Send Republish Event.
Set Attribute Value		Sets a specified attribute value for the object where the action is executed. For more information, refer to Business Action: Set Attribute Value.
Set Name		Sets the name of the object that the action runs on. For more information, refer to Business Action: Set Name.
Set Object Type		Changes the object type the action runs on. For more information, refer to Business Action: Set Object Type.
Set Workflow Variable		Enables assignment of workflow variables. For more information,

Menu	Action	Description
		refer to Business Action: Set Workflow Variable.
Start Translation		Initiates an asynchronous translation via a business rule. For more information, refer to Business Rules for Asynchronous Translations.
Value Generators	Assign a Value	Based on the configuration of the Value Generator, a value is assigned to the selected attribute. For more information, refer to any of the specific Value Generator topics included in the Value Generators topic.
	Release a Value	Based on the configuration of the Value Generator, a value is removed from the selected attribute. For more information, refer to any of the specific Value Generator topics included in the Value Generators topic.

Specifying a Business Action Operation

Once a business rule exists, use the following steps to add one or more business action operations. For information on creating a new business rule, refer to the [Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library](#) topic.

1. In System Setup, expand the **Business Rules** setup group and select an existing business action to display the business rule editor.



The screenshot displays the 'Business Action' editor interface. On the left, the 'System Setup' tree is expanded to 'Global Business Rules' > 'Actions'. The main area shows the 'Business Action' details for 'Business Action Type' (Revision: 0.1). Below this is a table with the following data:

Name	Value
ID	BusAction
Name	Business Action
Revision	0.2 Last edited by STEPSYS on Wed Jan 15 12:45:03 CET 2025
Description	
Type	Action
Valid Object Types	All object types valid
On Approve	Not Executed
Scope	Global
Run as privileged	<input type="checkbox"/>

Below the table are tabs for 'Operations', 'Dependencies', and 'Applies if'. The 'Operations' tab is active, showing a list of operations: 'Execute JavaScript: 4 Bindings, 0 messages'. At the bottom of the editor, a red box highlights the 'Edit Business Rule' link.

2. On the Business Rule tab, click the **Edit Business Rule** link to open the business rule editor for changes.

Business Action
Business Action Type • Revision: 0.2

Business Rule [Usage](#) [Statistics](#) [Status](#) [Log](#)

Business Rule Editor - Business Action

Name	ID	BusAction
ID	Name	Business Action
Name	Description	
Revision	Type	Action
Description	Scope	Global
Type	On Approve	Not Executed ...
Valid Object Types	Valid Object Types	All object types valid ...
On Approve	Run as privileged	<input type="checkbox"/>

Operations Dependencies Applies if

Execute JavaScript: 4 Bindings, 0 messages

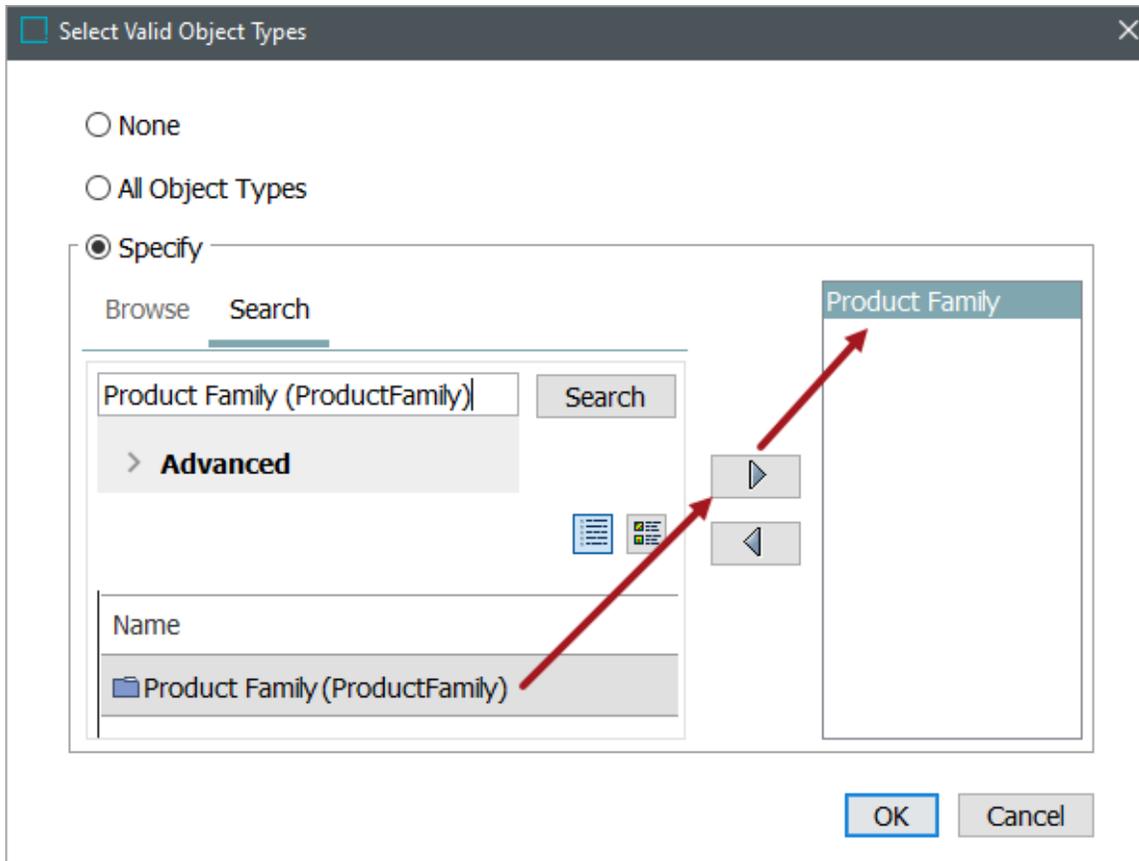
Add new Business Action

Save Cancel

Execute Javascript. 4 bindings, 0 messages

[Edit Business Rule](#)

3. In the **Valid Object Types** parameter, click the ellipsis button (...) to display the Select Valid Object Types dialog.

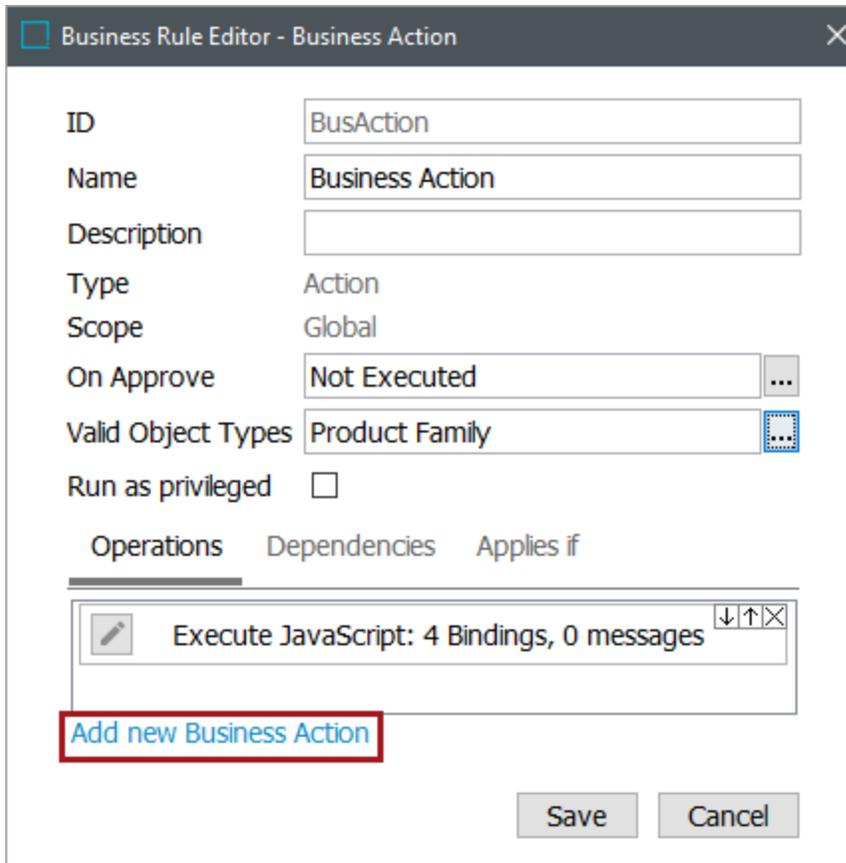


4. Choose a radio button:

- **None** prevents the business action from running. This can be used to temporarily disable an action.
- **All Object Types** means the business action will run regardless of the object type. It is not recommended to use this option.
- **Specify** allows you to limit the object types that will cause the business action to run. Selecting Specify displays the Browse and Search tabs. Identify the desired object types and use the right arrow button  to move the item to the right panel. Use the left arrow button  to remove an object type from selection.

After selecting object types, click the **OK** button to save the changes.

5. In the lower left corner, click the **Add New Business Action** link to add an additional operation.



Business Rule Editor - Business Action

ID: BusAction

Name: Business Action

Description:

Type: Action

Scope: Global

On Approve: Not Executed

Valid Object Types: Product Family

Run as privileged:

Operations Dependencies Applies if

Execute JavaScript: 4 Bindings, 0 messages

Add new Business Action

Save Cancel

6. Click the **Edit Operation** button for the newly added business action. This button is also available from the Business Rule tab.

Business Action
Business Action Type • Revision: 0.2

Business Rule Usage Statistics Status Log

Name	Value
ID	BusAction
Name	Business Action
Revision	5 13:40:47 CET 2025
Description	
Type	
Valid Ob	
On App	
Scope	
Run as	

Edit Operation

Merge Attribute Values ▾

Merge [] into []

Source Workspace: Main ▾

Overwrite: Keep original values ▾

Merge Link Attributes: No ▾

Save Cancel

Operations

Merge into

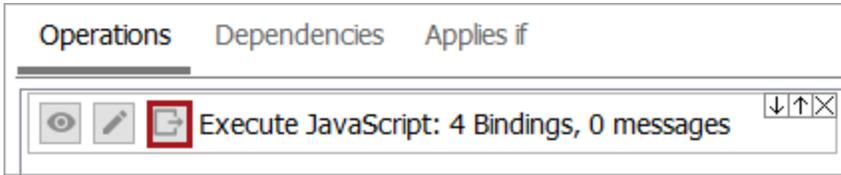
[Edit Business Rule](#)

7. In the Edit Operation dialog, use the dropdown list to select an action operation. The operations are described in the Business Actions topic.
8. Click **Save** to save the changes.
9. Add additional business action operations as needed.

Multiple business actions can also be configured using the Business Action bind in a JavaScript business rule, and the JavaScript controls the execution. For more information, refer to the Business Action, Condition, and Function Binds topic.

When actions are called through the 'Reference Other Business Action' plugin, all actions can be executed. For more information, refer to the Business Action: Reference Other Business Action topic.

Operations can also be edited externally via the **Edit Externally** button found on the Business Rule tab.



For more information about editing operations externally, refer to the [Editing a Business Rule Externally](#) topic.

Business Action: Add Attribute Link

This operation can link a specification attribute to a product. This allows you to link an attribute with a specific hierarchy, and then inherit it to all children of that hierarchy, based on the validity of the product attribute. The attribute is displayed on the product's References tab under the 'Linked Attributes from Product Hierarchy' flipper.

For example, the product 'Dining Tables' is under a 'Furniture' section of the primary product hierarchy (PPH). A new line of LED dining tables is introduced, for which there is a new 'Battery' attribute is required. A business action can be used to create the product attribute link between the tables in the LED hierarchy and the battery attribute.

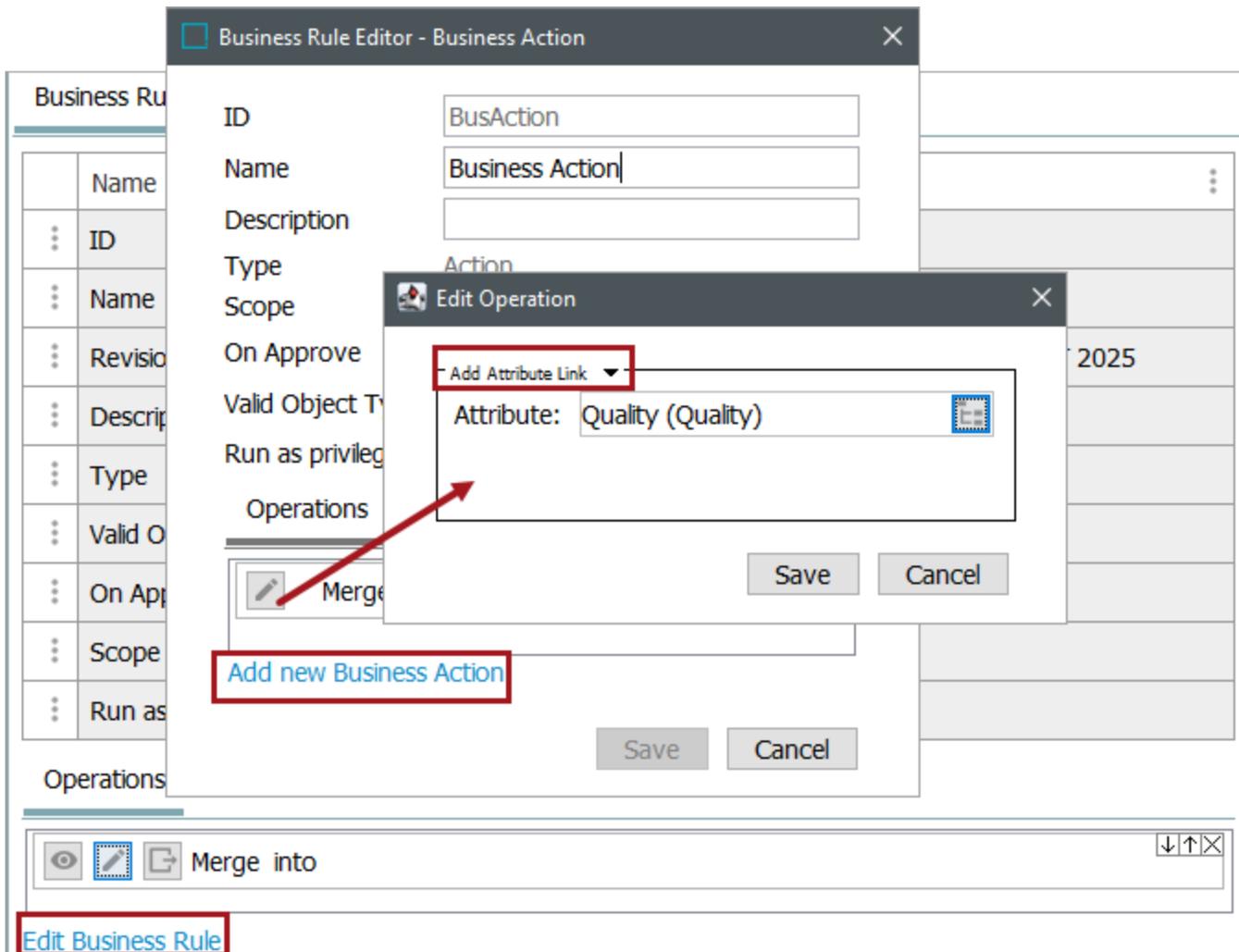
This operation can also be run via a Bulk Update and sample data is provided in the References and Links: Add Attribute Link Operation topic in the Bulk Updates documentation.

Prerequisites

Before using this operation:

1. Ensure the product attribute link type is set up. For more information, refer to the Product Attribute Link Type topic in the System Setup documentation.
2. Ensure the selected attribute is valid on the product object type being linked.
3. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.

Configuration



1. On the Edit Operation dialog, from the dropdown select the References and Links group and then select the **Add Attribute Link** option.
2. In the **Attribute** parameter, click the selector button (🔍) to display the Select Attribute dialog, select a reference type, and click the **Select** button.
3. Click the **Save** button to add the operation to the business rule editor.

Business Action: Add Reference

This operation can create a reference / link to an object with a specific target and a type. This allows you to add an entry on the References tab of the editor for the selected object.

For example, a business action can be used to reference the object to another object automatically, based on specified type and target. Additionally, it can automatically link the products to particular classification on import by adding an Add Reference business action to Import Manager.

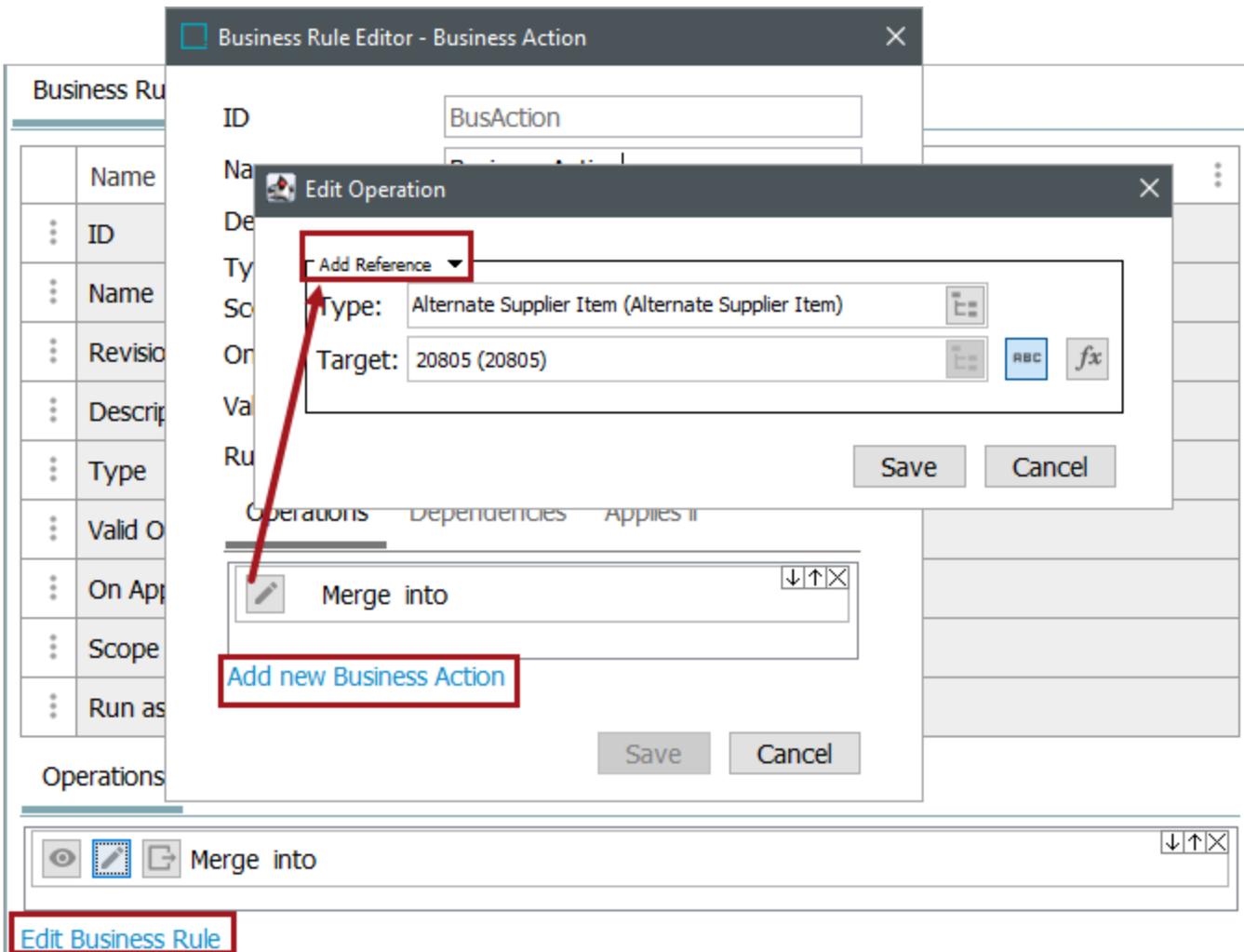
This operation can also be run via a Bulk Update and sample data is provided in the References and Links: Add Reference or Add Referenced By Operations topic in the Bulk Updates documentation.

Prerequisites

Before using this operation:

1. Ensure a valid reference type with the necessary target object exists, and that the target object is valid for the source object. For more information, refer to the Reference and Link Types topic in the System Setup documentation.
2. Note that attempting to add a target that already exists on the object causes the action to fail with the message 'Reference already exists :< reference type>'
3. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.

Configuration



1. On the Edit Operation dialog, from the dropdown select the References and Links group and then select the **Add Reference** option.
2. In the **Type** parameter, click the selector button (🔍) to display the Select Reference Type dialog, select a reference type, and click the **Select** button.
3. In the **Target** parameter, use one of these methods to select the relevant target. The target must be in accordance with the selected type, otherwise an error is displayed.

Note: The selected object dictates the label on the manual button. If the selected object requires a text value, the label is 'abc.' If the selected object is numeric, '123' is displayed, and so on for each validation base type.

- For manual selection, click the 'abc' button () , click the selector button () to display the Select Reference Target dialog, select a valid target, and click the **Select** button.
- For function selection, click the 'fx' button () , click the selector button () to display the Function Editor dialog. Add a function and evaluate, then click **OK**. For more information, refer to the Using Function Editor topic in the Resource Materials online help documentation.



Note: A function that cannot return the specific Target Type ID returns the 'Could not get the reference target.' error.

4. Click the **Save** button to add the operation to the business rule editor.

Business Action: Add Referenced By

This operation can create a reference to an object with a specific source and a type. This allows you to add an entry on the Referenced By tab of the editor for the selected object.

For example, a business action can be used to add an object as the source to an image using a specified reference type.

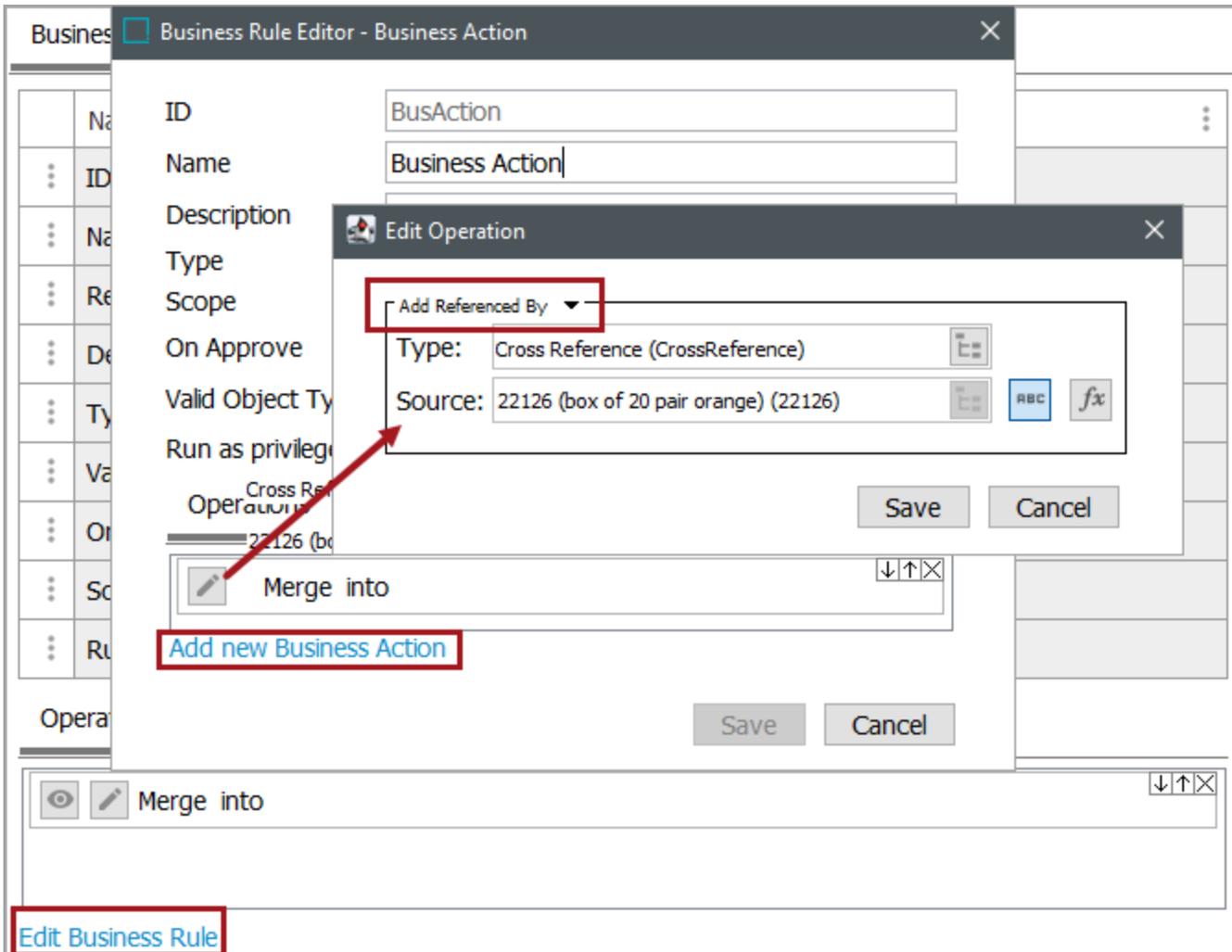
This operation can also be run via a Bulk Update and sample data is provided in the References and Links: Add Reference or Add Referenced By Operations topic in the Bulk Updates documentation.

Prerequisites

Before using this operation:

1. Ensure a valid reference type with the necessary source object exists, and that the source object is valid for the target object. For more information, refer to the Reference and Link Types topic in the System Setup documentation.
2. Note that attempting to add a target that already exists on the object causes the action to fail with the message 'Reference already exists :< reference type>'
3. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.

Configuration



1. On the Edit Operation dialog, from the dropdown select the References and Links group and then select the **Add Referenced By** option.
2. In the **Type** parameter, click the selector button (📄) to display the Select Reference Type dialog, select a reference type, and click the **Select** button.
3. In the **Source** parameter, use one of these methods to select the relevant source. The source must be in accordance with the selected type, otherwise an error is displayed.



Note: The selected object dictates the label on the manual button. If the selected object requires a text value, the label is 'abc.' If the selected object is numeric, '123' is displayed, and so on for each validation base type.

- For manual selection, click the 'abc' button () , click the selector button () to display the Select Reference Source dialog, select a valid source, and click the **Select** button.
- For function selection, click the 'fx' button () , click the selector button () to display the Function Editor dialog. Add a function and evaluate, then click **OK**. For more information, refer to the Using Function Editor topic in the Resource Materials online help documentation.



Note: A function that cannot return the specific Target Type ID returns the 'Could not get the reference target.' error.

4. Click the **Save** button to add the operation to the business rule editor.

Business Action: Automatic Classification

This operation can, upon approval, invoke a rule set on the object to create or maintain the reference, or move the object to a different hierarchy. The selected objects are automatically classified according to a set of rules.

For example, upon import, executing this business action can automatically classify object in a website hierarchy or a classification hierarchy, based on a standard taxonomy like ETIM or UNSPSC.

Additionally, when executing this business action, objects can be classified or reparented based on an attribute value.

For more information about automatic classification, refer to the Using Automatic Classification with Business Actions topic in the Automatic Classification documentation.

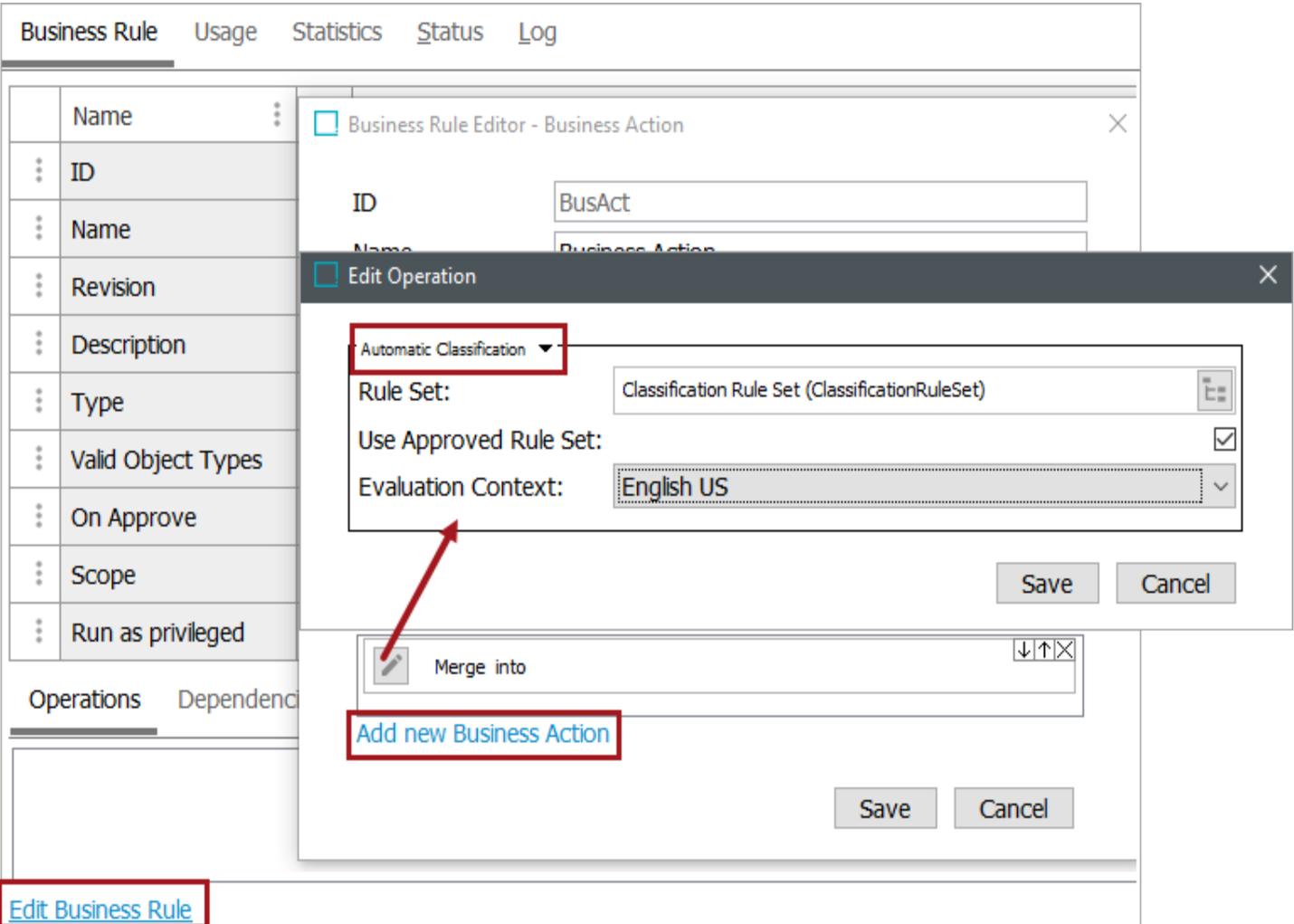
This operation can also be run via a Bulk Update and sample data is provided in the References and Links: Automatic Classification Operation topic in the Bulk Updates documentation.

Prerequisites

Before using this operation:

1. Ensure the Automatic Classification component is activated.
2. Ensure a rule set configuration for automatic classification exists, as defined in the Initial Setup for Automatic Classification topic.
3. Ensure the Rule Set object instance in Tree is configured per the component model definition.
4. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.

Configuration



The screenshot shows the 'Business Rule Editor - Business Action' window. The 'Edit Operation' dialog is open, displaying the following configuration:

- Automatic Classification:** A dropdown menu is highlighted with a red box, showing the selected option.
- Rule Set:** A text field contains 'Classification Rule Set (ClassificationRuleSet)' with a selector button to its right.
- Use Approved Rule Set:** A checkbox is checked.
- Evaluation Context:** A dropdown menu shows 'English US'.

Below the dialog, a 'Merge into' button is visible, and a red arrow points from the 'Automatic Classification' dropdown to the 'Add new Business Action' button. At the bottom of the main window, an 'Edit Business Rule' button is also highlighted with a red box.

1. On the Edit Operation dialog, from the dropdown select the References and Link group and then select the **Automatic Classification** option.
2. For the **Rule Set** parameter, click the selector button (🔍), and select the rule set to be executed.
3. For the **Use Approved Rule Set** parameter, check the checkbox to use the approved version of the rule set.
4. For the **Evaluation Context** parameter, select the context where the action should occur.
5. Click the **Save** button to add the operation to the business rule editor.

Business Action: Claim

This operation allows a user to claim the workflow task of the current object from the group. Additionally, if a workflow task is already assigned to a specific user, this action claims it for the current user.

For example, a workflow with ID 'QA' includes quality assurance tasks that are assigned to a 'Super Users' group. The user 'Admin' wants to be assigned tasks when they enter the 'Review' state. The Claim business action is configured on the 'On Entry' tab of the workflow State Editor for the 'Review' state. This causes tasks to automatically be assigned to 'Admin' when the task enters the 'Review' state.

For more information, refer to the Business Rules and Workflows topic in the Workflows documentation.

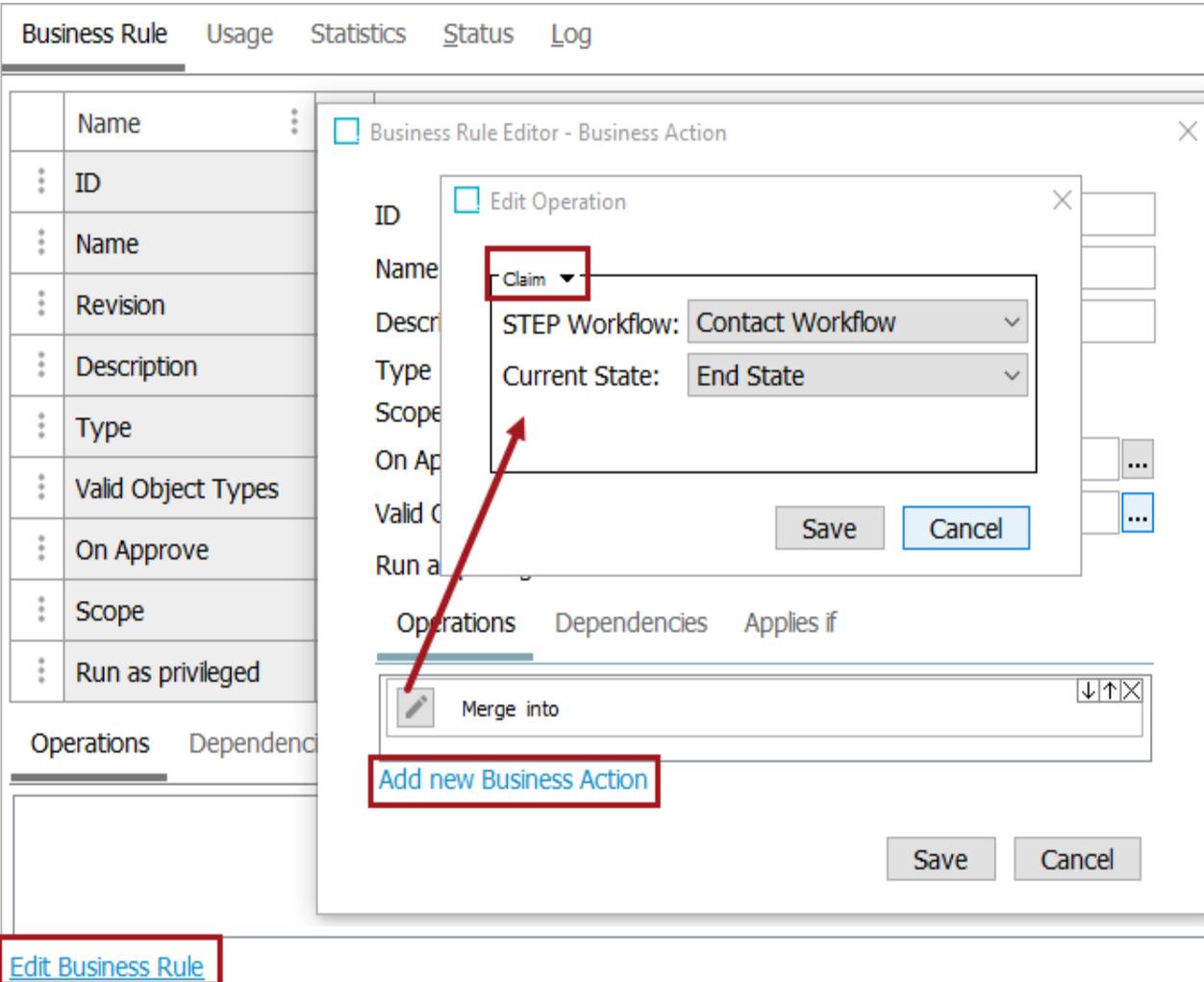
This operation can also be run via a Bulk Update and sample data is provided in the Workflow: Claim Operation topic in the Bulk Updates documentation.

Prerequisites

Before using this operation:

1. Ensure the workflow exists, and has multiple states.
2. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.

Configuration



The screenshot shows the 'Business Rule Editor - Business Action' window. On the left is a table with columns for Name, ID, Name, Revision, Description, Type, Scope, On Approve, Valid Object Types, Valid On, Run as, and Run as privileged. The 'Operations' tab is active, showing a 'Merge into' button and an 'Add new Business Action' button. The 'Edit Operation' dialog is open, with the 'Name' field set to 'Claim', 'STEP Workflow' set to 'Contact Workflow', and 'Current State' set to 'End State'. A red arrow points from the 'Add new Business Action' button to the 'Claim' dropdown. The dialog has 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons.

1. On the Edit Operation dialog, from the dropdown select the Workflow group and then select the **Claim** option.
2. For the **STEP Workflow** parameter, select the relevant workflow from the dropdown.
3. For the **Current State** parameter, from the dropdown, select from the available states for the workflow.
4. Click the **Save** button to add the operation to the business rule editor.

Business Action: Execute JavaScript

In addition to the standard business rule operations, more complex functions can be carried out using JavaScript and the Scripting API. This action enables you to use the same STEP Public Java API methods that are available in the Evaluate JavaScript business condition operation.

Using JavaScript in business rules can include:

- **Execute JavaScript** operation is used for actions. For more information about business rule actions, refer to Business Actions topic.
- **JavaScript Binds** for action and condition operations. Binds provide access to the data being worked on. For more information, refer to JavaScript Binds in the Resource Materials online help documentation.



Important: Although the same JavaScript binds are available for both actions and conditions, changing data via an Evaluate JavaScript business condition is not supported.

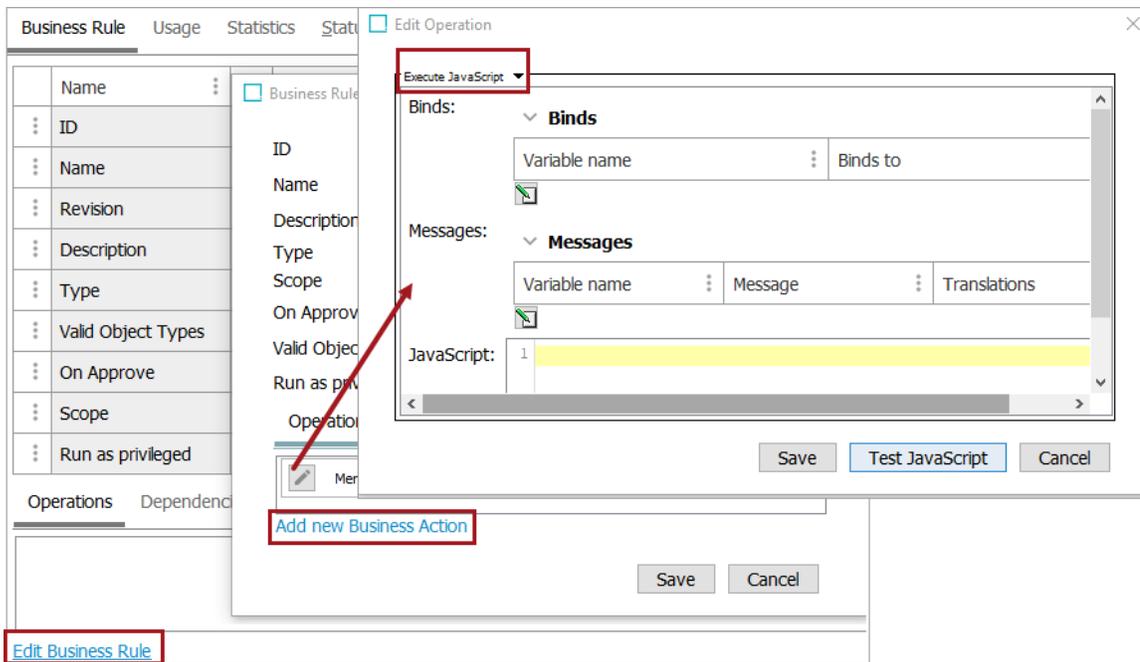
- **Business Libraries** is a set of JavaScript functions that can be reused in multiple business rules. For more information, refer to Business Libraries.
- **Scripting API** documentation is accessed via the Technical Documentation accessible at [system]/sdk or from the Resources section of the system's Start Page.

Prerequisites

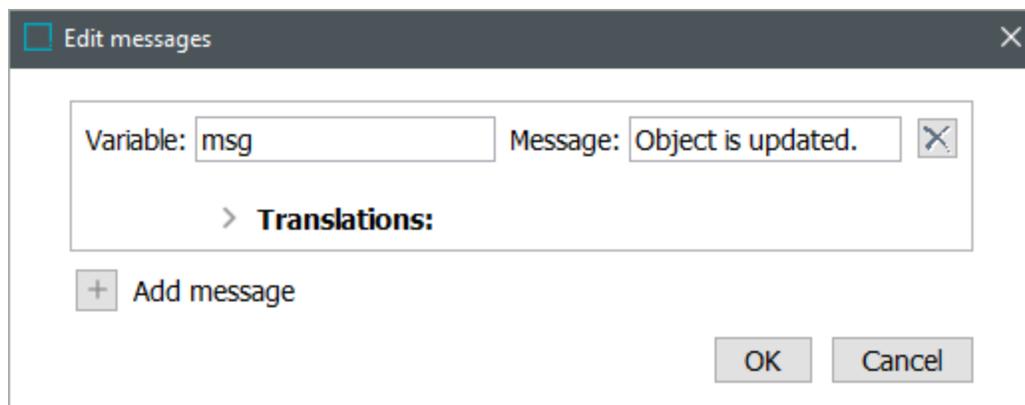
Before using this action:

- Understand the implications of using JavaScript as defined in the Java vs. JavaScript topic in the Resource Materials online help documentation.
- Understand the considerations that should be taken as defined in the JavaScript Considerations topic in the Resource Materials online help documentation.
- Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.

Configuration



1. On the Edit Operation dialog, select the **Execute JavaScript** option from the dropdown.
2. For the **Binds** parameter, create binds needed for the JavaScript code as described in the Adding a Bind topic in the Resource Materials online help documentation.
3. For the **Messages** parameter, create messages needed for the JavaScript code as follows:
 - Click the **Edit** button () to display the Edit Messages dialog.



- Click the **Add message** button () to create a new message entry.
- Click the **Remove** button () to delete a message entry.
- For the **Variables** text box, type a label for the variable.

- For the **Message** text box, type the message.
 - When necessary, open the Translations flipper and provide the data required. For more information on translatable messages, refer to the Localized Messages for JavaScript Business Rules topic.
 - **Click OK** to save the messages to the operation.
4. For the **JavaScript** parameter, add the JavaScript code.
- Click the **Test JavaScript** button to test modifications made to the JavaScript.
5. Close the dialog using the appropriate method.
- Click the **Save** button to keep the modifications (including changes to JavaScript) and add the operation to the business rule editor.
 - Click the **Cancel** button to roll back the modifications (including changes to JavaScript).

Localized Messages for JavaScript Business Rules

Messages in business rules can be translated and used in:

- [return statement with conditions](#)
- [throw statement with actions or conditions](#)

 **Note:** This option uses locales. It is not context-dependent. Contact Stibo Systems to display additional language locales on your Web UI or the workbench.

Return Statement with Conditions

The return statement is not available in a business action, instead, in conditions, it is used to indicate whether the condition is true or false. When Boolean true is returned, the condition evaluates to true. Any other return value will make the condition evaluate to false.

The return from a condition can be a message and can also be reported in a Data Issues Report, on a mandatory object (via the Mandatory Bind), or on a read only object (via the Read Only Bind), which can each take a localized message.

To have a message displayed to the user when a condition evaluates to false, you can:

- return a simple String, as shown in the following example:

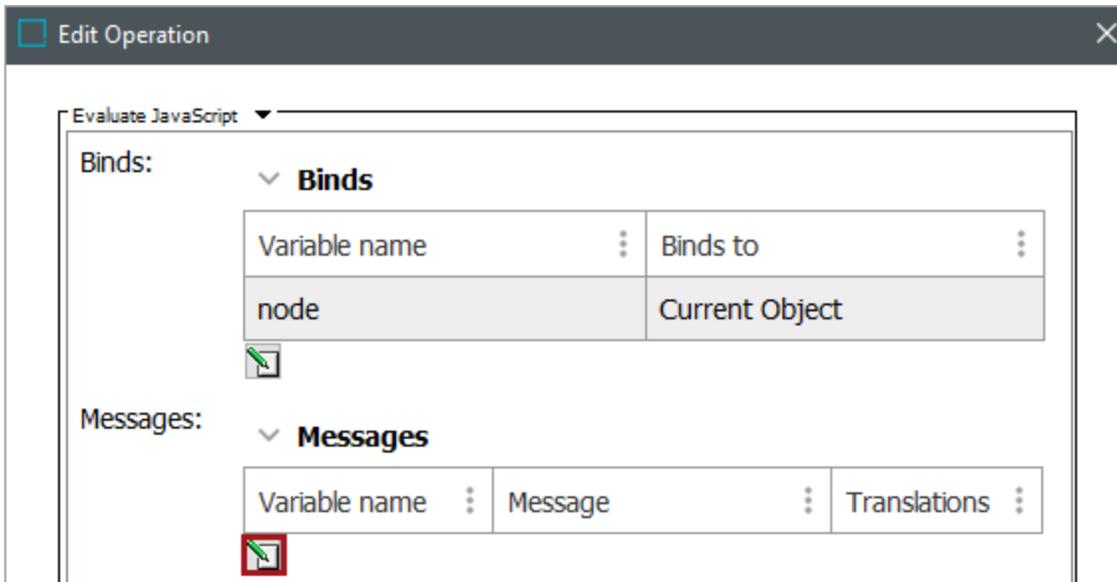
```
return "Object is not ready";
```

- return a translatable error message object, which can display the message in a language matching the UI locale. Refer to the following example.

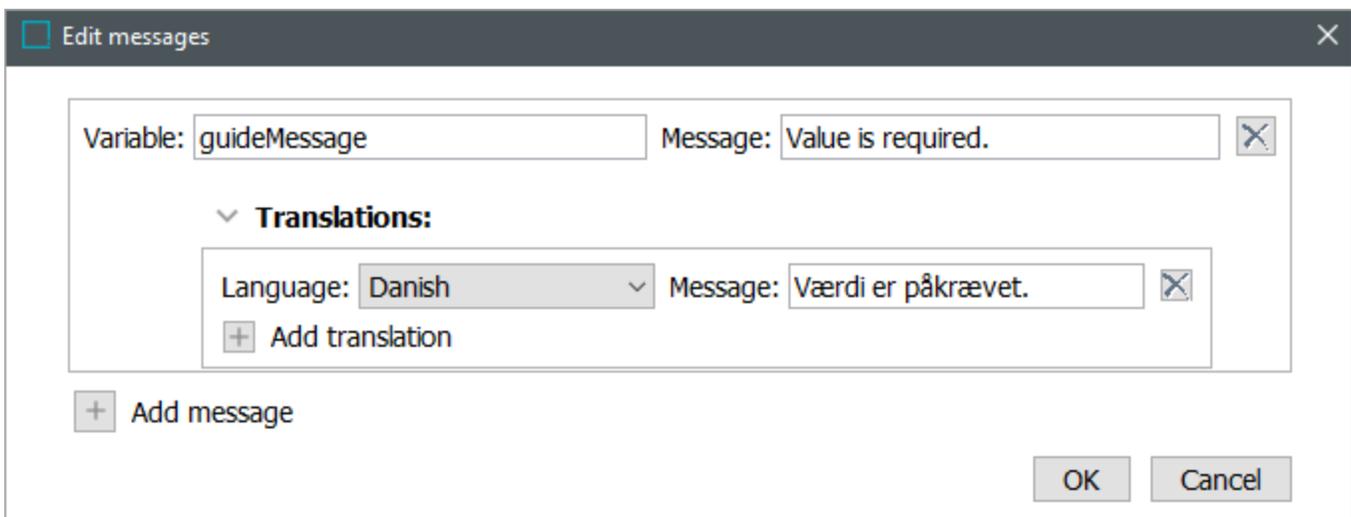
Example

Use the following steps to configure a business condition that uses the Data Issues Report to display a localized message.

1. On an existing 'Evaluate JavaScript' operation, click the **Edit** button () in the Messages parameter to display the 'Edit messages' dialog. For more information, refer to the Editing a Business Rule or Function topic.



2. Click the **Add message** button ():



- Add a variable name and the message text. A variable message can include the name of the business rule or any other data that would be helpful in resolving the problem reported by the message.

- Open the Translations flipper (>), click the **Add translation** button (+), and add the translated text. Multiple translations can be added. Do not translate variable tags.

3. Click **OK** to close the 'Edit messages' dialog and display the number of translations added.

Messages: ▼ **Messages**

Variable name	Message	Translations
guideMessage	Value is required.	1



4. On the Edit Operation dialog, for the JavaScript parameter, add JavaScript code with a 'return' statement to display the message.

JavaScript:

```

1 if ('6437867' == object.getID()) {
2     return new guideMessage();
3 }
4
5 return true;

```

[Edit externally](#)

Save Test JavaScript Cancel

5. If you created a translation, test the results by logging in to the locale that matches the language for the message. The screenshot below shows where to select a workbench locale and a SaaS locale.

The screenshot displays the STIBO SYSTEMS user interface. On the left, a 'Workbench' menu is visible with three options: 'STEP workbench (Danish)', 'STEP workbench (English)', and 'STEP workbench (Spanish)'. Below this is a 'Resources' section with links for 'About STEP' and 'STEP API Documentation'. The main navigation bar includes 'Basket', 'User Settings', and 'System Settings'. The 'User Settings' dropdown is open, showing the user 'userj' and options for 'Show Your Information', 'Show All Users', and 'Log Out'. The 'Select Locale' section is also open, listing '中文', 'Dansk', 'Nederlands (Nederland)', 'English (United Kingdom)', 'English (United States)', and 'suomi'. The 'Dansk' option is highlighted with a red box, and the 'English (United States)' option is highlighted with a blue bar.

For the workbench, either test the business rule (defined in the Testing a Business Rule topic) or run a workflow that uses the business rule to display the translated message.

For the Web UI, trigger the business rule or run a workflow that uses the business rule to display the translated message.

The screenshot shows a product detail page titled 'Knudedetaljer'. The breadcrumb trail is 'Primary Product Hierarchy > Products > Pet Supplies'. The product ID '6437867' is displayed prominently. Below it, the status is 'Delvist godkendt' and the price is '0.10'. The last update is noted as 'Sidst redigeret 18. marts 2024 kl. 14.05.42 UTC-4'. A 'Long Description' field is present but empty. A validation error message is shown in an orange box: 'Værdi er påkrævet.' (Value is required).

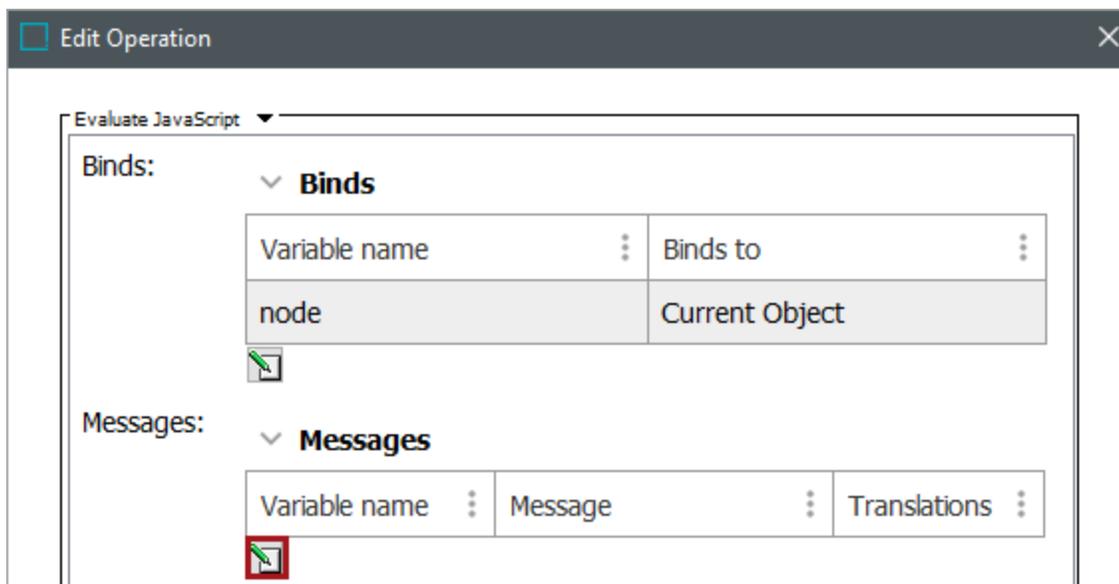
Throw Statement with Actions and Conditions

You can deliberately throw exceptions from both actions and conditions if an error state is encountered. The exception message can be a translatable message object.

Example

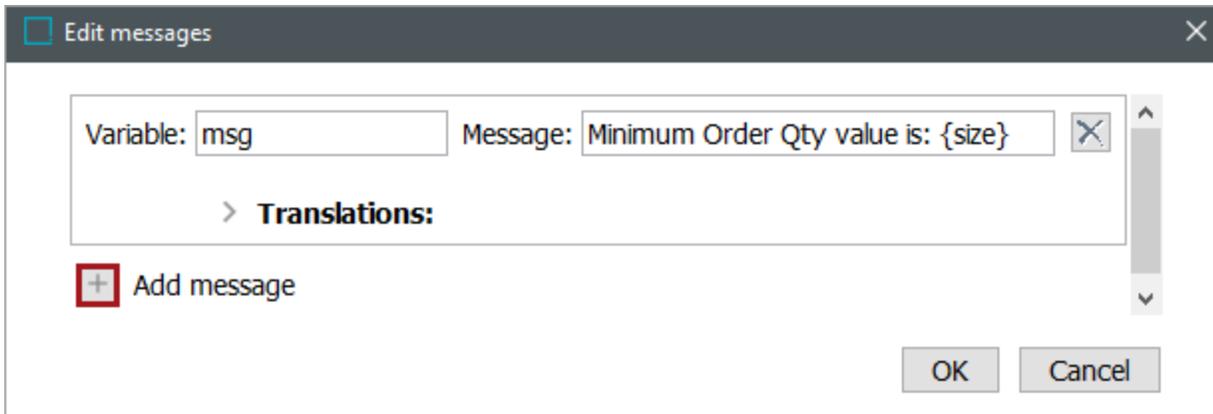
The following shows how to configure a business action to display a localized message.

1. On an existing 'Execute JavaScript' operation, click the **Edit** button  in the Messages parameter to display the 'Edit messages' dialog. For more information, refer to the Editing a Business Rule or Function topic.



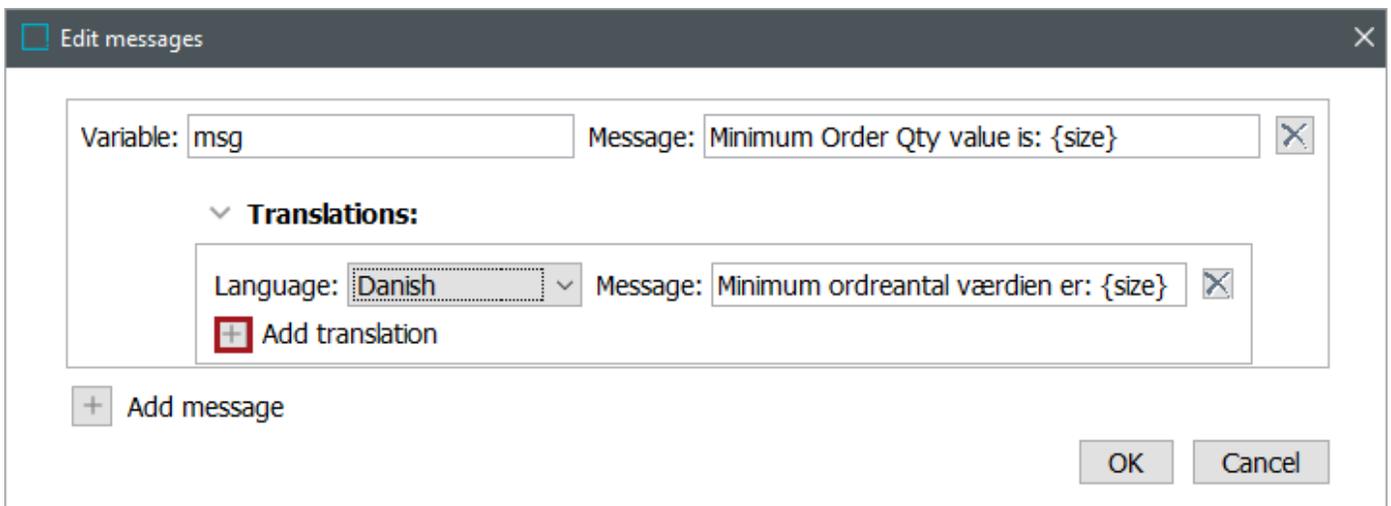
2. Click the **Add message** button  and add a variable name and the message text.

A variable message can include the name of the business rule or any other data that would be helpful in resolving the problem reported by the message.

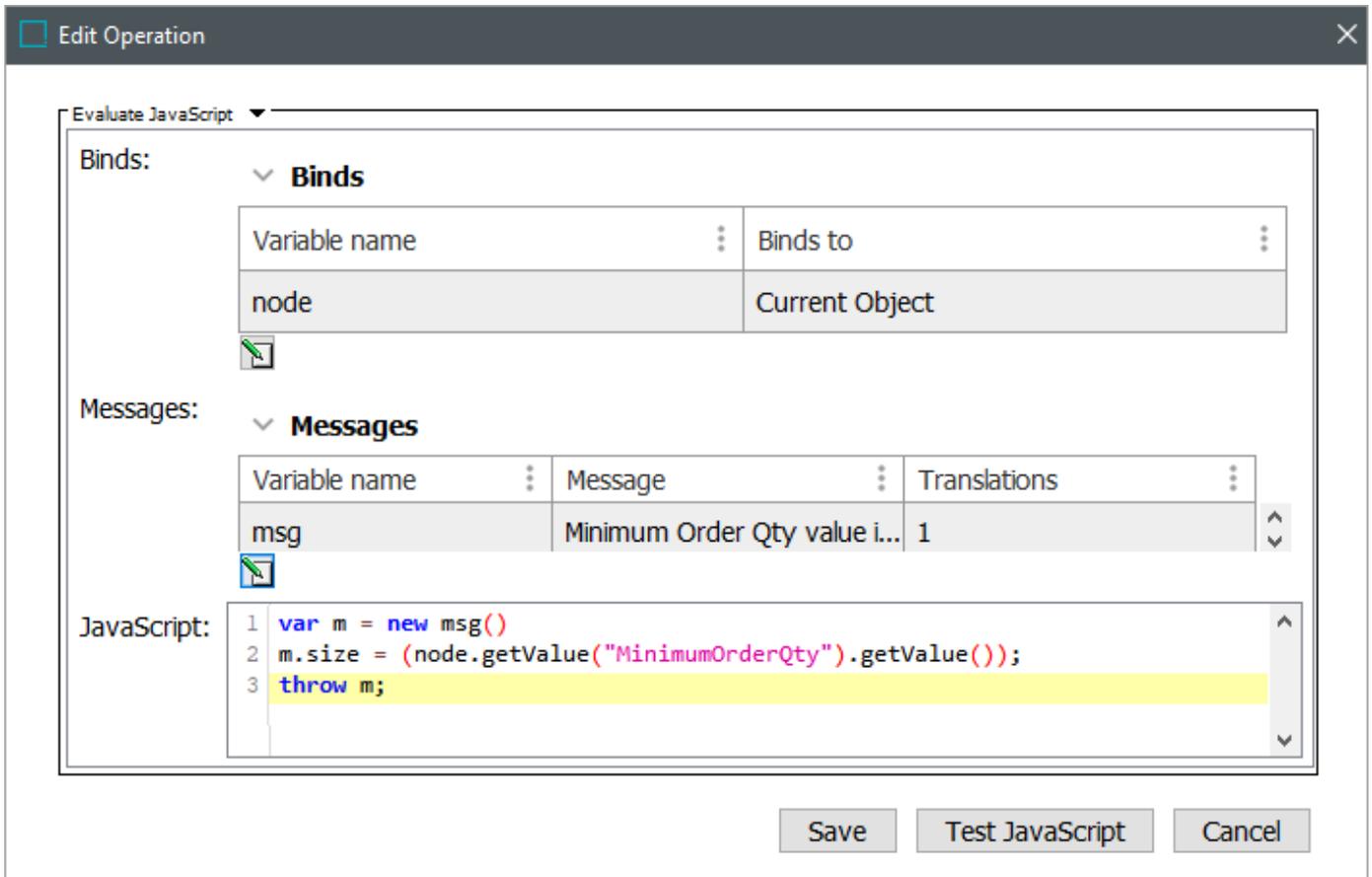


A variable tag within the message text is optional. In this example, the tag is {size} and will return the value of the attribute from the bound product.

3. Open the Translations section (>).
4. Click the **Add translation** button (+) to add the translated text. Multiple translations can be added. Do not translate variable tags.



5. Click **OK** to close the 'Edit messages' dialog.
6. On the Edit Operation dialog, for the JavaScript parameter, add JavaScript code with a 'throw' statement to display the message.



7. If you created a translation, test the results by logging in to the locale that matches the language for the message. The screenshot below shows where to select a workbench locale and a SaaS locale.

The screenshot displays the STIBO SYSTEMS web interface. On the left, a 'Workbench' menu is visible with three options: 'STEP workbench (Danish)', 'STEP workbench (English)', and 'STEP workbench (Spanish)'. Below this is a 'Resources' section with links for 'About STEP' and 'STEP API Documentation'. The main navigation bar includes 'Basket', 'User Settings', and 'System Settings'. The 'User Settings' dropdown is open, showing the user 'userj' and options for 'Show Your Information', 'Show All Users', and 'Log Out'. Below this is the 'Select Locale' section, which lists several language options: '中文', 'Dansk', 'Nederlands (Nederland)', 'English (United Kingdom)', 'English (United States)', and 'suomi'. The 'Dansk' option is highlighted with a red box, and the 'English (United States)' option is highlighted with a blue bar.

For the Web UI, trigger the business rule or run a workflow that uses the business rule to display the translated message.

For the workbench, either test the business rule (shown below, also refer to the Testing a Business Rule topic) or run a workflow that uses the business rule to display the translated message.

☐ Test og planlæg forretningsregel ✕

Test objekt:

Planlægning:

Status:

Resultat:

Fejldetaljer: Minimum orderantal værdien er: 12
com.stibo.core.domain.businessrule.evaluate.BusinessRuleRejectException: Mini
at com.stibo.core.domain.impl.businessrule.FrontBusinessAction.
at com.stibo.core.domain.impl.businessrule.FrontBusinessAction.

Logfil:

Annuller ændringer efter test

Forsøg stop efter: sekunder

Udfør godkendt arbejdsområde

Bemærk, at kontekstspecifikke JavaScript-forkortelser ikke fungerer under test af forretningsregel

Business Action: Generate Match Codes

This operation generates match code values for objects or nodes. Match codes have a formula, that when executed by a business rule, creates match codes for objects. The match codes are displayed on the System Setup match code object, on the Match Code Values tab.

This operation can also be run via a Bulk Update and sample data is provided in the Data Quality: Generate Match Codes Operation topic in the Bulk Updates documentation.

Prerequisites

Before using this operation:

1. Ensure match code objects exist as defined in the Match Codes topic of the Matching, Linking, and Merging documentation.
2. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.

Configuration

The screenshot shows the 'Business Rule Editor - Business Action' window. The main editor displays a table with columns for Name, ID, Name, Revision, Description, Type, Valid Object Types, On Approve, Scope, and Run as privileged. The 'Business Action' entry is selected. The 'Edit Operation' dialog is open, showing fields for ID (BusAct), Name (Business Action), and a dropdown menu set to 'Generate Match Codes'. The 'Match code' field contains 'Find Similar Match Code (FindSimilarMatchCode)'. A red box highlights the dropdown menu, and a red arrow points from the 'Add new Business Action' button in the main editor to the 'Edit Operation' dialog. Other red boxes highlight the 'Edit Business Rule' button at the bottom left and the 'Add new Business Action' button in the main editor.

1. On the Edit Operation dialog, from the dropdown select the Data Quality group and then select the **Generate Match Codes** option.
2. For **Match Code**, click the selector button (🔍) to display the Select a Match Code dialog, and the relevant match code.
3. Click the **Save** button to add the operation to the business rule editor.

Business Action: Initiate Items In STEP Workflow

This operation can initiate a valid object or objects into the selected workflow.

For example, consider an object that is in State A, when it moves to State B within the workflow, the object should also be initiated to another workflow. This can be achieved by the Initiate Items in STEP Workflow action by configuring it at the 'On entry' of a state of the workflow where it is already present.

For more information, refer to the Business Rules and Workflows topic in the Workflows documentation.

This operation can also be run via a Bulk Update, as described in the Workflow: Initiate Items in STEP Workflow Operation topic in the Bulk Updates documentation.

Prerequisites

Before using this operation:

1. Ensure the workflow exists, and the object is valid for the workflow.
2. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.

Configuration

The screenshot shows the 'Business Rule Editor - Business Action' dialog box. The 'Edit Operation' sub-dialog is open, showing the following fields:

- ID: BusAct
- Name: Business Action
- Description: (empty)
- Type: Edit Operation
- Scope: (empty)
- On Approval: (empty)
- Valid Object Types: (empty)
- Run as privileged: (empty)

The 'Initiate items in STEP Workflow' dropdown is expanded, showing the following options:

- Initiate items in STEP Workflow (selected)
- Choose a Workflow: Contract Agreements (selected)
- Process Note: Starting Contract Agreements

Buttons: Save, Cancel

Background interface elements:

- Business Rule Editor - Business Action (Title Bar)
- Business Rule Editor (Main Window)
- Operations (Tab)
- Dependence (Tab)
- Edit Business Rule (Button)
- Add new Business Action (Button)

1. On the Edit Operation dialog, from the dropdown select the Workflow group and then select the **Initiate Items in STEP Workflow** option.
2. For the **Choose a Workflow** parameter, select a workflow from the dropdown.
3. For the **Process Note** parameter, type a note for the background process.
4. Click the **Save** button to add the operation to the business rule editor.

Business Action: Merge Attribute Values

This operation copies the value of one attribute into another attribute. You can specify whether to keep or overwrite existing values. This operation can also be used for local attribute link metadata values.

For example, while performing data cleanup activities, to consolidate duplicate attributes, this operation can be used to copy values from the duplicate attribute to the attribute that should be used to store the value.

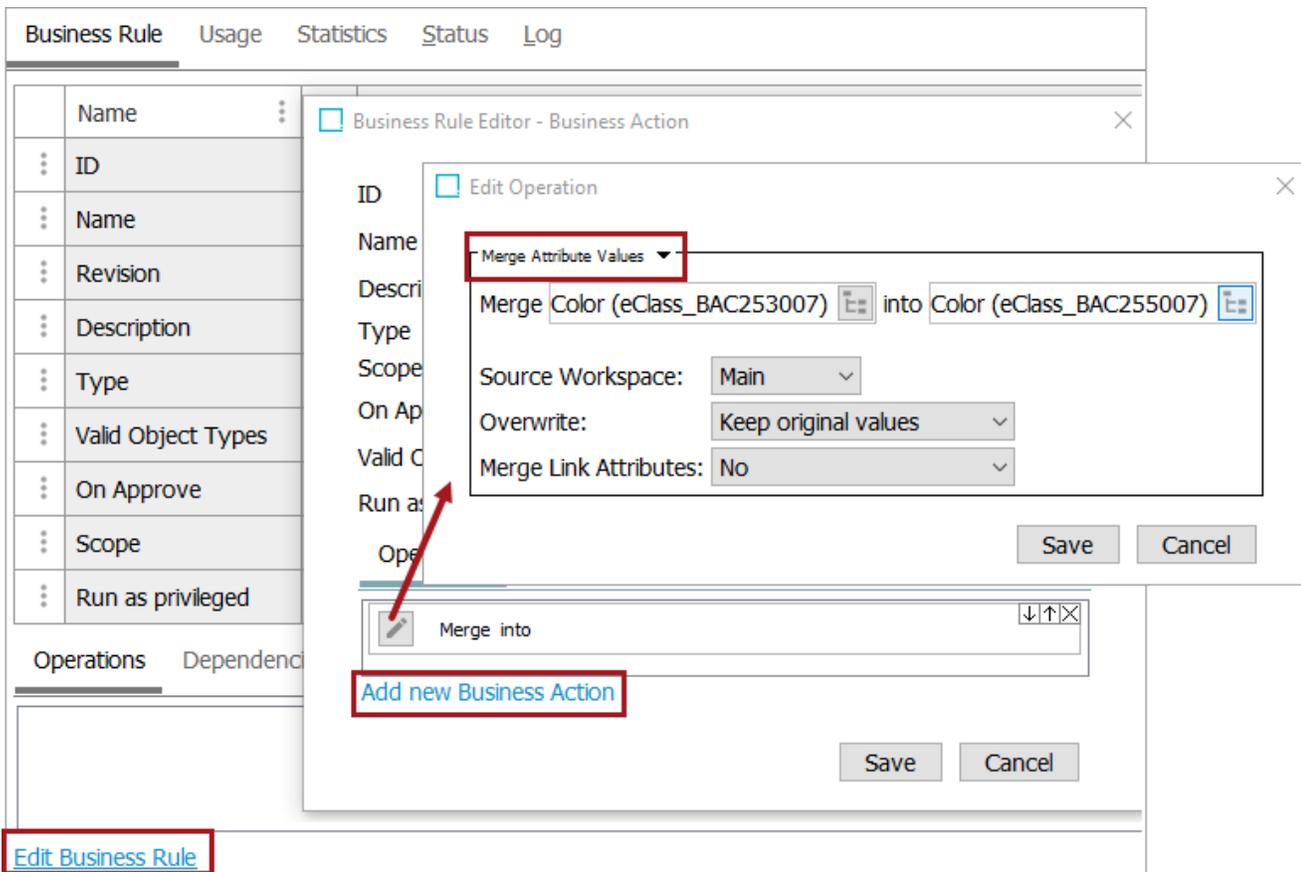
This operation can also be run via a Bulk Update and sample data is provided in the Attribute Values: Merge Attribute Values Operation topic in the Bulk Updates documentation.

Prerequisites

Before using this operation:

1. Ensure the source and target attributes are valid for all of the same object types, and for the object on which the business action will be run.
2. Ensure the source and target attributes are valid for all of the same product links and classification links.
3. Ensure the source and target attributes are valid for all of the same reference types.
4. Ensure the source and target attributes have the same dimension dependencies.
5. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.

Configuration



Note: The Merge Attribute Values operation does not delete any attributes, it can only update values. If desired, manually delete the source attribute once you confirm the merged data.

1. On the Edit Operation dialog, from the dropdown select the Workflow group, then select the **Merge Attribute Values** option.
2. For the **Merge** parameter, click the selector button (🔍) to display the Select Attribute dialog, choose the attribute to copy values *from*, and click the **Select** button.
3. For the **into** parameter, click the selector button (🔍) to display the Select Attribute dialog, choose the attribute to copy values *to*, and click the **Select** button.
4. For the **Source Workspace** parameter, use the dropdown to select the workspace that holds the values to be copied. Values are always pasted into the Main workspace.
5. For the **Overwrite** parameter, use the dropdown to select one of the following options. Validation errors are displayed when a value cannot be modified. Refer to an illustration of the results in the **Merge Results** section below.

- **Overwrite existing values** means the source value overwrites the target value, *except* when the *source* attribute is blank. If the source attribute is blank, the target value is not changed.
 - **Keep Original values** means the source value is *only* copied to the target attribute when the *target* attribute is blank. If the target attribute contains a value, the target value is not changed.
6. For **Merge Link Attributes**, use the dropdown to select one of the following options. If the selected attributes are both used as an attribute on a reference, a product classification link, or an attribute link, merging of those values are based on the **Yes** or **No** set in this parameter, as well as the other parameters on the operation. This option is not relevant when values do not exist on references for the selected attributes.
7. Click the **Save** button to add the operation to the business rule editor.

Business Action: Overlap Analysis

This operation compares records of predefined format to each record with the same object type, by specifying a matching algorithm.

Important: This operation is only intended to be used together with an import running in Test mode. In this mode, statistics are reported on how many objects in import file will match existing objects in STEP, without actually importing the data.

Prerequisites

Before using this operation:

1. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.

Configuration

Business Action: Reference Other Business Action

This operation can create a reference to another business action without additional configuration.

For example, a business action that updates an object name needs to be executed within other business rules run by the Import Manager or in a Web UI.

Prerequisites

Before using this operation:

1. Ensure the business action is valid for the node(s) where it will be executed.
2. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.

Configuration

Business Rule Editor - Business Action

ID: BusAct

Name: Business Action

Description:

Type: Edit Operation

Scope:

On Approval: Reference other Business Action

Valid Object Types:

Run as:

Referenced Business Action: GetValue (GetValue)

Buttons: Save, Cancel

Background Table:

Name	ID	Name	Revision	Description	Type	Valid Object Types	On Approve	Scope	Run as privileged

Buttons: Add new Business Action, Save, Cancel

Bottom Left: Edit Business Rule

1. On the Edit Operation dialog, select the **Reference Other Business Action** option from the dropdown.
2. In the **Referenced Business Action** parameter, click the selector button (🔍) to display the Select Action dialog, select a business action, and click the **Select** button.
3. Click the **Save** button to add the operation to the business rule editor.

Business Action: Remove Attribute Link

This operation removes an attribute link from a product.

For example, the 'Offer' attribute is linked to a number of products during a seasonal special offer promotion. Once the promotion has ended, the attribute should immediately be removed from all products. This can be achieved by creating a collection of all nodes that include the attribute, and then running a bulk update with the Remove Attribute Link business action.

This operation can also be run via a Bulk Update and sample data is provided in the References and Links: Remove Attribute Link Operation topic in the Bulk Updates documentation.

Prerequisites

Before using this operation:

1. Ensure the valid attribute is linked to the product. For more information, refer to the Product Attribute Link Type topic in the System Setup documentation.
2. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.

Configuration

The screenshot shows the 'Business Rule Editor' interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Business Rule', 'Usage', 'Statistics', 'Status', and 'Log'. Below these is a table with columns for 'Name', 'ID', 'Name', 'Revision', 'Description', 'Type', 'Valid Object Types', 'On Approve', 'Scope', and 'Run as privileged'. Overlaid on this is the 'Business Rule Editor - Business Action' dialog box, which contains fields for 'ID' (BusAct), 'Name' (Business Action), and 'Description'. Below these is the 'Edit Operation' dialog box, which has a dropdown menu set to 'Remove Attribute Link' and an 'Attribute' field containing 'Sales Item Option (SalesItemOption)'. A red arrow points from the 'Merge into' button in the background to the 'Remove Attribute Link' dropdown. At the bottom left, there is a button labeled 'Add new Business Action' and at the bottom right, there are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons.

1. On the Edit Operation dialog, from the dropdown select the References and Links group, then select the **Remove Attribute Link** option.
2. For the **Attribute** parameter, click the selector button (🔍) to display the Select Attribute dialog, choose the attribute that should be removed and click the **Select** button.
3. Click the **Save** button to add the operation to the business rule editor.

Business Action: Remove Object from STEP Workflow

This operation can remove the object or objects from the selected workflow. For example, the object should be removed from the workflow when it reaches the final state within a workflow.

Business actions can also be added within the STEP Workflow Designer. Edit the workflow state or transition for the business rule, and select it on the appropriate tab. For a state, a business rule can be selected on the following tabs: On Entry, On Exit, and Escalation. For a transition, a business rule can be selected on the following tabs: Condition and On Transition.

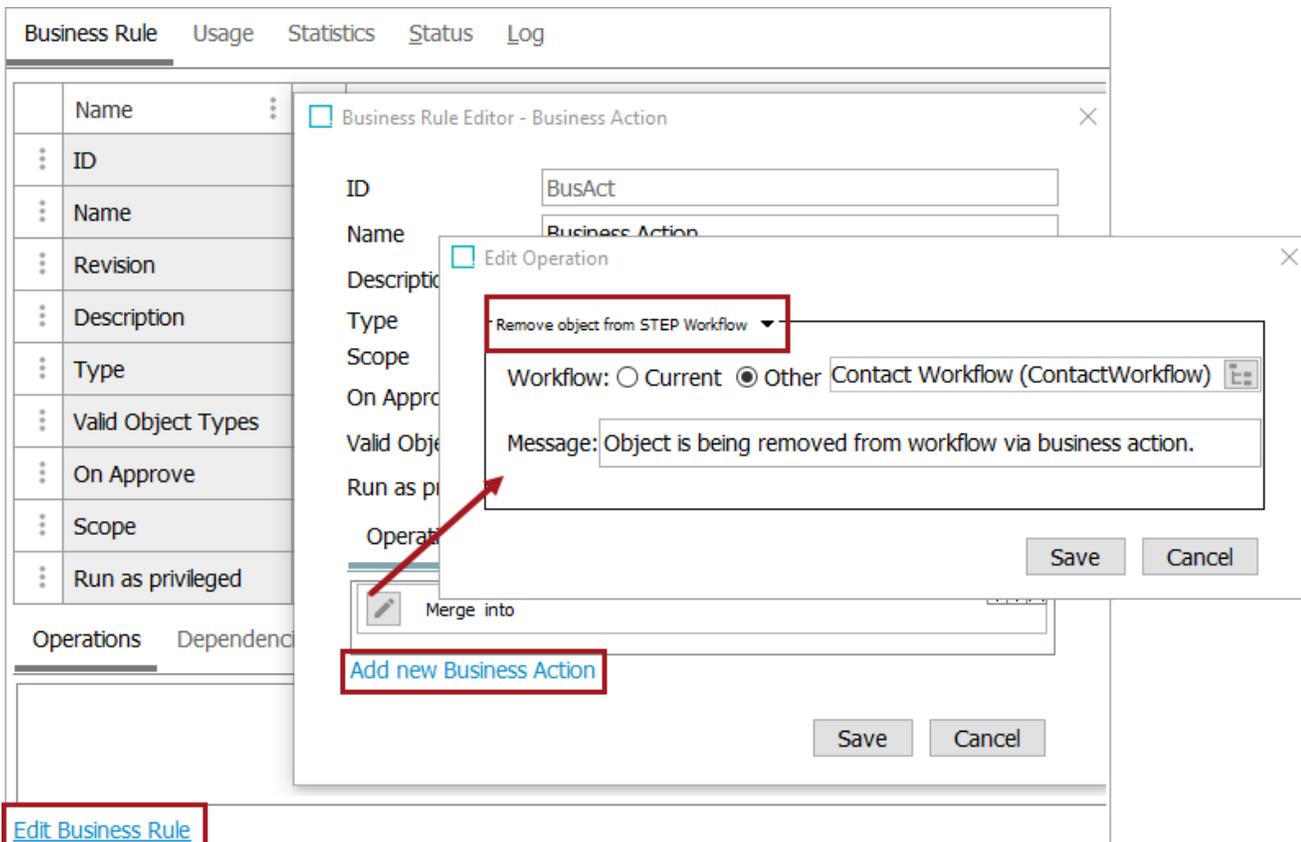
This operation is similar to one in Bulk Update, as described in the Workflow: Remove Items from STEP Workflow Operation topic in the Bulk Updates documentation.

Prerequisites

Before using this operation:

1. Review information about using business rules in workflows as addressed in the Business Rules and Workflows topic of the Workflows documentation.
2. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.

Configuration



1. On the Edit Operation dialog, from the dropdown select the Workflow group and then select the **Remove object from STEP Workflow** option.
2. For the **Workflow** parameter, select to use the current workflow or a different one as follows:
 - Click the **Current** radio button to indicate that the workflow in progress when the business rule is executed is used.
 - Click the **Other** radio button, and then click the selector button  to display the Select Workflow dialog, choose the workflow that includes the object that should be removed. Click the **Select** button.
3. For the **Message** parameter, type a message that will be displayed in the state log.
4. Click the **Save** button to add the operation to the business rule editor.

Business Action: Remove Reference

This operation removes a reference to a specific target or all references of a specific type.

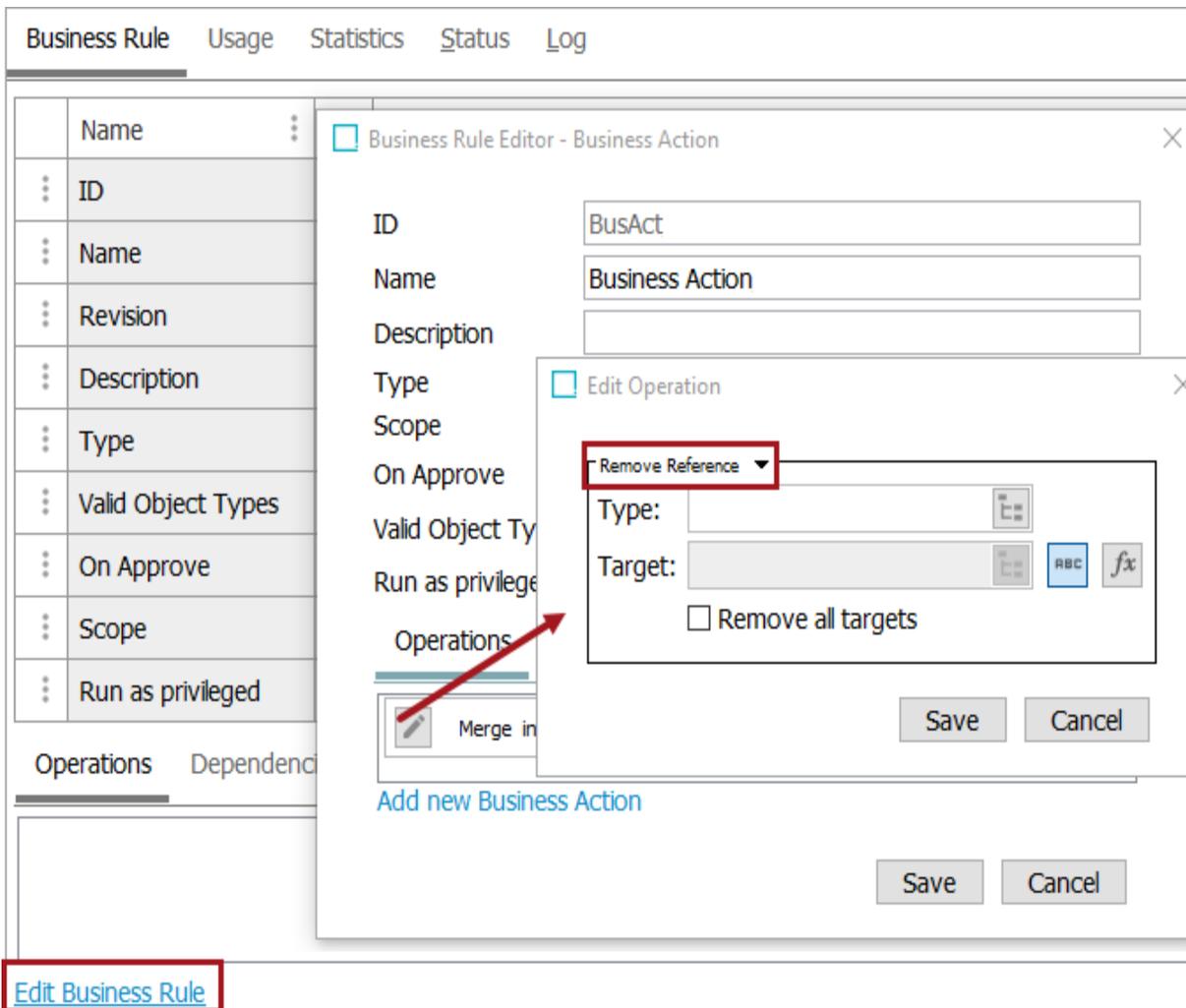
For example, the 'free_objects' reference type is used to indicate a seasonal sales offer items. When the sale period has ended, removal of all 'free_objects' references must be removed. This can be achieved by creating a collection of all nodes that include the reference, and then running a bulk update with the Remove Reference business action.

This operation can also be run via a Bulk Update and sample data is provided in the References and Links: Remove Reference Operation topic in the Bulk Updates documentation.

Prerequisite

Before using this operation, create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.

Configuration



1. On the Edit Operation dialog, from the dropdown select the References and Links group and then select the **Remove Reference** option.
2. For the **Type** parameter, click the selector button (🔍) to display the Select Reference Type dialog, choose the reference type that should be removed and click the **Select** button.
3. For the **Target** parameter, use one of these methods to select the relevant target. Leave this parameter blank to remove all references of a specific type without limiting removal to a node. The target must be in accordance with the selected type, otherwise an error is displayed.

- Click the 'abc' button () , click the selector button () to display the Select Reference Target picker, select a valid target, and click the **Select** button.
 - Click the 'fx' button () , click the selector button () to display the Function Editor dialog, write a function to select a valid target, and click the **Select** button. For more information, refer to the Using Function Editor topic in the Resource Materials online help documentation.
4. For the **Remove all targets** parameter, set the checkbox as follows:
- Unchecked means references of the specified type are removed from the modified objects.
 - Checked with a blank Target parameter means all references of the specified type are removed from the modified objects.
5. Click the **Save** button to add the operation to the business rule editor.

Business Action: Send Email

This operation can send emails without requiring JavaScript. Multiple email addresses are allowed and are resolved when the business action is run.

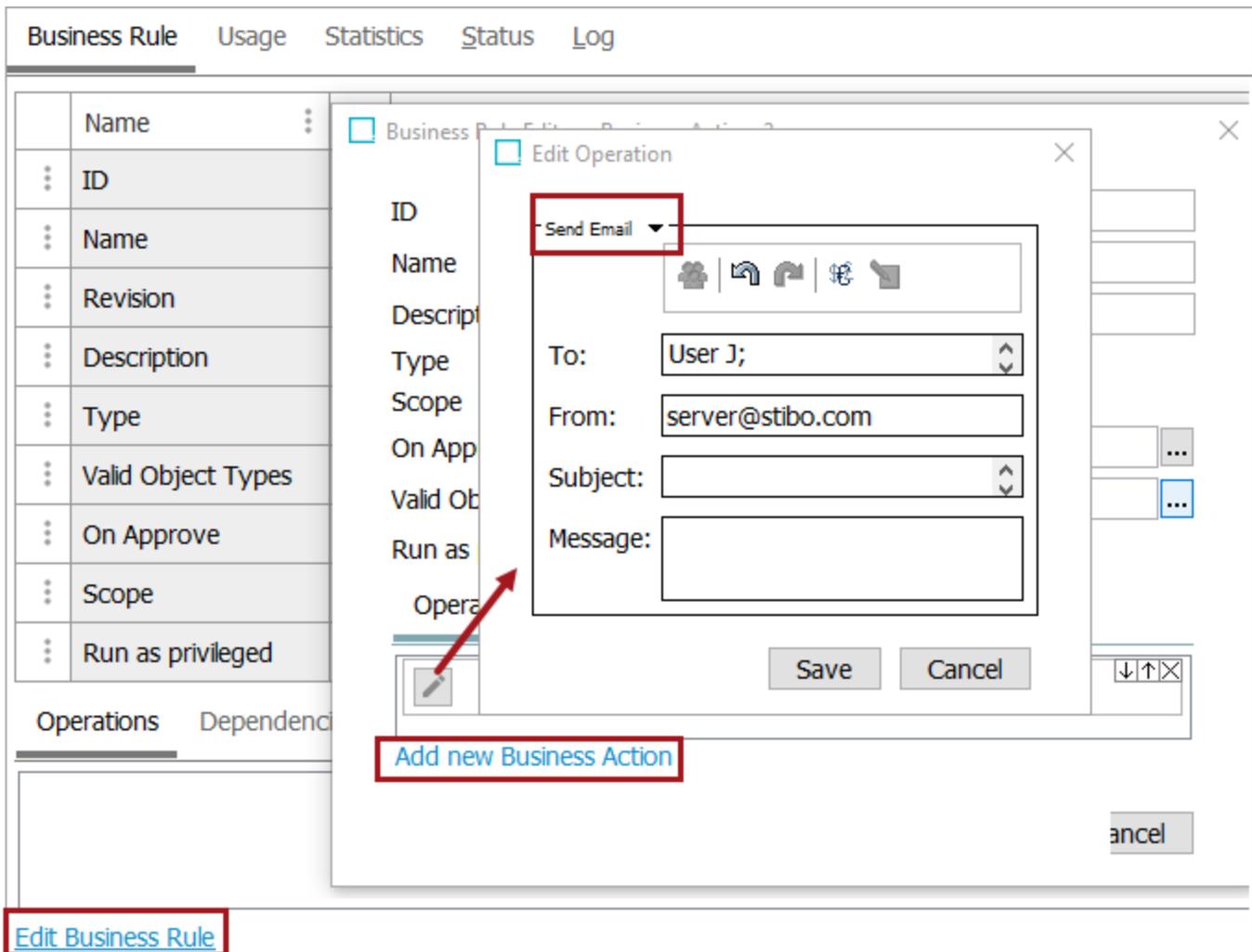
For example, an email can be sent when an object moves from one state of a workflow to another, or upon successful approval of an object.

Prerequisites

Before using this operation:

1. Ensure a Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP) server is configured in the executing system.
2. Ensure any STEP users who are to receive email have an accurate email address in STEP. This is stored on System Setup under the User & Groups node. Open the group and select the user to display the editor. On the User tab, under the Description flipper, the E-Mail parameter should display the email to be used.
3. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.

Configuration



1. On the Edit Operation dialog, select the **Send Email** option from the dropdown.

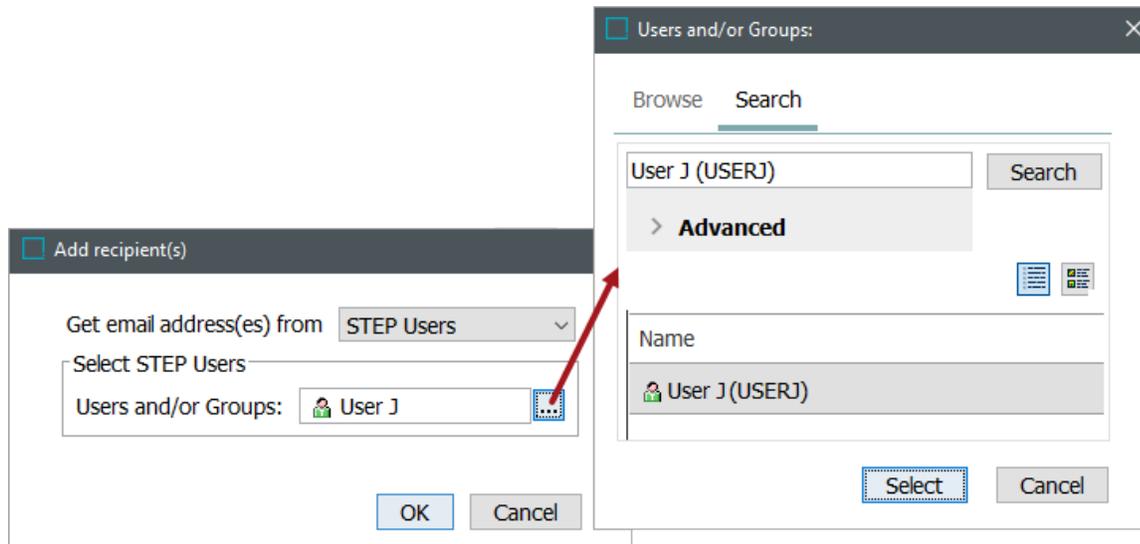


Action buttons are enabled as the appropriate field is selected or action is performed.

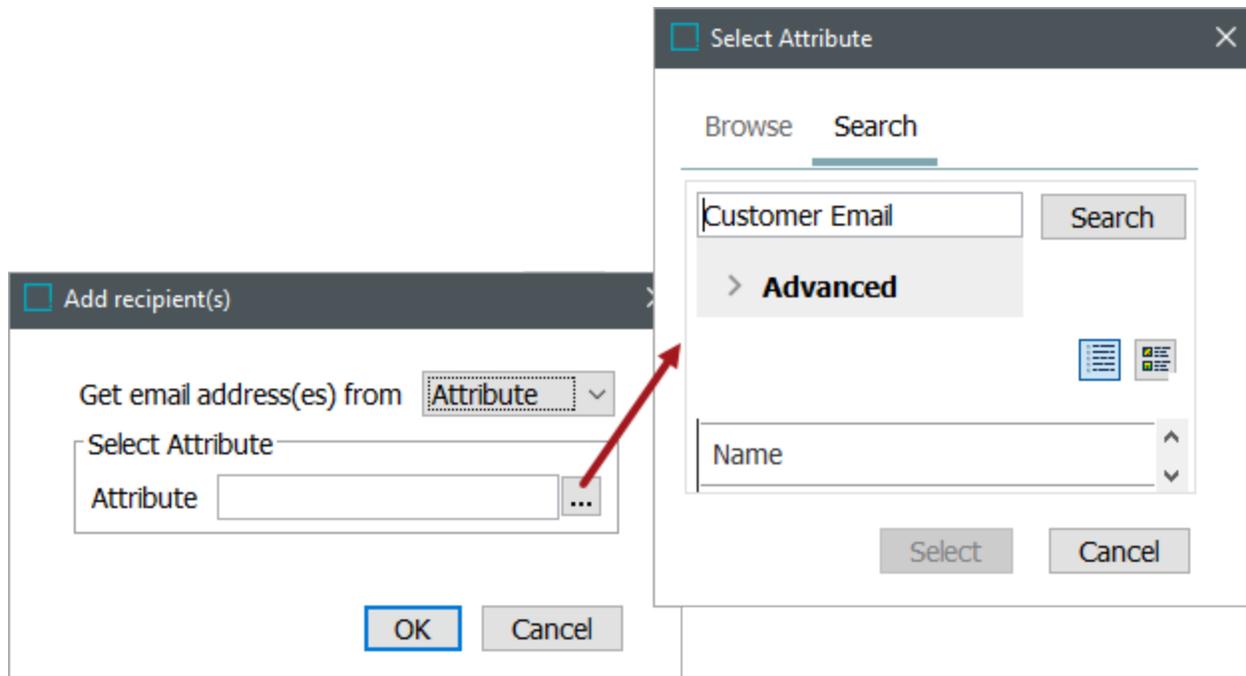
2. For the **To** parameter, click into the field and choose a method to provide the relevant email addresses, using the required format: user@domain.com. If an address uses the right format, errors are not detected until the business action is executed.
 - Manually type one or more email addresses, separated by semicolon (;), comma (,), or a space (.). Use the undo and redo buttons (↶ ↷) as needed. Special characters can be added using the rich text editor (🔗).
 - Click the **Add recipient** button (👤) to display the Add Recipients dialog.

On the Add Recipients dialog, for the **Get email address(es) from** parameter, select an option and supply the required information:

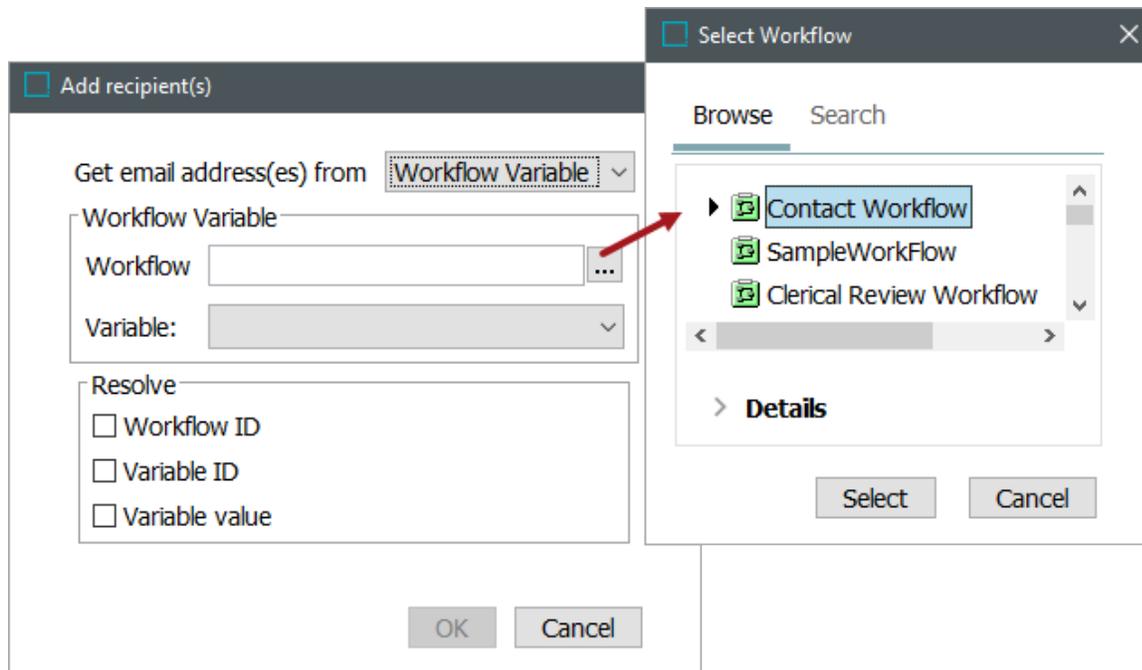
- When **STEP Users** is selected, the **Users and/or Groups** parameter is displayed. click the ellipsis button (...) to display the Users and/or Groups dialog. Use Browse or Search to select one or more users and/or groups, and click the **Select** button.



- When **Attribute** is selected, the Select Attribute parameter is displayed. An email address can be obtained from an attribute of an object on which the business action is executed. Click the ellipsis button (...) to display the Select Attribute dialog. Select an email attribute, and click the **Select** button.



- When **Workflow Variable** is selected, the Workflow Variable and Resolve groups of parameters are displayed. An email address can be read from a workflow variable. This requires that the object the business action is executed on has been initiated in the specified workflow. For more information on workflow variables, refer to the Workflow Variables topic in the Workflows documentation. Click the ellipsis button (...) to display the Select Workflow dialog. Choose a workflow with variables and click the **Select** button. The available variables are displayed in the Variable dropdown.

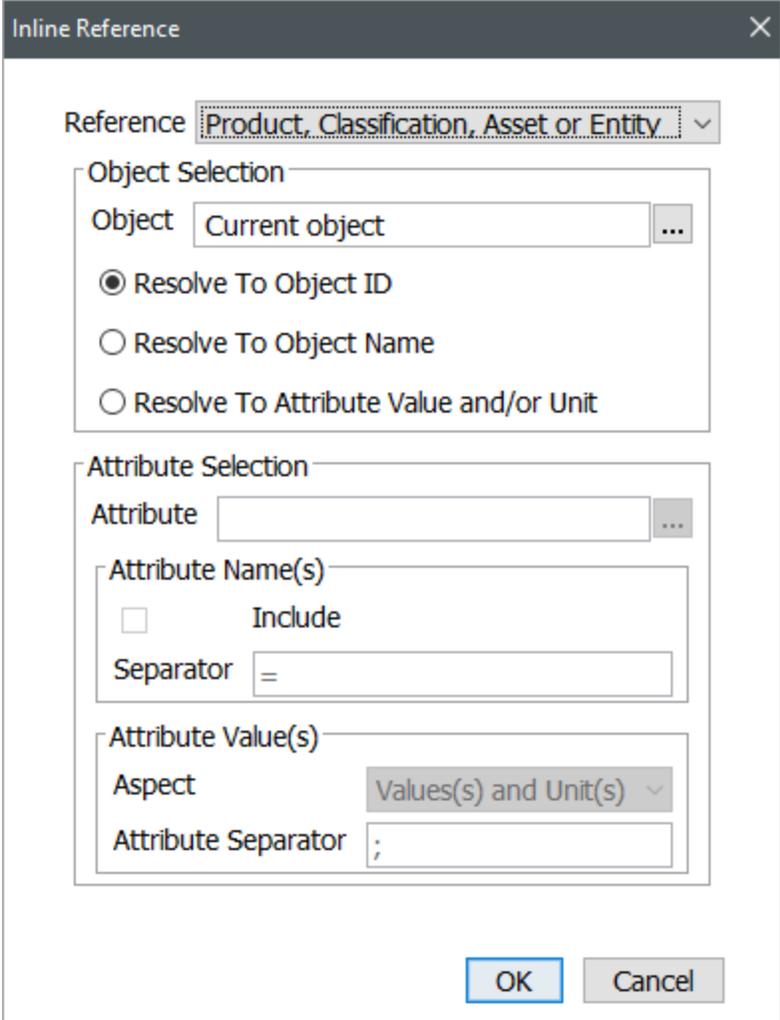


3. For the **From** parameter, the default address specified in the configuration properties file is displayed. If necessary, change the email address. Use the undo and redo buttons (↶ ↷) as needed.
4. For the **Subject** parameter, optionally type the text for the email subject. The server name is prepended to the subject text on the email. No error is returned when the subject is left blank. Use the undo and redo buttons (↶ ↷) as needed.
5. For the **Message** parameter, the following methods are available to add text for the email message. Use the undo and redo buttons (↶ ↷) as needed.
 - **Special characters** can be added using the rich text editor button (🔗).
 - **Inline references** can provide the recipient with information about which change caused the email to be sent. Click the insert inline reference button (📄) to display the Inline Reference dialog.

Note: It is possible to refer to data that may not be relevant for all executions of the business action.

For the **Reference** dropdown, make a selection to update the dialog with the necessary parameters.

For **Product, Classification, Asset or Entity** references, the Object Selection and Attribute Selection groups of parameters are displayed. You can select the current object (the object the business action is executed on) as well as other specific objects.



Inline Reference

Reference: Product, Classification, Asset or Entity

Object Selection

Object: Current object

Resolve To Object ID

Resolve To Object Name

Resolve To Attribute Value and/or Unit

Attribute Selection

Attribute:

Attribute Name(s)

Include

Separator: =

Attribute Value(s)

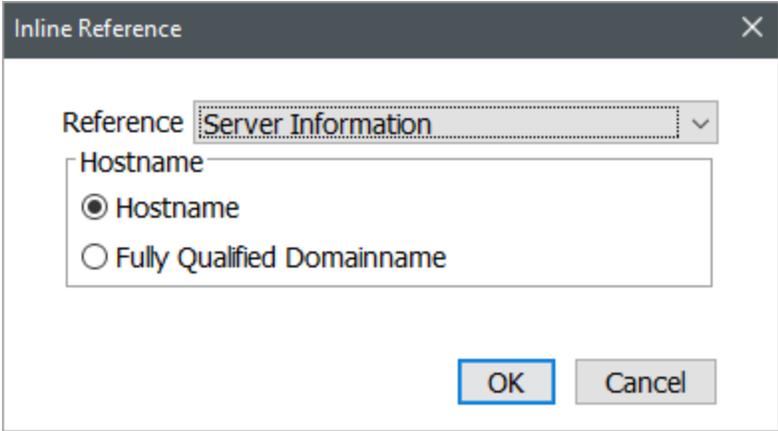
Aspect: Values(s) and Unit(s)

Attribute Separator: ;

OK Cancel

For **Workflow Variable** references, the Workflow Variable and Resolve groups of parameters are displayed. The object the business action is executed on must have been initiated in the specified workflow. Refer to the Workflow Variable section above for details on the parameters.

For **Server Information** references, the Hostname group of parameters are displayed.



6. Click the **Save** button to add the operation to the business rule editor.

Configuration Notes

- If an invalid email address is found during execution, the action fails and results in an error. This can happen when part of an address has been left out by mistake, or if an attribute contains an unexpected value.
- If during execution no recipient is specified or if no valid email address can be found for any of the specified recipients, an error occurs.
- If an inline reference cannot be resolved during execution, an error occurs.

Business Action: Send Republish Event

This operation sends a 'republish' event to an event queue. This allows events to be generated on demand.

For example, events are required for an external system to initially publish an entire hierarchy. This can be achieved by running a business action with this operation on the hierarchy. The generated events are sent to the specified queue.

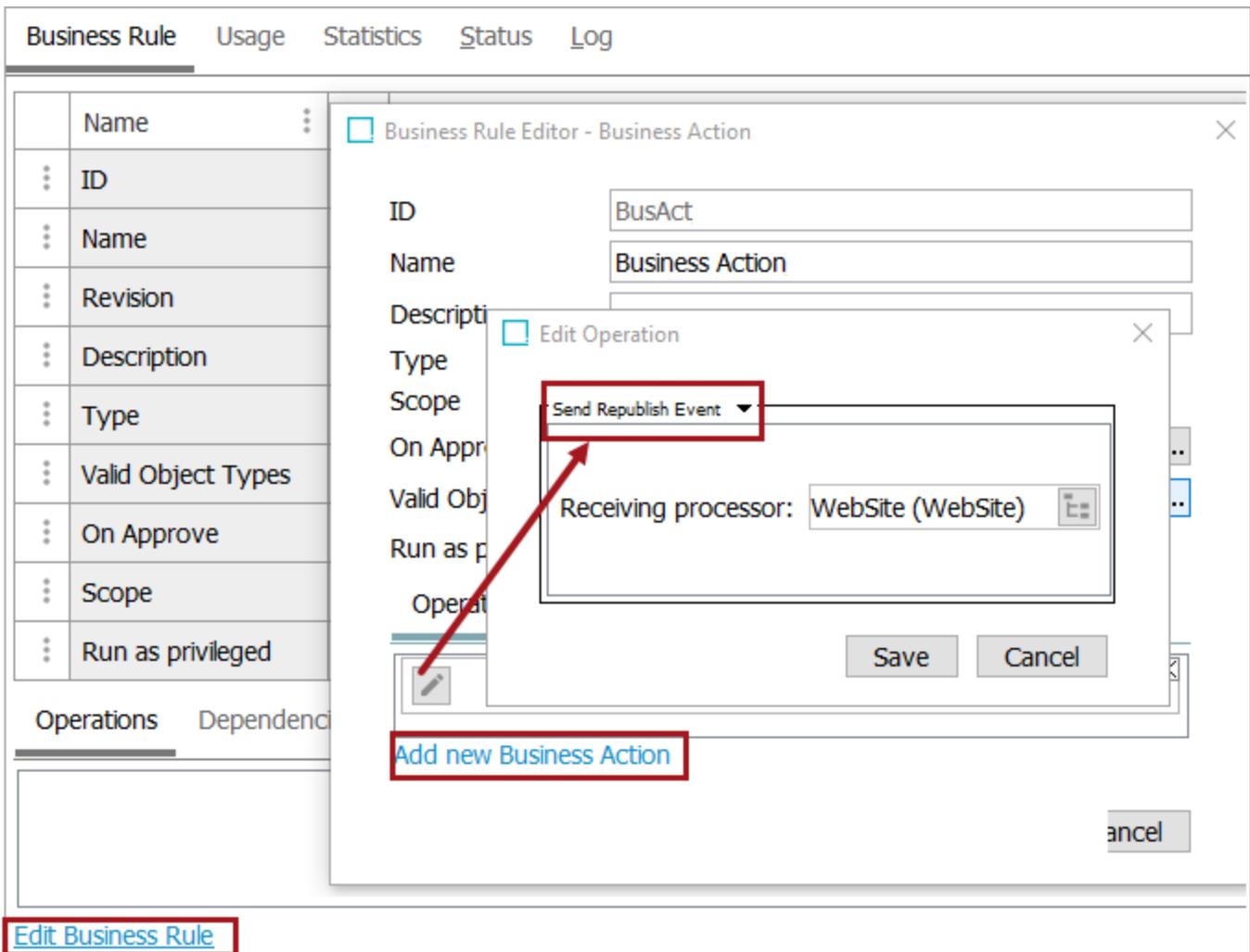
This operation can also be run via a Bulk Update and sample data is provided in the Send Republish Event Operation topic in the Bulk Updates documentation.

Prerequisites

Before using this operation:

1. Ensure the event queue is enabled and set to Read Events as defined in the Maintaining Event Queues topic.
2. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.

Configuration



1. On the Edit Operation dialog, select the **Send Republish Event** option from the dropdown.
2. For the **Receiving Processor** parameter, click the selector button  to display the Select Processor for Events dialog, choose an OIEP or Event Processor that has an event queue, or choose an actual event queue object. Click the **Select** button.

This can be an event processor, outbound integration endpoint with an event queue, or an event queue directly.

3. Click the **Save** button to add the operation to the business rule editor.

Business Action: Set Attribute Value

This operation can set the value of an attribute on the object where the action is being executed to a static value, match another attribute value on the same object, or as a workflow variable value.

For example, a product being published to a downstream system can first be checked to ensure all mandatory attributes are populated. If so, this business action sets the value of the 'Ready for Sale' attribute to 'Yes' indicating that the product can be approved.

This operation is similar to one in Bulk Update, as described in the Attribute Values: Set Value Operation topic in the Bulk Updates documentation.

Prerequisite

Before using this operation:

1. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.

Configuration

The screenshot shows the 'Business Rule Editor - Business Action' dialog box. It contains the following fields:

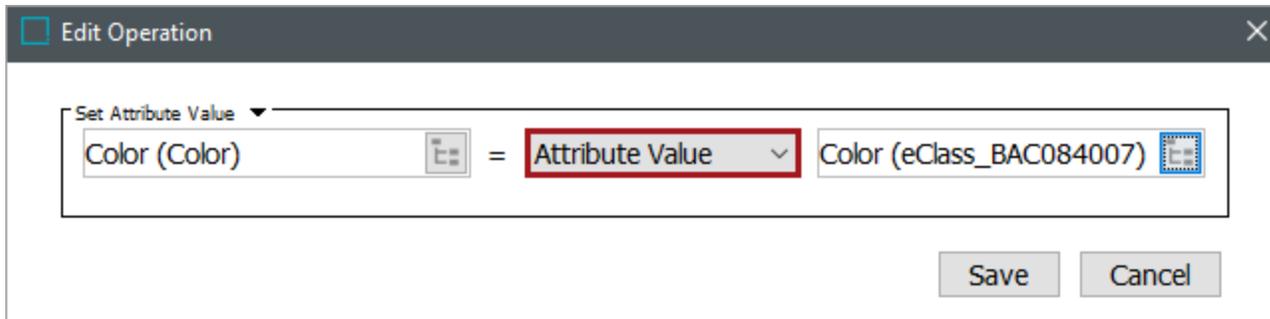
- ID: BusAct
- Name: Business Action
- Description: (empty)
- Type: Action
- Scope: Edit Operation
- On Approval: (empty)
- Valid On: (empty)
- Run as: (empty)
- Operations: (empty)

The 'Edit Operation' dialog box is open, showing a dropdown menu with 'Set Attribute Value' selected. Below the dropdown is an equals sign followed by a dropdown menu with 'Attribute Value' selected. There are also two selector buttons (⌵) on either side of the equals sign.

In the main editor, the 'Add new Business Action' button is highlighted with a red box. A red arrow points from this button to the 'Edit Operation' dialog. At the bottom left of the main editor, the 'Edit Business Rule' button is also highlighted with a red box.

1. On the Edit Operation dialog, select the **Set Attribute Value** option from the dropdown.
2. Select the *target* attribute by typing into the field on the left to use the auto-complete search functionality, or click the selector button (⌵) to display the Select Attribute dialog. Use search or browse to select the attribute, then click the **Select** button. The value on this attribute will be changed to be equal to the attribute value that exists in the source.
3. In the center dropdown parameter, make a selection to display additional required parameters.
 - When **Attribute Value** is selected, the select source attribute parameter is displayed. The attribute must be externally maintained and a description attribute.

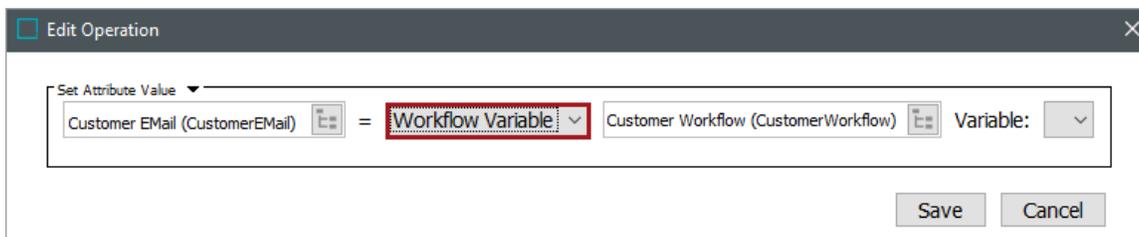
Select the *source* attribute by typing into the field on the right to use the auto-complete search functionality, or click the selector button  to display the Select Attribute dialog. Use search or browse to select the attribute, then click the **Select** button.



- When **Workflow Variable** is selected, the select source workflow and select source variable parameters are displayed. For more information on workflow variables, refer to the Workflow Variables topic in the Workflows documentation.

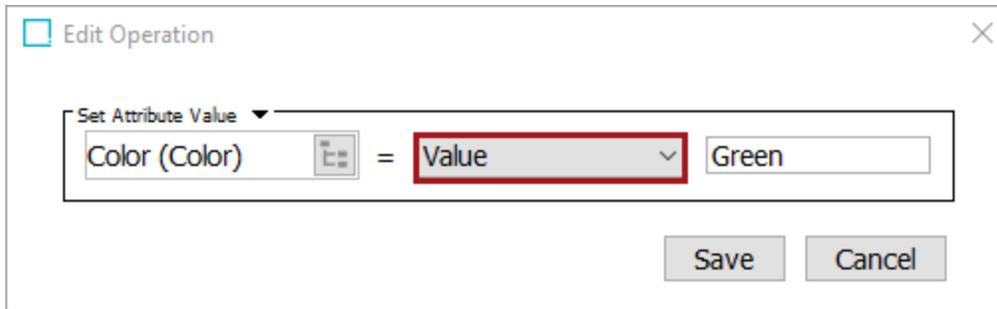
Select the *source* workflow by typing into the field on the right to use the auto-complete search functionality, or click the selector button  to display the Select Workflow dialog. Use search or browse to select the workflow, then click the **Select** button.

Use the Variable dropdown to select the variable that holds the value used to update the target attribute value.



- When **Value** is selected, a source value text box is displayed.

Set the *source* value by typing into the field on the right. This text will be used to update the target value.



□ Edit Operation

Set Attribute Value ▼

Color (Color) = Value

Green

Save Cancel

4. Click the **Save** button to add the operation to the business rule editor.

Business Action: Set Name

This operation can set the name of the current object to a constant value or to the result of a STEP function.

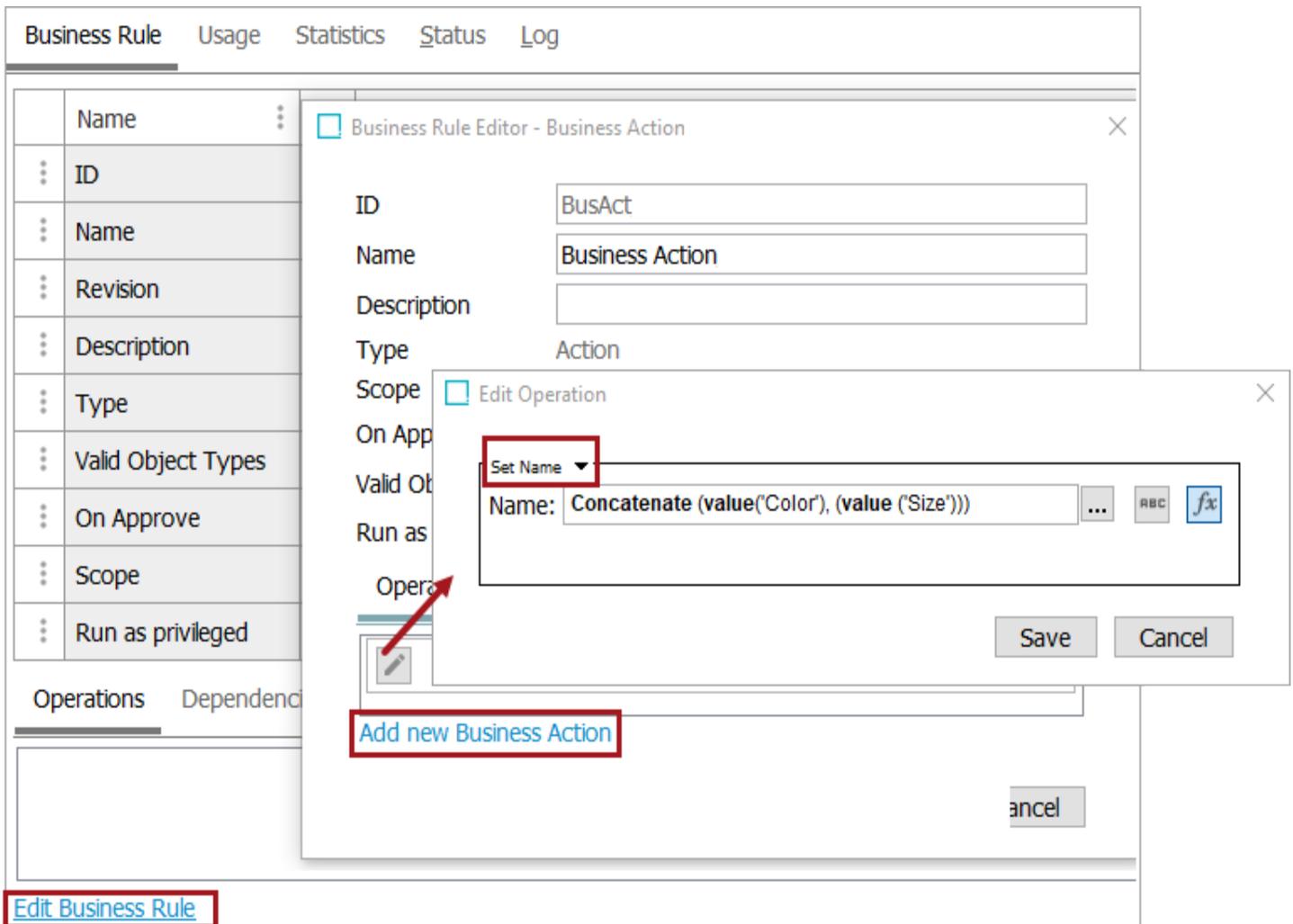
For example, when the color and size attribute values are concatenated to make the name of the object, use this action and a STEP function to generate that name.

This operation can also be run via a Bulk Update, as described in the Set Name Operation topic in the Bulk Updates documentation.

Prerequisite

Before using this operation, create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.

Configuration



1. On the Edit Operation dialog, select the **Set Name** option from the dropdown.
2. In the **Name** parameter, use one of these methods to set the relevant name.
 - For manual selection, click the 'abc' button () , type in a constant value that will be used to update the name.
 - For function selection, click the 'fx' button () , then click the ellipsis button () to display the Function Editor dialog. Write a function to set a name and click the **Select** button. For more information, refer to the Using Function Editor topic in the Resource Materials online help documentation.
3. Click the **Save** button to add the operation to the business rule editor.

Business Action: Set Object Type

This operation can change the object type of the current object based on a selection or the result of a STEP function.

For example, when a group of objects should be updated to a different object type, use this operation to choose the new object type and run it via a business rule.

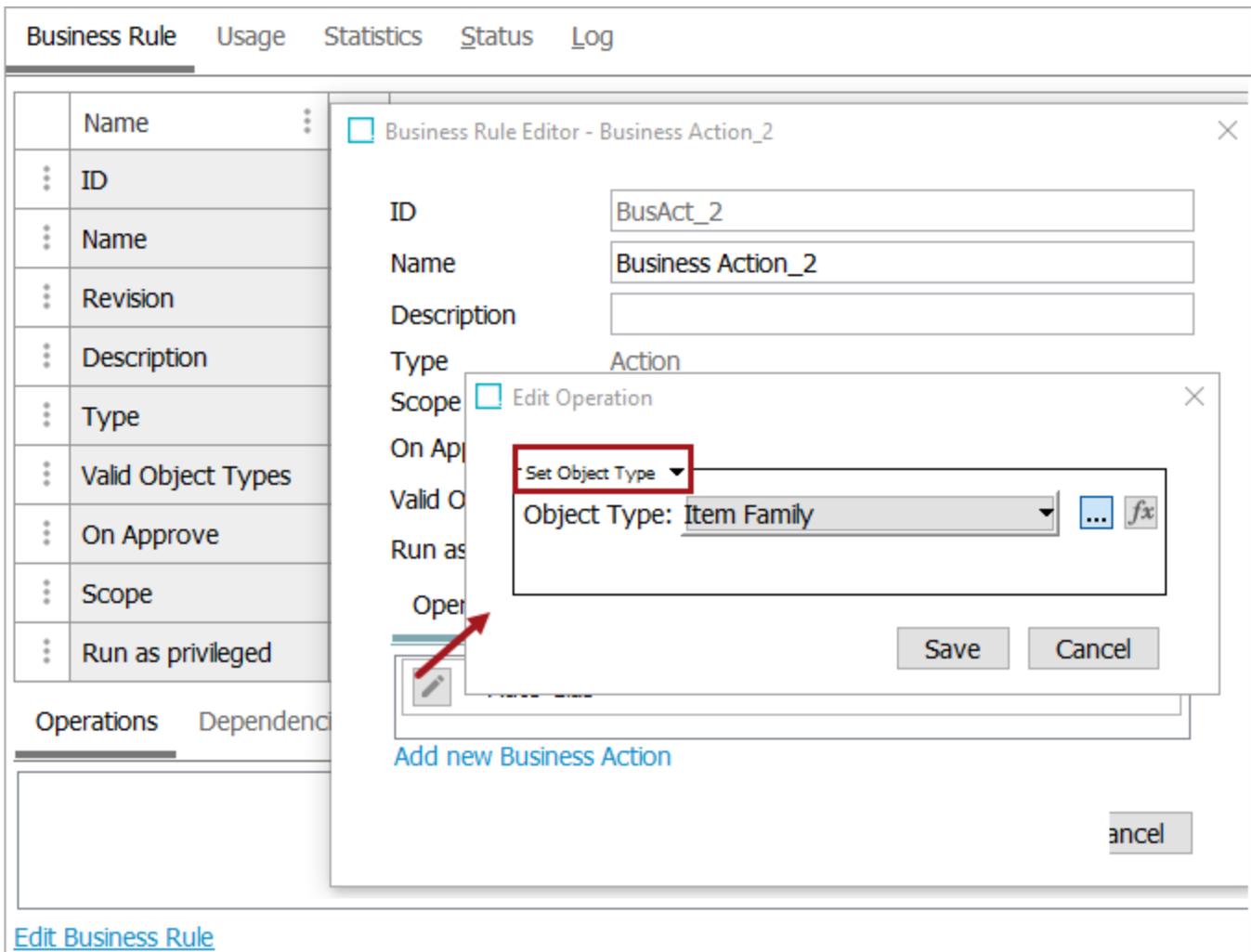
This operation can also be run via a Bulk Update, as described in the Set Object Type Operation topic in the Bulk Updates documentation.

Prerequisites

Before using this operation:

1. Ensure the objects being modified are valid for the new object type.
2. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.

Configuration



1. On the Edit Operation dialog, select the **Set Object Type** option from the dropdown.
2. In the **Object Type** parameter, use one of these methods to set the relevant object type.
 - For manual selection, click the dropdown to display the available object types in your system. Choose an item from the dropdown.

When available, you can choose the **Other...** option to display the Choose Object Type dialog. Then use the Browse or Search tabs to select an object type and click the **Select** button.

- For function selection, click the 'fx' button () , then click the ellipsis button () to display the Function Editor dialog and write a calculation to select an object type. Click the **OK** button to save the function. For more information, refer to the Using Function Editor topic in the Resource Materials online help documentation.

3. Click the **Save** button to add the operation to the business rule editor.

Business Action: Set Product to Classification Link Type

This operation can change product-to-classification link types for products that are linked into a given classification, and can assign a new object type and classification link type to the current product. Because a classification object type cannot be the target of more than one product-to-classification link type, the operation changes both the classification object type, and the link type.

For example, while importing products, select a business rule with this action to automatically link the products to a specific classification. In workflows, when a product enters a particular state, a business rule can link the product to a specific classification reference type. In bulk updates, the same business rule could be run on a collection of products that require the link type.

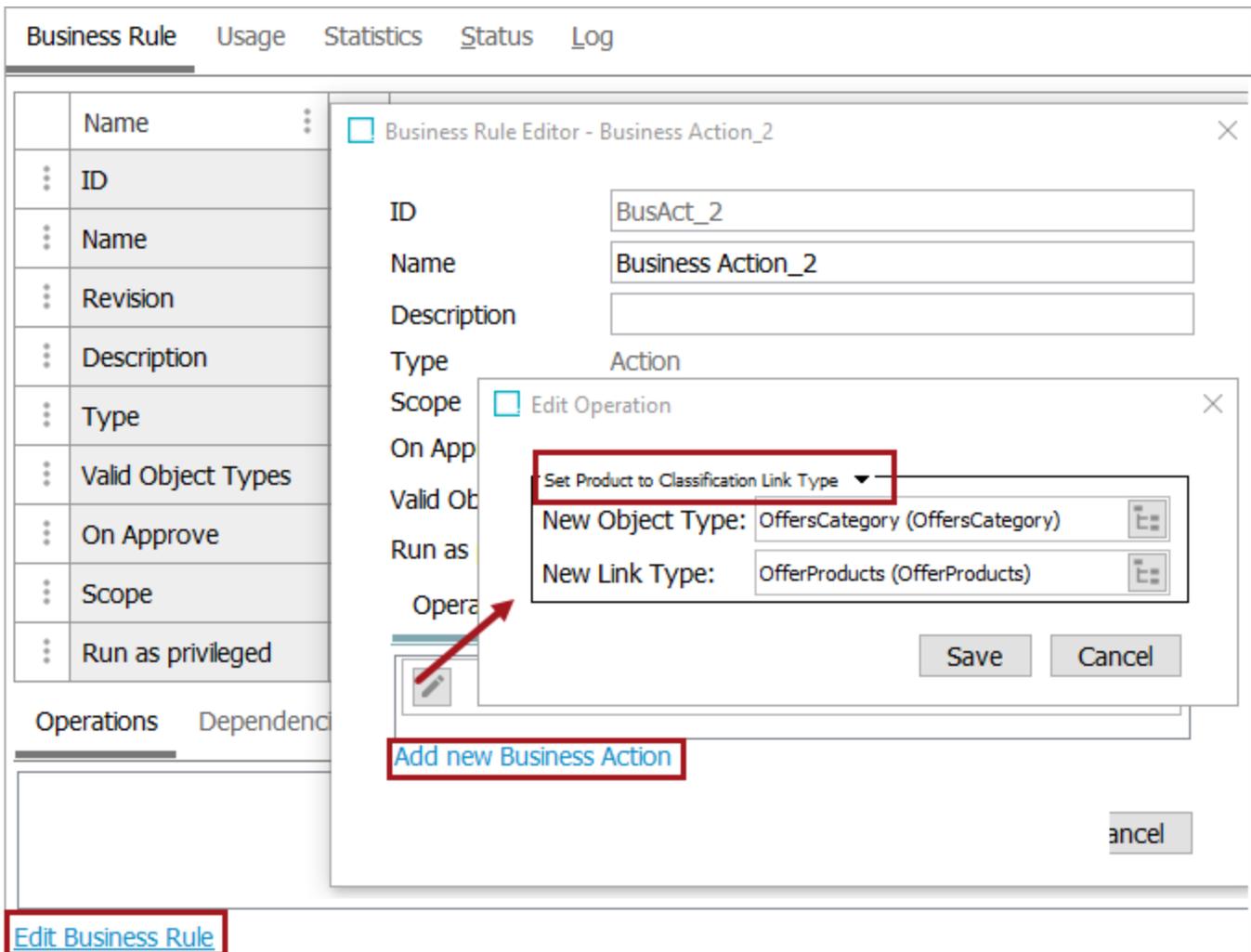
This operation can also be run via a Bulk Update and sample data is provided in the References and Links: Set Product to Classification Link Type Operation topic in the Bulk Updates documentation.

Prerequisites

Before using this operation:

1. Ensure a valid Classification Link Type and the Target Classification Object Type exists. For more information, refer to the Reference and Link Types topic in the System Setup documentation.
2. Ensure a valid classification object type should be linked to the same parent classification of the object type being changed to.
3. Classification Link Type should have the object type valid.
4. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.

Configuration



1. On the Edit Operation dialog, from the dropdown select the References and Links group, then select the **Set Product to Classification Link Type** option.
2. In the **New Object Type** parameter, click the selector button (🔍) to display the Select Object Type dialog, select the classification, and click the **Select** button.
3. In the **New Link Type** parameter, click the selector button (🔍) to display the Select Product to Classification Link Type dialog, select the link type, and click the **Select** button. The target must comply with the selected type. If the link type does not match the object type selected, an error message displays.
4. Click the **Save** button to add the operation to the business rule editor.

Business Action: Set Workflow Variable

This operation can copy a static value, an attribute value, or a workflow variable value, to a workflow variable value.

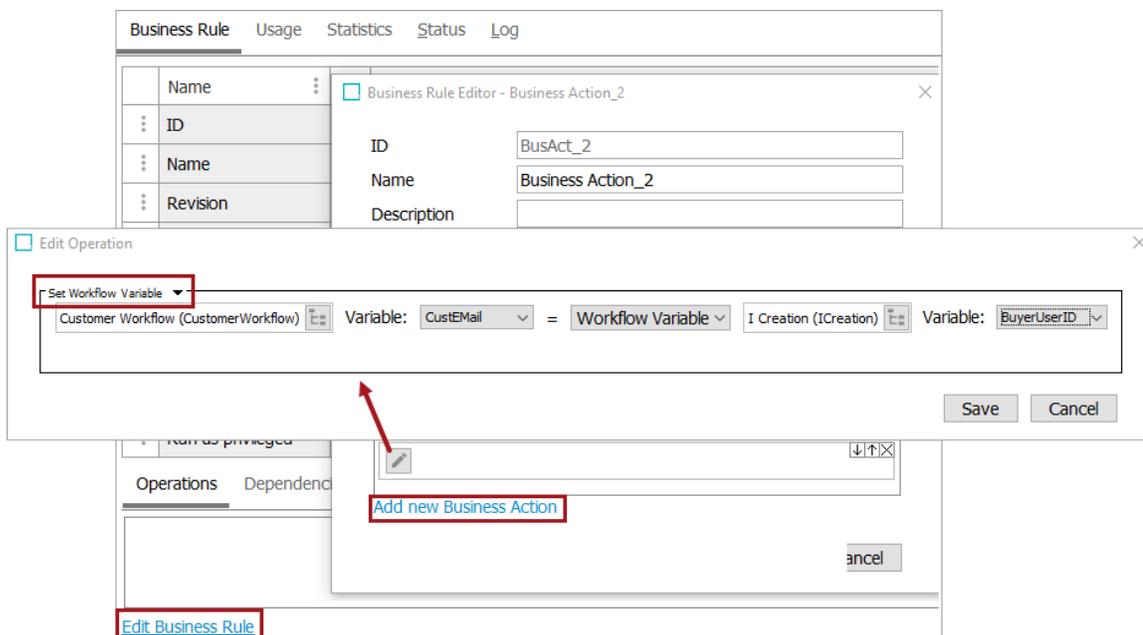
For example, a group of five users have access to a workflow, and can submit a product from the Edit state to the Review state. There requirement is to identify which of these users submitted a particular product. This action is added to a business rule to save the details to an attribute. The business action is set on the desired state in the State Editor on the 'On Exit' tab.

Prerequisites

Before using this operation:

1. Ensure at least one variable exists on the workflow. For more information on workflow variables, refer to the Workflow Variables topic in the Workflows documentation.
2. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.

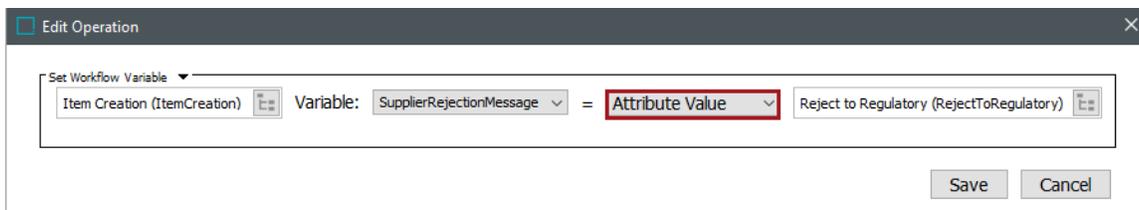
Configuration



The screenshot displays the configuration of a business action within the STIBO Systems interface. The main window is the 'Business Rule Editor - Business Action_2', which shows a table with columns for Name, ID, Name, and Revision. The ID is 'BusAct_2', and the Name is 'Business Action_2'. Overlaid on this is the 'Edit Operation' dialog box. In this dialog, the 'Set Workflow Variable' dropdown menu is highlighted with a red box. Below it, the configuration is shown as: 'Customer Workflow (CustomerWorkflow)' followed by 'Variable: CustEMail', an equals sign, 'Workflow Variable', 'I Creation (ICreation)', and 'Variable: BuyerUserID'. A red arrow points from the 'Set Workflow Variable' dropdown to the 'Add new Business Action' button, which is also highlighted with a red box. At the bottom left of the main window, the 'Edit Business Rule' button is highlighted with a red box. The 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons are visible at the bottom right of the 'Edit Operation' dialog.

1. On the Edit Operation dialog, select the **Set Workflow Variable** option from the dropdown.
2. Select the *target* workflow by typing into the field on the left to use the auto-complete search functionality, or click the selector button (🔍) to display the Select Workflow dialog. Use search or browse to select the workflow, then click the **Select** button. The selected workflow must have variables.
3. Select the *target* workflow variable from the Variable dropdown. The selected variable for this workflow will be changed to be equal to the value that exists in the source.
4. In the center dropdown parameter, make a selection to display additional required parameters.
 - When **Attribute Value** is selected, the source attribute parameter is displayed. The attribute must be externally maintained and a description attribute. Use this option when an attribute has a different value in different states of the workflow. This allows you to store the values inside the workflow for access when the workflow reaches the final state.

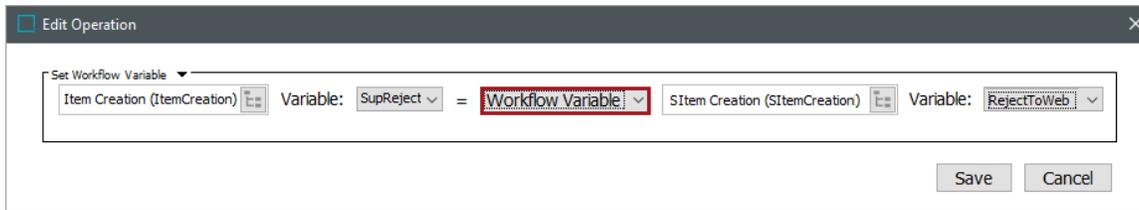
Select the *source* attribute by typing into the field on the right to use the auto-complete search functionality, or click the selector button (🔍) to display the Select Attribute dialog. Use search or browse to select the attribute, then click the **Select** button.



- When **Workflow Variable** is selected, the source select workflow and source select variable parameters are displayed. Use this option when two workflows are dependent on each other, and one workflow needs values which are stored inside the other workflow.

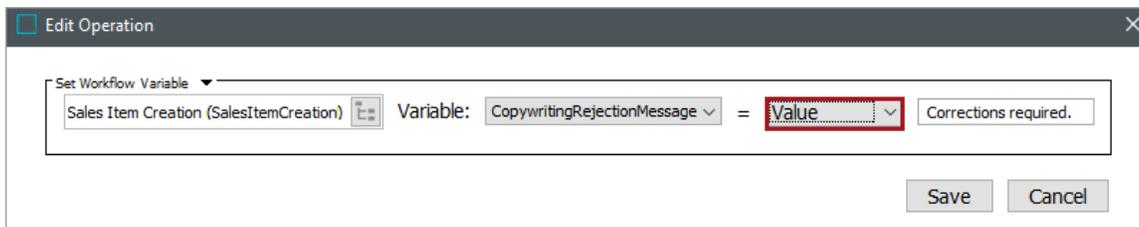
Select the *source* workflow by typing into the field on the right to use the auto-complete search functionality, or click the selector button (🔍) to display the Select Workflow dialog. Use search or browse to select the workflow, then click the **Select** button.

Use the Variable dropdown to select the variable that holds the value used to update the target attribute value.



- When **Value** is selected, a source value text box is displayed. Use this option to store values which can only be used inside the workflow.

Set the *source* value by typing into the field on the right. This text will be used to update the target value.



5. Click the **Save** button to add the operation to the business rule editor.

Business Action: Standardize Address

This operation allows for different standardization actions to be taken on addresses by using the Loqate solution. If applicable, CASS (Coding Accuracy Support System) operations can also be performed to apply a stricter level of address validation to US-based addresses.

Standardize Address business action operations are valid for execution on entities with flat attributes, e.g., Address object types and address Data Containers (Data Containers with address attributes).

An example scenario where a standardize address business action would be used is in an event processor that is configured to listen for changes in address input attributes on specified entities and/or data containers. The processor will be configured to use the 'Business Action Event Processor' processor. When the event processor is invoked, the Standardize Address business action will execute and perform an address standardization operation on the objects where the changes were detected.

This operation can also be run via a Bulk Update, as described in the Data Quality: Standardize Address Operation topic in the Bulk Updates documentation.

Prerequisites

Before a Standardize Address operation can be used, the following conditions must be met:

- Users must be connected to a Loqate server, either through a cloud API or local API.
- The Address Component Model must already be configured. It is strongly recommended to configure this component model using the 'Easy setup of Address Component Model' wizard. For more information, refer to the Address Component Model section of the Data Integration documentation.
- To view and use the CASS features, users must:
 - Purchase a CASS license
 - Be connected to Loqate through a *local* API (CASS components will not work with a Loqate Cloud API)
 - Be based in the US, as CASS is not valid outside of the US
 - Configure the CASS Address Component Model. For more information, refer to the CASS Address Component Model topic in the Data Integration documentation.
- Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.

Configuration

The screenshot displays the configuration interface for a business rule. At the top, there are tabs for 'Business Rule', 'Usage', 'Statistics', 'Status', and 'Log'. Below these is a table with columns for 'Name', 'ID', and 'Name'. A 'Business Rule Editor - Business Action_2' dialog box is open, showing fields for 'ID' (BusAct_2) and 'Name' (Business Action_2). An 'Edit Operation' dialog box is also open, featuring a 'Standardize Address' dropdown menu, an 'Address Standardization Mode' field, and a 'Renew address validations older than (if left empty, this option is ignored)' field set to '160 Days'. A red arrow points from the 'Add new Business Action' button in the 'Operations' section to the 'Standardize Address' dropdown. The 'Edit Business Rule' button is also highlighted with a red box.

This documentation topic describes the options available when configuring a Data Quality > Standardize Address business action. For more detailed information on the overall Loqate and CASS solutions, refer to the Loqate Integration section of the Data Integration documentation.

Address Standardization Modes

Three options are available from the Address Standardization Mode dropdown list.

Standardize Address ▾

Address Standardization Mode

Renew address validations older than (if left empty, this option is ignored)

Turn on CASS validation for US addresses

Overwrite Existing Standardized Address ▾

Overwrite Existing Standardized Address

Generate Hash Value Only

Disable Address Standardization

- **Overwrite Existing Standardized Address:** Overwrites an existing standardized address by making a call to Loqate, which returns the latest standardized address and overwrites the existing one.
- **Generate Hash Value Only:** When this option is chosen, the business action will recalculate the 'Validation Hash' value without making a call to Loqate. The hash value is based on the address input fields only and is calculated and maintained by STEP.

This option is used in cases when pre-standardized addresses, which are known to be correct, are imported. Because the addresses are new, no hash value is present. When the 'Generate Hash Value only' action is run, STEP generates a hash value and places it into the 'Validation Hash' field. The hash value lets STEP know that the addresses are new, ensuring that they are not picked up and restandardized by STEP shortly after they are imported. For users of the Loqate Cloud API solution, this saves money by avoiding unnecessary calls to Loqate, since users are charged a fee for every call made to Loqate.

Tree

- Customer Hierarchy
 - Customer A
 - Axel Kiers Vej 11**
 - Jesper Jensen
 - Customer B
 - Customer C
 - Customer D

Axel Kiers Vej 11

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Address Data Containers References Referen

Street	ABC	Axel Kiers Vej
Validation Hash	ABC	-16 18871087
Zip	12a	8270

- **Disable Address Standardization:** This option is primarily useful for users who import addresses in bulk, either manually or by using an inbound integration. If a business rule is in place that runs a Standardize Address bulk update on import, then selecting 'Disable Address Standardization' is a simple way to temporarily turn off automatic address validation on import. This allows users to validate the addresses later.

Renew Address Validations

The checkbox option **Renew address validations older than** allows for addresses older than a designated number of days to be revalidated. This is useful in case an address was validated an extended period of time ago and the address may no longer be valid. The default number of days is 160. The field is disabled by entering the value '0.'

Standardize Address ▾

Address Standardization Mode Overwrite Existing Standardized Address ▾

Renew address validations older than (if left empty, this option is ignored) Days

STEP determines the age of an address by the value present in the 'Validation Time' field.

Tree

- Customer Hierarchy
 - Customer A
 - Customer B
 - 3550 George Busbee Pkwy
 - John Smith
 - Customer C
 - Customer D

3550 George Busbee Pkwy

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Address	Data Containers	References	Referenced By
Street	RBC		
Validation Time	RBC	2024-06-09 09:41:15	
Zip	12a	30144	

Important: For users of the Loqate Cloud installation, care should be exercised when using this functionality. Since all addresses older than the specified time period will be revalidated, each additional validation will make a chargeable call to Loqate.

Re-Validating an Address

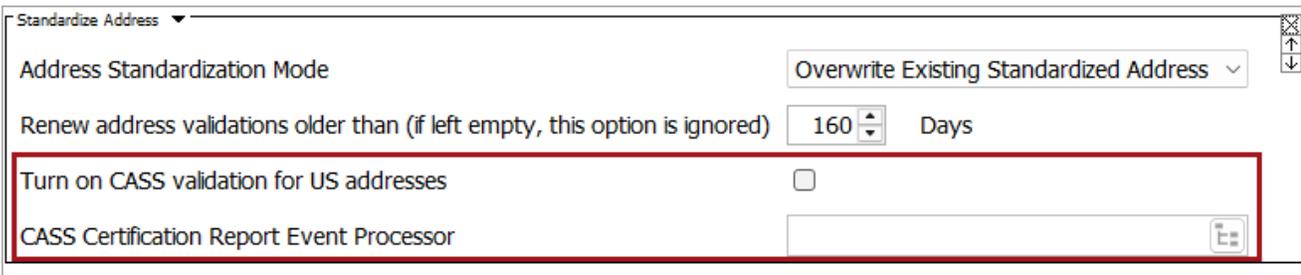
In cases where the Standardize Address business action encounters an address that has previously been validated, the Standardize Address business action will only make an actual request to Loqate if one or more of the following occurs:

- The address has been changed since it was last validated. The system determines if the address has been validated based on the value of the Validation Hash attribute.
- The last address validation failed. The system determines if address validation failed based on the value of the Validation Integration Status attribute.
- The 'Renew Address Validations' has been configured, and the address validation is older than the time period configured. The system determines if the date has elapsed based on the value of the Validation Time attribute.

This method improves performance of the Standardize Address business action as it lessens the number of calls that are made, thus reducing costs in cases where Loqate Cloud is used. For more information on these scenarios, refer to the Address Component Model topic in the Data Integration documentation.

CASS Validation

Two CASS address validation options are available on the Standardize Address dialog.



- **Turn on CASS validation for US addresses:** If checked, all addresses are sent for standardization to the Loqate Local server integration and also validated against CASS data.
- **CASS Certification Report Event Processor:** If you would also like a CASS certification report generated after using CASS validation on an address, click the selector button () and select the relevant CASS certification report event processor from the 'Select Event Processor' dialog. For more information, refer to the CASS Certification Report Processing Plugin Parameters and Triggers section of the System Setup documentation.

Business Action: Trigger STEP Workflow Event

This operation can trigger the creation of a specified workflow event on a node when the business action is executed.

For example, when a user completes a task and needs to move the object from one state to another outside of the workflow, running a business rule with this action can generate the event.

For more information, refer to the Business Rules and Workflows topic in the Workflows documentation.

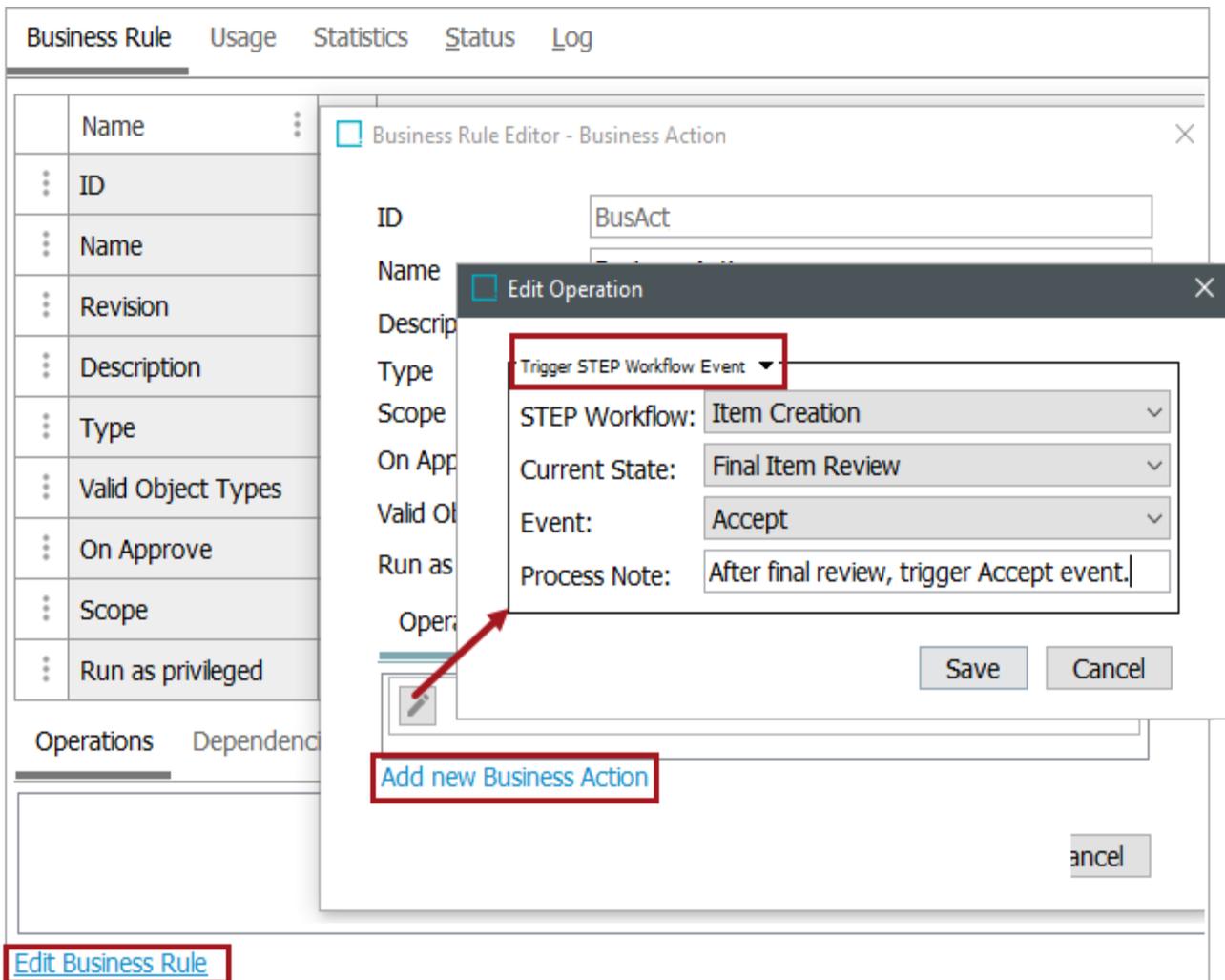
This operation can also be run via a Bulk Update, as described in the Workflow: Trigger STEP Workflow Event Operation topic in the Bulk Updates documentation.

Prerequisites

Before using this operation:

1. Ensure the workflow exists including states and events.
2. Ensure the node is present in the state defined in the action.
3. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.

Configuration

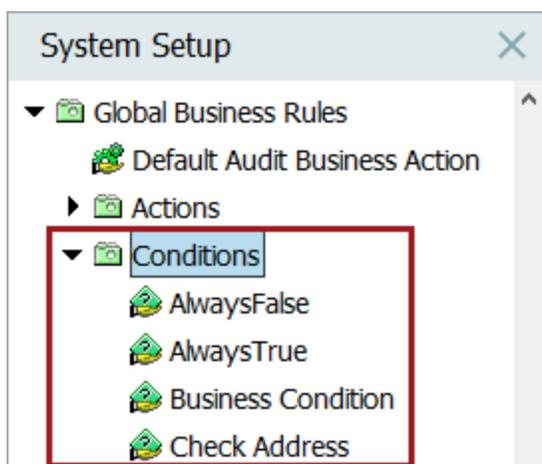


1. On the Edit Operation dialog, from the dropdown select the Workflow group and then the **Trigger STEP Workflow Event** option.
2. In the **STEP Workflow** parameter, from the dropdown select the relevant workflow.
3. In the **Current State** parameter, from the dropdown select the state that the workflow object must be in when the action is applied.
4. In the **Event** parameter, from the dropdown select the event that the action triggers.
5. In the **Process Note** parameter, enter a comment to be written in the state log when the event is triggered.
6. Click the **Save** button to add the operation to the business rule editor.

Business Conditions

While complex business conditions can be created using either STEP Functions or JavaScript, simple conditions can be implemented using the operations in the table below. Each is described in further detail in individual sections.

To access the available business condition operations, under the System Setup tab, open the Global Business Rules node, select or create a business condition and open the Business Condition flipper. Your system can also include a 'Setup Group' root node that includes all Business Rules.



Before deciding to use a business condition, review the **Alternate Options** section below to determine if the rule could be enforced using standard configuration.



Important: Business conditions are optimized for determining the true / false result of read-only scenarios. Although it is technically possible to write business conditions to change data, doing so can result in unpredictable errors and should therefore not be attempted. To change data effectively, use a business action. For more information on business actions, refer to Business Actions. To generate an output on not changing input parameters, use business functions. For more information on business functions, refer to Business Functions.

Condition	Description
Attribute Value	Compares the value of one attribute on the object being tested by the business rule

Condition	Description
Comparison	<p>with either a constant or the value of another attribute on the same object.</p> <p>For more information, refer to Business Condition: Attribute Value Comparison.</p>
Evaluate JavaScript	<p>Runs defined JavaScript code added on the business condition using the same bindings that are available for the business action 'Execute JavaScript', as defined in Business Condition: Evaluate JavaScript.</p> <div data-bbox="375 615 1528 743" style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px;"> <p> Important: Although the same binds are available, changing data via an Evaluate JavaScript business condition is not supported.</p> </div>
Function	<p>Makes it possible to use functions to define business conditions.</p> <p>For more information, refer to Business Condition: Function.</p>
LOV Cross-Validation	<p>Specifies that the value of one List of Value (LOV) attribute limits which values are valid for another LOV attribute.</p> <p>For more information, refer to Business Condition: LOV Cross-Validation.</p>
OR Condition	<p>Returns true if one or more of the referenced business conditions returns true.</p> <p>For more information, refer to the Business Condition: OR Condition.</p>
Reference other Business Condition	<p>Allows the current business condition to reference other business conditions.</p> <p>For more information, refer to Business Condition: Reference Other Business Condition.</p>
Valid Hierarchies	<p>Specifies sub-hierarchies where the condition is true.</p> <p>For more information, refer to Business Condition: Valid Hierarchies.</p>
Validate Product Variant	<p>Validates product variants for duplicates. This condition uses the configuration created when setting up Product Variant Families, so there is no additional configuration.</p> <p>For more information, refer to Business Condition: Validate Product Variant.</p>

To add a business condition, refer to Specifying a Business Condition.

Alternate Options

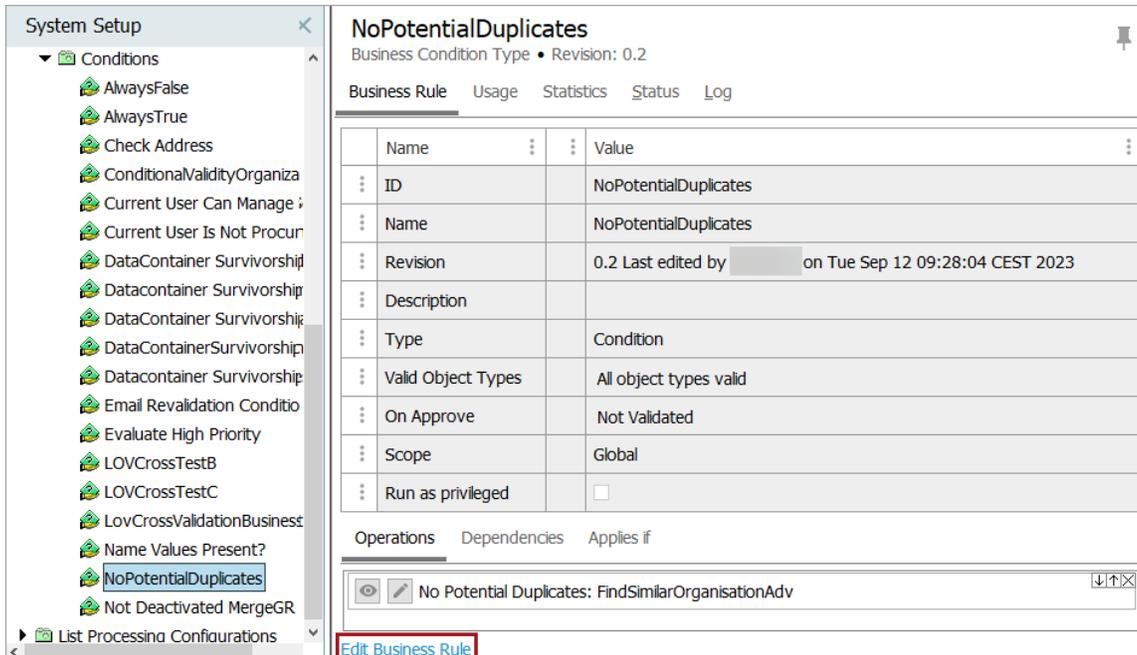
When considering the use of a business condition, it is good practice to evaluate if the same result can be reached with a more efficient function. The following examples illustrate some of these scenarios.

- **Required value on approval:** To determine if an attribute has a value before approval, use the 'mandatory' parameter on the attribute itself, as described in the Mandatory Attributes topic of the System Setup documentation.
- **Required value on import:** When mapping on an IIEP or Import Manager, the Mandatory checkbox on each of the mappable elements allows the importer to reject the objects when values are missing, as described in the **Mapping Options** section of the Inbound Map Data - Map topic of the Data Exchange documentation.
- **Restrict value input:** The Attribute Validation Base types can be used to globally enforce value lengths, minimum and maximum values, data masks, as described in the Validation Rules topic of the System Setup documentation.
- **Restrict object type within a hierarchy:** The Object Types & Structures configuration provides a way to apply restrictions to the hierarchy so only objects of specific types can exist below other objects of specific types, as described in the Object Type Hierarchy topic of the System Setup documentation.
- **Restrict references and links based on object type:** References and Links can be made valid only from objects of specific types to other objects of specific types, as described in the Reference and Link Types topic of the System Setup documentation.

Specifying a Business Condition

Once a business rule exists, use the following steps to add a business condition. For information on creating a new business rule, refer to the [Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library](#) topic.

1. In System Setup, expand the **Business Rules** setup group and select an existing business condition to display the business rule editor.

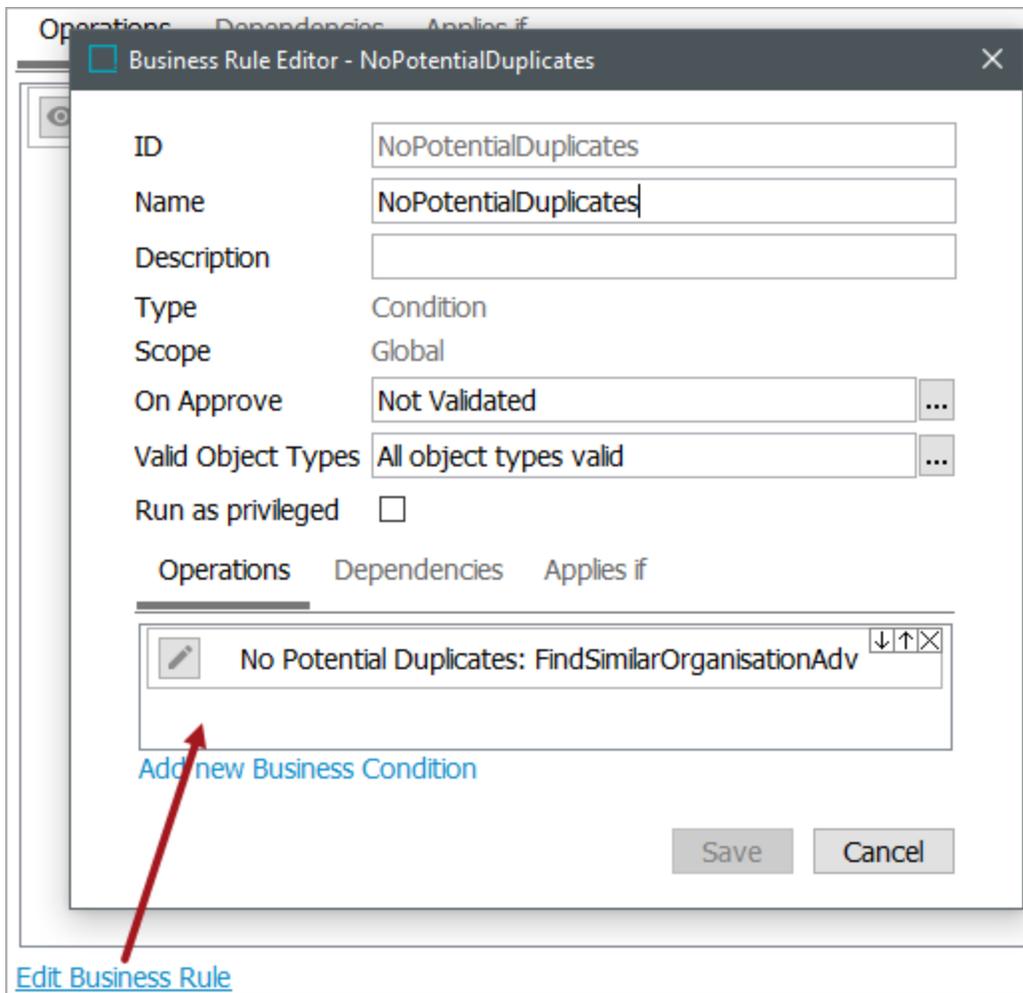


The screenshot displays the 'System Setup' window with the 'Conditions' tree on the left. The 'NoPotentialDuplicates' condition is selected. The main window shows the 'Business Rule' editor for this condition, with the following properties table:

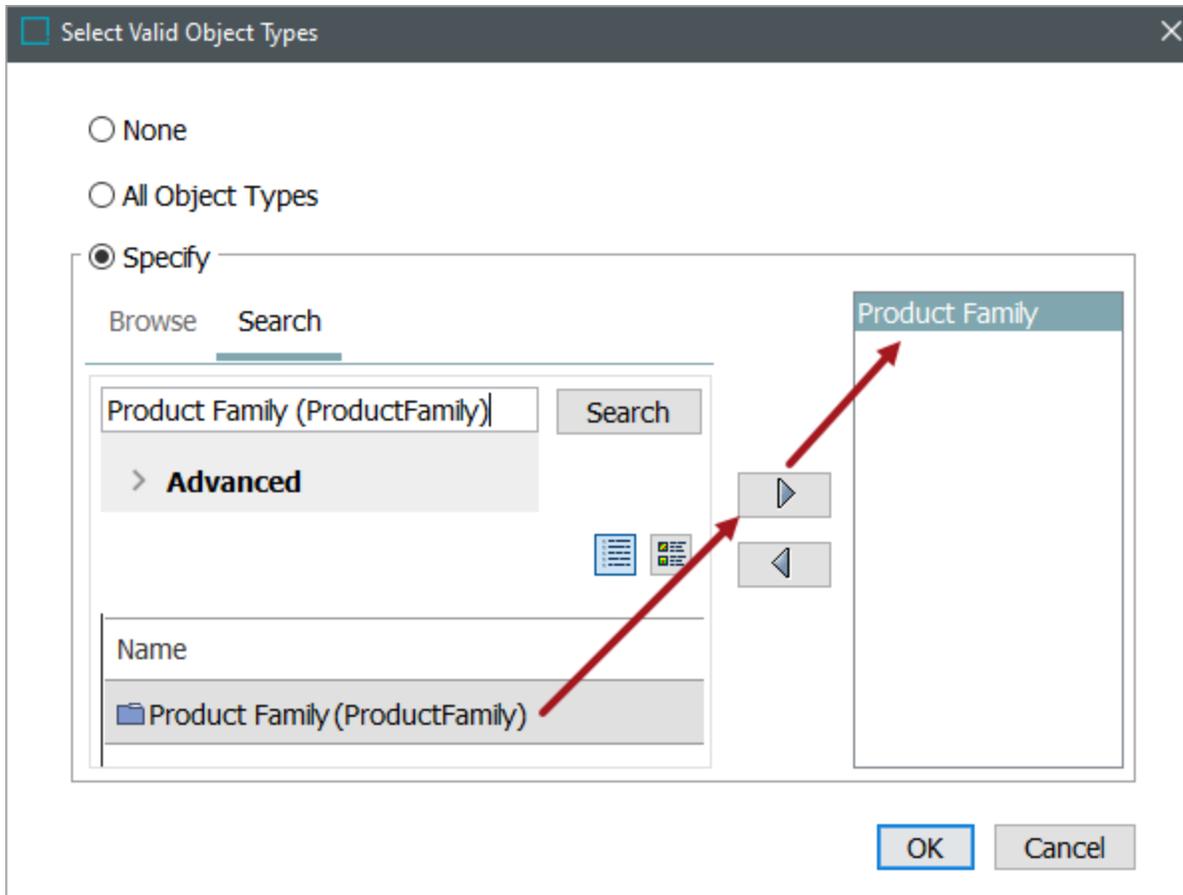
Name	Value
ID	NoPotentialDuplicates
Name	NoPotentialDuplicates
Revision	0.2 Last edited by [redacted] on Tue Sep 12 09:28:04 CEST 2023
Description	
Type	Condition
Valid Object Types	All object types valid
On Approve	Not Validated
Scope	Global
Run as privileged	<input type="checkbox"/>

Below the table, the 'Operations' tab is active, showing the operation: 'No Potential Duplicates: FindSimilarOrganisationAdv'. At the bottom of the editor, there is a red-bordered link labeled 'Edit Business Rule'.

2. On the Business Rule tab, click the **Edit Business Rule** link to open the business rule editor for changes.



3. In the **Valid Object Type** field, click the ellipsis button (...) to display the Select Valid Object Types dialog.
4. Choose a radio button:
 - **None** prevents the business condition from running. This can be used to temporarily disable a condition.
 - **All Object Types** means the business condition will run regardless of the object type. It is not recommended to use this option.
 - **Specify** allows you to limit the object types that will cause the business condition to run. Selecting Specify displays the Browse and Search tabs. Identify the desired object types and use the right arrow button  to move the item to the right panel. Use the left arrow button  to remove an object type from selection.

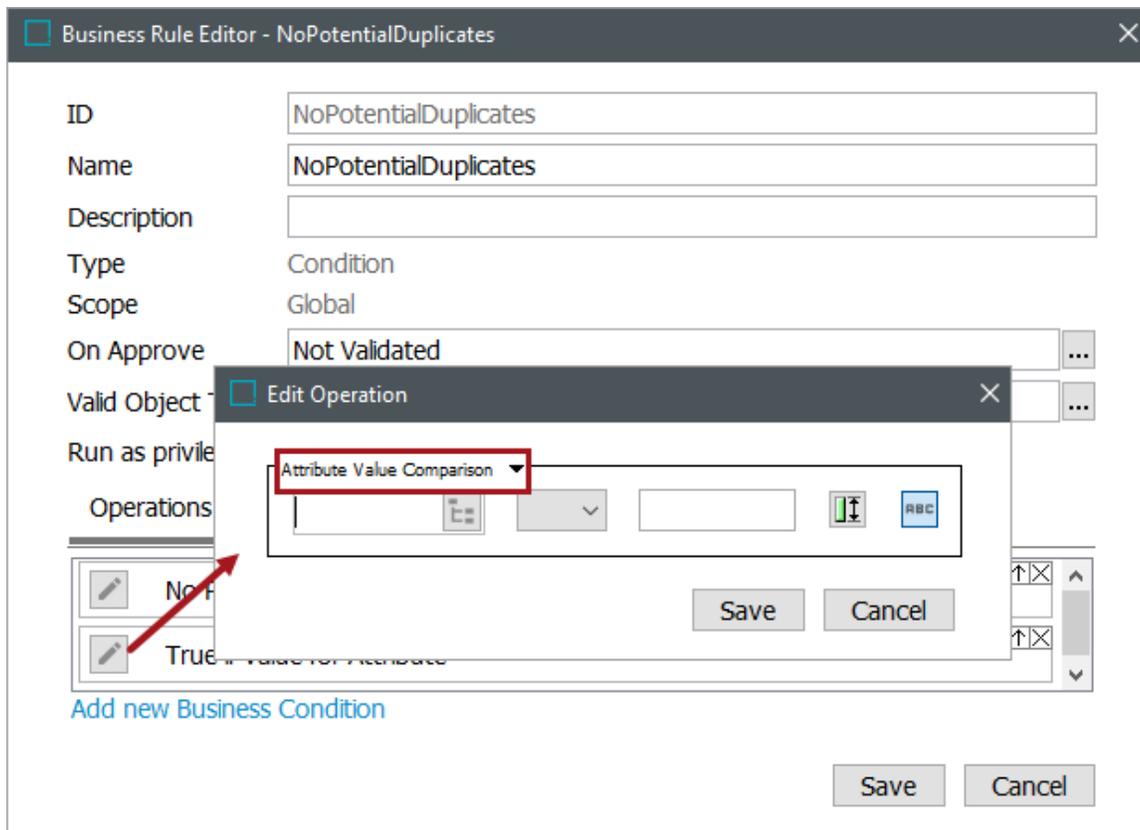


After selecting object types, click the **OK** button to save the changes.

5. In the lower left corner, click the **Add New Business Condition** link to add an additional operation.

The screenshot shows a window titled "Business Rule Editor - NoPotentialDuplicates". It contains several fields for configuration: ID (NoPotentialDuplicates), Name (NoPotentialDuplicates), Description (empty), Type (Condition), Scope (Global), On Approve (Not Validated), Valid Object Types (Product Family), and Run as privileged (unchecked). Below these fields are three tabs: "Operations", "Dependencies", and "Applies if". The "Operations" tab is active, showing a list with one entry: "No Potential Duplicates: FindSimilarOrganisationAdv". A red box highlights a blue link "Add new Business Condition" below the list. At the bottom are "Save" and "Cancel" buttons.

6. Click the **Edit Operation** icon for the newly added business condition. This button is also available from the Business Rule tab.



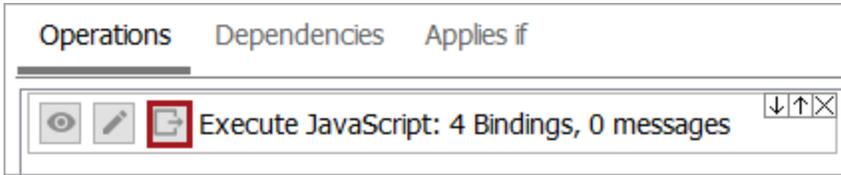
7. In the Edit Operation dialog, use the dropdown list to select the preferred condition. The conditions are described in the Business Conditions topic.
8. Click **Save** to save the changes.
9. Add additional business conditions as needed.

Important: When more than one condition is specified:

- All conditions are carried out when the overall business condition is executed.
- Multiple conditions are evaluated in order using an AND statement. This means that when a condition fails, the remaining conditions are not evaluated, nor are all of the failures reported.

If needed, bind multiple conditions in JavaScript to evaluate all and use the JavaScript `return` function or a Logger bind to record the desired results. Refer to the Business Action, Condition, and Function Binds topic in the Resource Materials online help documentation.

Operations can also be edited externally via the **Edit Externally** button found on the Business Rule tab.



For more information about editing operations externally, refer to the [Editing a Business Rule Externally](#) topic.

Business Condition: Attribute Value Comparison

The 'Attribute Value Comparison' operation allows users to compare an attribute value on a selected object in relation to whatever the business condition is testing, be it a constant value or another attribute value on the same object. Alphanumeric comparison is used in most cases, except for dates (date, 'ISO Date', and 'ISO Date and Time') and numbers.

For example, consider an attribute named 'Active' on products which has value 'Yes' and 'No.' If the value is 'Yes,' then they are active products, and they should be approved. If value is 'No,' then consider the objects as non-active products and do not approve them.

Another example would be classifying products based on the product attribute 'Color.' If the value of the 'Color' attribute is 'Red,' then classify the products into 'Red' classifications. However, if the value of the 'Color' attribute is 'Blue,' then classify the products into 'Blue' classification.

Special Comparisons

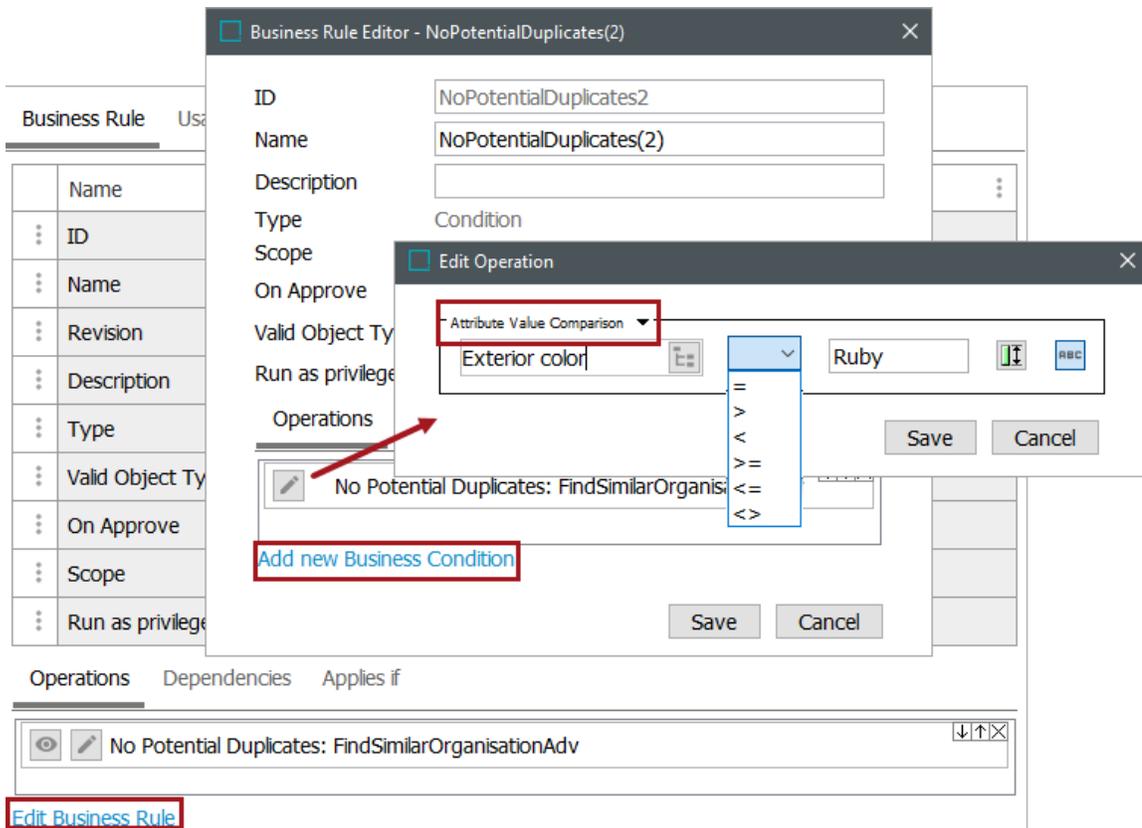
- Numeric comparison is used when both values are number based (fractions, integers, or numbers).
- When numerical values are compared with units, the system attempts to convert the values to base units.
- Multivalued attributes and attributes of the validation base type **Embedded Number** are not supported.

Prerequisites

Before using this business condition:

1. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.
2. Edit the business rule to configure the operation as defined in Editing a Business Rule or Function topic.

Configuration



1. On the Edit Operation dialog, select **Attribute Value Comparison** from the dropdown.
2. Click the selector button () next to the first parameter to display the Attribute 1 dialog. Use Browse or Search and select the attribute to be compared. Click the **Select** button to close the Attribute 1 dialog.
3. In the dropdown parameter, select the condition / operator to be used to compare attributes value. Values can be equal to, greater than, less than, or any of the combinations.
4. Select the type of compare to be performed and the value:
 - Click the constant button () to compare the attribute value with a constant value. Enter a constant value in the text box. 'Ruby' is shown in the image above.
 - Click the attribute button () to compare the attribute value with a different attribute value. Click the selector button () next to the text box to display the Attribute 2 dialog. Use Browse or Search and select the attribute to be compared against. Click the **Select** button to close the Attribute 2 dialog.
5. Click the **Save** button to add the operation to the business rule editor.

Business Condition: Evaluate JavaScript

In addition to the standard business rule operations, more complex functions can be carried out using JavaScript and the Scripting API. This condition enables you to use the same STEP Public Java API methods that are available in the Execute JavaScript business action operation.

Conditions contain tests, and the JavaScript should only evaluate to true or false.

- The Boolean value 'true' must be returned for the condition to evaluate to **true**.
- Any returned value other than the Boolean value 'true' makes the condition evaluate to **false**. A false condition can display a user-facing message by either returning a string or a message object (localized).

Important: Business conditions are optimized for determining the true / false result of read-only scenarios. Although it is technically possible to write business conditions to change data, doing so can result in unpredictable errors and should therefore not be attempted. To change data effectively, use a business action and the Execute JavaScript operation. For more information, refer to the Business Action: Execute JavaScript section of the Business Rules documentation.

Using JavaScript in business rules can include:

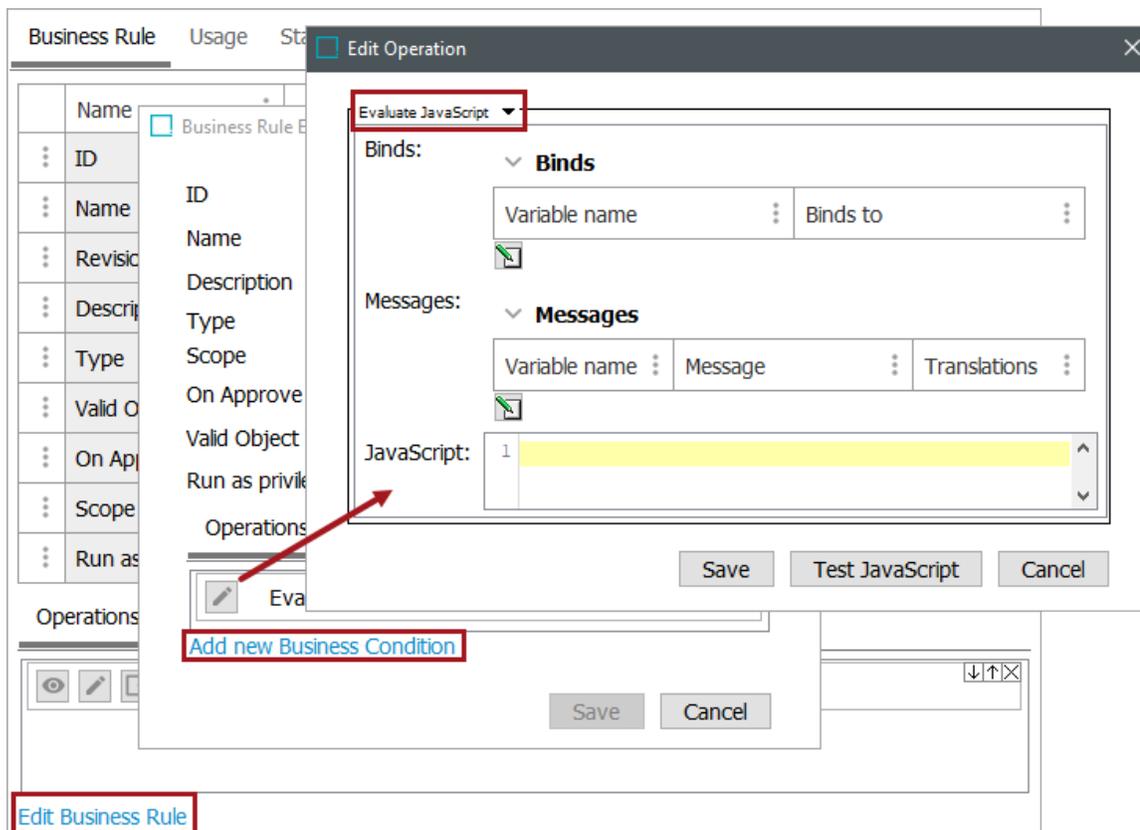
- **Evaluate JavaScript** operation is used for conditions. For more information about business rule conditions, refer to Business Conditions.
- **JavaScript Binds** for both action, condition, and function operations. Binds provide access to the data being worked on. For more information, refer to JavaScript Binds in the Resource Materials online help documentation.
- **Business Libraries** is a set of JavaScript functions that can be reused in multiple business rules. For more information, refer to Business Libraries.
- **Scripting API** documentation is accessed via the Technical Documentation accessible at [system]/sdk or from the Resources section of the system's Start Page.

Prerequisites

Before using this business condition:

1. Understand the implications of using JavaScript as defined in the Java vs. JavaScript topic in the Resource Materials online help documentation.
2. Understand the considerations that should be taken as defined in the JavaScript Considerations topic in the Resource Materials online help documentation.
3. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.
4. Edit the business rule to configure the operation as defined in Editing a Business Rule or Function topic.

Configuration



1. On the Edit Operation dialog, select **Evaluate JavaScript** from the dropdown.
2. For the **Binds** parameter, create binds needed for the JavaScript code as described in the Adding a Bind topic in the Resource Materials online help documentation.
3. For the **Messages** parameter, create messages needed for the JavaScript code as follows:
 - Click the **Edit** button () to display the Edit Messages dialog.

- Click the **Add message** button (+) to create a new message entry.
 - Click the **Remove** button (X) to delete a message entry.
 - For the **Variables** text box, type a label for the variable.
 - For the **Message** text box, type the message.
 - When necessary, open the Translations flipper and provide the data required. A localized message option is available in both JavaScript business actions and conditions. For more information, refer to the Localized Messages for JavaScript Business Rules documentation.
 - Click **OK** to save the messages to the operation.
4. For the **JavaScript** parameter, add the JavaScript code.
 5. Click the **Save** button to add the operation to the business rule editor.

Localized Messages for JavaScript Business Rules

Messages in business rules can be translated and used in:

- [return statement with conditions](#)
- [throw statement with actions or conditions](#)

 **Note:** This option uses locales. It is not context-dependent. Contact Stibo Systems to display additional language locales on your Web UI or the workbench.

Return Statement with Conditions

The return statement is not available in a business action, instead, in conditions, it is used to indicate whether the condition is true or false. When Boolean true is returned, the condition evaluates to true. Any other return value will make the condition evaluate to false.

The return from a condition can be a message and can also be reported in a Data Issues Report, on a mandatory object (via the Mandatory Bind), or on a read only object (via the Read Only Bind), which can each take a localized message.

To have a message displayed to the user when a condition evaluates to false, you can:

- return a simple String, as shown in the following example:

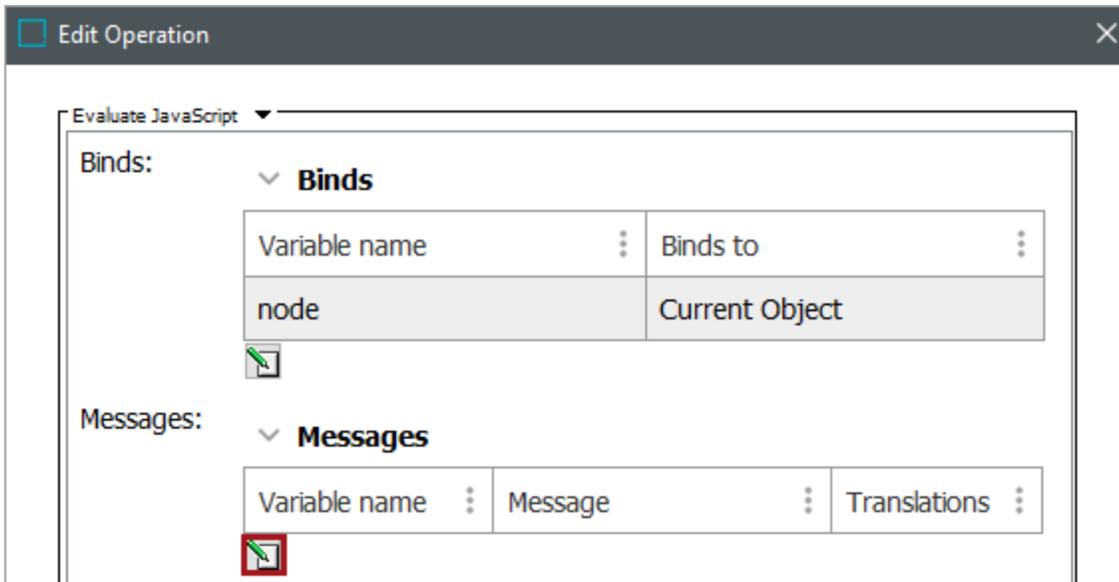
```
return "Object is not ready";
```

- return a translatable error message object, which can display the message in a language matching the UI locale. Refer to the following example.

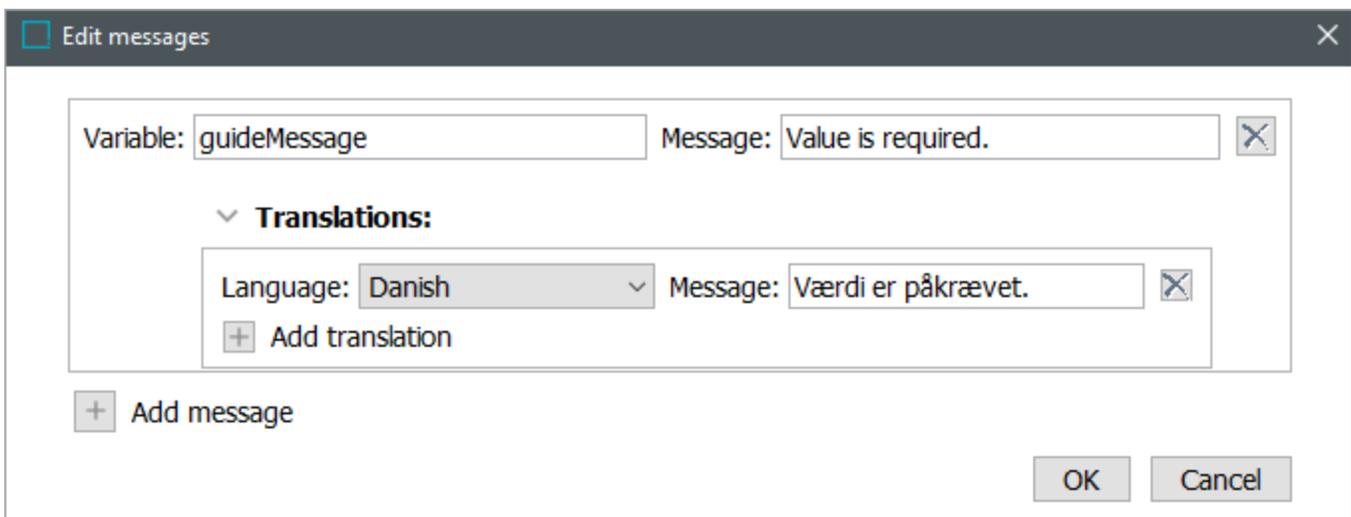
Example

Use the following steps to configure a business condition that uses the Data Issues Report to display a localized message.

1. On an existing 'Evaluate JavaScript' operation, click the **Edit** button () in the Messages parameter to display the 'Edit messages' dialog. For more information, refer to the Editing a Business Rule or Function topic.



2. Click the **Add message** button ():



- Add a variable name and the message text. A variable message can include the name of the business rule or any other data that would be helpful in resolving the problem reported by the message.

- Open the Translations flipper (>), click the **Add translation** button (+), and add the translated text. Multiple translations can be added. Do not translate variable tags.

3. Click **OK** to close the 'Edit messages' dialog and display the number of translations added.

Messages: ▼ **Messages**

Variable name	Message	Translations
guideMessage	Value is required.	1



4. On the Edit Operation dialog, for the JavaScript parameter, add JavaScript code with a 'return' statement to display the message.

JavaScript:

```

1 if ('6437867' == object.getID()) {
2     return new guideMessage();
3 }
4
5 return true;

```

[Edit externally](#)

Save Test JavaScript Cancel

5. If you created a translation, test the results by logging in to the locale that matches the language for the message. The screenshot below shows where to select a workbench locale and a SaaS locale.

Workbench

- STEP workbench (Danish)
- STEP workbench (English)
- STEP workbench (Spanish)

Resources

- [About STEP](#)
- [STEP API Documentation](#)

Basket

User Settings

System Settings

STIBO SYSTEMS
MASTER DATA MANAGEMENT

User Settings

userj

[Show Your Information](#)

[Show All Users](#)

[Log Out](#)

Select Locale

中文

Dansk

[Nederlands \(Nederland\)](#)

[English \(United Kingdom\)](#)

[English \(United States\)](#)

[suomi](#)

For the workbench, either test the business rule (defined in the Testing a Business Rule topic) or run a workflow that uses the business rule to display the translated message.

For the Web UI, trigger the business rule or run a workflow that uses the business rule to display the translated message.

Knudedetaljer

Primary Product Hierarchy ▶ Products ▶ Pet Supplies

6437867

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Long Description

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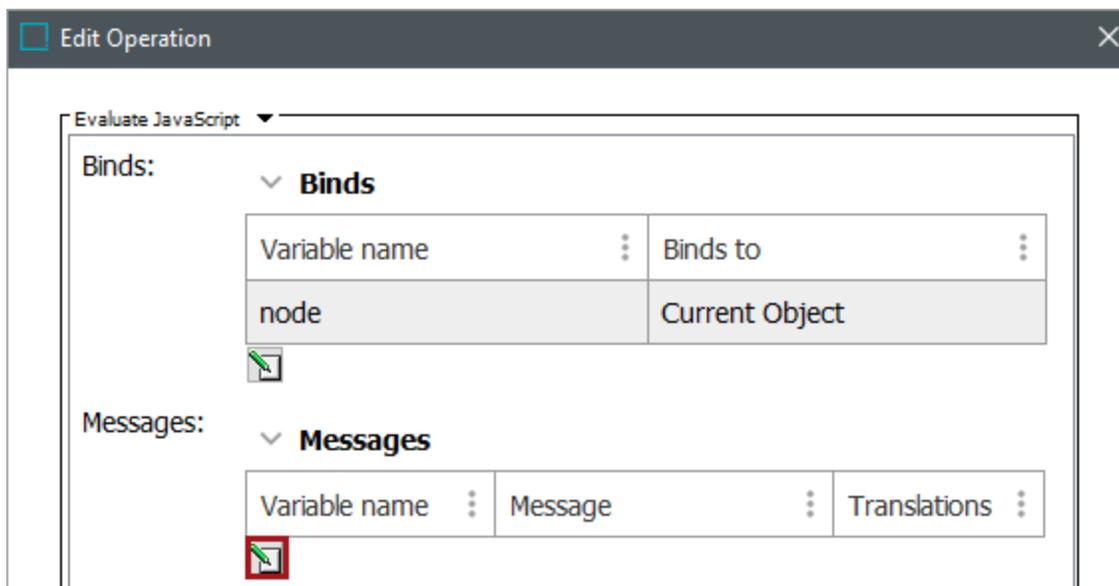
Throw Statement with Actions and Conditions

You can deliberately throw exceptions from both actions and conditions if an error state is encountered. The exception message can be a translatable message object.

Example

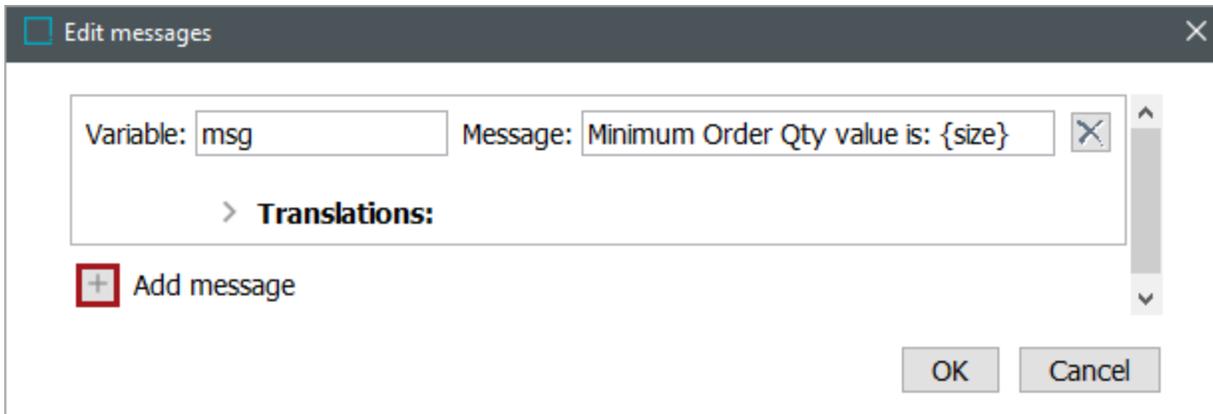
The following shows how to configure a business action to display a localized message.

1. On an existing 'Execute JavaScript' operation, click the **Edit** button  in the Messages parameter to display the 'Edit messages' dialog. For more information, refer to the Editing a Business Rule or Function topic.



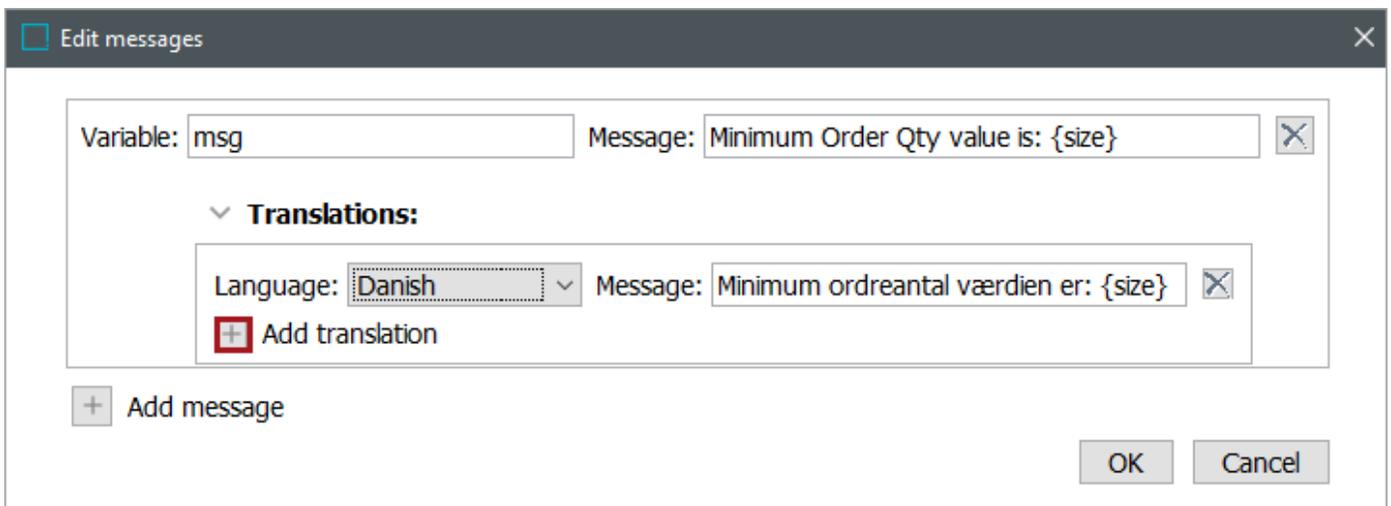
2. Click the **Add message** button  and add a variable name and the message text.

A variable message can include the name of the business rule or any other data that would be helpful in resolving the problem reported by the message.

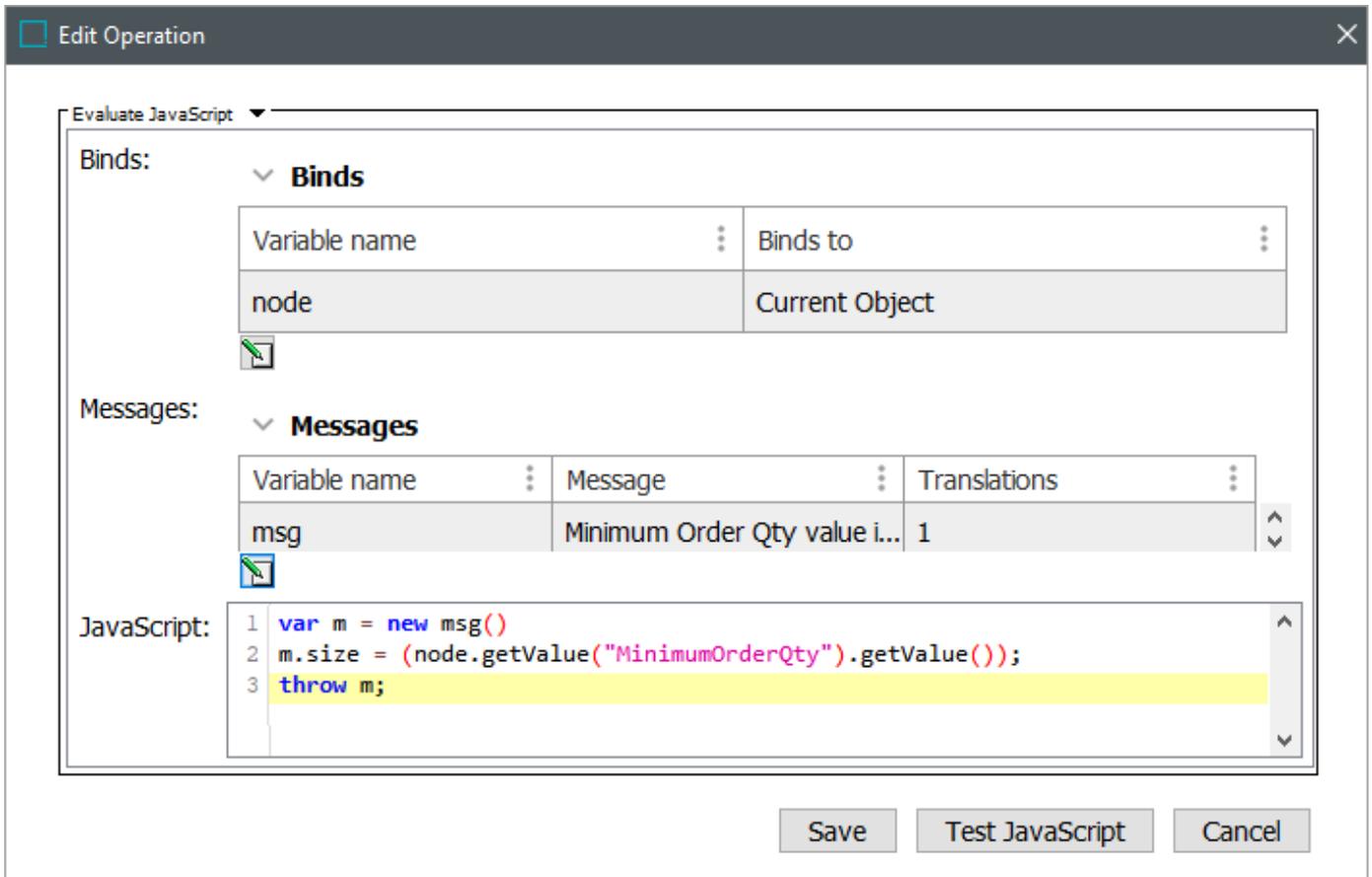


A variable tag within the message text is optional. In this example, the tag is {size} and will return the value of the attribute from the bound product.

3. Open the Translations section (>).
4. Click the **Add translation** button (+) to add the translated text. Multiple translations can be added. Do not translate variable tags.



5. Click **OK** to close the 'Edit messages' dialog.
6. On the Edit Operation dialog, for the JavaScript parameter, add JavaScript code with a 'throw' statement to display the message.



7. If you created a translation, test the results by logging in to the locale that matches the language for the message. The screenshot below shows where to select a workbench locale and a SaaS locale.

The screenshot displays the STIBO SYSTEMS web interface. On the left, a 'Workbench' menu is visible with three options: 'STEP workbench (Danish)', 'STEP workbench (English)', and 'STEP workbench (Spanish)'. Below this is a 'Resources' section with links for 'About STEP' and 'STEP API Documentation'. The main navigation bar includes 'Basket', 'User Settings', and 'System Settings'. The 'User Settings' dropdown is open, showing the user 'userj' and options for 'Show Your Information', 'Show All Users', and 'Log Out'. Below this is the 'Select Locale' section, which lists several language options: '中文', 'Dansk', 'Nederlands (Nederland)', 'English (United Kingdom)', 'English (United States)', and 'suomi'. The 'Dansk' option is highlighted with a red box, and the 'English (United States)' option is highlighted with a blue bar.

For the Web UI, trigger the business rule or run a workflow that uses the business rule to display the translated message.

For the workbench, either test the business rule (shown below, also refer to the Testing a Business Rule topic) or run a workflow that uses the business rule to display the translated message.

Test og planlæg forretningsregel ✕

Test objekt: 

Planlægning:

Status:

Resultat:

Fejldetaljer:

Minimum orderantal værdien er: 12

```
com.stibo.core.domain.businessrule.evaluate.BusinessRuleRejectException: Mini  
at com.stibo.core.domain.impl.businessrule.FrontBusinessAction  
at com.stibo.core.domain.impl.businessrule.FrontBusinessAction
```

Logfil:

Annuller ændringer efter test

Forsøg stop efter: sekunder

Udfør godkendt arbejdsområde

Bemærk, at kontekstspecifikke JavaScript-forkortelser ikke fungerer under test af forretningsregel

Business Condition: Function

Conditions can be formulated using STEP Functions, the functional language also used for Calculated Attributes and elsewhere in STEP. You can add function templates, and you can also insert an attribute ID by navigating to the relevant attribute.

The basic functionality is that a condition is true if the function evaluates to 1, and false if it evaluates to 0. Explicitly returning 1 or 0 is not required since a range of functions do this automatically.

For example, the following STEP Functions are available for use in business rules:

- Binary logical functions <, >, <=, >=, =, != used for numerical comparisons
- exact(string1, string2)
- and(condition1, condition2, ...)
- or(condition1, condition2, ...)
- not(condition)
- listcontains(list, text)

Conditions based on STEP Functions do not allow for dynamic user facing messages. For this type of condition, it is only possible to display an error message that is written in the error message text field, which cannot include any variables.

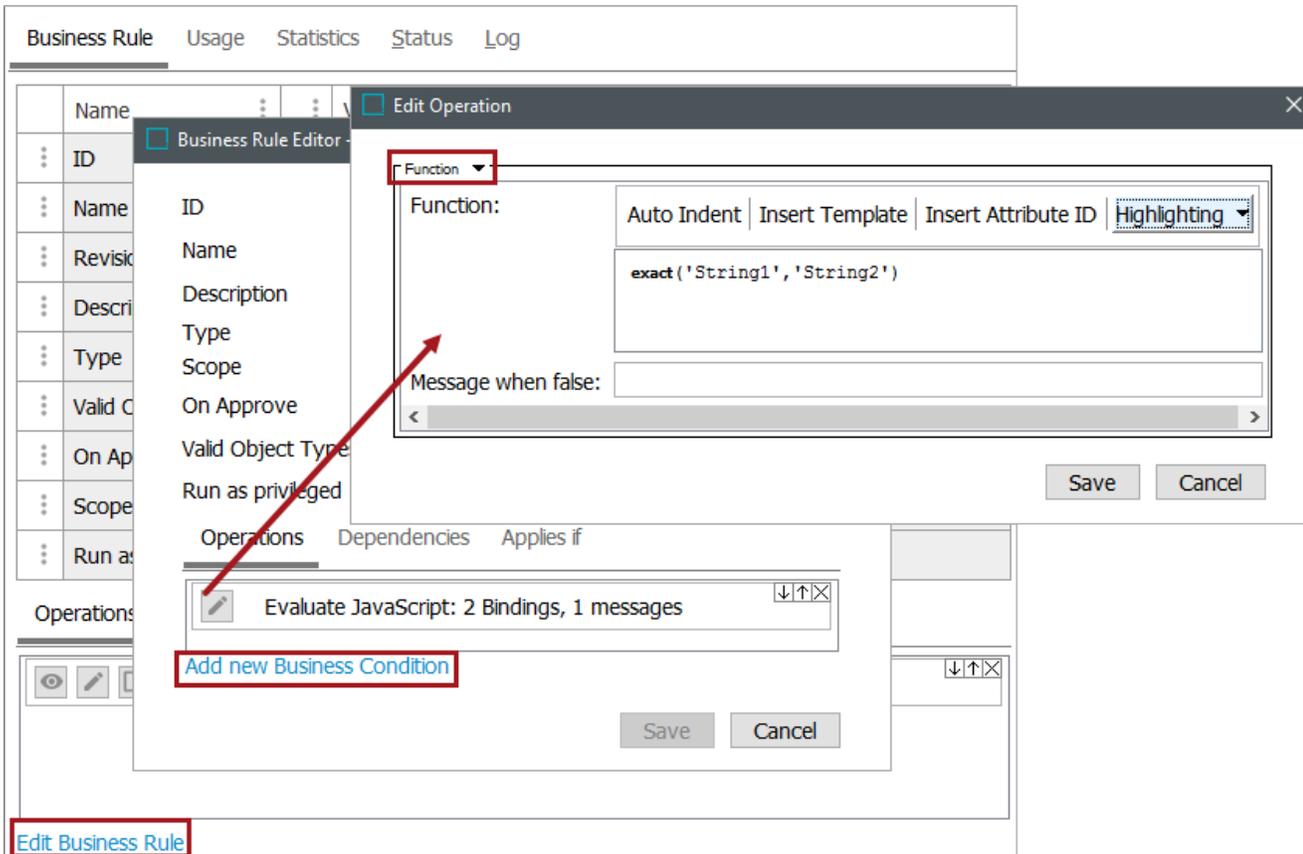
For more information, refer to the STEP Functions topic of the Resource Materials online help documentation.

Prerequisites

Before using this business condition:

1. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.
2. Edit the business rule to configure the operation as defined in Editing a Business Rule or Function topic.

Configuration

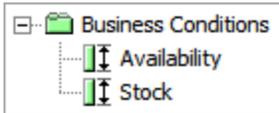


The screenshot shows the Business Rule Editor interface. The 'Edit Operation' dialog is open, and the 'Function' dropdown is selected. The function 'exact('String1', 'String2')' is entered in the 'Function' field. The 'Message when false' field is empty. The 'Operations' list shows 'Evaluate JavaScript: 2 Bindings, 1 messages'. A red arrow points from the 'Function' dropdown to the 'Add new Business Condition' button. The 'Edit Business Rule' button is highlighted at the bottom left.

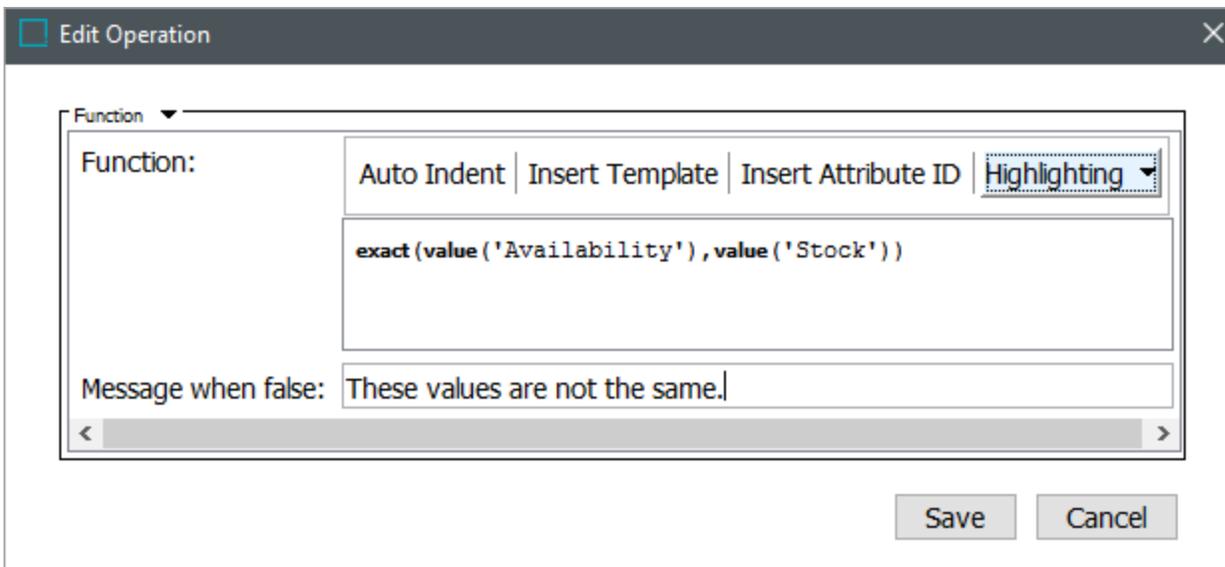
1. On the Edit Operation dialog, select **Function** from the dropdown.
2. For the **Function** parameter, add the function in the same way as you would in the Function Editor. For more information, refer to the Function Editor topic or Using Function Editor in the Resource Materials online help documentation.
3. For the **Message when false** parameter, specify the message to display when appropriate.
 - If a function returns **1**, the condition is **true**.
 - If a function returns **0** or anything else but **1**, the condition is **false**.
4. Click **Save** to add this operation to the business condition.

Function Example

In this case, the user would like to compare both the values of two attributes: 'Availability' and 'Stock.' These attributes will be located in a 'Business Condition' attribute group for the sake of clarity.



Create the business condition using the steps earlier in this topic. To compare two attribute value strings, use the exact and value functions. Click the 'Insert Template' tab and select the 'Simple String Comparison.' This adds the exact() template to the function. Next, use the Insert Attribute ID option to add the two attributes using value (Availability) and value(Stock). Add a message for when the condition is false to provide context for other users. When completed, the function will appear like this:



Edit Operation

Function: Auto Indent | Insert Template | Insert Attribute ID | **Highlighting**

```
exact(value('Availability'), value('Stock'))
```

Message when false: These values are not the same.

Save Cancel

Now that the business condition is set up, navigate to an object with these attributes and set both values to the same.

Business Conditions			
	Name		Value
	Availability	RBC	Yes
	Stock	RBC	Yes

Return to the 'Global Business Rules' in the System Setup tab. Right-click on the business condition, and select 'Test Business Rule.' On the 'Test & Time Business Rule' dialog, select the test object where the Availability and Stock values are the same. Select 'Test.' The results will show that these attributes are the same.

Test & Time Business Rule
✕

Test Object

Timing

Status

Result

Error Details

Log

Attempt Stop After: seconds

Execute in Approved Workspace

Notice that context-specific JavaScript binds do not work in Business Rule Test.

Now, return back to the object and change one of the values. In this example, Stock is set to 'No.'

Business Conditions			
	Name		Value
	Availability	RBC	Yes
	Stock	RBC	No

Return back to the business condition and test it again. The results will show that the two attributes are not the same.

Test & Time Business Rule
✕

Test Object

Timing

Status

Result

Error Details

Log

Attempt Stop After: seconds

Execute in Approved Workspace

Notice that context-specific JavaScript binds do not work in Business Rule Test.

Business Condition: No Potential Duplicates

The No Potential Duplicates condition uses rank scores and the threshold from an identifying matching algorithm to determine if the current node has any potential matches. If no matches are found, it will return 'true' or otherwise 'false'.

For instance, the condition is used in a Find Similar solution to prevent transition in workflows before any potential duplicates have been resolved.

For more information, refer to the Find Similar in Workflows topic in the Matching, Linking, and Merging documentation.

Prerequisites

Before using this business condition:

1. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.
2. Edit the business rule to configure the operation as defined in Editing a Business Rule or Function topic.

Configuration

1. On the 'Business Rule' tab, select 'Edit Business Rule'.
2. On the 'Business Rule Editor', select 'Add new Business Condition'.
3. Click the edit operation button.

NoPotentialDuplicates(2)
Business Condition Type • Revision: 0.1

Business Rule Usage Statistics Status Log

Name	
ID	NoPotentialDuplicates
Name	NoPotentialDuplicatesBCOrg
Revision	
Description	
Type	Condition
Scope	Global
On Approve	Not Validated
Valid Object Types	All object types valid
Run as privileged	<input type="checkbox"/>

Operations Dependencies Applies if

No Potential Duplicates: FindSimilarOrganisationAdv

[Add new Business Condition](#)

Save Cancel

[Edit Business Rule](#)

4. On the 'Edit Operation' dialog, select 'No Potential Duplicates' from the dropdown.
5. In the 'Select Matching Algorithm' field, select the corresponding matching algorithm.

Edit Operation ✕

No Potential Duplicates ▾

Select Matching Algorithm: FindSimilarOrganisationAdv (FindSimilarOrganisationAdv) 

Business Condition: NOT Condition

The business condition type 'NOT' references another condition and inverts the results of that condition so that 'true' becomes 'false' and 'false' becomes true'.

For example, using a 'NOT' business condition enables users to invert the result of a 'No Potential Duplicates' business condition used on a workflow transition in a Find Similar process to only allow transitions if there are potential duplicates.

It is possible to override the return messages from the inverted business condition.

Prerequisites

Before using this business condition:

1. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.
2. Edit the business rule to configure the operation as defined in Editing a Business Rule or Function topic.

Configuration

1. Create a new business condition, e.g., 'PotentialDuplicates' as in this example.
2. On the 'Business Rule' tab, click on 'Edit Business Rule'.
3. On the 'Business Rule Editor', select 'Add new Business Condition'.
4. Click the 'True if value for Attribute' edit operation icon.
5. On the 'Edit Operation' dialog, from the 'Attribute Value Comparison' dropdown, select the 'NOT Condition'.

6. The 'Edit Operation' dialog opens. In the field 'Referenced Business Condition', select the business condition you wish to invert.
7. In the field 'Referenced Business Condition', select the business condition you wish to invert.

Note: The 'NOT' condition allows business rule writers to override message(s) generated by the inverted business condition using the 'Override Message' fields.

□ Edit Operation ×

NOT Condition ▼

This business condition will invert the result of the business condition selected below.

Referenced Business Condition: When referenced Condition is non-applicable, this condition will be:

If no override messages are supplied, it will return the result message from the selected business condition.

Override Message False (Optional):

Override Message True (Optional):

Business Condition: OR Condition

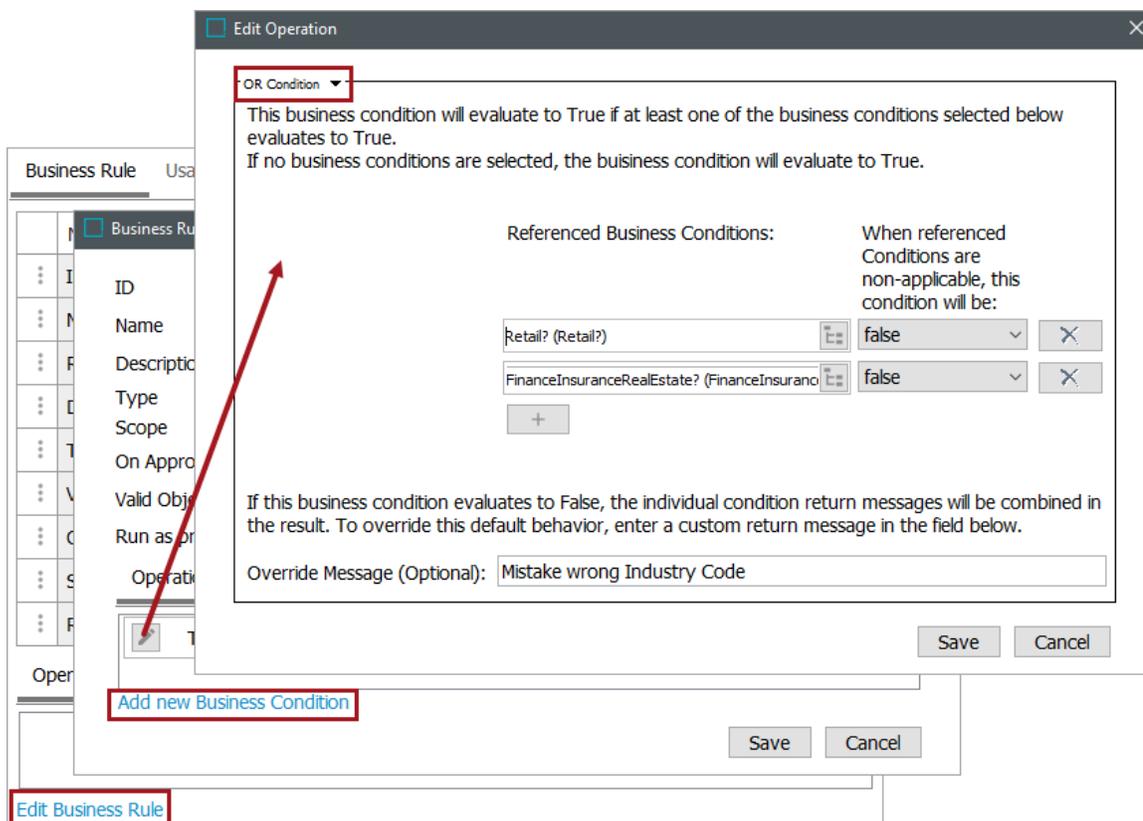
This operation references one or more other business conditions and returns True if any of the referenced conditions return True.

For example, if this operation references three other business conditions, but only two of them return true, this operation still returns true.

Prerequisites

Before using this business condition:

1. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.
2. Edit the business rule to configure the operation as defined in Editing a Business Rule or Function topic.



Edit Operation

OR Condition ▼

This business condition will evaluate to True if at least one of the business conditions selected below evaluates to True.
If no business conditions are selected, the business condition will evaluate to True.

Referenced Business Conditions:	When referenced Conditions are non-applicable, this condition will be:
Retail? (Retail?)	false
FinanceInsuranceRealEstate? (FinanceInsuranceRealEstate?)	false

+

If this business condition evaluates to False, the individual condition return messages will be combined in the result. To override this default behavior, enter a custom return message in the field below.

Override Message (Optional): Mistake wrong Industry Code

Save Cancel

Add new Business Condition

Save Cancel

Edit Business Rule

Configuration

1. On the Edit Operation dialog, select **OR Condition** from the dropdown.
2. For the **Referenced Business Condition** parameter, click the ellipsis button (...) to display the 'Select Business Condition' dialog, and browse or search for the desired business condition.
Click the plus sign to add additional business conditions to the operation.
3. For the **When referenced Condition is non-applicable, this Condition will be** parameter, select **True** or **False** in the dropdown. This selection determines the return value of the referenced condition in cases where the referenced condition is not applicable.
4. For the **Override Message** parameter, enter a custom message to display if this operation evaluates to false. This is an optional parameter that overrides the default messaging behavior. If this parameter is not configured, in the event that all conditions evaluate to false, the individual messages will be combined into a single message.
5. Click the **Save** button to add the operation to the business rule editor.

Business Condition: LOV Cross-Validation

LOV Cross-Validation is a condition which specifies legal relationships between the values in two Lists of Values (LOV) attributes. Setting up the 'LOV Cross-Validation' condition requires setting a defining attribute to which the dependent attribute will be compared.

For example, an LOV attribute is named 'List Colors' with values 'Blue,' 'Black,' and 'Red.' This is the 'Defining' attribute. Another LOV attribute is named 'List_Size' with values 'M,' 'L,' 'XL,' or 'XXL.' This is the 'Dependent' attribute. Based on the availability of different sizes of shirt for a particular color, you can make use of the 'LOV Cross-Validation' business condition to specify the relationships between the two LOV attributes like 'Blue' > L, XL, 'Black' > XXL, 'M,' and so on.

 **Important:** It is not recommended to use LOVs with duplicate values in cross-validation in both dependent and defining attributes.

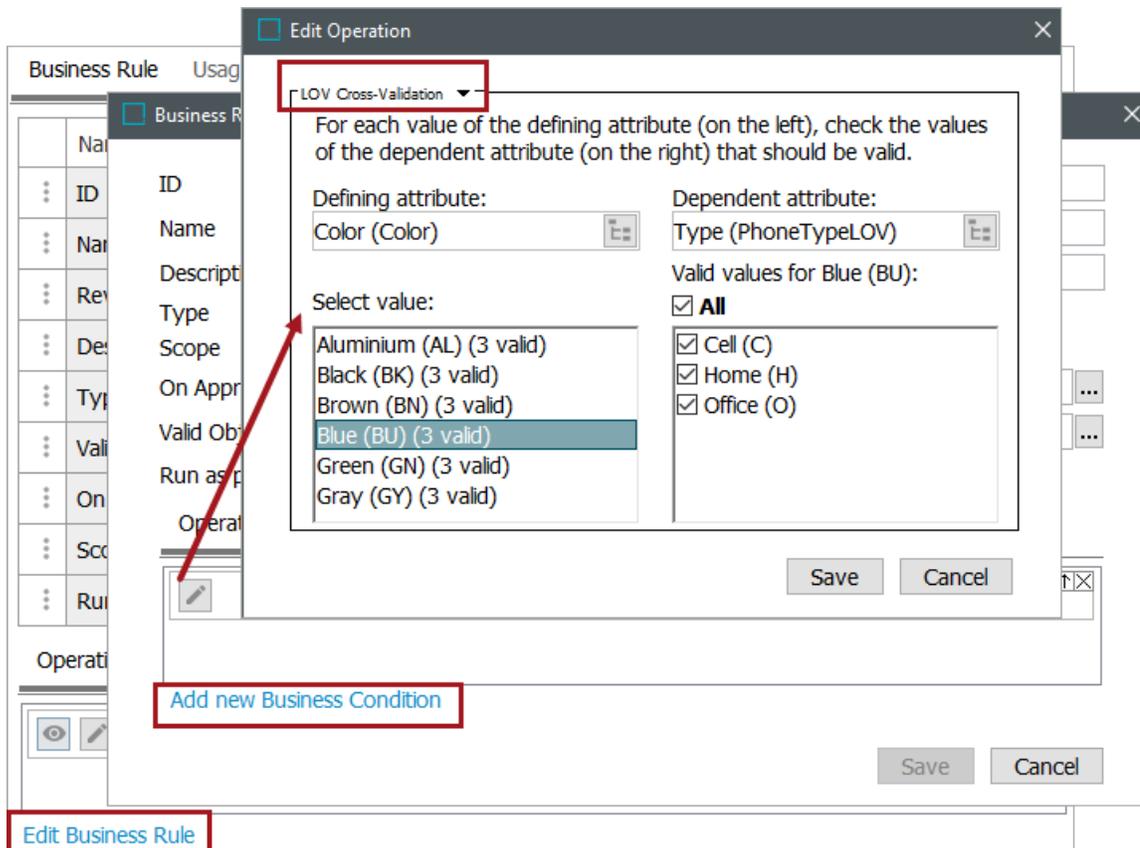
 **Important:** Avoid using large LOVs containing more than 5,000 values. When a dependent LOV attribute contains 5,000 or more values, the business condition editor will not render any dependent LOV attribute values as checkboxes.

Prerequisites

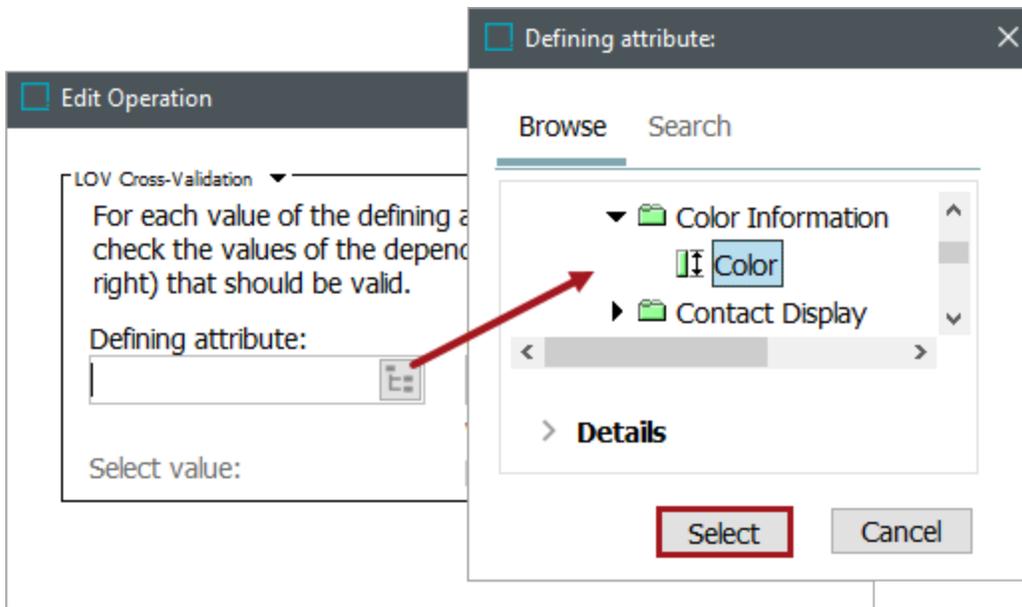
Before using this business condition:

1. Verify the 'Use IDs on values' option for both the 'Defining attribute' and the 'Dependent attribute' LOVs is set to **Yes**.
2. Verify the Defining and the Dependent attribute LOVs are configured so that users cannot add new values. This enables the user to specify that the value of one LOV attribute limits which values are valid for another LOV attribute.
3. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.
4. Edit the business rule to configure the operation as defined in Editing a Business Rule or Function topic.

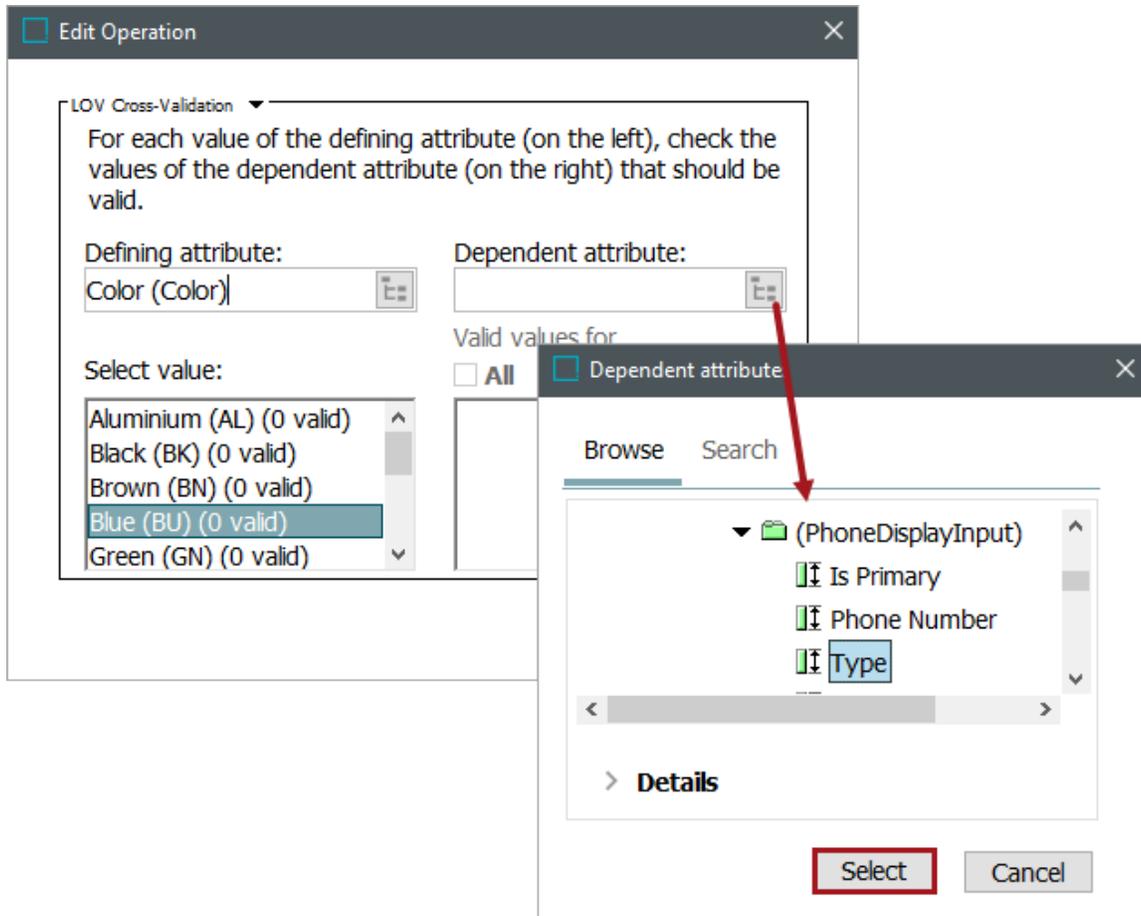
Configuration



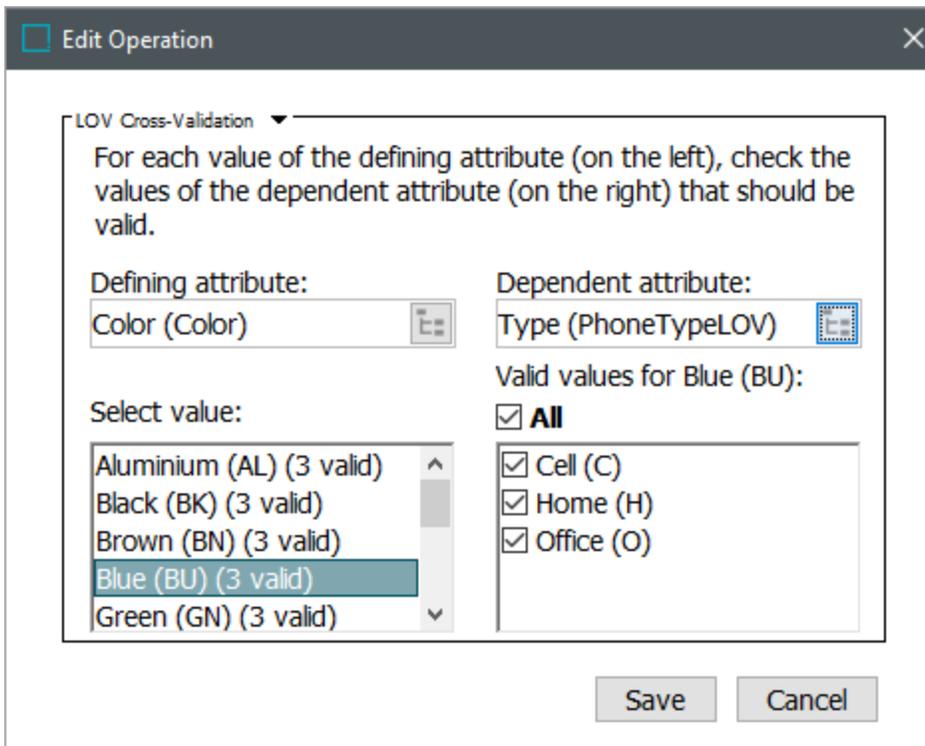
1. On the 'Edit Operation' dialog, select **LOV Cross-Validation** from the dropdown.
2. For the 'Defining attribute' field, click the selector button (🔍) to display the Defining Attributes dialog. Use the 'Browse' or 'Search' tab to identify the defining list of values, then select the desired single-valued LOV attribute. Click **Select** to display this attribute as the defining attribute.



- For the 'Dependent attribute' field, click the selector button () to display the Dependent Attributes dialog. Use the Browse or Search tab to identify the dependent list of values, select the desired single or multi-valued LOV attribute. Click **Select** to display this attribute as the Dependent attribute.



- Select an attribute in the 'Defining Attribute' column list on the left, and set the valid dependent attribute values in the 'Dependent attribute' column list on the right.



Edit Operation

LOV Cross-Validation

For each value of the defining attribute (on the left), check the values of the dependent attribute (on the right) that should be valid.

Defining attribute: Color (Color)

Dependent attribute: Type (PhoneTypeLOV)

Select value:

- Aluminium (AL) (3 valid)
- Black (BK) (3 valid)
- Brown (BN) (3 valid)
- Blue (BU) (3 valid)
- Green (GN) (3 valid)

Valid values for Blue (BU):

- All
- Cell (C)
- Home (H)
- Office (O)

Save Cancel

Note: The number in the parentheses next to each attribute name specifies how many values of the dependent attribute are configured to be valid. This provides an overview of the configuration without clicking through every defining value.

- Select the **Save** button to save this business condition.

Note: The cross validation functionality will also work in the Web UI when the LOV Cross-Validation business condition has been configured for two editable LOV attributes inside a data container.

Important: If one or more attributes are configured in multiple business conditions, the business conditions that share attributes will not work when applied. For instance, if two LOV Cross-Validation business conditions are set and one attribute is configured in both, the cross validation functionality will not work as expected.

To set up business conditions in the Web UI, refer to the Business Rules in Web UI topic in the Business Rules documentation and the Configuring Business Conditions in Web UI topic in the Web User Interfaces documentation.

Bidirectional and Omnidirectional LOV Cross-Validation

If a business condition is configured with both the 'Defining' and 'Dependent' attributes, and those same attributes are added as 'Target Attributes' in the Web UI configuration, the business condition enables a bidirectional LOV cross-validation. This means that the list of LOV options shown in dropdown for the 'Defining' attribute is filtered based on the selected value of the 'Dependent' attribute, and vice versa.

In a business condition where both the 'Defining' and 'Dependent' attributes are configured but only the 'Dependent' attribute is added as a 'Target Attribute' in the Web UI configuration, only the 'Dependent' attribute's LOV options will be filtered and the 'Defining' attribute's LOV option dropdown will show all values. This scenario is an omnidirectional LOV cross-validation. In this case, selecting an LOV value from the 'Defining' attribute's LOV dropdown that is disallowed based on the configuration of the 'Dependent' attribute will cause a warning to display for both the 'Defining' and 'Dependent' attributes.

The LOV cross-validation functionality also works for the following components:

- Grouping Component (Node Editor)
- Initiate Item Screen
- Globally Configured Data Container Component - Title with Dialog View (refer to the topic Global Data Container Representations)
- Globally Configured Multi Edit Data Container
- Globally Configured Unfolding Data Container (refer to the topic Globally Configured Unfolding Data Container View)

Business Condition: Reference Other Business Condition

This operation allows the current business condition to reference another business condition.

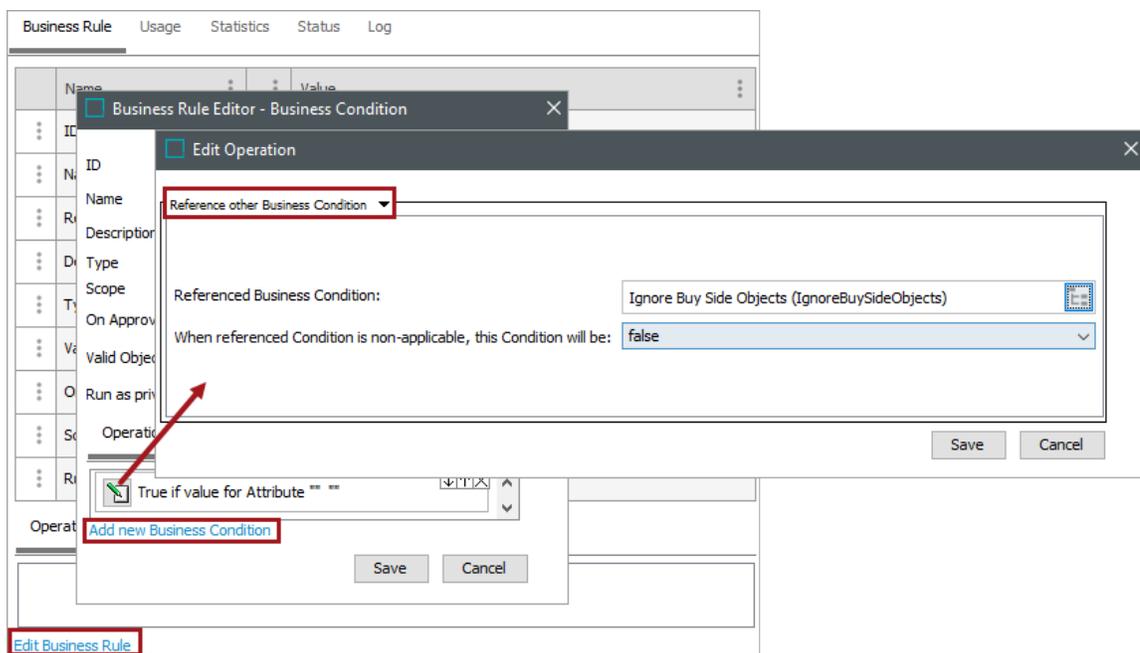
For example, this allows you to use the same business condition in multiple places.

Prerequisites

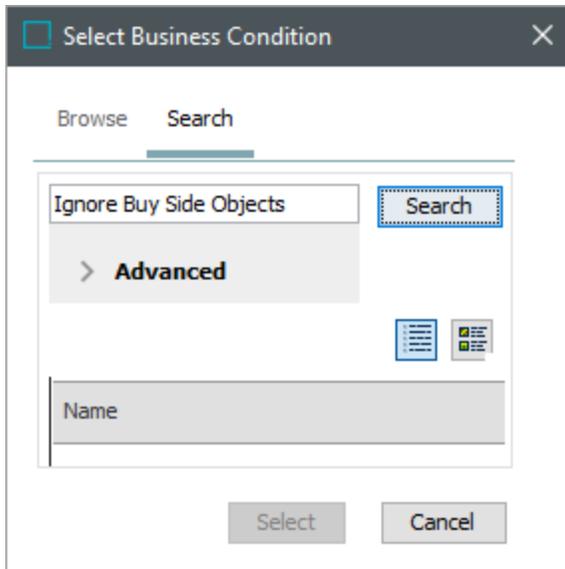
Before using this business condition:

1. Create a business rule as defined in the [Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library](#) topic.
2. Edit the business rule to configure the operation as defined in [Editing a Business Rule or Function](#) topic.

Configuration



1. On the Edit Operation dialog, select **Reference Other Business Condition** from the dropdown.
2. For the **Referenced Business Condition** parameter, click the selector button  to display the Select Business Condition dialog. Use the Browse or Search tab to identify the business condition, select the desired condition and click **Select** to display this attribute as the referenced business condition.



3. For **When referenced Condition is non-applicable**, this Condition will be parameter, select **True** or **False** in the dropdown. This selection determines how invalid conditions respond.
4. Click the **Save** button to add the operation to the business rule editor.

Business Condition: Validate Product Variant

A product variant family is a group of products where the members are considered to be the same product except for variations in the predefined attributes.

For example, a product folder named 'Shoes' contains children products and has one variant attribute: Size. This condition can be used to identify the duplicate sizes (variants) within the product variant family.

This condition works on the Product Variant level and returns 'False' if the product variant is a duplicate.

 **Note:** This condition can affect performance based on the number of siblings and variant attributes to be checked.

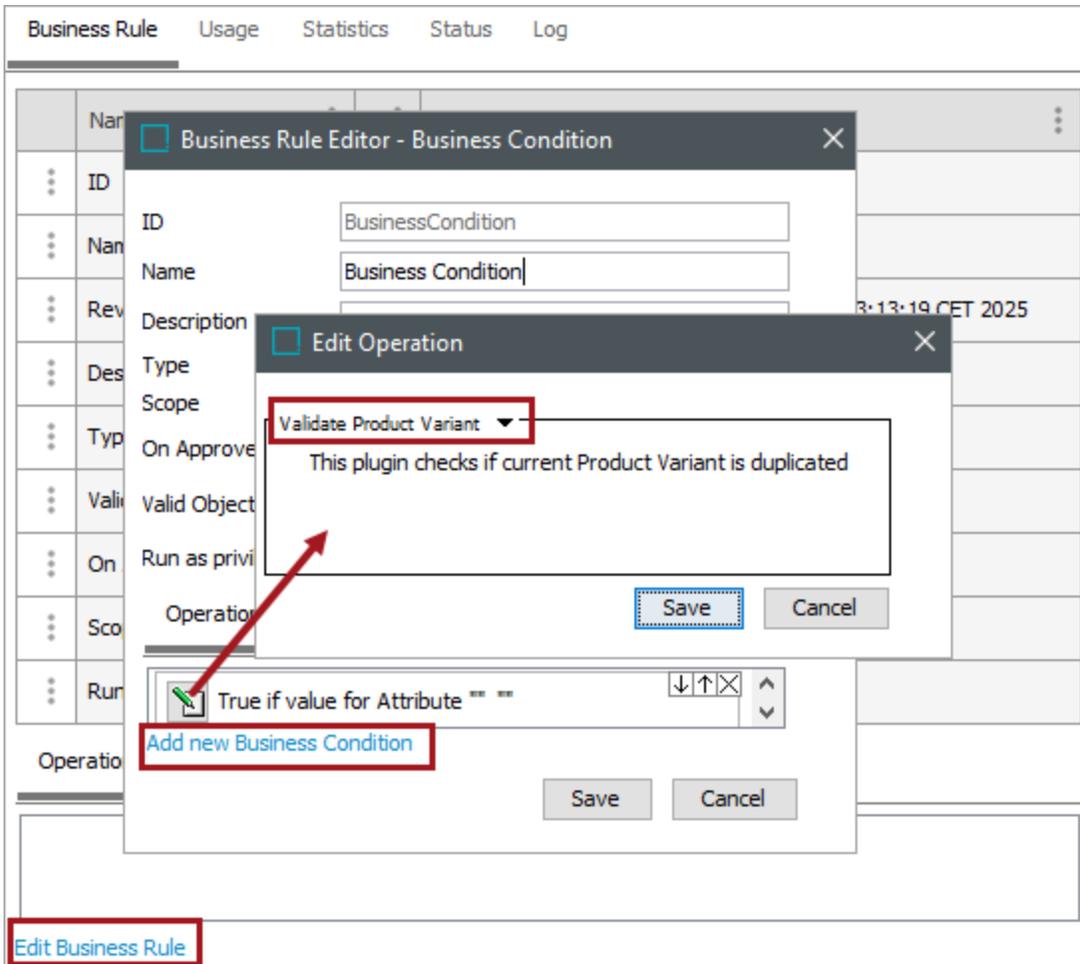
For more information and required configuration, refer to the Product Variants topic in the System Setup documentation.

Prerequisites

Before using this business condition:

1. Verify the configuration on the Product Variant Families is correct since it is used by this condition.
2. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.
3. Edit the business rule to configure the operation as defined in Editing a Business Rule or Function topic.

Configuration



1. On the Edit Operation dialog, select **Validate Product Variant** from the dropdown.
2. Click the **Save** button to add the operation to the business rule editor.

Business Condition: Valid Hierarchies

The 'Valid Hierarchies' operation will evaluate to **True** if the object the condition is tested on is present below one of the specified hierarchy nodes. If not, the condition will return as **False**.

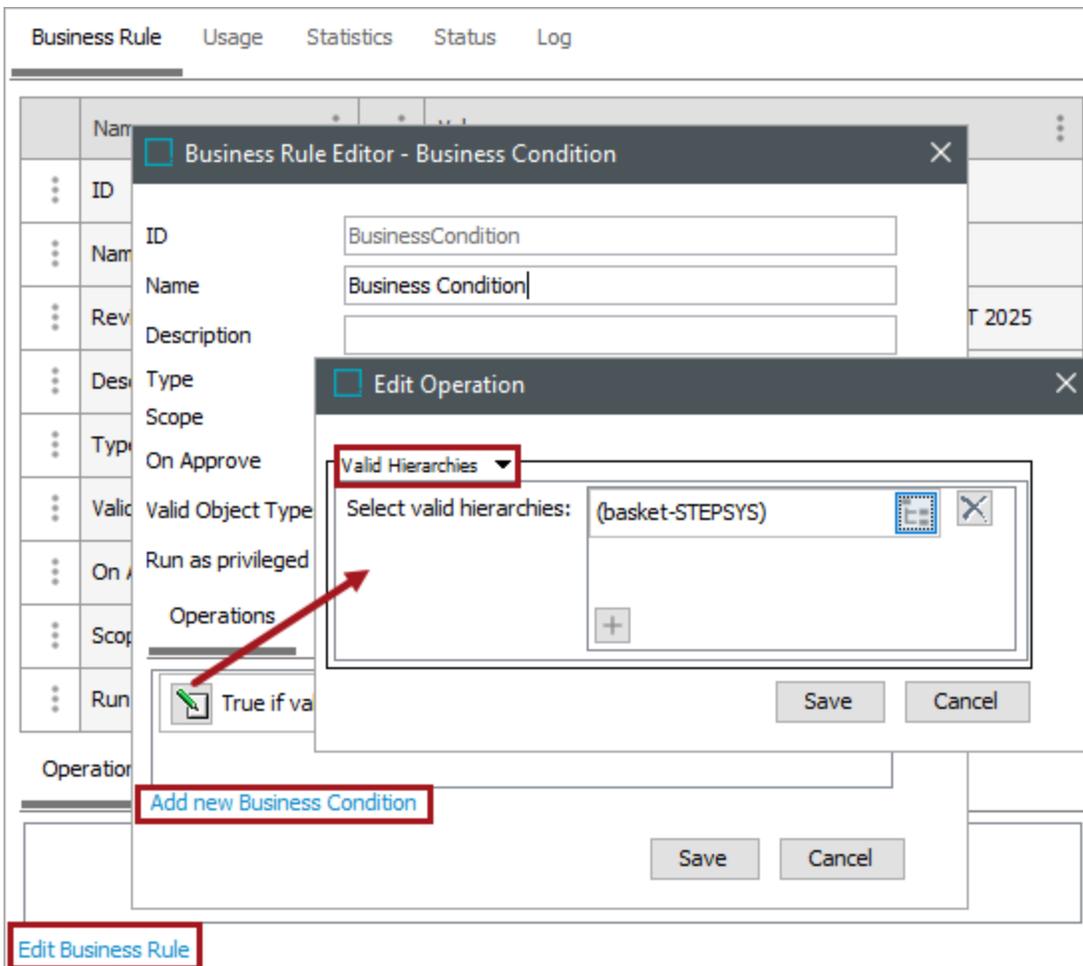
Commonly, this condition is used on the 'Applies If' tab and serves as a precondition for testing the main condition or applying an action.

Prerequisites

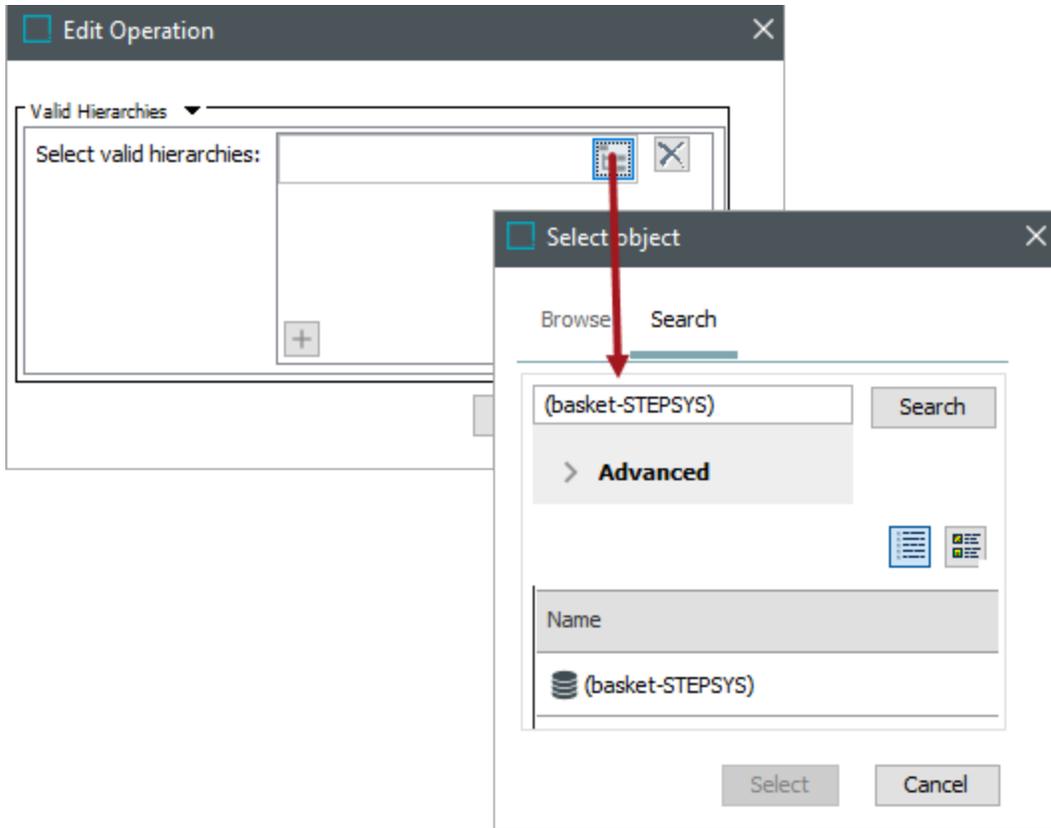
Before using this business condition:

1. Create a business rule as defined in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.
2. Edit the business rule to configure the operation as defined in Editing a Business Rule or Function topic.

Configuration



1. On the Edit Operation dialog, select **Valid Hierarchies** from the dropdown.
2. In **Select valid hierarchies**, click the plus button (+) to add a hierarchy row. Multiple rows can be added when additional hierarchies should be validated.
3. Click the selector button (⊞) to display the Select Object dialog. Use the Browse or Search tab to identify the relevant hierarchy. Click **Select** to display the hierarchy in the Select valid hierarchies list.



4. Click the **Save** button to add the operation to the business rule editor.

Business Functions

Business functions are basic units of logic that produce an output from an input without affecting the state of the data. Business functions typically serve as helpers, allowing other elements to delegate a part of their logic to reusable business functions. Business functions are valid on all object types.

As with business actions and business conditions, business functions can be configured to appear in a setup group in System Setup.



Note: For information on business conditions and business actions, refer to the Business Conditions topic or the Business Actions topic.

To create a business function:

1. Follow the setup included in the Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library topic.
2. Select the type of business function:
 - Use the **JavaScript Function** operation to write in JavaScript, as described in the JavaScript Function Operation topic.
 - Use the **Query Template Builder** operation to create a Web UI search query, as described in the Query Template Builder Operation topic.
 - Use the **External Business Function** operation to access extension services running on the 'Modular Services' page in the Self-Service UI (SSUI), as described in the External Business Function Operation topic.
 - Use the **Extension API** to create a Java business plugin, as described in the User-Defined Functions topic.

Calling a Business Function from a JavaScript Business Rule

Below is an example of a business action that sends objects to a previously bound business function to generate the desired output. To set up a business action that calls business functions, refer to the Business Action: Execute JavaScript topic.



Note: As an alternative configuration to using a bind, business functions can be dynamically called and evaluated by ID using the `getBusinessFunctionByID()` method via `getBusinessRuleHome()`. However, since a business function returns data, carefully evaluate that data to ensure the expected outcome.

Refer to the 'Scripting API' section of the Technical Documentation accessible at `[system]/sdk` or from the Resources section of the system's Start Page.

Execute JavaScript ▾

Binds:

Variable name	Binds to	Parameter
product	Current Object	
refType	Reference Type	Accessory Optional (AccessoryOptional)
descAttribute	Attribute	Short Item Description (ShortItemDescription)
bf	Business Function	Accessories Text Producer (AccessoriesTextProducer) Description: Produces: java.lang.String Input parameters: accReferenceType (com.stibo.core.domain.ReferenceType) - The reference type used to reference accessories. accDescAttribute (com.stibo.core.domain.Attribute) - The attribute holding the (short) description of accessory objects. product (com.stibo.core.domain.Product) - The product to generate the accessories' text for
logger	Logger	

The bind provides an object implementing the `BusinessFunctionScriptingProxy` interface for which a user may use the following methods to evaluate the bound business function. These methods are:

- evaluate()
- evaluate(Manager manager, java.util.Map<java.lang.String,java.lang.Object> inputParameters)
- evaluate(java.util.Map<java.lang.String,java.lang.Object> inputParameters)

For details, refer to the 'Scripting API' section of the Technical Documentation, available at [system]/sdk or accessible from the Start Page.

While it is possible to instantiate the Java Map in JavaScript, an easier option is to create a JavaScript object for the input parameters as this will be converted to a Map upon execution. Information about the expected input parameters and the output that the function will produce can be found in the bind section.

Note: When calling business functions with Double or Integer input parameters as illustrated in the example below, it is recommended to instantiate the appropriate Java objects instead of relying on the JavaScript-number-to-Java-type conversion.

```
i var params = {};  
    params.aDoubleParameter = new java.lang.Double(2.4);  
    params.anIntegerParameter = new java.lang.Integer(7);  
    var result = bf.evaluate(params);
```

When properly configured, the business action can look like the following:

Edit Operation
✕

Execute JavaScript ▾

Binds:

Variable name	Binds to	Parameter
product	Current Object	
refType	Reference Type	Accessory Optional (AccessoryOptional)
descAttribute	Attribute	Short Item Description (ShortItemDescription)
bf	Business Function	Accessories Text Producer (AccessoriesTextProducer) Description: Produces: java.lang.String Input parameters: accReferenceType (com.stibo.core.domain.ReferenceType) - The reference type used to reference accessories. accDescAttribute (com.stibo.core.domain.Attribute) - The attribute holding the (short) description of accessory objects. product (com.stibo.core.domain.Product) - The product to generate the accessories' text for
logger	Logger	

Messages: > Messages

JavaScript:

```

1 var params = {};
2 params.accReferenceType = refType;
3 params.accDescAttribute = descAttribute;
4 params.product = product;
5 var text = bf.evaluate (params);
6
7 logger.info(text);
8 //Code setting the produced value omitted
          
```

Save Test JavaScript Cancel

In the Parameter field Binds section for the called Business Function, the business function details what type of output can be expected, what variables to provide values for, and what type they must be.

```

var params = {};
params.accReferenceType = refType;
params.accDescAttribute = descAttribute;
params.product = product;
var text = bf.evaluate(params);
logger.info(text);
// Code setting the produced value omitted
          
```

Testing this business action shows the proper results:

Test & Time Business Rule
✕

Test Object	AC-P7000-65 (179625) 📄
Timing	6.646583 ms
Status	OK
Result	-
Error Details	-
Log	INFO: Compliant accessories: A heavy-duty stand for televisions up to 70 inches, inches, A state-of-the-art sound bar that is capable of 7.1 audio.

Rollback changes after test
 Attempt Stop After: seconds
 Execute in Approved Workspace

Notice that context-specific JavaScript binds do not work in Business Rule Test.

Note: When testing a JavaScript business function in the workbench using the Test & Time Business Rule dialog, the file size is limited to 1 MB. This limit only applies to the testing process and is not enforced when running the business function outside of the Test & Time Business Rule dialog.

In the 'Log' field, the value of the called attribute is shown. In the above example, the value returned from the business function and associated with text is logged. On the AC-P7000-65 product, there are two optional accessories, a 7.1 sound bar and a deluxe TV stand:

AC-P7000-65								
Item • 9% Complete • Revision: 0.19								
Product	Data Containers	Sub Products	References					
Attribute Group <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Reference Type</th> <th>Target</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="2">Accessory Optional +</td> <td>7.1 Acme Sound Bar</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deluxe TV Stand</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Reference Type	Target	Accessory Optional +	7.1 Acme Sound Bar	Deluxe TV Stand
Reference Type	Target							
Accessory Optional +	7.1 Acme Sound Bar							
	Deluxe TV Stand							

For the 7.1 Acme Sound Bar product, the short item description is:

Short Item Description	A state-of-the-art sound bar that is capable of 7.1 audio.
------------------------	--

For the Deluxe TV Stand, the short item description is:

Short Item Descript...	A heavy-duty stand for televisions up to 70 inches
------------------------	--

In the test, both of these attributes are returned per the JavaScript function as shown in the Log parameter on the Test & Time Business Rule image above.

External Business Operation

The External Business Function operation calls an extension service. Only extension services that implement the 'BusinessFunctionPlugin<T>' interface and that are running can be selected as an External Business Function in the workbench. Extension services are created using the 'Modular Service Platform' (MSP) API and are deployed and managed in the 'Modular Services' page in the Self-Service UI (SSUI).

Refer to the Self-Service UI topic for general information about the SSUI. For detailed information, refer to the 'User guide' in the SSUI and the 'Modular Services Platform API Guide' links in the 'Modular Service Platform' section of the Technical Documentation, available at [system]/sdk or accessible from the Start Page.

To rely on an extension service for your business logic, use the External Business Function operation from a business function. Then, call the business function from a JavaScript business action using the 'Business Function' bind (explained in the Business Action, Condition, and Function Binds topic of the Resource Materials online help documentation). Refer to the Calling a Business Function from a JavaScript Business Rule topic for information on executing and testing business functions.

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Business Function Usage Status Log

Name	
ID	
Name	
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Description	
Type	
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Edit Operation

External Business Function ee--2 / S Function

Use OutputStream	Boolean
Text*	String
Timeout	10000

Save Cancel

Function Dependencies

JavaScript Function: 0 Bindings, 0 messages, Parameter, String

Edit Business Function

For more information on editing a business function, refer to the Editing a Business Rule or Function topic in the Business Rules documentation.

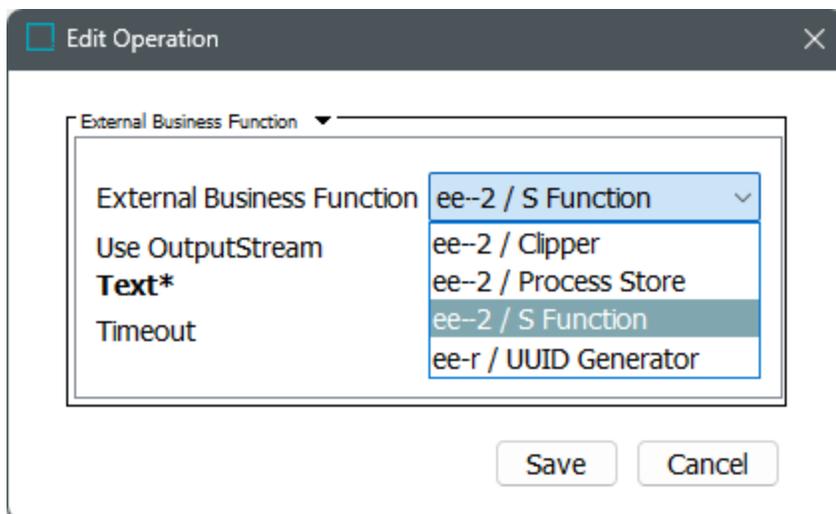
Note: When testing a JavaScript business function in the workbench using the Test & Time Business Rule dialog, the file size is limited to 1 MB. This limit only applies to the testing process and is not enforced when running the business function outside of the Test & Time Business Rule dialog.

External extension services can be called by STEP in:

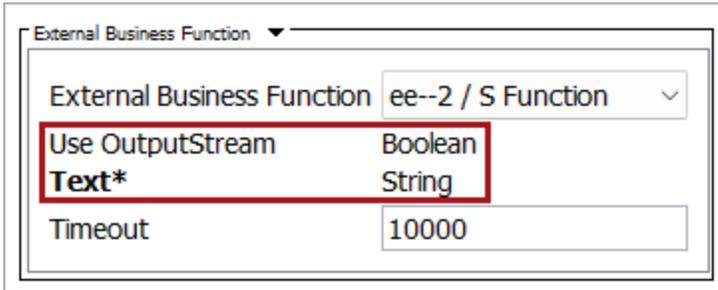
- the inbound integration endpoint (IIEP) External Receiver and/or the External pre-processor, which is defined in the IIEP - Configure Pre-processor topic.
- the outbound integration endpoint (OIEP) External Delivery Method and/or the External post-processor, which is defined in the OIEP - Event-Based - Output Templates Section topic and the OIEP - Select Objects - Output Templates Section topic.
- the External Business Function operation (this topic).

Configuration

The following example includes an External Business Function with parameters defined in the extension service.



1. **External Business Function** - This dropdown displays extension services that are running.
2. Custom parameters - The extension service code determines the parameters displayed (in the red box below) and they can be configured as optional or mandatory (indicated by an asterisk (*)) and bold text). The parameter type is displayed as read-only text.

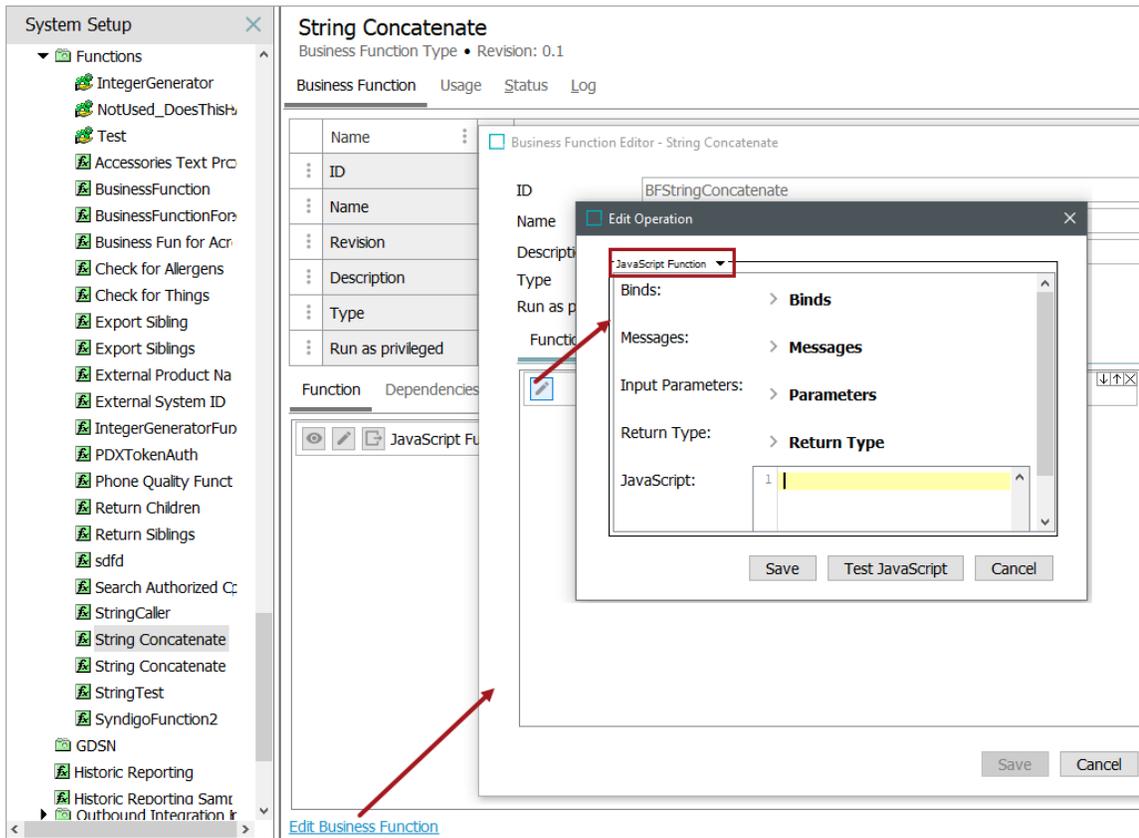


Parameter Name	Parameter Type
External Business Function	ee--2 / S Function
Use OutputStream	Boolean
Text*	String
Timeout	10000

3. **Timeout** - Set this default parameter to define the milliseconds to wait before failing the business function.

JavaScript Function Operation

The default business function operation is the 'JavaScript Function' and displays on the Function tab. This operation allows users to define their own functions using JavaScript while binding various data for use.



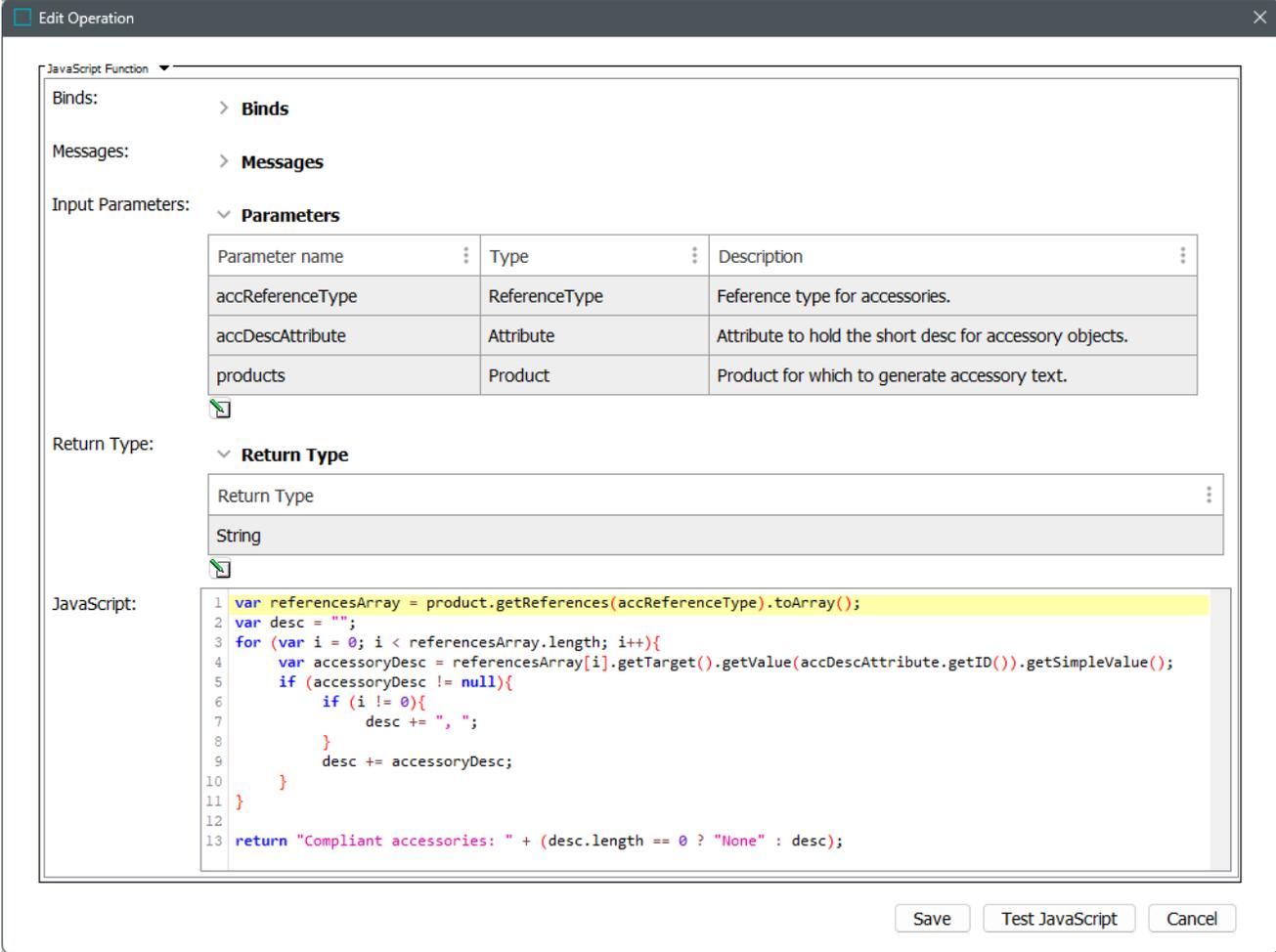
To add the JavaScript to this operation, click the **Edit Business Function** link.

For more information on editing a business function, refer to the Editing a Business Rule or Function topic in the Business Rules documentation.

Refer to the Custom Reference Target Search topic in the Web User Interfaces documentation for more information on creating reference editors that target objects the user is allowed to select based on the object type validity configured on the reference type.

Configuration

This example configures a JavaScript Function to display the text of a referenced object's attribute value description.



The screenshot shows the 'Edit Operation' dialog box for a JavaScript Function. The configuration is as follows:

- Binds:** > **Binds**
- Messages:** > **Messages**
- Input Parameters:**
 - > **Parameters**

Parameter name	Type	Description
accReferenceType	ReferenceType	Reference type for accessories.
accDescAttribute	Attribute	Attribute to hold the short desc for accessory objects.
products	Product	Product for which to generate accessory text.
- Return Type:**
 - > **Return Type**
 - String
- JavaScript:**

```

1 var referencesArray = product.getReferences(accReferenceType).toArray();
2 var desc = "";
3 for (var i = 0; i < referencesArray.length; i++){
4     var accessoryDesc = referencesArray[i].getTarget().getValue(accDescAttribute.getID()).getSimpleValue();
5     if (accessoryDesc != null){
6         if (i != 0){
7             desc += ", ";
8         }
9         desc += accessoryDesc;
10    }
11 }
12
13 return "Compliant accessories: " + (desc.length == 0 ? "None" : desc);

```

Buttons at the bottom: Save, Test JavaScript, Cancel

1. **Binds** - bind STEP objects to the JavaScript, including the 'STEP Manager' and 'Logger' dynamic binds available for business functions. For more information on JavaScript Binds, refer to the JavaScript Binds topic as well as the Adding a Bind topic in the Resource Materials online help documentation.
2. **Messages** - define localized error messages that can be returned when an error condition is encountered with this business function. For more information on translatable JavaScript messaging, refer to the Localized Messages for JavaScript Business Rules topic.

3. **Input Parameter** - define parameters that can be passed to the function to produce an output. A number of STEP and Java types are available.

For a *custom reference target search*, use one of these:

- **String:** Populated with the search string the user has entered. Most cases require a String input.
- **Node:** Populated with any node selected. When creating a reference, this will be the source node of the reference. Most cases require a Node input.
- **Data Container Object:** If the user is within a data container editor, the source of the reference will be a data container instance, and this source will be available to the business function as a Data Container Object.



Note: Use caution when changing an input parameter type for an active JavaScript Function business rule. Business rules that call the modified function may also need updating.

Using the provided example, when a user calls this business function, they must provide an attribute, references, or a product, which are passed as objects.

4. **Return Type** - define the type of data returned by the business function.



Note: Use caution when changing a return type for an active JavaScript Function business rule. Business rules that call the modified function may also need updating.

Important: JavaScript business function configured to return either a 'Double' or an 'Integer' or lists of these types should be specified in the return command rather than relying on the JavaScript to Java type conversion. For example, to return an integer value of 3 use:

```
return new java.lang.Integer(3);
```



instead of

```
return 3;
```

In the latter case, return values that are in fact integers may not be recognized as such and will produce errors.

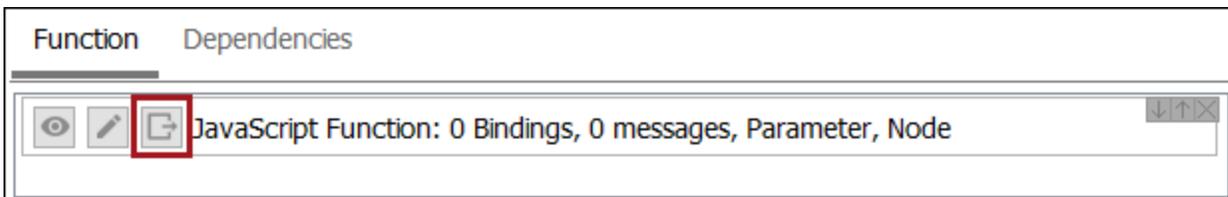
For a *custom reference target search*, the business function must return a 'Query Specification.'
 Otherwise, the business function cannot be selected in the Web UI for Target Search Function in the Search Table Tab Properties (for the References component Node Picker Dialog) as described later in this topic.

5. **JavaScript** - add function logic. In this example, the values of attributes on referenced objects is returned. The full code used for this functionality can be viewed in the online version of this topic.

For a *custom reference target search*, the business function must return a 'Query Specification.'
 Otherwise, the business function cannot be selected in the Web UI for Target Search Function in the Search Table Tab Properties (for the References component Node Picker Dialog) as described in the Custom Reference Target Search Configuration topic of the Web User Interfaces documentation.

Refer to the Calling a Business Function from a JavaScript Business Rule topic for information on executing and testing business functions.

Functions can also be edited externally via the **Edit Externally** button found on the Business Function tab.



For more information about editing functions externally, refer to the Editing a Business Rule Externally topic.

Query Template Builder Operation

The 'Query Template Builder' is a way to create a business function that returns a query result. Users can create a search query business function without knowing JavaScript.

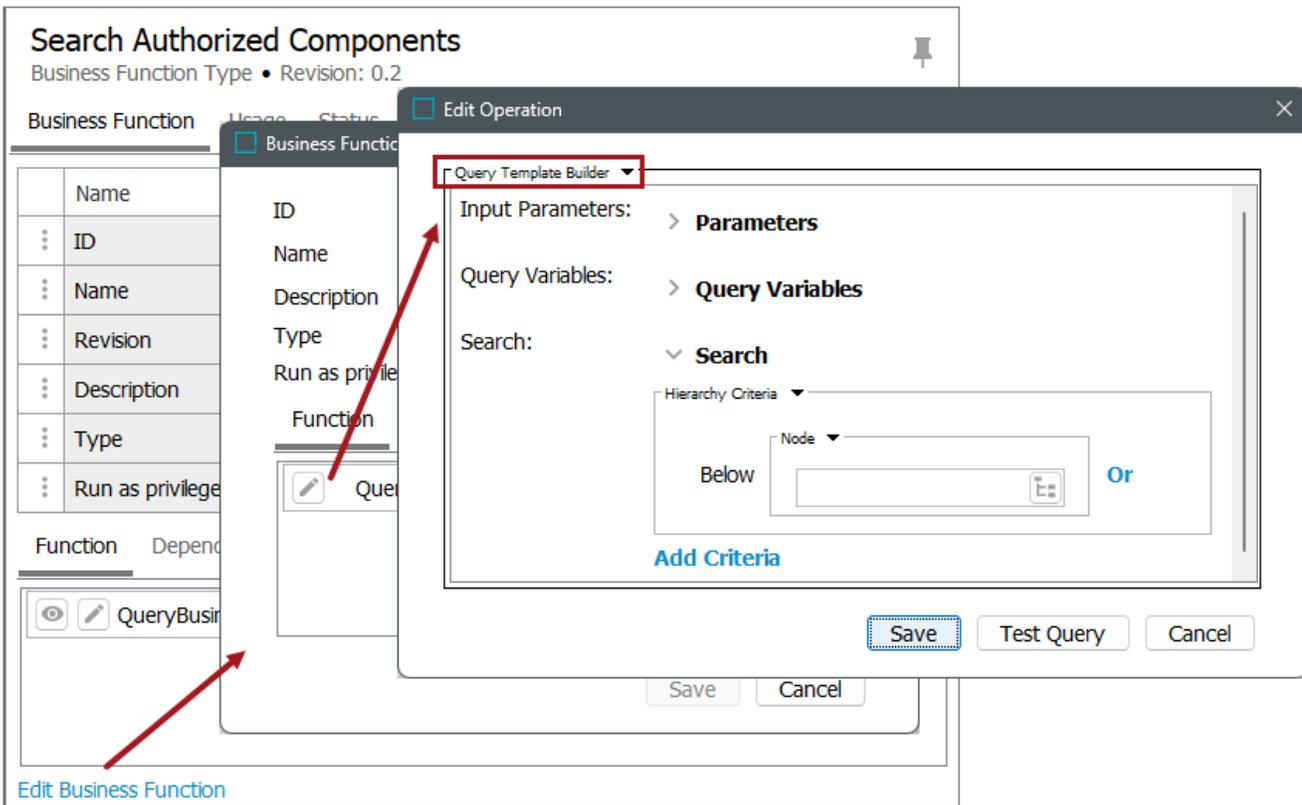
For example, in Web UI, a reference target search benefits from a query by restricting the reference type options available to only those that are appropriate for the use case. The Query Template Builder supports combining criteria to declare precisely which targets should be available for a given reference. For configuration steps, refer to the Custom Reference Target Search topic in the Web User Interfaces documentation.

Sample uses for the Query Template Builder include limiting reference type search results to targets, such as:

- below a specified hierarchy node to limit reference targets to only products under a specified classification.
- of a certain object type, like only contact person.
- with a reference of a certain type, and/or points to the same node as the reference on the current object, like limiting the supplier location selection to only locations belonging to an already selected supplier.
- with an attribute value that matches the attribute value on the current object or data container, like selecting only remote controls that supports the protocol of the current TV object.
- where the entity owned by the data container already has at least one of the specific type of data container being referenced.

Refer to the **Use Cases** section at the end of this topic for other common scenarios and setup.

To add the query to this operation, click the **Edit Business Function** link.



For more information on editing a business function, refer to the [Editing a Business Rule or Function](#) topic in the Business Rules documentation.

Configuration Example

The example in this section configures a Business Function so the reference target options are limited to:

- products where the attribute (WallMountType) matches the setting on the current node (via the 'getWallMountType' business function provided by the Query Variable)
- AND that are below the identified classification hierarchy (I-WebLevel2-25)
- AND where the specified search string text matches the name, ID, or the value found in the specified attribute.

Query Template Builder

Input Parameters:

Parameter name	Type	Description
currentNode	Node	
typeaheadSearchString	String	

Query Variables:

Query Variable Name	Query Variable Type	Return Type
currentNodeWallMountType	Business Function: getWallMountType	String

Add Query Variable

Search:

Attribute Criteria

Attribute: WallMountType (WallMountType) Will be compared as: LOV Value

Value: currentNodeWallMountType

Equals (=) Or

And

Hierarchy Criteria

Below: TV Stands, Mounts & Storage (I-WebLevel2-25) Or

And

Criteria Group

Where

Name Criteria: Like typeaheadSearchString Or

Or

ID Criteria: Like typeaheadSearchString Or

Or

Attribute Criteria

Attribute: ApplianceType (ApplianceType) Will be compared as: LOV Value

Value: typeaheadSearchString Or

Or

Save Test Query Cancel

Note: When using variables, if the variable cannot be resolved, the Query Template Builder search ignores the criteria to build the search. Continuing with the example above, if after creating the search, you delete the getWallMountType business function, then the top-most Attribute value criteria cannot be evaluated and as a result, the Query Template Builder returns any product linked under the 'TV Stands, Mounts & Storage' hierarchy, where either product name, product ID or the ApplianceType attribute matches the search string the user entered in the typeahead.

1. **Input Parameter** - define the parameters that can be passed to the function from the outside. STEP and Java types are available. For the business function to be used in Web UI for Custom Reference Target Search, in input parameters must be of type Node and String.

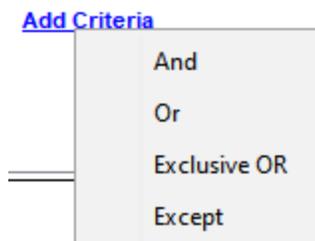


Note: Use caution when changing an input parameter type for an active business rule. Business rules that call the modified function may also need to be updated.

2. **Query Variables** - define business function(s) to be used within the search query. Click the **Add Query Variable** link, click the **Business Function** option, and add a Variable Name. Click the selector button  to choose the desired business function and make it available for selection in the Search flipper Variables dropdowns. Query Variables allow the user to retrieve values to be used in the search criteria from the current object. For example, to search wall mounts that match the current node can be a business function that get a current node object type or the parent of the current node.
3. **Search** - use the available search operations to build a query. Only objects that are true for the entire criteria in the search are included in the result set. At least one criteria must exist and the Hierarchy Criteria is displayed by default. Click the dropdown to change the first criteria if necessary since it cannot be deleted.
 - **Hierarchy Criteria** - defines the location in the hierarchy to search below. Select either Variables or Node from the dropdown and select the Query Variable or click the selector button  to select the node.
 - **Object Type Criteria** - defines the object type to search for. Select either Variables or Node from the dropdown and select the Query Variable or click the selector button  to select the node.
 - **ID Criteria** - uses an Equals, Does Not Equal, or Like (preferred) operator as a search criteria. Select either Variables or Node from the dropdown and select the Query Variable or Click the selector button  to select the node. Using the 'Like' operator allows searching on parts of the ID. 'Like' is necessary in custom reference target search to match the user's partially written search string towards the STEP ID.
 - **Name Criteria** - uses an Equals, Does Not Equal, or Like (preferred) operator to define the name of the target. Select either Variables or Node from the dropdown and select the Query Variable or click the selector button  to select the node. Using the 'Like' operator allows searching on parts of the name. 'Like' is necessary in custom reference target search to match the user's partially written search string towards the STEP name.

- Attribute Criteria** - search a specific attribute. Both the value and the attribute can be defined by variables or input parameters. Select either Variables or Node from the dropdown and select the Query Variable or click the selector button () to select the node.
- Reference Type Criteria** - search nodes containing a specific reference type. Defines the reference type allowed for the target. Select either Variables or Node from the dropdown and select the Query Variable or click the selector button () to select the node.
- Criteria Group** - defines how multiple criteria combine. One criteria group combines the included criteria using a selectable operator. As defined in the next section, some criteria options have limits: AND and OR allow more criteria; while EXCLUSIVE OR and EXCEPT allow only two criteria.

Click the **Add Criteria** link to display the operator types and choose one when adding a new criteria.



- And** - All criteria must be true for the whole Criteria Group is considered true.
- Or** - If at least one criteria is true, the whole Criteria Group is considered true.
- Exclusive OR** - combines only two criteria; when one is true and the other is false, the whole Criteria Group is considered true. For example, to query for packages that are either large and light or small and heavy, create the criteria as: <package_size larger than XL> EXCLUSIVE OR <package_weight larger than Heavy>.
- Except** - combines only two criteria; when the first is true and the second is false, the whole Criteria Group is considered true.

To remove criteria, on a single criteria, click the delete button (); on a multi-criteria item, click the delete button () to remove only a part of the criteria.

Click the **Or** link () or the **And** link () to create a relationship between criteria.

Use Cases

The image above shows a use case mapping applicable wall mounts for televisions where the appliance type of the target of the reference must match the wall mount type on the current object.

A use case in customer data is when selecting a 'ship to' location for a sales area. The user is allowed to select a 'ship to' location and the options will include the customer itself (to indicate direct shipments). Additionally, 'ship to' locations must belong to the 'ship to' account group and match the search characters the user entered. In the image below, the 'ship to' customer itself continues to be available regardless of the search characters entered by the user.

Query Template Builder

Input Parameters:

Parameter name	Type	Description
currentNode	Node	
SearchString	String	

Query Variables:

Query Variable Name	Query Variable Type	Return Type
ownerOfCurrentOrgCustomer	Business Function: getOrgCustOwner	Node

Search:

Criteria Group

Where

Criteria Group

ID Criteria

Equals (=) Node currentNode Or

Add Criteria

Or

Criteria Group

Where

Name Criteria

Like Variables SearchString Or

Or

ID Criteria

Like Variables SearchString Or

Or

And

Reference Criteria

Reference Type Node Subsidiary of (OrgOwnedByOrg) Or

Where Target

ID Criteria

Equals (=) Node ownerOfCurrentOrgCustomer Or

And

Or

While yet another customer data use case is onboarding a contact person, where a contact-to-organization reference is mandatory. The reference target search finds organizations based on the entered string compared to Legal Name or STEP name and also filters out deactivated organization records.

Query Template Builder

Input Parameters:

Parameter name	Type	Description
currentNode	Node	
SearchString	String	

Query Variables:

> Query Variables

Search:

> Search

Criteria Group

Where

Criteria Group

Name Criteria

Like Or

Or

Attribute Criteria

Attribute: Node

Legal Name (LegalName)

Like Or

Or

And

Object Type Criteria

Node

Organization Customer (OrganizationCustomer) Or

And

Except

Attribute Criteria

Attribute: Node

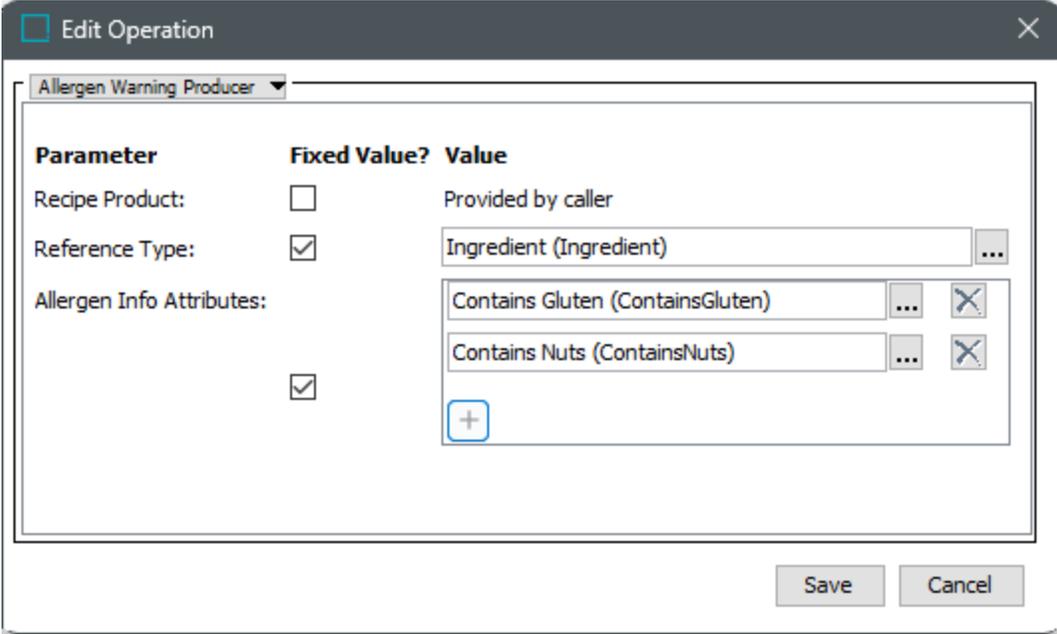
Deactivated Record (DeactivatedRecord) Will be compared as: LOV Value

Equals (=) Or

Save Test Query Cancel

User-Defined Functions

In addition to the out-of-the-box business function plugins, it is possible to develop configurable plugins via the Extension API which then display in the Edit Operation dropdown. The following screenshot shows the UI of a user-defined plugin named 'Allergen Warning Producer', created with the Extension API:



Parameter	Fixed Value?	Value
Recipe Product:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Provided by caller
Reference Type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ingredient (Ingredient) ...
Allergen Info Attributes:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Contains Gluten (ContainsGluten) ... X
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Contains Nuts (ContainsNuts) ... X
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+ ...

As displayed in this example, with Java business plugins, it is possible to assign a fixed value for some input parameters while leaving others to be provided by the caller. This means that the same plugin can be configured differently in different business functions, thereby exposing different caller 'interfaces.'

For more information on creating business function plugins with the API, refer to the **STEP Extension API Guide** available via the Technical Documentation accessible at [system]/sdk or from the Resources section of the system's Start Page.

Business Libraries

A Business Library is a set of JavaScript functions that can be reused in multiple business rules. The following should be reviewed when considering the use of a business library:

- When creating multiple JavaScript based business rules, a business library should be used to hold common functions. This makes maintaining the related business rules easier since the JavaScript code exists in a single location. For details, refer to [Creating a Business Rule, Function, or Library](#).
- Libraries cannot be called independently, but must be referenced from other actions or conditions.
- Any number of JavaScript business rules can be used to define library functions.
- It is not possible to bind STEP objects when working with libraries, but they can be passed in as arguments.
- For business rules where library functionality is needed, you must declare a dependency to the libraries on the Dependencies tab, as described in the [Editing a Business Library](#) topic.

For a JavaScript example of Business Libraries, refer to the online version of this topic.

Business Rules Recommended Practices

This document describes the recommended guidelines for writing business rules. The recommendations are compiled from other Stibo Systems documents and experiences from the Stibo Systems Professional Services team.

Considerations

- Writing complex business rules is best done by a software developer.
- Business rules can be maintained without involving Stibo Systems.
- Business rules provide a way to extend the behavior of your system, however, these rules may have a big impact on functionality and performance.
- Business rules can be used in imports, approval processes, workflows, Web UI screens, etc. and provide a flexible way to tailor the core functionality in a very precise manner.
- The alternative to business rules are extensions, either as written using the extension API or custom extensions developed by Stibo Systems. The advantages of extensions include their ability to run faster, as they do not have to be compiled at run-time and that they can be developed using a Java IDE, which offers code completion and syntax checking while writing the code. Extensions should be considered for complex solutions.

Recommendations

When developing business rules:

- The system supports these types of business rules: business conditions, business actions, and business functions, as well as business rule libraries, which are a collection of JavaScript methods. For more information, refer to the Business Rules topic.
- The core concept to improving business rules is to write clear, well-documented code. Refer to the Writing Clear Business Rules topic for suggested considerations.
- Business libraries are useful elements for reusing JavaScript code and across business rules. However, business libraries can cause performance issues, and in these cases, business functions may be more useful. Refer to the Using Business Libraries topic.

- Should issues arise through using business rules, a good logging regimen as well as proper exception handling is critical. Refer to the Logging and Exception Handling topic. For a deep exploration of exception handling, refer to the Error Handling Recommended Practices topic in the Resource Materials online help documentation.
- Relying on business rules is critical for many types of use cases, but business rules can impact performance if they are not maintained properly. Refer to the Performance Considerations topic for some practices to ensure that business rules are not hindering the system.
- To export, maintain, and test business rules, refer to the Working with Business Rules Externally topic.
- The Appendix for Recommended Practices for Business Rules contains tricks and code examples that can help you write business rules.

Writing Clear Business Rules

Clearly written code is easy to maintain and support. Readability improves when using self-explaining names and proper indentation. It is advised to keep all names and descriptions in a commonly used language within the organization so that relevant audience can understand what is being accomplished. This topic covers items to aid in clarity.

Suggested Practices

These guidelines are suggestions to aid in writing clear business rules.

Business Rules Objects

When naming business rules in the system, the following limitations should be implemented:

- ID: Title case, no spaces or special characters
- Name: Title case, spaces allowed

	Name	ID	Value
⋮	ID		StandardizeAddressAction
⋮	Name		Standardize Address Action

Description Field

As with most objects in the system, every business rule has a description field. Creating a short but detailed description of what the business rule is expected to do and in which context it is used will aid future users and set expectations.

⋮	Description	This business rule will overwrite existing address information with an address that fits a common format.
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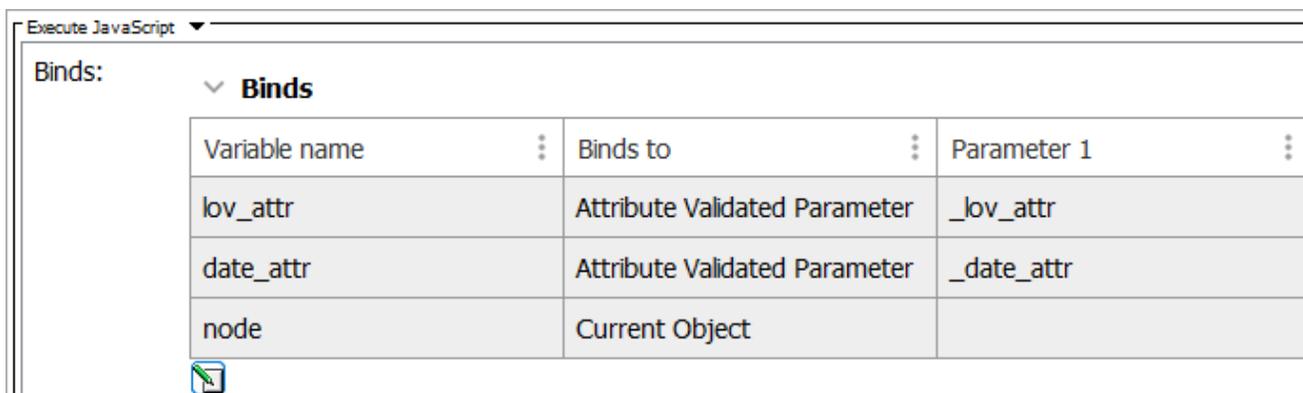
Bind Variables

Bind variables should be named in camel case and starting with a letter. These binds should be named so that the name of the bind variable clearly identifies which bind is being used.

Bind Variables Name to Use	For Binding to Type
<attributeID>Value (unless auto-ID is used)	Attribute Value
<derivedEventTypeID>EventType, e.g. webLinkEventType	Event Type
<OIEPID>EventQueue, e.g. eCommEventQueue	Event Queue
approveContext	Approve context
currentEventQueue	Current event queue
currentObjectID	ID
currentWorkflow	Current workflow
gdsnDataMap	GDSN Data Map
logger	Logger
manager	STEP Manager

Use bind instead of hard coding IDs

When creating business rules, a bind allows for supporting a myriad of inbound data rather than a specific hardcoded ID. This is the preferred approach when a business rule does not need context-specific bind, which renders the business rule untestable using the standard business rule test functionality.



Variable name	Binds to	Parameter 1
lov_attr	Attribute Validated Parameter	_lov_attr
date_attr	Attribute Validated Parameter	_date_attr
node	Current Object	

For business rules that potentially have context specific binds, such as current workflow, it can, however, be a better approach to retrieve the workflow using the manager and a hardcoded workflow ID. This method will allow the business rule to still be testable.

Variable and Function Names

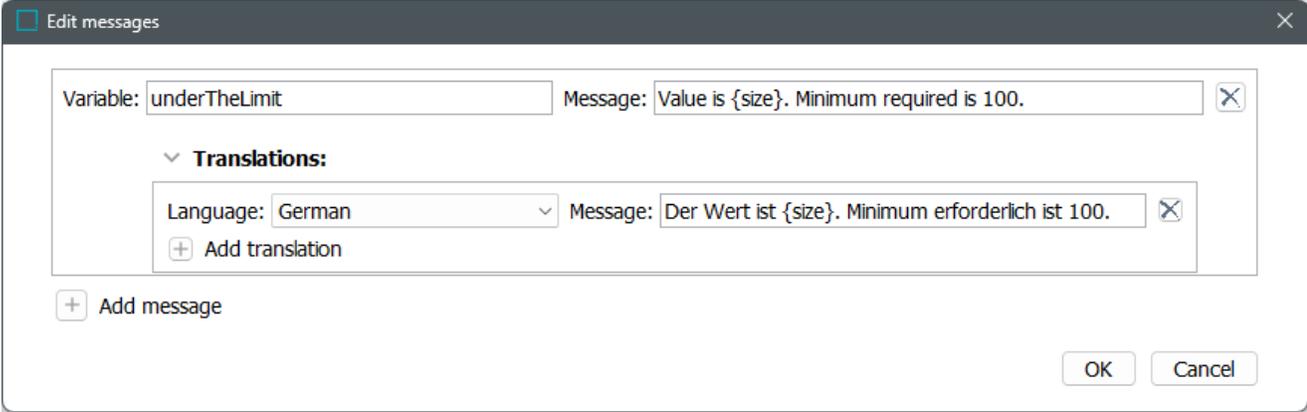
Variable and function names should be in camel case and start with a letter. Underscore characters may be used.

Although the Rhino engine used for executing JavaScript is reinitialized prior to the execution of each JavaScript plugin script fragment, it is considered recommended practice to declare all script variables using the 'var' keyword.

Error Messages

When defining error messages for business rules, always ensure that one of the messages is in English to make them easier to understand for a broader audience.

Note: The use of the '{size}' variable allows the error message to have more meaningful contextual use.



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Edit messages". It contains a form with the following elements:

- A "Variable" field containing the text "underTheLimit".
- A "Message" field containing the text "Value is {size}. Minimum required is 100." with a clear button (X) to its right.
- A "Translations" section, indicated by a downward arrow, containing:
 - A "Language" dropdown menu set to "German".
 - A "Message" field containing the text "Der Wert ist {size}. Minimum erforderlich ist 100." with a clear button (X) to its right.
 - An "Add translation" button with a plus sign (+).
- An "Add message" button with a plus sign (+) at the bottom left.
- "OK" and "Cancel" buttons at the bottom right.



Code Layout

Business rules code lines should be 80 characters or fewer. To clearly structure the nested code values, indentations with the tab button are recommended.

```
function toCelsius(fahrenheit) {
    return (5 / 9) * (fahrenheit - 32);
}
for (i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
    sum += i;
}
if (time < 20) {
    greeting = "Good day";
} else {
    greeting = "Good evening";
}
```

General Housekeeping

It is recommended to clearly mark unused business rules as being obsolete, such as by adding a 'NotUsed' prefix to the name, if they cannot be deleted. It is equally advised to mark temporary business rules with a prefix like 'Temp.'

	Name	:	:	Value	:
:	ID			DoesThisHaveAllergens	
:	Name			NotUsed_DoesThisHaveAllergens	

Using Business Libraries

Business libraries are useful for writing JavaScript business rules once and referencing these rules again later even across multiple business rules. For more information, refer to the Business Libraries topic.

Structuring Business Libraries

Use libraries to encapsulate common code which allows it to be reused by multiple business rules. Split libraries according to their overall theme:

- WorkflowUtilities
- PackagingUtilities
- NumberFormattingUtilities
- ApprovalUtilities

Limiting Business Libraries

A business rule is compiled each time it is executed. Generally, it takes about 500 milliseconds to compile about 8,500 lines of code at each business rule execution. If a business rule depends on a library, the library is compiled as well. To expand it further, if a business rule only uses a single function within a library, the whole library is still compiled.

If a library depends on another library, the other library needs to be compiled as well.

Important: To reiterate, libraries are compiled every time the business rule is executed, which is especially burdensome to performance when libraries depend on each other. Dividing a large library into multiple libraries, but keeping the dependencies, does not resolve the issue.

The system caches the compiled scripts instead of recompiling them before each execution. By default, 100 business rules are cached (Script.CacheSize=100). When the cache is filled up, the least-used business rules are evicted from the cache.

The cache reduces performance impact, but it is still recommended to keep business rules libraries small to reliably improve performance.

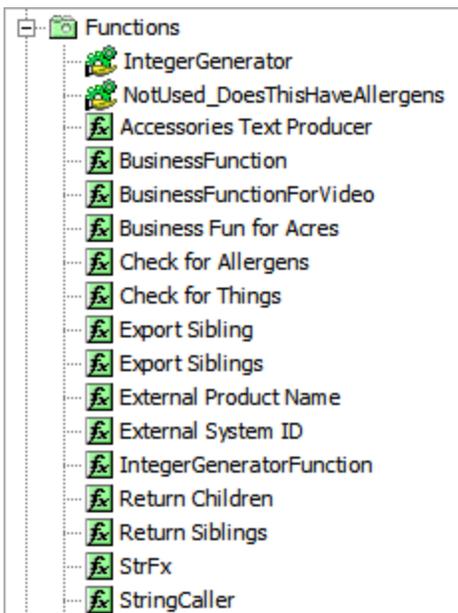
An alternative to business rule libraries is business functions. A business function is one specific function, so unlike a library, there is not any additional unused functions included and compiled.

Business Functions

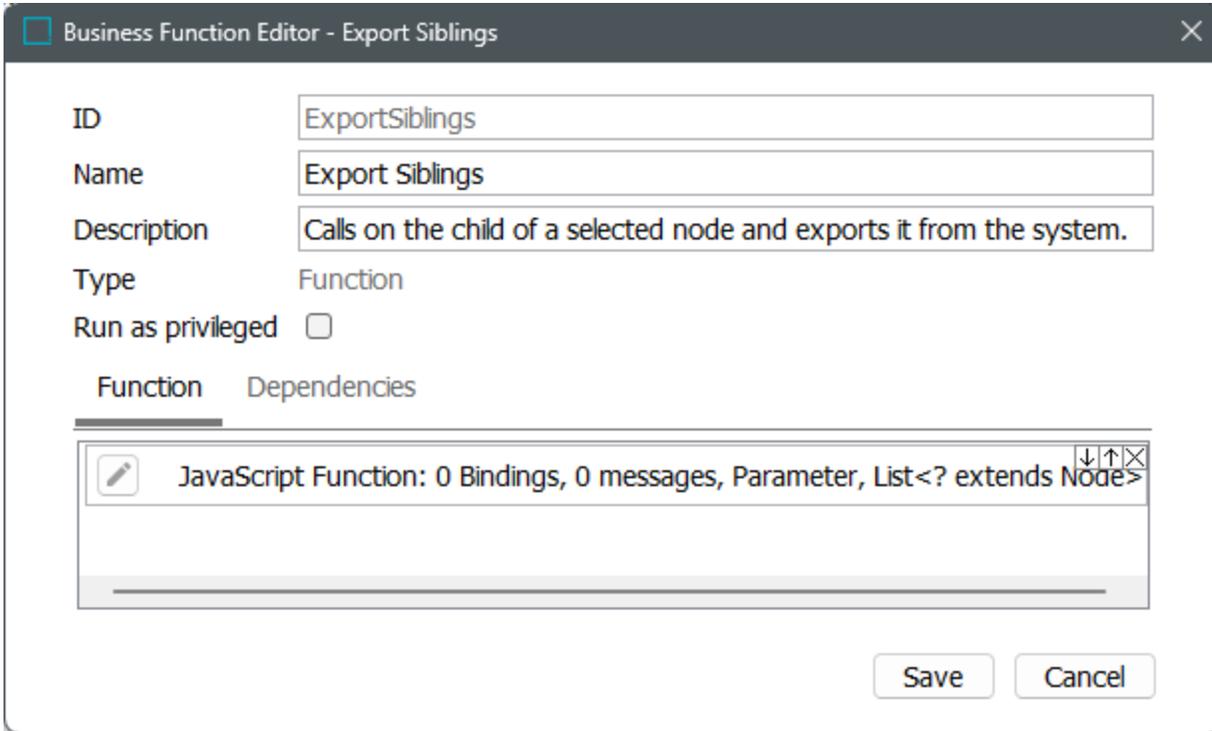
Business functions, introduced in the 9.0 release, were designed to be used for certain areas of the system where business actions or conditions was insufficient due to their lack of returning a result.

Since business functions can be used as part of a business action or condition, they also prove quite useful as a single function library. This use may be preferred to library since the function itself can be named to make sense in what it does and that the entire function is used each time. This approach opposes a library where often only parts of it is used at a given situation. One downside to a business function is that it cannot be used to alter data stored in the database.

A business function can be thought of as a JavaScript method with an input and an output. To that respect, the naming of the business function should be carefully considered so that the business function name reflects the functionality it offers.



Once a proper naming convention has been established, the description field of the business function should also be filled out. It is also advised to establish any limitations to the business function, if there are any, as well as indicating what the returned element is.



Business Function Editor - Export Siblings

ID:

Name:

Description:

Type:

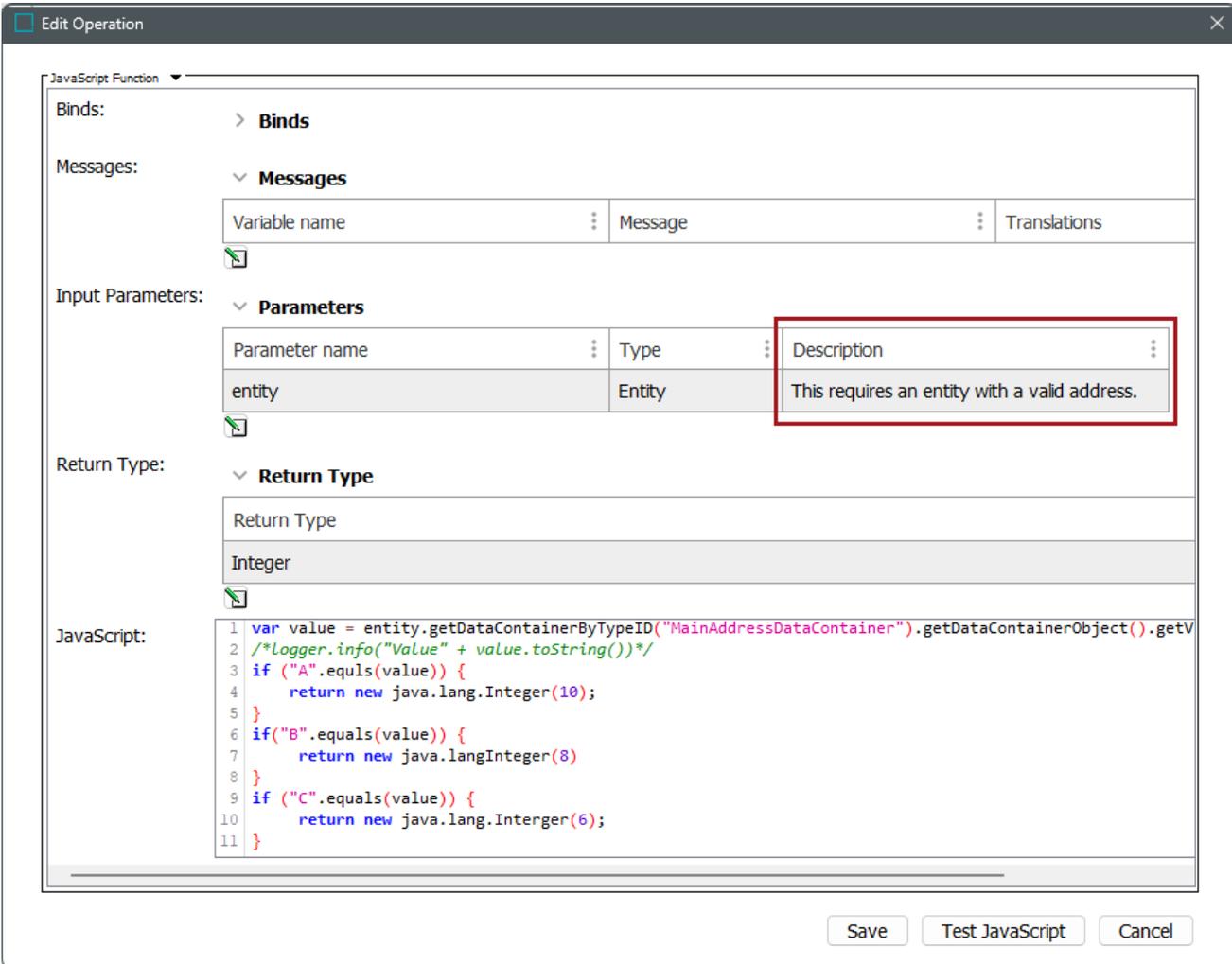
Run as privileged:

Function Dependencies

JavaScript Function: 0 Bindings, 0 messages, Parameter, List<? extends Node>

Save Cancel

If there are input parameters to the business function, these should be properly named and described using the proper **Description** field when adding the parameter. Remember that this information is what the user of the business function must rely on to be able to choose the correct input parameter when calling the business function. It is important to also state assumptions / limitations if there are any, like 'parameter must not be null' or similar.



JavaScript Function

Binds: > **Binds**

Messages: > **Messages**

Variable name	Message	Translations

Input Parameters: > **Parameters**

Parameter name	Type	Description
entity	Entity	This requires an entity with a valid address.

Return Type: > **Return Type**

Return Type

Integer

JavaScript:

```

1 var value = entity.getDataContainerByTypeID("MainAddressDataContainer").getDataContainerObject().getV
2 /*Logger.info("Value" + value.toString())*/
3 if ("A".equals(value)) {
4     return new java.lang.Integer(10);
5 }
6 if ("B".equals(value)) {
7     return new java.lang.Integer(8)
8 }
9 if ("C".equals(value)) {
10    return new java.lang.Integer(6);
11 }

```

Save Test JavaScript Cancel

The business function code should adhere to good coding practices with comments where necessary. It is recommended to use JavaScript functions or binding other business functions to structure code. Calling the business function is done by parsing a JSON object containing the input parameters to the evaluate function.

Business functions are recommended for obfuscating code, as the business function can be used as a black box, like when using libraries. Unlike libraries, a business function's purpose is more obvious. On the downside, the business function runs in non-transactional scope, and thus, cannot alter the database in any way.

One additional advantage of using the business function over the library is that the business function offers 'Usage' information about which business rules have binds to it.

Business Function	<u>Usage</u>	<u>S</u> tatus	<u>L</u> og
▼ Business Rules using this Business Rule			
	Name		
⋮	IntegerGenerator		
⋮	ReturnValuesFromBF		

Logging and Exception Handling

Logs provide a method to figure out what is wrong with a process of the MDM system and may offer paths to solve these issues. This topic considers some of the recommended practices to log errors in the system and how to deal with exceptions.

Logging

The MDM system provides the option to set the detail level of business rules warnings and errors that should be logged in the log file. Logging many details may have a negative impact on performance, simply because the system will be busy logging these details.

It is therefore recommended to configure the business rule logging to avoid logging unnecessary details.

The **JavaScript.Logging.LogLevel** configuration property globally controls the amount of logging for all business rules. In the Self-Service UI, select an environment and click the 'Configuration properties' tab to edit the property.

Key	Value	Actions
JavaScript.Logging.LogLevel	WARNING	 

The available values are:

- All
- Fine
- Warning
- Finest
- Config
- Severe
- Finer
- Info
- Off

Use the appropriate level for each environment, for example:

- For a DEV or TEST environment, set the property to FINE to trace errors.
- For a QA environment, set the property to INFO or WARNING.
- For a PROD environment, set the property to SEVERE.

It is also possible to implement a 'log level' local to a specific business rule. For the logging of business rules, it is recommended to log the result of the business rule during development on the development environment but remove the logging when development of the business rule is successfully finished and deployed to the test, quality, and production environments.

The use of business rule logging can be analyzed by examining the log file. If the log file contains business rule remarks and results, the business rule logs to the log file.

An easy and transparent way to turn logging on and off, is to set a Debug Flag in the business rule code.

For example:

```
//Debug 'flag' REMEMBER to turn 'false' when you are done
var isDebug = false;
//Function to handle whatever logging of debug information should occur
or not
function logDebug(message) {
    if(isDebug) {logger.info(message)}
}
...
logDebug("This is a message for the log file")
...
```

Exception handling

Good exception handling practices will allow developers the opportunity to prevent negative side effects to the system. For more information on error handling practices in the system, refer to the Error Handling Recommended Practices topic in the Resource Materials online help documentation.

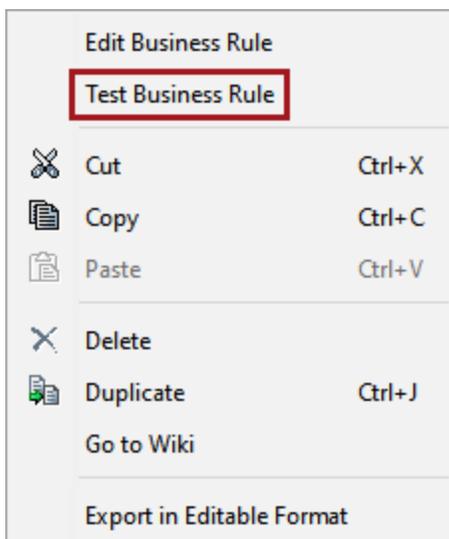
Performance Considerations

Some business rules are invoked frequently, like rules running during approval and import. To preserve the performance of the MDM system, it is important to ensure that the business rules perform well. A business rule runs in a single transaction, so it is also important that it finishes within a short time to avoid optimistic locking errors.

Investigating Business Rule Performance

There are several ways to analyze and monitor business rules.

1. In the workbench, there is a business rule test option that is typically used during development. To test, right-click on the business rule then select 'Test Business Rule.'



Once this option is selected, the 'Test & Time Business Rule' dialog will display. The 'Test Object' field needs to be populated with any objects that are valid for the business rule.

☐ Test & Time Business Rule
✕

Test Object

Timing

Status

Result

Error Details

Log

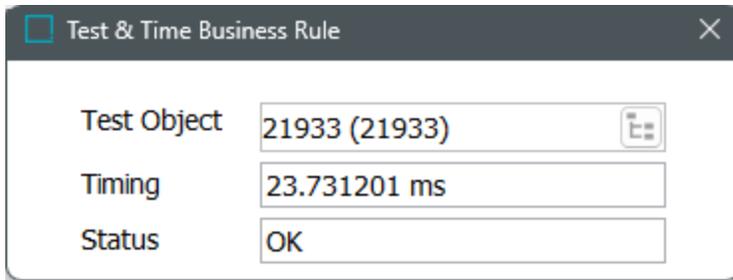
Rollback changes after test

Attempt Stop After: seconds

Execute in Approved Workspace

Notice that context-specific JavaScript binds do not work in Business Rule Test.

Select 'Test' with an object selected. Note the timing field. Run a few different items to generate different timings, and analyze the results. The following screenshot shows that the business rule took about 190 milliseconds to complete the business rule for item 21933. Be aware that it might take longer or shorter for other items running the same rule.



- Another way to test a business rule is in the Statistics tab of the business rule in the workbench.

The business rule statistics tab displays minimum, maximum, average, and total duration of the business rule as well as the number of invocations per selected period. The period can be configured from a period of an hour to a week.

The following screenshot shows the same business rule which was invoked 9 times during the last seven days. Through these invocations, an average duration of about 3.78 ms was calculated. If the maximum duration value of 22 ms is selected, the workbench will navigate to the record that caused the slowest time to complete.

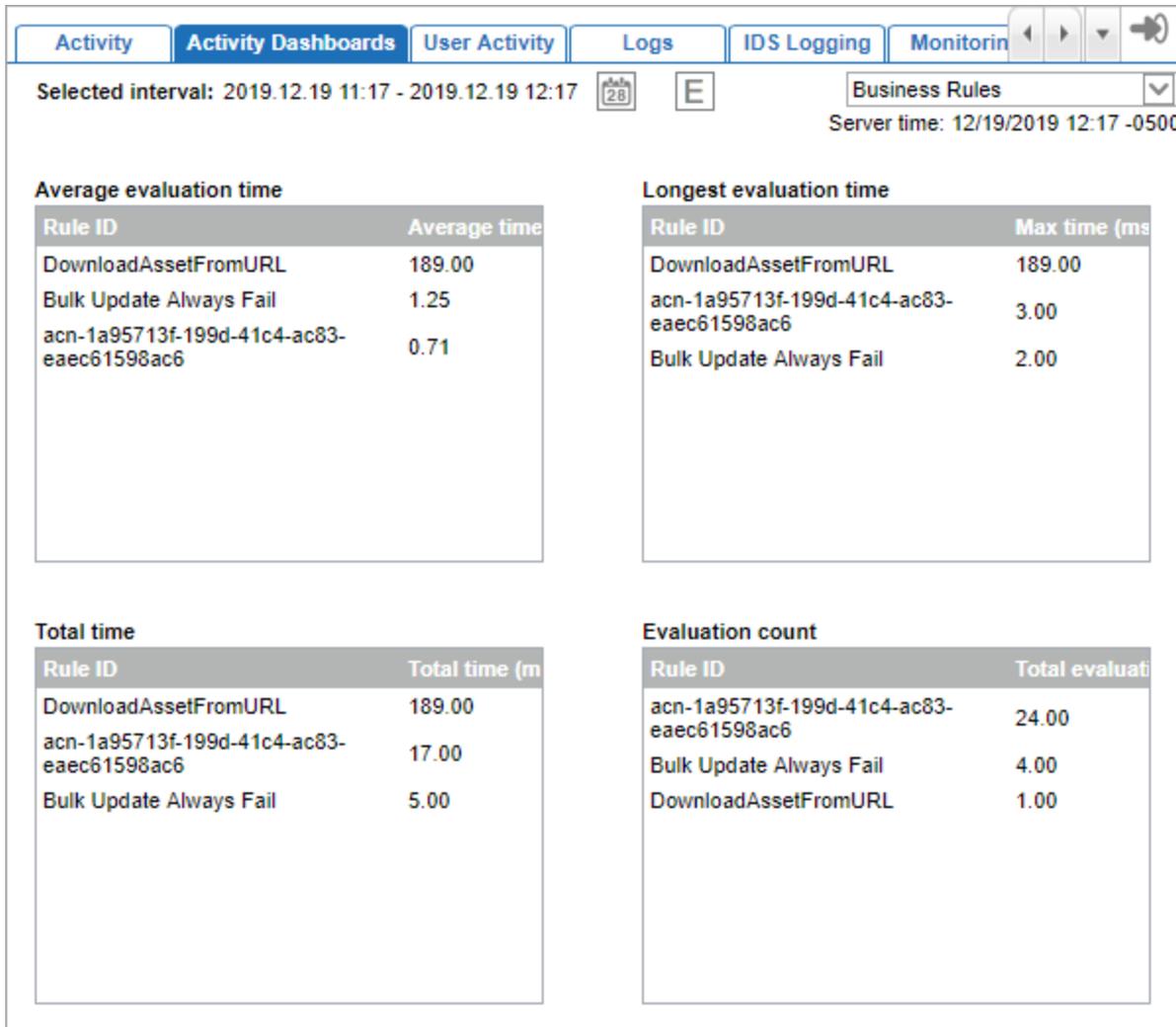
▼ **Performance statistics**

Load 7 days ▼

Minimum duration	1 ms
Average duration	3.78 ms
Maximum duration	22 ms
Total duration	0.03 s
Invocations	9

This method of business rule analysis gives an indication of the business rule performance over a period of time.

- The Admin Portal provides the possibility to track and trace business rule performance over a given period. From the Admin Portal, under Activity Dashboard, select Business Rules from the top right dropdown.



The period over which the statistics are gathered can be configured. The dashboard shows the top business rules over the configured period, with:

- The longest average evaluation time
- The longest maximum evaluation time
- The longest total time
- The number of invocations

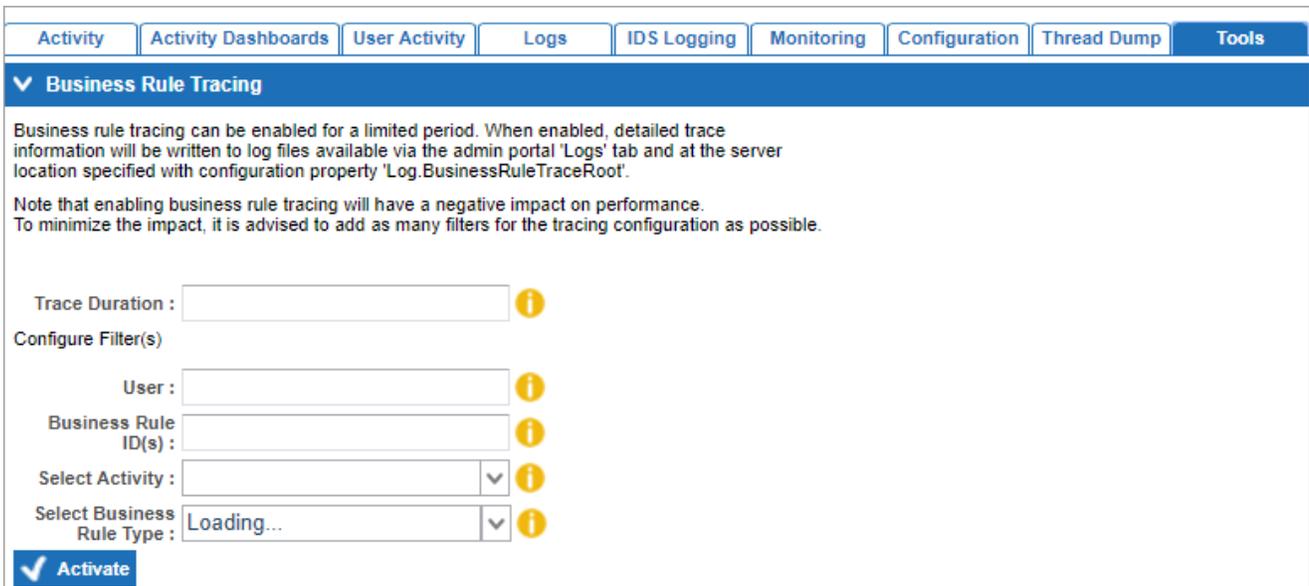
This method of business rule analysis gives an indication of the performance of the most demanding business rule over a period of time. It is very important to analyze the business rules stated under 'Total time' since these are the business rules with the longest average evaluation time and the most number of invocations.

4. There is also an option in the Admin Portal version 8.1 and above to trace business rules. The functionality of the Business Rule Tracing section of the Tools tab is described within the interface itself.

Business rule tracing can be enabled for a limited period. When enabled, detailed trace information will be written to log files available via the Admin Portal 'Logs' tab.

Note: Enabling business rule tracing will have a negative impact on performance. To minimize the impact, it is advised to add as many filters for the tracing configuration as possible.

Click the yellow information icon next to each parameter for a complete description of the parameter / filter and any relevant information for populating it.



Activity | Activity Dashboards | User Activity | Logs | IDS Logging | Monitoring | Configuration | Thread Dump | **Tools**

Business Rule Tracing

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Trace Duration : ⓘ

Configure Filter(s)

User : ⓘ

Business Rule ID(s) : ⓘ

Select Activity : ⓘ

Select Business Rule Type : Loading... ⓘ

Activate

When the necessary information has been added, click the 'Activate' button to begin tracing.

Note: Once tracing has been activated, the relevant business rule(s) must be triggered in the system within the time frame defined in the Trace Duration parameter so that the rule is active for tracing. Furthermore, if the system is stopped or restarted, any tracing that was in progress will also be stopped.

Tracing will stop automatically when the specified duration has expired. Alternatively, users can click the 'Stop' button, which is available only when tracing is in progress, at any time to kill the trace prior to completion of the duration.

Performance Recommendations

- Keep business rule transactions small

Business rules have a transaction, which allows you to write data to the system. However, business rules with long transactions will degrade the performance. Furthermore, the system runs with optimistic locking policy. The longer the transaction, the larger is the probability of introducing an optimistic locking failure when running the business action simultaneously.

- Avoid the function GetChildren with many nodes

Business rules using calls 'getChildren' on a huge number of children may cause memory problems. The problem is that the 'getChildren' uses an unsafe call that will read all children. It should be changed into using 'queryChildren.'

```
public List getChildren(final String internalId, final Class
wantedChildType, final Manager manager) {
...
    } else if (obj instanceof Product) {
        Product product = (Product) obj;
        children = product.getChildren(); //also works for product
overrides, but this action is unsafe.
```

It is recommended to analyze the business rules and determine if the 'getChildren' function is not used on a selection with more than 10,000 children. If over 10,000 children are expected, change it to the 'queryChildren' function.

- Use arrays instead of multiple read calls

Business rules repeatedly using calls to the database for large sets of data significantly degrades performance. Instead, use one call to get the data, and push it into arrays and work from there. Minimizing the number of calls to the database aids performance.

When multiple business rules are executed sequentially (e.g., as part of an approval process), and these business rules fetch the same data from the database multiple times, it is beneficial to rewrite the business rules to fetch the data once, and push the data into (multi-dimensional) arrays or local data structures.

- Consider In-Memory for business rules

In-Memory can improve performance of the business rules. In-Memory provides faster operations on complex data models where business rules navigate references.

Consider using In-Memory when performance improvement on business rules is still required and all previous recommendations on business rules are implemented.

Working with Business Rules Externally

Business rules can be created, maintained, and tested outside of the system. This allowance enables users to govern the life cycle of business rules in a standard source code control system such as Git, and from there, be able to deploy appropriate versions of the business rules to the various systems that are part of a Development, Testing, Acceptance and Production (DTAP) environment.

For more information about the STEP GIT integration, refer to the Version Control System Integration topic in the Configuration Management documentation.

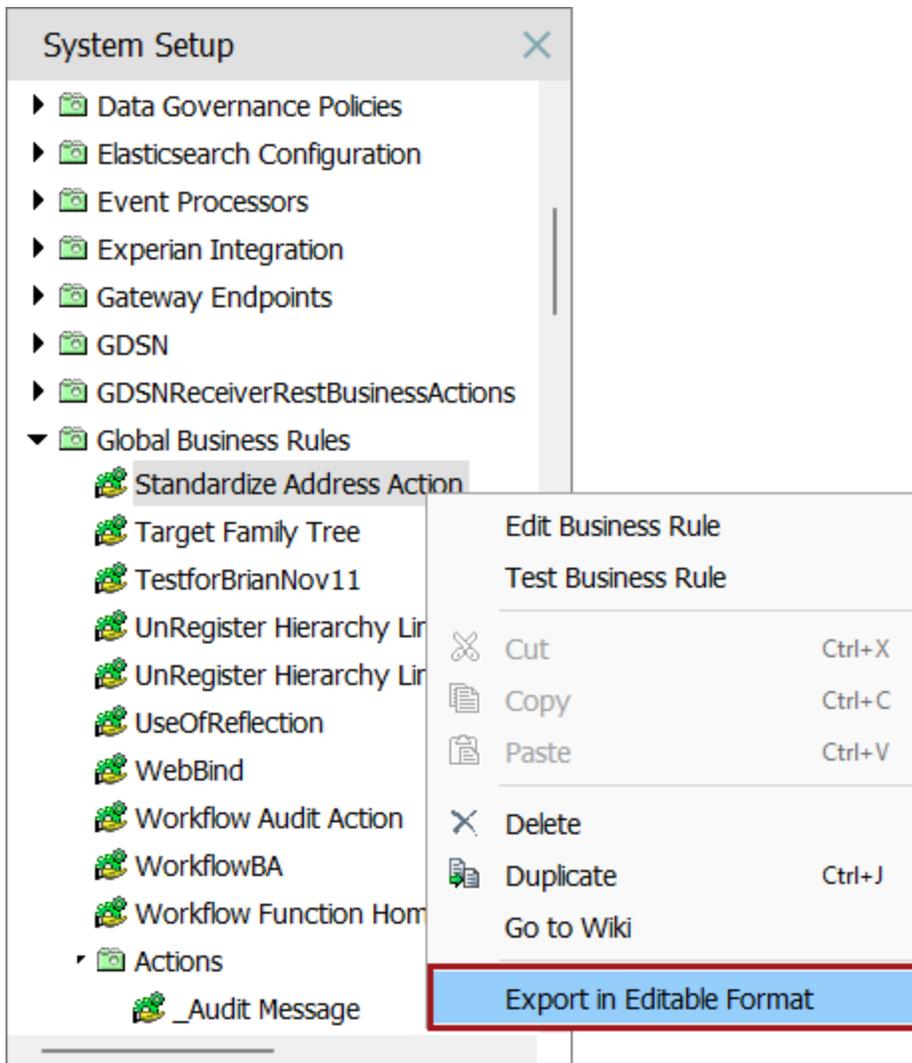
Note: While it is possible to setup and import business rules into the system, it is easier to create dependencies, binds, valid object types, and any other required components of business rules inside of the MDM system where users can browse for the information needed rather than creating these connections.

Note: Individual JavaScript operations can be edited via Visual Studio Code by using the 'Edit Externally' action. For more information, refer to the Editing a JavaScript Business Rule Externally topic.

Configuration

For this use case, a preexisting business rule will be exported from the system, augmented locally, and then, imported back into the system. Experienced developers may use this template to generate completely business rules outside of the system.

From the desired business rule in the workbench, right-click then select the 'Export in Editable Format' option.



Once exported, the business rule may be edited as desired. The following code snippet is an example of a business rule that will standardize addresses.

```
// Business rule metadata omitted
/*===== business rule plugin definition =====
{
  "pluginId" : "JavaScriptBusinessActionWithBinds",
  "binds" : [ {
    "contract" : "CurrentObjectBindContract",
    "alias" : "node",
    "parameterClass" : "null",
    "value" : null,
```

```

    "description" : null
  }, {
    "contract" : "ReferenceTypeBindContract",
    "alias" : "refType",
    "parameterClass" : "com.stibo.core.domain.impl.ReferenceTypeImpl",
    "value" : "PrimaryProductImage",
    "description" : null
  }, {
    "contract" : "AssetBindContract",
    "alias" : "asset",
    "parameterClass" : "com.stibo.core.domain.impl.FrontAssetImpl",
    "value" : "100300",
    "description" : null
  }, {
    "contract" : "LoggerBindContract",
    "alias" : "logger",
    "parameterClass" : "null",
    "value" : null,
    "description" : null
  } ],
  "messages" : [ ],
  "pluginType" : "Operation"
}
*/
exports.operation0 = function (node, refType, asset, logger) {
  // "Current Object" bound to "node"
  // A reference type bound to "refType"
  // An asset bound to "asset"
  var existingRefs = node.getReferences(refType).toArray();
  if (existingRefs.length == 0) {
    logger.info("Creating reference");
    node.createReference(asset, refType);
  } else {
    logger.info("Asset " + asset.getID() + " already has a Primary Product

```

```
Image" );  
}  
}
```

Since the system uses binds to connect data to JavaScript, those are best maintained after the edited JavaScript file is imported back into the system. Once completed, it is recommended that developers test the business rule to ensure it functions as expected. For more information, refer to the [Testing a Business Rule](#) topic.

Writing User Notification Messages for Business Rules

Business rules enable admin users to apply a wide range of automation to master data processes. Included in business rules' range of features is the ability to display messages to the user at specific moments, and under specific circumstances. Some messages may convey a bit of information relevant to an action that was just taken, or an acknowledgment that the desired outcome has been achieved, but most often, a configured message to the user will display when something has gone wrong.

Because so much flexibility is supported for creating business rules, a lot of latitude is granted to admin users configuring business rules, specifically as it relates to drafting text notifications. The information contained in this topic aims to provide admin users with a primer on recommended practices to consider when writing business rule notifications, so the end user may be provided with information that is useful, clear, and timely.

General Guidelines

The aim for notifications should be to provide the user with concise, informative messages that, depending on the kind of notification, inform the user a process has completed, prompt the user to take a specific next step, or confirm whether an action is successful or has failed. Automated system notifications that only provide jargon-rich technical information are not as strong as those that offer plain-language messages designed to help the user take the next step. Notifications can be displayed via popup messages (as in the 'Information' and 'Acknowledgment' message type screenshots below), or as text shown below the affected field in a Node Editor (as in the 'Warning' and 'Error' message type screenshots, also below), or as small pop-ups that display near the affected cell(s) in Node Lists.

There are four types of notifications that can be presented to users in business rules: Information, Acknowledgment, Warning, and Error. What follows is a description of each of these, with an emphasis on Warning and Error as these are the notification types that will most commonly be used with business rules.

Information

An information notification informs the user of an event that may be of interest to the user. These notifications are always system-initiated.

Message Template

Information messages inform the user of a positive event that is likely to be of interest to the user. Unlike error messages, information notifications are not associated with a problem, so the triggering event is the most relevant piece of information, whereas with an error, the problem itself is the most relevant piece of information.

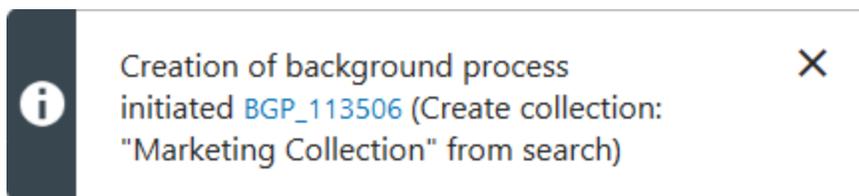
What follows is the recommended template for an informational message:

{{Event}}. {{Further Information}}. refer to {{Reference to all information}}.

A good example of this kind of message might be, 'Creation of background process BGP_113506 initiated. (Create collection: "Marketing Collection" from search)'

In this example, the relevant event is described. Following this, the admin-named event that has initiated the background process, which is 'Create collection', the collection itself is named 'Marketing Collection', and the collection is being created from the results of a search.

When properly configured in a business rule using the Web UI Context bind, information messages will be coded blue.



Acknowledgment

An Acknowledgment message informs the user that their goal was fulfilled. These messages might best be described as the opposite of error messages. Acknowledgment messages are always generated by the successful completion of user-initiated tasks.

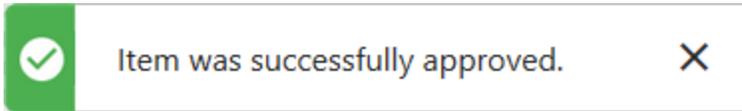
What follows is the recommended template for an acknowledgment message:

{{Object(s)}} {{action}}

A good example of this kind of message would be: 'Item was successfully approved.'

In this case, 'Item' is the object, and 'successfully approved' is the action.

When properly configured in a business rule using the Web UI Context bind, acknowledgment messages will be coded green.



Warning

A Warning message warns users of a condition that might cause a problem in the future. Conditions that generate warning messages can stem from either user- or system-initiated actions. The fundamental purpose of a warning message is to help the user lessen the risk of a potential negative consequence. A warning message might display, for example, when a user is at risk of deleting an asset, losing system access, or executing an action that will take significant time to correct.

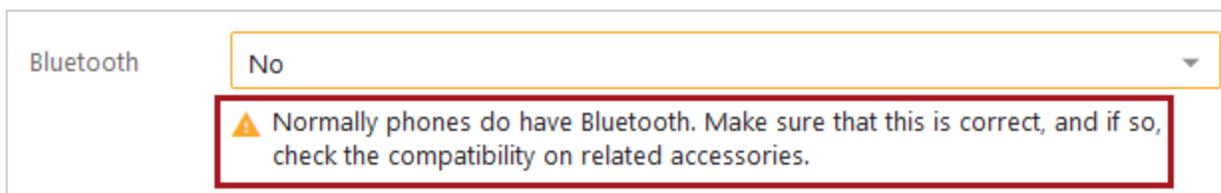
What follows is the recommended template for a warning message:

{{Point of concern}}, because {{cause}}. {{Solution}}

A good example of this kind of message is in the Node Editor warning notification shown below.

In this instance, the stated point of concern is 'Normally phones do have Bluetooth.' The solution statement is, 'Make sure that this is correct, and if so, check the compatibility on related accessories.' This message is clear, written in plain language, and alerts the user to a potential problem, and provides steps they can take to avoid an error going forward.

When properly configured in a business rule, popup warning messages will be coded amber, and warning messages for Node Editor fields (using the Data Issues Report bind) will be preceded with an amber triangle, and turn the outline of the affected field amber.



Error

An Error message lets the user know two things: one, a problem has occurred and two, the user cannot proceed until the problem has been cleared. The issue being raised can stem from either a user- or system-initiated action. Effective error messages inform users not only what the problem is, but also provide a brief explanation of its cause, as well as information that can point users towards a fix. The error message should prompt users to either perform an action or change their behavior.

Some examples of events that can trigger error messages are the following: input problems, Create, Read, Update, and Delete issues (CRUD), violations of business rules, business-relevant system to system problems, server connection problems, database problems, and network problems.

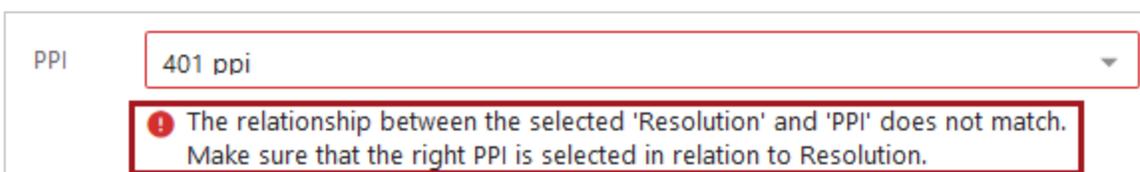
What follows is the recommended template for an error message:

{{Problem}}, because {{cause}}. {{Solution}}

A good example of this kind of message is in the Node Editor error notification shown below.

In this instance, the stated problem is 'The relationship between the selected 'Resolution' and 'PPI' does not match.' The solution statement is, 'Make sure that the right PPI is selected in relation to Resolution.' This message is clear, written in plain language, and gives the user a clear course of action they can follow to clear the error and proceed.

When properly configured in a business rule, popup error messages will be coded red, and error messages for Node Editor fields (using the Data Issues Report bind) will be preceded with a red circle, and turn the outline of the affected field red.



Appendix for Recommended Practices for Business Rules

This appendix contains some guidelines and code examples that can help users to write business rules.

Comparison of Objects

The comparison operators are used to compare two values in a Boolean fashion. The standard available comparators in JavaScript are:

Operator	Name	Example	Result
==	Equal	<code>x == y</code>	True, if X is equal to Y
===	Identical	<code>x === y</code>	True, if X is equal to Y, and they are of the same type
!=	Not Equal	<code>x != y</code>	True, if X is not equal to Y
!==	Not Identical	<code>x !== y</code>	True, if X is not equal to Y, or they are not of the type
<	Less Than	<code>x < y</code>	True, if X is less than Y
>	Greater Than	<code>x > y</code>	True, if X is greater than Y
<=	Less Than or Equal To	<code>x <= y</code>	True, if X is less than or equal to Y
>=	Greater Than or Equal To	<code>x >= y</code>	True, if X is greater than or equal to Y

Note: Since business rules are running on a Java runtime environment, there can be differences in what is otherwise perceived as being the same.

The following example uses String objects. Two strings are compared, with one being in Java while the other is JavaScript.

```
var someJSString = "xyz";
var comparison = someJSString == product.getValue("<ID>").getSimpleValue
();
```

This comparison will always produce 'False' no matter if the value on the product was 'xyz.' In instances when comparing a String, it is therefore recommended to always use the `.equals()` method available on both JavaScript and Java:

```
var someJSString = "xyz";
var comparison = someJSString.equals(product.getValue
("<ID>").getSimpleValue());
```

Looping Children of an Object

When looping through the children of an object, the user should refrain from calling the `getChildren()` method as it consumes memory, and in cases when not all children need to be evaluated, the `getChildren()` is ineffective. Instead the `queryChildren()` method should be used since this method only picks the next object when the previous object has been processed.

This code snippet demonstrates a process of looping through children using an anonymous inline implementation of the `queryChildren()` consume method.

```
var childrenQuery = node.queryChildren();
childrenQuery.forEach(function(child) {
    logger.info(child.getTitle());
    return false; // break the "forEach" on the query
});
```

Conversely, this example shows a process of looping through children using an explicit implementation of the `queryChildren()` consume method, which in this use case is `printTitle`.

```
function printTitle(child) {
    logger.info(child.getTitle());
    return true; // continue the "forEach" on the query
}
var childrenQuery = node.queryChildren();
childrenQuery.forEach(printTitle);
```

Searches

While it is possible to do searches as part of the Scripting API, one should be careful about using this approach as they can easily lead to very long running times of the scripts.

⚠ Important: The following examples are not valid with all platform release versions.

For example, in a system that is running on a version earlier than 9.0, the following code snippet will perform a single attribute search on Product object types.

```
function singleAttributeSearchProduct(manager, attribute, value,
maxResult)
{
var config = new
com.stibo.core.domain.singleattributequery.SingleAttributeQueryHome.Single
eAttributeQuerySpecification(com.stibo.core.domain.Product,
attribute, value);
    var home = manager.getHome
(com.stibo.core.domain.singleattributequery.SingleAttributeQueryHome);
    return home.querySingleAttribute(config).asList(maxResult);
}
```

i Note: No matter what is chosen as `maxResult`, the result list cannot be more than 100 values as the query will simply be cut of at this time.

In this example using a 9.0 or greater system, a single attribute is returned for all Product object types.

```
function breakingQueryConsumer(node) {
    logger.info(node.getTitle());
    logger.info("Breaking...");
    return false; // break the "forEach" on the query
}

function continuingQueryConsumer(node) {
    logger.info(node.getTitle());
}
```

```

logger.info("Continuing...");
return true; // continue the "forEach" on the query
}

var singleAttributeQueryHome =
manager.getHome
(com.stibo.core.domain.singleattributequery.SingleAttributeQueryHome);
var conditions = new
com.stibo.core.domain.singleattributequery.SingleAttributeQueryHome.Singl
eAttributeQuerySpecification
(com.stibo.core.domain.Product,descriptionAttribute, "test");
var query = singleAttributeQueryHome.querySingleAttribute(conditions);

query.forEach(breakingQueryConsumer);
query.forEach(continuingQueryConsumer);

```

In a 9.0 or greater system, users may use the queryAPI to search.

Note: To use the queryAPI, the query add-on component needs to be installed. Contact Stibo Systems Support.

```

var conditions = com.stibo.query.condition.Conditions;

// create a below condition
var isBelowCondition = conditions.hierarchy().simpleBelow(productsRoot);

// create an attribute value condition
var hasValueTestCondition = conditions.valueOf(descriptionAttribute).eq
("test");

var queryHome = manager.getHome(com.stibo.query.home.QueryHome);

// query where both conditions are met (and).
var querySpecification = queryHome.queryFor
(com.stibo.core.domain.Product).where(isBelowCondition.and

```

```
(hasValueTestCondition));  
  
var result = querySpecification.execute();  
result.forEach(showTitle);  
  
function showTitle(node) {  
    logger.info(node.getTitle());  
    return true;  
}
```

The following example also leverages the queryAPI on 9.0 or newer systems.

Note: To use the queryAPI, the query add-on component needs to be installed. Contact Stibo Systems

```
function searchProductByAttributeValueAndObjectType (manager,  
objectTypeID, attrID, value) {  
    var conditions = com.stibo.query.condition.Conditions;  
    var hasValueTestCondition = conditions.valueOf(manager.getAttributeHome  
().getAttributeByID("" + attrID)).eq("" + value);  
    var hasObjectTypeCondition = conditions.objectType  
(manager.getObjectTypeHome().getObjectTypeByID(objectTypeID));  
    var queryHome = manager.getHome(com.stibo.query.home.QueryHome);  
    var querySpecification = queryHome.queryFor  
(com.stibo.core.domain.Product).where(hasValueTestCondition.and  
(hasObjectTypeCondition));  
    var result = querySpecification.execute();  
    return result;  
}
```

Date Handling

While comparing dates can introduce complications, Java offers some tools to compare dates against each other. This application allows users, for instance, to determine if a date is before or after another date.

In the following example, the code snippet determines if a date has passed already.

```
function hasISODateBeenExceeded(dateString) {
    return hasDateBeenExceeded(dateString, "yyyy-MM-dd");
}
function hasDateBeenExceeded(dateString, pattern) {
    var now = java.time.LocalDate.now();
    var parsed = java.time.LocalDate.parse(dateString,
java.time.format.DateTimeFormatter.ofPattern(pattern));
    return now.isAfter(parsed);
}
// hasISODateBeenExceeded("2017-08-17") will return true as the date has
been exceeded (compared to now)
```

Additional Use Cases

The following JavaScript examples are some of the scenarios that business rules may leverage JavaScript. Where applicable, assume that the 'node' is a bind to the 'Current Object' while 'workflow' is a bind to the 'Current Workflow.'

Setting a Static Value

```
node.getValue("AttributeID").setSimpleValue("No");
//OR do the same thing by using the LOV value ID
node.getValue("AttributeID").setLOVValueByID("N");
```

Creating a Child of Current Object

```
var newChild = node.createProduct("/*ID (optional for object types with
auto ID)*/, "ObjectTypeID");
```

Creating a Reference that is intended for Reference Types that Allow Multiple References

```
//An error will occur if you try to create a reference between two
objects if a reference of that reference type already exists
//This function returns the existing reference if it already exists
instead of producing the error
function createReferenceOrGetExisting(source, target, referenceType) {
```

```
    for (var references = source.getReferences(referenceType).iterator();
references.hasNext(); ) {
        var reference = references.next();
        if (reference.getTarget().equals(target)) {
            return reference;
        }
    }
    return source.createReference(target, referenceType);
}
```

//A similar function to the previous one except it deletes the existing reference before creating a new reference (namely for reference types that only allow one reference)

```
function replaceSingleReference(source, target, referenceType) {
    for (var references = source.getReferences(referenceType).iterator();
references.hasNext(); ) {
        var reference = references.next();
        if (reference.getTarget().equals(target)) {
            return reference;//Do nothing if it exists
        } else {
            reference.delete();
            break;
        }
    }
    return source.createReference(target, referenceType);
}

var anAsset = node.getManager().getAssetHome().getAssetByID("AssetID");
var referenceType = node.getManager().getReferenceTypeHome
().getReferenceTypeByID("ReferenceTypeID");
var reference = createReferenceOrGetExisting(node, anAsset,
referenceType);
```

Auto-submit Node to Next State

```
//A rule like this would be configured On Entry for a state
var task = node.getTaskByID(currentWorkflowBind.getID(), "StateID");
task.triggerLaterByID("TransitionID", "A message viewable in the state
log");
```

Partial Approval

```
//This rule approves this object's location in the hierarchy.
//If this object has never been approved, your set of part objects would
have to contain a ParentPartObject to run any partial approval
successfully.
var changesToApprove = new java.util.HashSet();
for (var partObjects = node.getNonApprovedObjects().iterator();
partObjects.hasNext(); ) {
    var partObject = partObjects.next();
    if (partObject instanceof
com.stibo.core.domain.partobject.ParentPartObject) {
        changesToApprove.add(partObject);
        break;
    }
}
node.approve(changesToApprove);
```

Starting a Workflow and Setting a Variable

```
var workflowInstance = node.startWorkflowByID("WorkflowID", "An optional
message to show in the state log");
if (workflowInstance) { //It may have failed to start the workflow due to
a start condition
    workflowInstance.setSimpleVariable("WorkflowVariableID", "A text
value");
}
```

Units with LOVs

Values in the system are stored as both the value and the unit. For example, if viewing an attribute with a value of '10g' in Web UI, the following example code will give access to that value, that value without the unit, and only the unit.

```
logger.info(node.getValue("SingleValueWithUnit").getSimpleValue()); //10 g
logger.info(node.getValue("SingleValueWithUnit").getValue()); //10
logger.info(node.getValue("SingleValueWithUnit").getUnit().getTitle
()); //g
logger.info(node.getValue("YesNoAttribute").getSimpleValue()); //Yes
logger.info(node.getValue("YesNoAttribute").getID()); //Y
```

Reading a Multi-value Attribute and Adding a Value

```
function getMultiValueAsStrings(valueObject) {
    var simpleValue = valueObject.getSimpleValue();
    return simpleValue ? simpleValue.split("<multisep/>") : [];
}
var value = node.getValue("MultiValuedAttribute");
var strings = getMultiValueAsStrings(value);
if (strings.indexOf("New Value") == -1) { //Ordinarily, a duplicate value
    does not make sense
    value.addValue("New Value");
}
```

Setting a Deadline Relative to Current Date

This example is run on a workflow set the deadline that is not a precise one but related to the current date.

```
var calendar = java.util.Calendar.getInstance();
calendar.add(java.util.Calendar.DATE, 1); //Set to tomorrow
workflow.getTaskByID("WorkflowID", "StateID").setDeadline
(calendar.getTime());
```

Setting a Deadline to a Particular Date

This example is also run on a workflow and set an specific date.

```
var dateFormat = new java.text.SimpleDateFormat("dd/MM/yyyy");
workflow.getTaskByID("WorkflowID", "StateID").setDeadline
(dateFormat.parse("20/01/2021"));
```

Reading Asset Content

```
if (asset.hasContent()) {
    try {
        var outputStream = new java.io.ByteArrayOutputStream();//it is worth
considering writing to a file to save memory for large assets
        asset.download(outputStream);
        var inputStream = new java.io.ByteArrayInputStream
(outputStream.toByteArray());
        var bufferedReader = new java.io.BufferedReader(new
java.io.InputStreamReader(inputStream));
        for (var line = bufferedReader.readLine(); line; line =
bufferedReader.readLine()) {
            logger.info(line);
        }
    } finally {
        if (bufferedReader) {
            bufferedReader.close();//If we were using something other than
ByteArray streams, closing becomes important
        }
    }
}
```

Writing an E-mail

```
mailHome.mail()
    .addTo("toAddress@acme.com", "Optional name")
    .from("fromNoReplyAddress@acme.com", "Optional name");//Uses
```

```
Mail.DefaultFromMailAddress property by default
    .subject("Subject of Email")
    .htmlMessage("<div>The body of the email</div>")//As opposed to
plainMessage
    .attachment()//This returns an Attachment object, not the Mail
        .fromAsset(asset)
        .name("TheAttachment.jpg")//Optional
        .attach()//Calling attach finishes the creation of the attachment and
returns the mail object again
    .send();
```

Creating a Classification Product Link

```
var classification = manager.getClassificationHome
().getClassificationByID("AClassificationID");
var linkType = manager.getHome
(com.stibo.core.domain.classificationproductlinktype.ClassificationProduc
tLinkTypeHome).getLinkTypeByID("LinkTypeID");
try {
    var classificationProductLink = node.createClassificationProductLink
(classification,
linkType);//classification.createClassificationProductLink(node,
linkType); works too
    //Do things with new link, like write metadata
} catch (e) {
    if (e.javaException instanceof
com.stibo.core.domain.UniqueConstraintException) {
        logger.info("Link already exists.");
    } else if (e.javaException instanceof
com.stibo.core.domain.LinkTypeNotValidException) {
        logger.info("Link type not valid for this product and
classification");
    } else {
```

```
    throw(e);  
  }  
}
```