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Customization Detection Tool

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1 Why a customization detection tool is needed

When an issue is reported by a client and it is not reproducible in the out-of-the-box setup, we need to detect the cause of the issue and whether is pertains to a customization.

Currently in Tivoli®'s process automation engine (TPAE), IBM® Maximo® Asset Management, or other Maximo industry solution or add-on products, there is not an easy way to identify a customization that has been done by the customer, such as classes that have been extended.

2 Objective

When the customization detection tool is executed, it generates a report that will list all of the services, object, and attribute classes that have been extended for Maximo or Maximo industry solutions and add-on products. The report will display customer extensions (class customizations) in a class hierarchy structure.

3 How the support team uses the tool

The following process demonstrates how the customization detection tool is used to expedite reported problems that cannot be reproduced in-house by the support organization.

- A client calls in with a new PMR and the level 2 (L2) support representative cannot reproduce the issue in-house.
- The L2 support representative points the client to the ISM link where the tool can be downloaded.
- The L2 support representative asks the client to run the customization tool bat/sh file and send the generated report to support.
- The L2 support representative checks the report to see if the client extended any
 application objects, attributes, or services for any applications where the issue was
 reported.
- The L2 support representative may ask for specific related custom classes and sources.
- The L2 support representative can send the information to level 3 (L3) support to have the custom code analyzed to help to locate the root cause of the problem.

4 How the client uses the tool

This procedure describes how clients download and use the customer detection tool.

- 1 Download the .zip file from ISM and unzip into the Maximo root folder.
- 2 Go to the command prompt and open //MaximoRoot/tools/maximo.
- 3 Run the CustomMetaDataClassesReport.bat file. Upon successful execution, the output folder and file name will appear.
- 4 Go to //MaximoRoot/tools/maximo/en and open CustomizationReport<datetime>.xls. This report shows all of the customizations that exist on the client system.

5 How to read the customization report

The customization report that is generated using the tool is a Microsoft[™] Excel file. The customization report has three tabs: Services, Objects, and Attributes. Each tab is laid out the same, and how you interpret and analyze the customization results is the same for each tab as well.

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5.1 Customization %

The customization detection tool shows the extent of customization that a client has done to an object class. For example, if a client has Maximo Asset Management and IBM Maximo for Transportation which delivers 800 total objects, and if the client has extended 50 of the Maximo Asset Management objects, 10 of the Maximo for Transportation objects, and added 20 new objects, this will total 80 custom object classes. In this example, the percentage of customization will be 80/800, or 10 percent.

The customization percentage shows how heavily a client system has been customized.

5.2 Product name and XML

Product names and product XMLs will be displayed on the customization report.

- The product name field shows all products installed on the client's system. The products include any product that was built into Maximo/TPAE as these products sit on client systems.
- Each product has its own product XML. The product XML is usually named after the product and will be listed right below the product name.
- The order in which product names and product XML are listed is based on the order of class extension. That is based on alphabetical order of the product XML name. It is also based on whether a product defines itself as dependent on another product that is follows it in alphabetical order. In this case, it would be placed after.
- Known IBM products have IBM as a prefix in the product name. A client customization can have any name; however, common names that clients use are: zz_custom.xml, custom.xml, or name_of_the_company.xml.
- Usually, client customizations will be displayed at the end. In some cases, clients do not define a product XML at all. In this case you will see a product name identified as custom.

5.3 Type

In TPAE the type will always be .dat. For IS/Add-on, the type will be in XML. The type for a client will be in XML, not XML or both. The reason the type will be listed is to identify how a client has done a customization when they used the product XML, no product XML, or used product XML for extensions. It will also identify other created object classes that do not extend. In this case, you would see two columns: one with XML, and one with no XML.

5.4 Customization data

If the client has not customized their products, no customization data will be listed. However, if customizations have been made, they will be displayed in the following ways.

- On the Services tab, column A displays the service name and column B displays the extensions that were done by each product or client in the order listed.
- On the Objects tab, column A displays the object name and column B displays the extensions that were done by each product or client in the order listed.
- On the Attributes tab, column A displays the object name, column B displays the second attribute, and column C displays the extensions that were done by each product or client in the order listed.

The main focus of each tab is to be able to view a customization that was done by the client for the services, object, and attribute for the application in question.

Note: For some industry solutions and add-on products, cells sometimes display "class in <product XML> script" instead of the actual file name of the industry solution or add-on product. This is due to the current design of the tool and is being addressed.



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