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1. The Oracle FLEXCUBE EMS.NET Interface

1.1 Introduction

The EMS or the Electronic Messaging Service is a messaging interface between external systems and Oracle FLEXCUBE. This interface is implemented with the help of two windows services, one each for In and Out processing. This interface enables a connection to be established between Oracle FLEXCUBE and the external systems network resource for sending and receiving information.

The in-service connects to the external system resource (Windows machine, UNIX machine or MSMQ server) and transfers the data to the local windows machine, where the message is processed and uploaded to Oracle FLEXCUBE.

The out-service polls on an Oracle FLEXCUBE out table. As soon as a message is generated in the out table, it is picked up, formatted if required (for example, as a MS-Word document) and delivered to the external system through one of the delivery modes (FTP, MSMQ etc.).

1.1.1 Brief description of the process

For incoming messages

For the delivery modes NT and FTP: The message files are to be placed in the EMS\SWIFT\In\Ready, in the EMS server. The incoming message service (In-service) copies the file to the folder EMS\SWIFT\IN\WIP and performs further processes like formatting etc. Once the processes are completed, the file is moved to the folder EMS\SWIFT\IN\PROCESSED.

Though all the folders are maintained in the EMS server, they can be mapped to any system.

For the QUEUE delivery mode: The messages are placed by the external system in the in queue. They are moved from there to the backup queue and sent for processing. Once processing is successful, the message is moved to the final queue.

For outgoing messages

For delivery modes NT and FTP: The messages are selected from the Oracle FLEXCUBE out table, formatted if required and moved to the folder EMS\SWIFT\OUT\WIP. From here, the file is picked up and moved to EMS\SWIFT\OUT.

For the QUEUE delivery mode: The messages are sent to the out queue.

1.2 Installing and Uninstalling the EMS.NET services

Details in regard to installing and uninstalling EMS.NET services are explained below.

1.2.1 In-service and Out-service

You need to perform the set of actions as described below for installing the EMS.NET services.

- 1. Open the windows command prompt. Go to: C:\WINNT\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v1.0.3705.
- Type the following command line:

Installutil <path of service exe.>

For example, for In-service, your command line can be:



Installutil c:\emsexes\EMSInSrv.exe

For Out-service, your command line can be:

Installutil c:\emsexes\EMSOutSrv.exe

These will install the incoming and outgoing services as Windows services.

- 3. Navigate to Start Menu -> Settings -> Control Panel. In the Control panel browser, double click on Administrative Tools. In the Administrative Tools browser, double click on the Services icon.
- 4. In the Windows services console that opens, right click on the service that you wish to start.
 - The name of the In-service is EMSInSrv and the name of the Out-service is EMSOutSrv.
- 5. In the side menu that comes, click on Properties. In the dialog form that opens, go to the LogOn tab. Enter the NT user name and password and click Apply
- 6. Before uninstalling the service, make sure you stop the service and also that the service console is closed.

To uninstall the service:

Open the windows command prompt. Go to: C:\WINNT\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v1.0.3705.

Type the following command line:

Installutil /u <path of service exe.>

For example, for In-service, your command line can be:

Installutil /u c:\emsexes\EMSInSrv.exe

For Out-service, your command line can be:

Installutil /u c:\emsexes\EMSOutSrv.exe

These will uninstall the incoming and outgoing window services.

1.3 Maintenances required for the interface

Details of maintenances required for the interface are explained below.

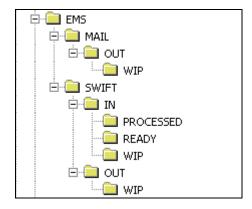
1.3.1 EMS.NET installation check list

The check list for EMS.NET installation is detailed below.

1.3.1.1 Local system folder structure

You should maintain the following folder structure on the local Windows machine:





The sub-folders for the media – MAIL and SWIFT – exist under the parent folder EMS.

FTP

In the UNIX box, create a folder with two sub-folders, named IN and OUT. In the IN folder, create two sub-folders – READY and FINAL.

QUEUE

Create four queues, named according to the following convention:

- In Queue Name = "Queue Name"
- Backup Queue Name = "Queue Name" + b
- Final queue name = "Queue Name" + f

Example

- In Queue Name = InQueue
- Backup Queue Name = InQueueb
- Final queue name = InQueuef

1.3.1.2 Folder having the binaries (.dll and .exe files)

Create a folder in the local machine for storing all the executable files. Copy all the .dll files (files with the .dll extension in their names) and .exe files from the bin folders of all projects and paste them into the .exe folder. For example, you could have a folder named C:\emsexes. You should also maintain this path in the .ini file through the .ini file writer.

1.3.1.3 .INI files

Save the .ini file in a local machine folder.

1.3.2 Configuring EMS.NET

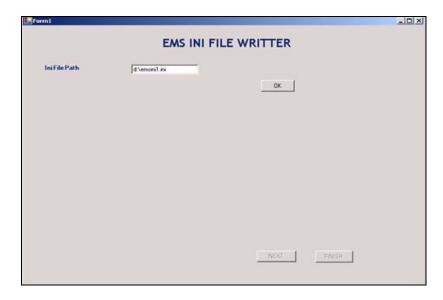
Configuration details for EMS.NET are explained below.

1.3.2.1 Maintaining of the .ini file

You have to maintain the .ini file through the .ini file writer. You can locate the necessary executable in the binaries folder named EMSIniWritter. The .ini file is a 'Read-Only' file. You have to remove this property before you run the EMSIniWritter.exe.

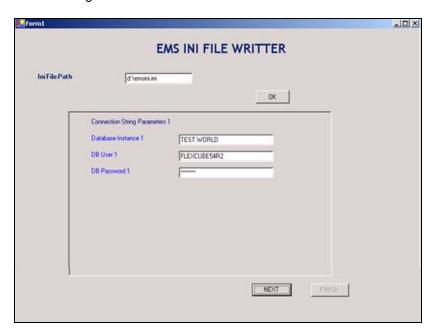
Double click on the Windows form executable EMSIniWritter. In this form, you can edit the .ini file.





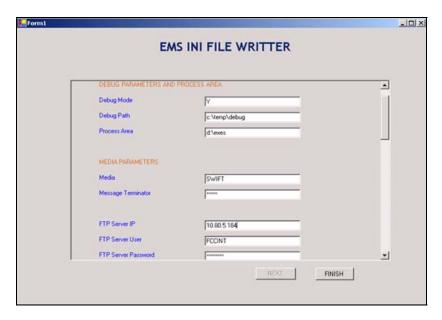
In this screen enter the path where the .ini file has been saved. Press OK to confirm.

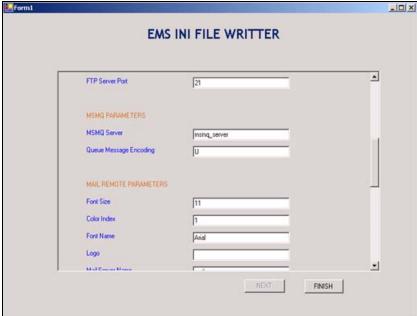
On your confirmation, the database connection string data is displayed if the number of database instances that you have entered matches the number of database instances stored in the .ini file. Otherwise, empty text boxes are displayed. Click on the NEXT button after editing the data or after entering fresh data.



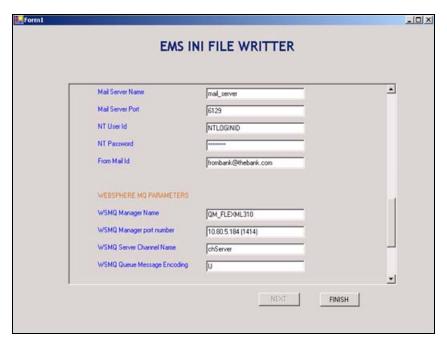
.ini file data are displayed as shown in the following five figures. You can edit the data according to your requirements. Click on FINISH after you are done.

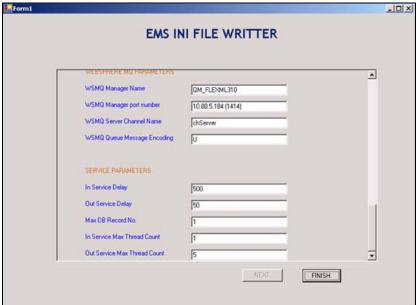










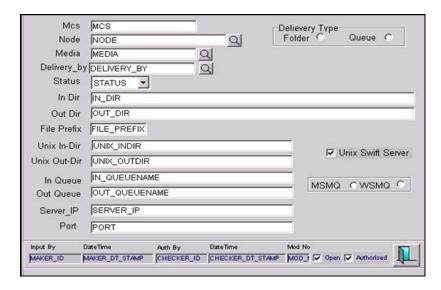


1.3.2.2 Media maintenance and Media Control System maintenance in Oracle FLEXCUBE

For this interface, you need to maintain certain messaging parameters in Oracle FLEXCUBE.

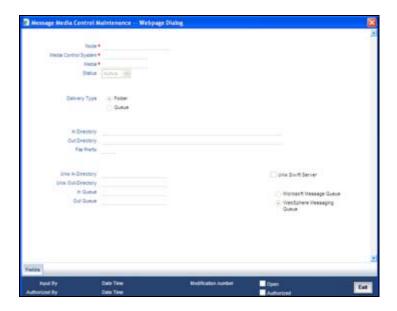
Invoke the MCS: DETAILED screen for performing maintenances for Media Control Systems.





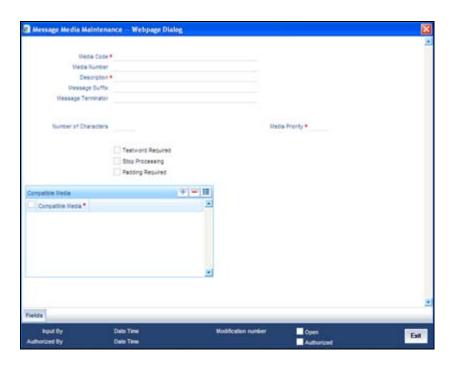
You have to enter the File Prefix that you wish to be prefixed to the filename or message label, which is handed off to the external system. This enables the System to know the source branch of the file. You can specify either SWIFT or MAIL as the medium name. Remember, you specification in this field has to be in the proper case. Specify whether the media for which maintenance is being carried out is Queue based or File based and if Queue based, specify the In Queue and Out Queue. You can also specify the queuing software being used in your bank.

Invoke the screen for performing maintenances relevant to each message medium. You can invoke the 'Message Media Control Maintenance' screen by typing 'MSDMCS' in the field at the top right corner of the Application tool bar and clicking the adjoining arrow button.



You can invoke the 'Message Media Maintenance' screen by typing 'MSDMEDIA' in the field at the top right corner of the Application tool bar and clicking the adjoining arrow button.





You can choose to suppress a particular medium by enabling the 'Stop Processing' option. In that case, messages supposed to be sent by this medium will not be picked up by the System. You can enter / select either SWIFT or MAIL as the medium. Remember, you specification in this field has to be in the proper case.

For further information on the fields in this screen, refer to the chapter 'Maintaining Media Control System's in the Messaging System User Manual.

1.4 Receiving and sending messages using EMS.NET

Details for receiving and sending messages using EMS.NET are explained below.

1.4.1 Starting EMS.NET In-service and Out-service

For starting EMS.NET service, you need to perform the following actions:

- Follow the navigation path: Start Menu -> Settings -> Control Panel.
 - In the Control Panel browser, double click on Administrative Tools.
 - In the Administrative Tools browser, double click the Services icon.
 - In the Windows services console that opens up, right click on the service that you wish to start.
- The name of the In-service is EMSInSrv and the name of the Out-service is EMSOutSrv.
 - In the side menu that opens up, click on Properties.
 - In the dialog form that opens up, navigate to the tab: General.
 - In Start Parameters, enter the .ini file path.
 - · Click on the Start button.

1.4.2 Stopping the EMS.NET In-service and Out-service

For stopping EMS.NET service, you need to perform the following actions:



- Follow the navigation path: Start Menu -> Settings -> Control Panel.
- In the Control panel browser, double click on Administrative Tools.
- In the Administrative Tools browser, double click on the Services icon.
- Right click on the particular service name in the services console.
- In the side menu that opens, click on Properties.
- In the Service Property window, click on the Stop button.

Alternatively, you can click on the particular service name in the Services console and click on the Stop button in the main menu screen in the Services console.

1.4.3 Finding debug files

The debug files are created in the debug path that you specify in the .ini file. The name of the Inservice debug file is EMS.txt. Debug files are generated in append mode.

The number of debug files created for the In-Service depends upon the number of 'Delivery_by' modes maintained for each media. The naming convention is EMS_IN_DeliveryModeProcessID.log

Example

If a Delivery_by supports Queue, the name of the log file will look like "EMS_IN_QUEUE2432.log" where 2432 is the process id.

If a Delivery_by supports Folder, the name of the log file will look like "EMS_IN_NT1756.log" where 1756 is the process id.

A debug file with the name 'EMSInSrv.log' containing information about the spawning of these processes is also created.

The name of the Out-service debug file is a combination of EMSOut and the Process ID of the out process spawned.



2. Java Enabled Messaging System

2.1 Introduction

The Java Enabled Messaging System (JEMS) that interfaces with the SWIFT Alliance facilitates the processing of messages/advices that are received (incoming) by and transmitted (outgoing) from Oracle FLEXCUBE. Examples of such messages include Credit Advices, Debit Advices etc.

Messages are processed depending on the media maintained for a customer. The media may be SWIFT, Mail, Telex, or Fax. Data can be transmitted using a File System or the MSMQ/MQ Series of queues.

2.1.1 Processing for JEMS

The Java Enabled Messaging System, invoked from the Application Browser lets you control the processing of both the incoming and the outgoing messages.



Using this interface, you can Start or Stop either or both the processes. When you initiate a process, the status of the Incoming/Outgoing process will be displayed as 'Running'. A process will continue to pool for messages until you decide to stop the process. On stopping a process, the status gets displayed as 'Halted'.

You can click on the 'Change DB Password Button' to capture the user name and the password required to start the JEMS service. The password will be encrypted in accordance with the Oracle FLEXCUBE password encryption logic, written in the JEMS property file.

Click on the 'Change FTP Password Button' to capture the UNIX machine user name and the password required to start the JEMS service. The UNIX machine password will be encrypted in accordance with the Oracle FLEXCUBE password encryption logic, written in the JEMS property file. This is required to be done when the delivery type is 'Folder' and the mode being used is 'FTP'.



The Java Enabled Messaging System is designed to be compatible with IBM's MQSA (MQ Series Interface for SWIFT Alliance).

If for any reason, a process (Incoming or Outgoing) stops abruptly, click on 'Refresh' to view the current status of the process.

2.1.1.1 Outgoing Message processing

All outgoing messages, after being generated in Oracle FLEXCUBE are stored in the MSTB_DLY_MSG_OUT table. The status of these messages is 'G' implying that the messages are generated and ready for transmission.

On initiating the Outgoing process, the messages generated in Oracle FLEXCUBE (with status 'G') are picked up for processing. The process will extract the messages from the MSTB_DLY_MSG_OUT table in the form of text files and store the message files in the appropriate directories. A separate directory is created for each media type and the directory is addressed by the corresponding media name. For instance, the directory that stores fax messages will be called 'Fax'.

To recall, messages are transmitted via the media that is specified for the customer. In case of mail messages, the process will check for the e-mail address of the customer (maintained through the Customer Information Maintenance screen) and subsequently, sends the text file of the message as an attachment to the concerned customer. The messages to be sent via Fax and Telex are stored in their respective directories to be processed manually.

For processing SWIFT messages, depending on the customer's choice, you can use a:

- File based system or
- Queue based system (MSMQ/MQ)

In the file-based system, the message is converted to the SWIFT standard and stored in a folder. All the files in the folder are then transferred to the SWIFT server via the File Transfer Protocol (FTP).

In the queue-based system, the messages are moved to the outgoing queues maintained for the purpose.

For information on maintaining a queue, refer to the section titled 'Maintaining Queue Details' in this document.

After a message is processed and the hand off is successful, the message status gets updated to 'H' (Handed off) in the table. In the case of unsuccessful processing, the message status is displayed as 'R' (Rejected).

2.1.1.2 Incoming Message processing

As in the case of the Outgoing process, so also Incoming messages received from the SWIFT network/alliance are processed using a:

- File based system or
- Queue based system (MSMQ/MQ)

If the file-based system is used, the file consisting of the messages from the SWIFT network are moved to the 'Ready' folder in Oracle FLEXCUBE. The messages are then extracted from the file and stored individually in the MSTB DLY MSG IN table.



In the queue-based system, the messages are processed from the incoming queues maintained for the purpose.

For information on maintaining a queue, refer to the section titled 'Maintaining Queue Details' in this document.

Message Recovery

In the event, the Incoming process stops abruptly or encounters an error during processing; the message details get logged in the Recovery table. This ensures that messages are not lost during processing.

Every time you initiate the Incoming process, it will first check the Recovery table for the presence of unprocessed messages. Only after processing the messages in the Recovery table, it will proceed to process the messages from the Queue or the SWIFT server as the case may be.





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