

# VISUAL messagecenter

## Support for iASPs in Tango/04 Products

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## How to Use this Guide

This chapter explains how to use Tango/04 User Guides and understand the typographical conventions used in all Tango/04 documentation.

### Typographical Conventions

The following conventional terms, text formats, and symbols are used throughout Tango/04 printed documentation:

Convention	Description
<b>Boldface</b>	Commands, on-screen buttons and menu options.
<i>Blue Italic</i>	References and links to other sections in the manual or further documentation containing relevant information.
<i>Italic</i>	Text displayed on screen, or variables where the user must substitute their own details.
Monospace	Input commands such as System i commands or code, or text that users must type in.
UPPERCASE	Keyboard keys, such as CTRL for the Control key and F5 for the function key that is labeled F5.
	<b>Notes</b> and useful additional information.
	<b>Tips</b> and hints that will improve the users experience of working with VISUAL Message Center SmartConsole.
	<b>Important</b> additional information that the user is strongly advised to note.
	<b>Warning</b> information. Failure to take note of this information could potentially lead to serious problems.

# Chapter 1

## Product Installation

Our iSeries/System i/AS400 software can only be installed

- On the system ASP (also referred to as ASP number 1) or
- In user ASPs (ASPs number 2 through 32).

Our iSeries/System i/AS400 software includes

- VISUAL Message Center (VMC)
- Data Monitor for iSeries (DMi)
- VISUAL Control for Jobs (VCJ)
- VISUAL Control for Pools (VCP)
- VISUAL Control for Windows/Performance Agent (VCW)
- VISUAL Support (VSP)
- VISUAL Debugger for Windows (VDW)

## Chapter 2

## VISUAL Support Pro and VISUAL Debugger for Windows

If you want to use VISUAL Support Pro for capturing jobs or VISUAL Debugger for Windows for debugging jobs with an Auxiliary Storage Pool Group (ASP Group) that is different to \*NONE you need to follow these steps:

**Step 1.** Change the initial ASP Group in the T4NICELINK/DAEMON job description with the command:

```
CHGJOB JOB(T4NICELINK/DAEMON) INLSPGRP(NAME),
```

where NAME is the ASP Group of the job you want to capture or debug.

**Tip**

To display the ASP Group of a job use the command `DSPJOB OPTION(*DFNA)` and look for the attribute called *Auxiliary Storage Pool Group* located at the end.

**Step 2.** End jobs with name `**INZ****` or DAEMON inside subsystem T4NICELINK.

**Step 3.** Use option **31. Start NiceLink TCP/IP Daemon** from the T4NICELINK/T4NICELINK menu. This will start jobs ended in the previous step.

**Note**

Step 2 ends all connections of all our client/server products (for example VISUAL Support Pro and VISUAL Debugger for Windows) so you will need to connect them again.

Now you are ready to use VISUAL Support Pro and VISUAL Debugger for Windows for jobs with an ASP Group, but bear in mind that:

- Each time you need to work with jobs with a different ASP Group you will need to repeat steps 1 through 3.
- When using the tools *Open Object* and *Open Source Member* In VISUAL Support Pro and VISUAL Debugger for Windows you will be able to see only the libraries in the configured ASP Group.
- VISUAL Debugger for Windows will only be able to debug programs or service programs in the configured ASP Group.
- The list of jobs displayed in VISUAL Support Pro is not affected by the configured ASP Group.

## Chapter 3

# VISUAL Control for Jobs, Pools and Windows

VISUAL Control for Jobs, Pools and Windows fully support iASP and do not require any special consideration for working with systems with independent ASPs (iASPs).

As VISUAL Message Center is in fact a group of agents or monitors with different functionality, it has to be analyzed in parts.

Operation of VISUAL Message Center is not affected by systems with iASPs, with a few exceptions:

## 4.1 Batch (BCH) and HST agent:

Batch Agent (job BD\_MONITOR) and HST Agent can only work with iASPs included in a specific ASP Group at the same time.

This means that:

- **Batch Agent** can *only* read message queues and message files located in the ASPs determined by this ASP Group.
- **HST Agent** can *only* read message IDs from message files located in the ASPs determined by this ASP Group.

By default the ASP Group is \*NONE, so Batch and HST Agent are not working with any iASP. Only the libraries in the system ASP (ASP 1) and any basic user ASPs (numbers 2-32) are included.

If this ASP Group is different from \*NONE, then the Batch and HST Agents will include all ASPs in this ASP Group.

If the Batch or HST Agents do not find the message file for an event, this event is still saved and you will be able to see it in the SmartConsole. The only difference is that the variable &FIRSTLEVEL will contain the message data and not the message text. [See the Smart Console Warning below](#) for more details.

### 4.1.1 How to set the ASP Group different from \*NONE.

Use command:

```
CHGDTAARA DTAARA(B_DETECTOR/VMCASPGRP) VALUE(' <ASPGroupName>')
```

Enter a proper value for <ASPGroupName>.



#### Important

Every time you change this data area with this command, you must restart the Batch and HST Agents, as well as the SmartConsole.

If you want to configure the message queues list properly for Batch Agent, you also should use option **11. Work with Monitored Message Queues** in an interactive job set with this ASP group.



#### SmartConsole Warning

If you work with iASPs for Batch and/or HST Agent and you are not able to support the iASP in the way explained above, we recommend that:

For alarms in the SmartConsole that involve Message IDs of a Message File in this iASP, you do not use the variables (&VAR01, &VAR02 ...), but the variable &FIRSTLEVEL instead, taking into account that it will contain the message data, not the message text.

Refer to IBM Information Center for more information on independent ASPs.

## 4.2 Agents controlling spool files (SPJ, SPQ and SPF)

Agents controlling spool files cannot distinguish between two output queues with the same name and library, but in different ASP Groups. Events received in the SmartConsole will not specify the iASP of the output queue. These agents will monitor the output queues that are in the ASP Group for the monitor job of the agents (i.e. SPJMONITOR, SPQMONITOR and SPFMONITOR respectively).

To change the ASP Group you need to change the job descriptions of each of the monitor jobs:

- B\_DETECTOR/SPJMONITOR,
- B\_DETECTOR/SPQMONITOR, and
- B\_DETECTOR/SPFMONITOR respectively.

For details on how to change the ASP Group of a job description see steps 1 through 3 in [Chapter 2 - VISUAL Support Pro and VISUAL Debugger for Windows](#) on [page 2](#).

## Chapter 5

# Data Monitor for iSeries

Data Monitor for iSeries fully supports iASP and does not require any special consideration for working with systems with independent ASPs (iASPs).

## Appendix A

### Further Information

#### A.1 Using Tango/04 PDF Documentation

Tango/04 documentation is available directly from the Tango/04 solutions DVD.

To open the Tango/04 documentation that is provided in PDF files use Adobe Acrobat Reader. Acrobat Reader lets you view, search, and print the documentation. You can download Acrobat Reader for free from the Adobe Web site (<http://www.adobe.com>).



##### Tip

We advise printing PDF documentation for easy reference. Please ensure you familiarize yourself with a products user guide before attempting to use the product.

##### To access PDF documents on the DVD:

- Step 1.** Navigate to a *product suite* (VISUAL Message Center for example) and click on the **Product Documentation** link to open a list of all the User Guides available for that product suite. The list contains direct links to the documents in PDF format.
- Step 2.** Alternatively, you can navigate within the DVD menu to a particular *product* and click on the **Product Documentation** link to open the User Guide in PDF format for that product.

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- Integration with other solutions - Tango/04 is constantly growing: knowing the new products and agents may allow you to integrate other parts of the IT infrastructure into Tango/04 Solutions
- Tango/04 Business Partners will learn how to effectively deploy a monitoring project in order to obtain the maximum effectiveness and customer satisfaction.

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