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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
Boldface	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.
	Notes and useful additional information.
	Tips and hints that will improve the users experience of working with this product.
	Important additional information that the user is strongly advised to note.
	Warning information. Failure to take note of this information could potentially lead to serious problems.

Chapter 1

Introduction

In the SmartConsole it is possible to reset the criticalness of a Business View or folder from the Business View tree. The Web SmartConsole works slightly differently, in that you reset the criticalness of a Business View or Folder displayed in an Enterprise View.

The option to reset criticalness is not automatically available in the Web SmartConsole. It must be added manually after installing the product. This document describes the steps required to add the advanced feature "Reset Criticalness" in the Web SmartConsole, including how to

- Add the menu option to VISUAL Message Center Web SmartConsole
- Configure IIS on Windows servers
- Configure VISUAL Message Center SmartConsole.

The Reset Criticalness option can be added using any Web server. However, configuration using IIS is more complicated and is explained in detail in this document.

1.1 Before you begin

When resetting criticalness the Web SmartConsole will insert messages into the Events database (T4EVENTLOG) that is used by ThinkServer. Therefore ThinkServer and the Web SmartConsole must be installed on the same machine.

Chapter 2

Web SmartConsole

The first step is to activate the **Reset Criticalness** option in the Web SmartConsole

In the Web SmartConsole installation folder (by default C:\Program Files\Tango04\WebSmartConsole) open the file

```
_custom_menu_options.js
```

Locate the string

```
"function AddCustomMenuOptions(id, name, has_events,  
ev_link_id, url_link)"
```

The string includes the hidden option as follows:

```
//wi//window.AddMenuOption("mIcon", "Reset Criticalness",  
"ResetBVCriticalness()");
```

Simply remove the leading forward slashes "//" and save the file.

Next, refresh the Web SmartConsole.

The menu option **Reset Criticalness** should appear when you right-click a Business View icon in an Enterprise View.

**Note**

Sometimes JavaScript does not update immediately and you will not be able to see the new menu option after refreshing the Web SmartConsole. To remedy this:

- Refresh the Web SmartConsole several times until the menu option appears.
- Restart the Web server.
- Rename the file `_custom_menu_options.js` which will cause JavaScript errors to appear. Once these errors appear rename the file to its original name. The menu option should appear and the errors should no longer appear.

If you are using IIS, the next step is to change the user permissions. [Chapter 3 - IIS on Windows Server 2000 on page 3](#) explains how to do this on a Windows Server 2000. [Chapter 4 - IIS on Windows Server 2003 on page 4](#) details the required steps on a Windows 2003 server.

If you are using other Web servers you should be able to skip straight to [Chapter 5 - Create a SmartConsole Alarm on page 6](#).

To make the Reset Criticalness function work with IIS on a Windows server 2000, carry out the following steps:

Step 1. Check the IUSR and IWAM permissions.

- IUSR is the user used by IIS to identify an anonymous connection to the Website. The IUSR user must at least be a member of the Power Users group.
- IWAM is the user used by IIS to run applications outside the IIS environment. The IWAM user must be a member of the Administrators group.

Step 2. To update the changes on the server restart the computer.

Windows Server 2003 provides more flexibility when configuring applications security and the steps to follow are quite different from those for a Windows Server 2000.

In Windows Server 2003, Web sites (considered applications) run in an application pool. By default, all Websites are assigned to DefaultAppPool and have the same privileges.

We can assign permissions to specific users or we can create a new application pool with the appropriate settings. In this document we choose the second option, although the first one is also valid.

To configure IIS and Windows server carry out the following steps:

Step 1. Create a new application pool:

- Open the IIS Manager.
- Right-click **Application Pools** on the local computer.
- Select **New** and then click **Application Pool**.
- Give the Application Pool a name such as WebSmartConsole.
- Click **OK**.

To check that the new Application Pool was created correctly expand the application pools and locate the application pool you created.

To choose a particular user instead of the IIS default users,

- Right-click the new application pool and select **Properties**.
- In the window that appears click the **Identity** tab.
- Select the **Configurable** option.



Note

It is not possible to use a predefined identity such as Network Service, because it does not have permission to access to certain resources, including ODBC's.

We can use the default user (IWAM) or any other desired user. The selected user must meet the following requirement:

- The user must be member of Administrators and IIS_WPG groups. (IWAM user is already member of IIS_WPG group, but if we choose a different user we must ensure that it is included in this group)

Step 2. Assign the Web SmartConsole to the Applications Pool.

In IIS Manager, expand the **Web Sites** and locate the Web SmartConsole. Right-click **Web SmartConsole** and select **Properties**.

Open the **Home Directory** tab and in the Application Pool section select the *application pool* we created earlier.

Step 3. Restart IIS.

Finally, to restart IIS right-click **Local Computer**, select **All Tasks** and then click **Restart IIS**.

Make sure *Restart Internet Services* on [Computer name] is selected and click **OK**.



Note

In some cases it may also be necessary to check the IUSR privileges. IUSR is the user IIS uses to identify an anonymous connection to a Web site and must at least be a member of the Power Users group.

The next step is to configure the SmartConsole as described in [Chapter 5 - Create a SmartConsole Alarm on page 6](#).

Chapter 5

Create a SmartConsole Alarm

When you reset a Business View from the Web SmartConsole the Web SmartConsole sends a message to the VISUAL Message Center Events database. To complete the action, the SmartConsole picks up the message and carries out the instruction.

Once the reset criticalness option has been enabled in the Web SmartConsole, The SmartConsole must be configured to pick up the message. To do this we create an alarm in the SmartConsole with the following characteristics:

- Agent Code: API
- System: WEBSMARTCONSOLE
- Create an ALEV Pre-action as follows:

```
SET_CRITICALNESS_EX(&VAR02,0,&FIRSTLEVEL);  
SET_CRITICALNESS_BY_FOLDER_EX(&VAR02,0,&FIRSTLEVEL);
```

Appendix A

Troubleshooting

If you encounter any problems when enabling Reset Criticalness from the Web SmartConsole, read this chapter for troubleshooting tips.

A.1 Does Web SmartConsole send a message to reset criticalness?

Open `_custom_menu_options.js` and locate the function `ResetBVCriticalness()`. Find the line:

```
ExecuteCommand('T4DBAddMsg.exe', params);
```

And replace it with:

```
//ExecuteCommand('T4DBAddMsg.exe', params);  
ExecuteCommand('Calc.exe', '');
```

Save the file and refresh the Web SmartConsole several times.

Open the Windows Task Manager and run Reset Criticalness in the Web SmartConsole. Check in the Task Manager whether a new process called `Calc.exe` appears. If `Calc.exe` appears, return the file to its original state and skip to the next step.

If `Calc.exe` does not appear, check the IUSR and IWAM (or the user used in its place) user privileges and repeat the test.



Important

IUSR and IWAM users must be added to `cmd.exe` permissions in order to let IIS successfully launch `T4DBAddMsg.exe`

A.2 Is a message inserted into T4EVENTLOG table?

Every time the user resets criticalness in the Web SmartConsole, a new record should be entered in the events database (`T4EVENTLOG` table) of the ThinkServer database. To do this Web SmartConsole uses the same ODBC as configured for ThinkServer.

Make sure that ThinkServer and Web SmartConsole are installed in the same machine.

Also check that you are not using predefined IIS users such as Network Service, as they do not have permission to access to ODBC and reset criticalness will not work. Use any other user, for example IWAM.

A.3 Is the message retrieved properly in SmartConsole?

To check whether SmartConsole receives the message, create a new Business View with no filters, or with the following inclusion filter:

- Agent Code: API
- System: WEBSMARTCONSOLE

Execute Reset Criticalness in the Web SmartConsole and retrieve the new messages in SmartConsole.

- If the message appears then check the configuration of the SmartConsole Alarm is correct, as described in [Chapter 5 - Create a SmartConsole Alarm on page 6](#).
- If the message does not appear,
 - Check the ThinkServer connection configuration in SmartConsole:
 - Check that SmartConsole is subscribed to the API agent messages. To do this, in SmartConsole open the Tools menu, select Configure Agent Subscriptions and check that API agent is selected. If it is not selected, select it now and click **OK**.

Appendix B

Further Information

B.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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In a continuous effort to provide all users of Tango/04 technologies with high quality training and education, Tango/04 Computing Group presents the new training program open to partners and users worldwide.

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