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Scenario

You use the callable object of type BI Application to define a Query or Web application (BEx Web Application) that is displayed immediately when the callable object is executed.

About This Document

This tutorial describes how to create a callable object with which you can integrate the results of a BI Query into a Guided Procedures process.

General Prerequisites

A BI System must be configured in the portal system landscape and the connection test for the Web Application Server (WAS) and for the connector must be successful.

Applicable Releases

This tutorial is compatible with the following release” Beginning with SAP NetWeaver ’04s SPS6”.

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The Step-By-Step Solution

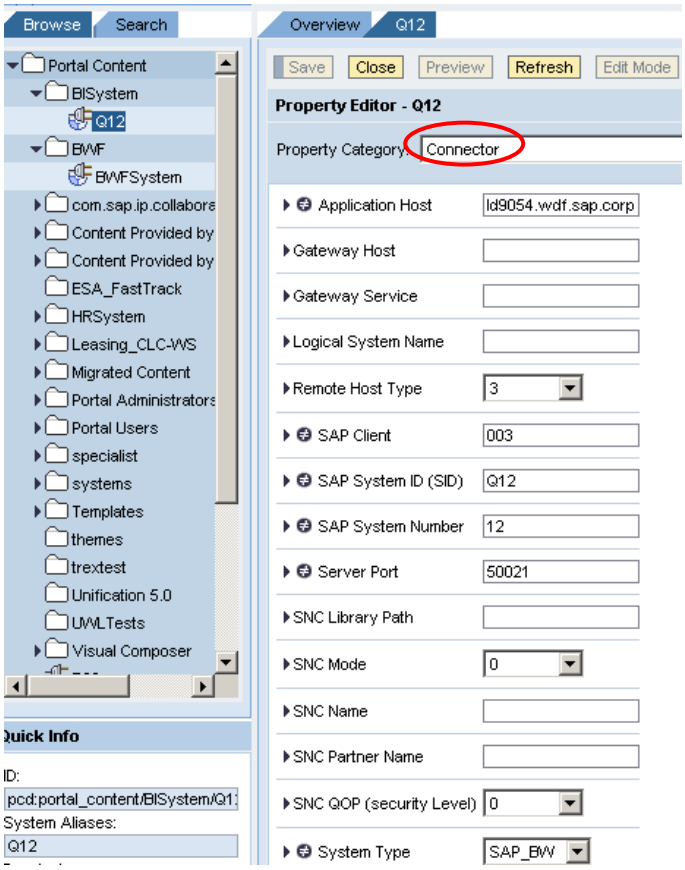
This chapter describes how to create a callable object, provided that the BI system is properly configured in the portal system landscape.

Prerequisites

The settings for the BI System within SAP Enterprise Portal must be made in advance. In most cases these settings are already defined, so you should not need to deal with them. The following steps describe the settings that need to be made if an error occurs and you need to check the configuration.

1. Define the BI System in the portal system landscape (*System Administration → System Configuration*).

   Fill the *Connector* properties with the appropriate values.



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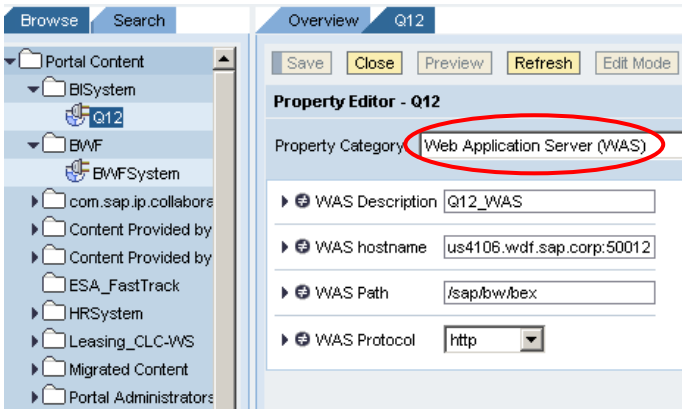
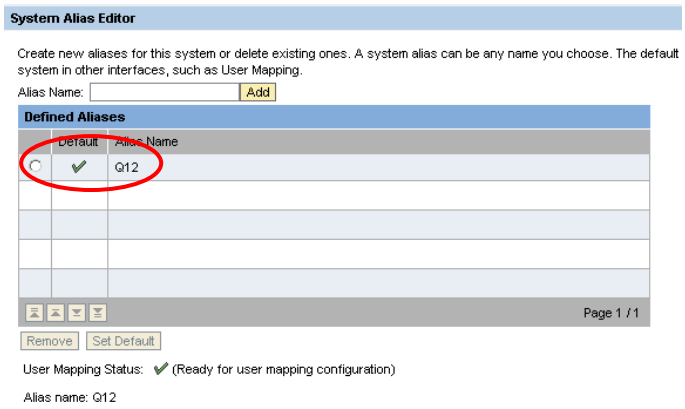
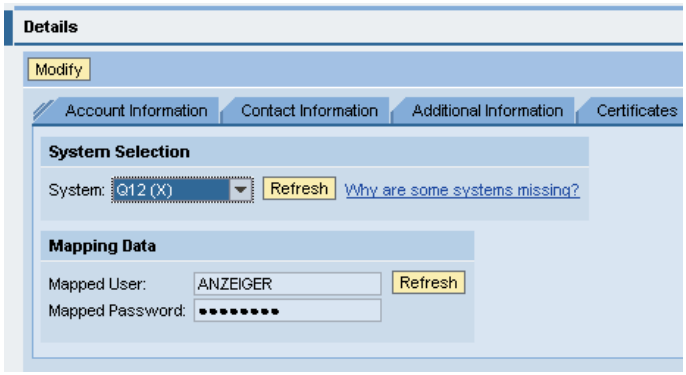


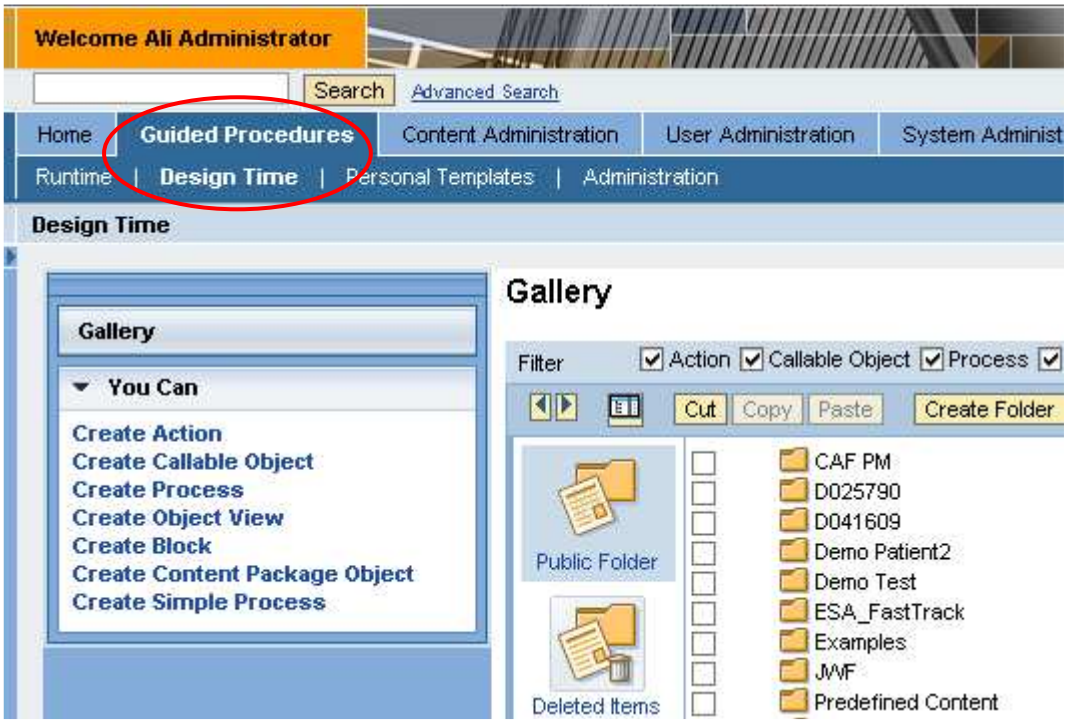
3. Add an *Alias* to the system.



4. Define a user mapping for this alias (*User Administration → Identity Management*).



To start SAP Enterprise Portal, enter **`http://<Server>:<Port>/irj/portal`**.
Navigate to tab *Guided Procedures* and choose *Design Time*.



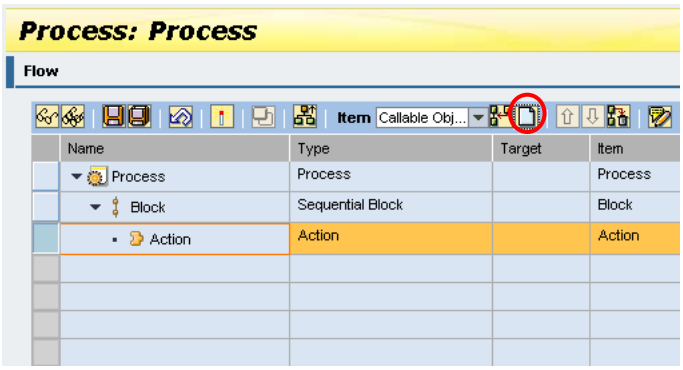
Approaches to Building a Model

You can choose the top-down approach to create the process, block, and action and then insert a new callable object; alternatively you can use the bottom-up approach to start with the callable object without having any other model item.

Top-Down Approach

In this case you create all the design time objects (process, block, and action) that will make use of this callable object beforehand.
For further details on this approach see [1].

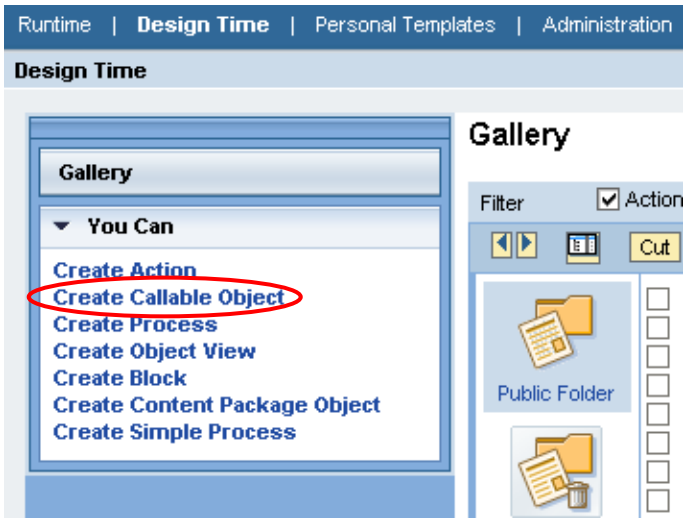
1. Choose *(Create New)* to embed a new callable object in the existing *Action.*



Bottom-Up Approach

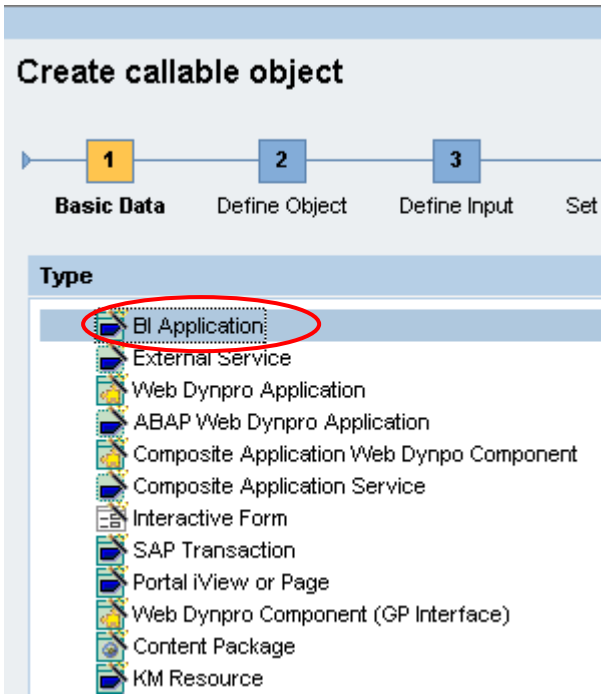
In this case you create the callable object first and insert it in the actions and blocks you create later.

1. In the contextual panel *(You Can)*, choose *Create Callable Object* to start the Callable Object design time.



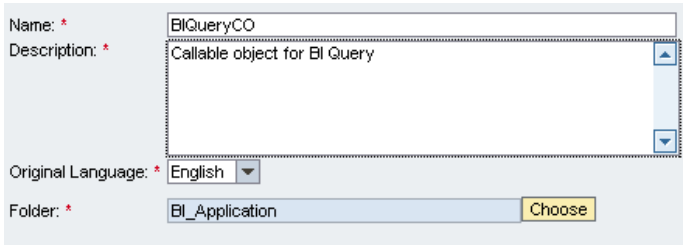
Create a Callable Object of Type BI Application in Guided Procedures Design Time

2. Select *BI Application* from the *Type* list.

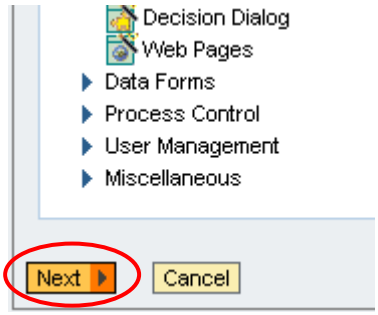


3. Enter the basic data for this callable object:

- *Name*, for example **`BIQuery CO`**
- *Description*
- *Language*
- Define a location for the callable object *(Folder)*

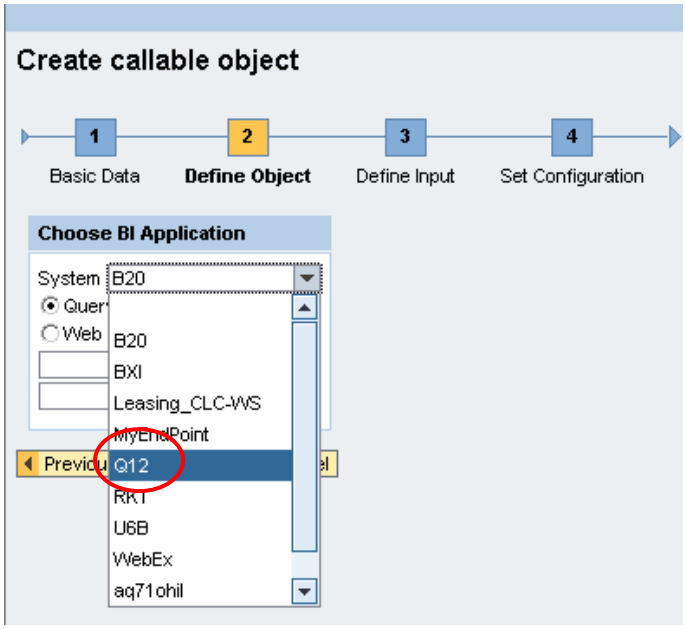


4. Choose *Next*.

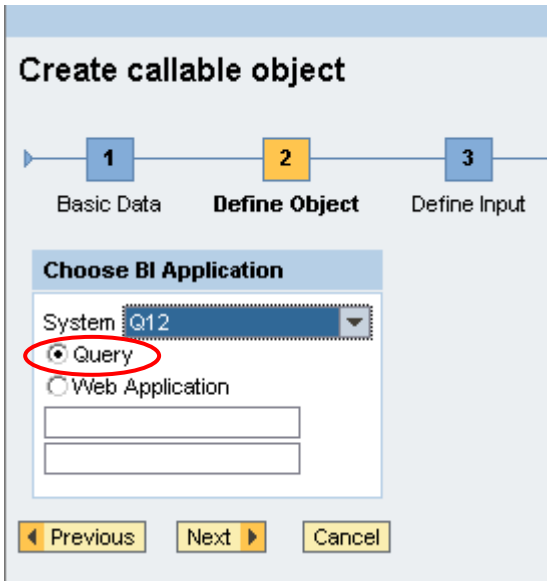


5. On the *Define Object* screen, choose the BI System configured in the portal system landscape.

In the *System* dropdown box, select the configured BI System.

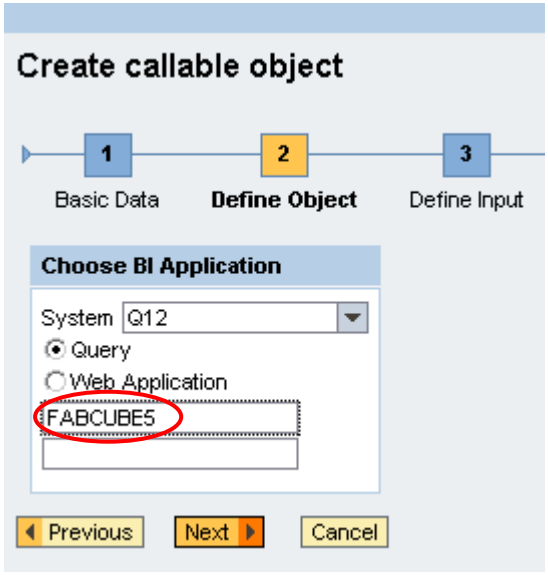


6. Select type *Query*.



7. Enter the name of the query to be executed by this callable object at runtime.

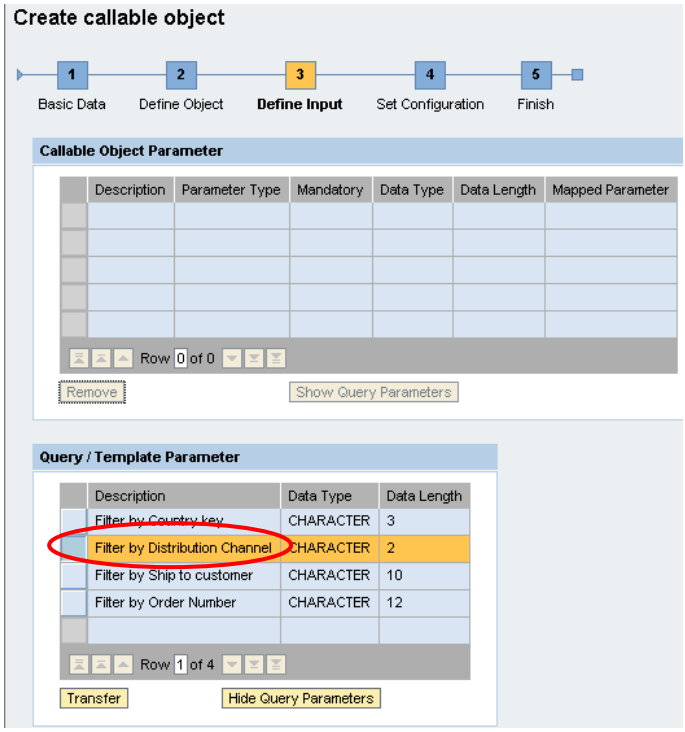
Choose *Next.*



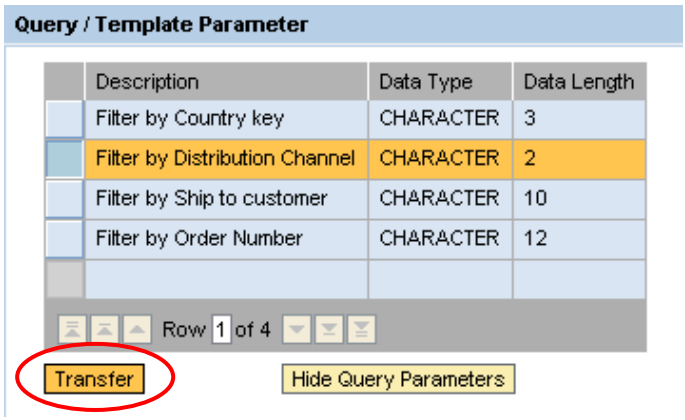
8. The *Define Input* screen appears.

The query contains input parameters to be used as a filter that defines the initial state.
Table *Query / Template Parameter* shows some standard options.

In the example, choose *Filter by Distribution Channel*.

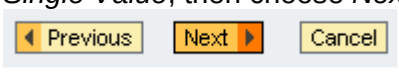


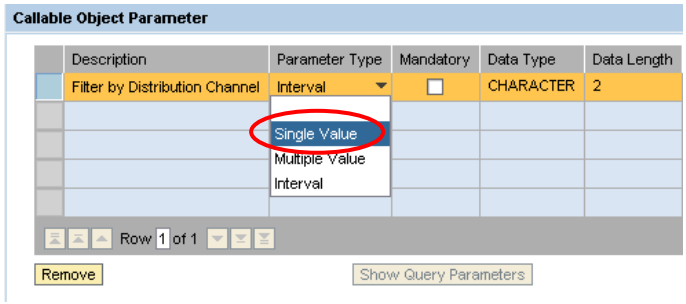
9. Choose *Transfer.*



10. The parameter type specifies the possible format of the parameter, for example an interval or a single value.

Open the dropdown box in the *Parameter Type* field and select *Single Value*, then choose *Next*.

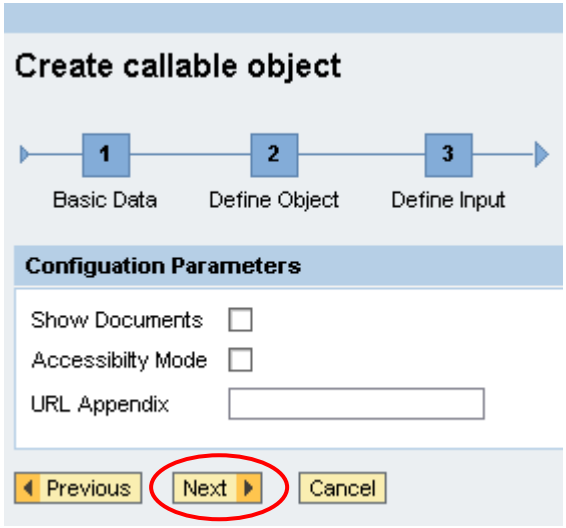




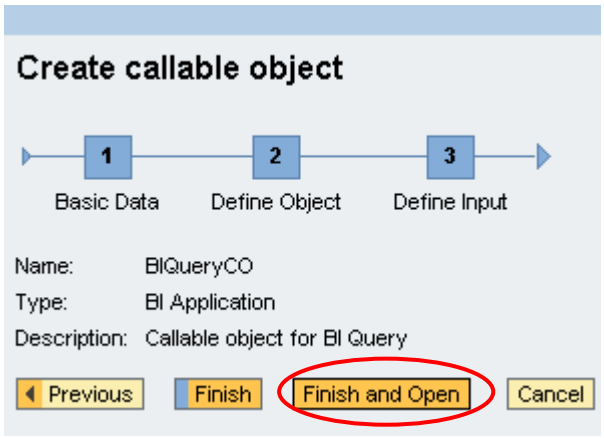
11. On the *Set Configuration* screen you can define additional technical options.

- Option *Show Documents* defines whether documents are displayed in the query.
- If option *Accessibility Mode* is selected, the Query (or Web) Application starts in this mode.
- Option *URL Appendix* allows you to add commands to the Query (or Web) Application as described in the BI documentation.

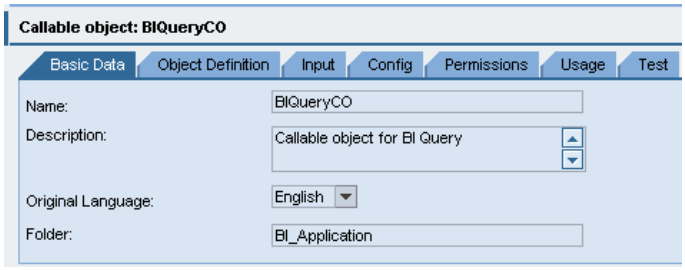
  Choose *Next* as we do not need these options in this example.



12. Choose *Finish and Open.*



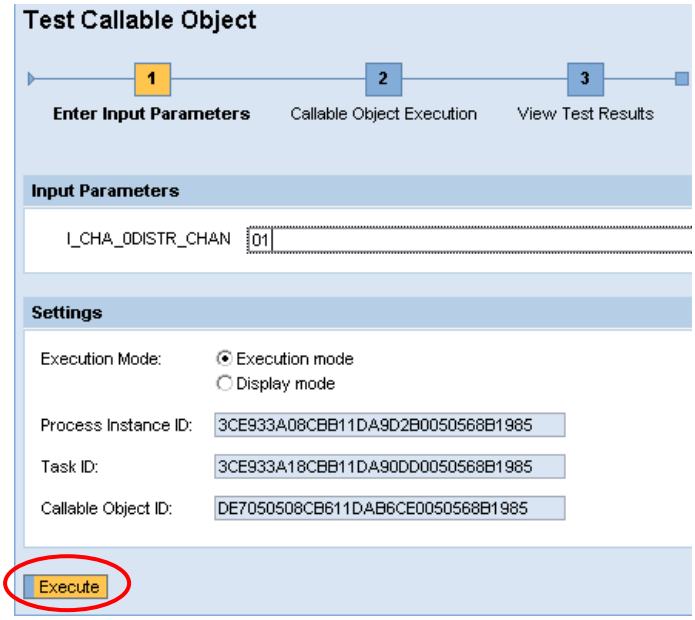
13. Open the *Test* tab page to display the testing dialog at the bottom of the page.



14. Enter any input parameter(s).

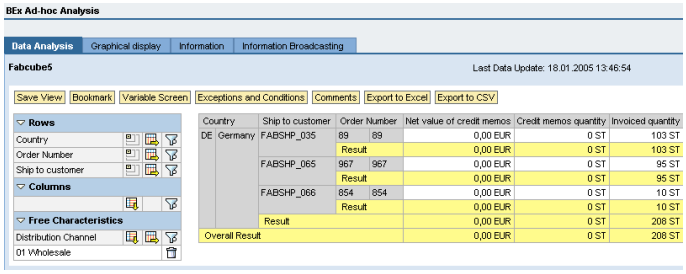
In the example, you want to filter the query result by distribution channel **`01`**.

To start the test, choose *Execute*.

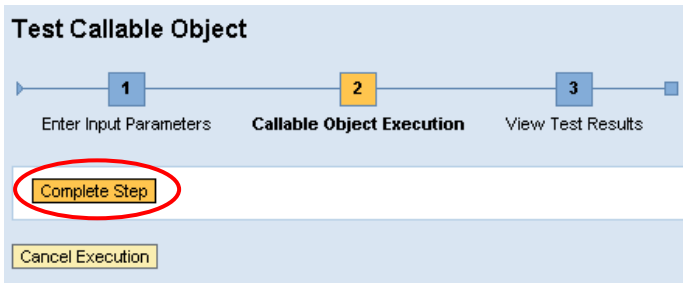


15. The filtered query result is displayed in another browser window.

At runtime, the result appears in the same browser window.

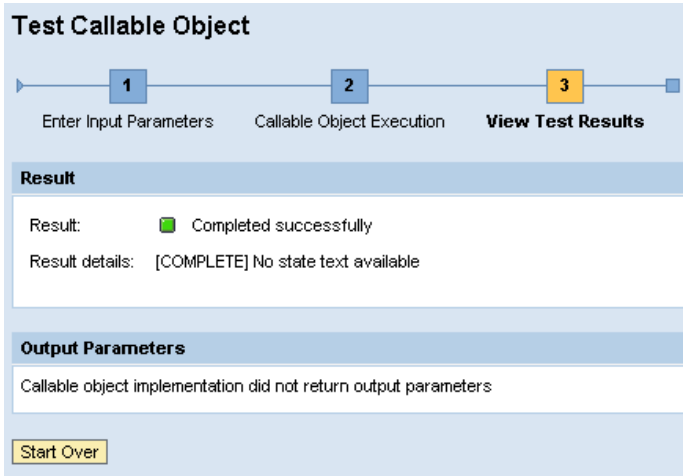
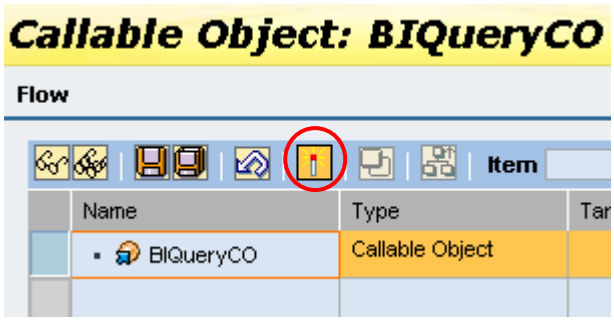


16. Close the window containing the result of the query and choose *Complete Step.*



17. Upon normal completion, the result is: *Completed successfully.*

You can repeat the test by choosing *Start Over*.



18. You can activate your callable object by choosing (*Activate*) or implicitly by activating the process that encapsulates this CO.