

Applies To:

SAP R3 v4.70, however can be adapted for other releases, including Netweaver 2004 v7.

Summary

This tutorial explains how to implement a Business Add In (BAdI), in a Customer Modification – CMOD, environment and benefit from all the flexibility of the BADI, while avoiding all the limitations associated with CMOD.

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Enhancements

SAP provides a variety of “Enhancements” for functional enrichment.

Enhancements prior to Netweaver 2004 exist in a number of guises – User Exits, Customer Exits, Menu/Screen/Field Exits, and BADIs. Each has their own manner of implementation.

This topic is concerned with User Exits and Customer Exits.

Enhancements are scattered throughout the SAP System at predefined strategic points, where changes could prove beneficial without jeopardizing the integrity of the surrounding functionality.

You may be lucky to find such an Enhancement right where you need it however there are times when the Enhancement needs to be shared among other developments.

Historic Problem

Because User and Customer Exits are implemented via code, it can become very cumbersome when the Exit is in a popular location and used for many purposes or requirements, especially if it is shared throughout developments.

An example of this could be when using an “IDoc Extension”. The extended SAP IDoc could be required by a number of departments, each attempting to develop their own specific functionality, and the location to populate or read the customized segments of the IDoc exists in a single area of code as either a “Function Module” or “Include”.

It becomes even more complicated when each developer shares the coded area and has to manage “Transports” of shared objects amongst them. Not to mention the trouble caused when a syntax or program error occurs across a shared object affecting all who are using it.

Yet another problem exists when a developer has completed their work, and is ready to “Release” the associated Transport, which contains the shared code, and all remaining that use, program, or develop that object are not ready.

A final runtime problem exists when each piece of functionality within an Enhancement must be implemented and run as a whole. Enhancements must exist in a “Project” when they are implemented – see transaction CMOD. One or more Enhancements can exist in a Project. But, if an Enhancement exists in a Project, it cannot coexist in another Project.

The Project is “Activated” or “Deactivated”, i.e. on or off, not the individual Enhancements, therefore anything in the Project must be deemed as an “All or Nothing”.

Needless to say, User and Customer Exits can require very careful management.

Solution

To address the problem above, I propose a simple and elegant way: -

Implement a custom BAdI inside the Enhancement

The Enhancement can then benefit from discrete pieces of work and remain detached and independent from others that may share the Enhancement.

The initial setup for implementing the BAdI into the Enhancement is best performed away from any other piece of work. This way, it too, remains separate and in its own Transport that must be Released prior to all other surrounding work that maybe required.

Example

I have chosen a scenario, "Maintain Company Address" that should exist in all SAP versions concerned, including the Netweaver Sneak Preview 2004s, and I hope all other training mini versions of SAP.

Transaction SUCOMP.

SAP Menu

Tools -> Administration -> User Maintenance -> SU01 Users

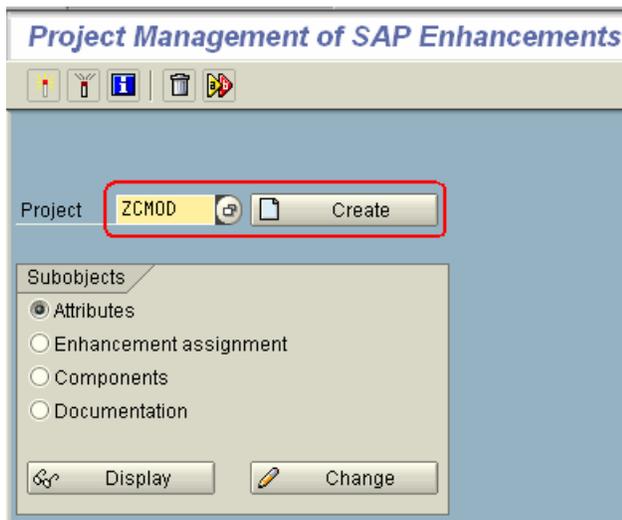
Environment -> Maintain company address

We will simply edit a newly created Company Address, and implement the related SAP Enhancement SZSR0003.

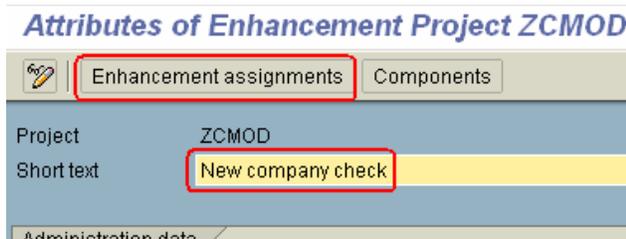
We will program two separate Popup Dialogs to act as our multiple areas of custom functionality. The Popups will be programmed in their own BAdIs. They will be "fired" when the user, for example, changes the "Time Zone" of the Customer Address" and presses the Enter key.

Create an Active Project with Enhancement Assigned

To begin, we need to create a Project to implement the Enhancement. Transaction CMOD.



Give the "Project" name, and press the Create button.

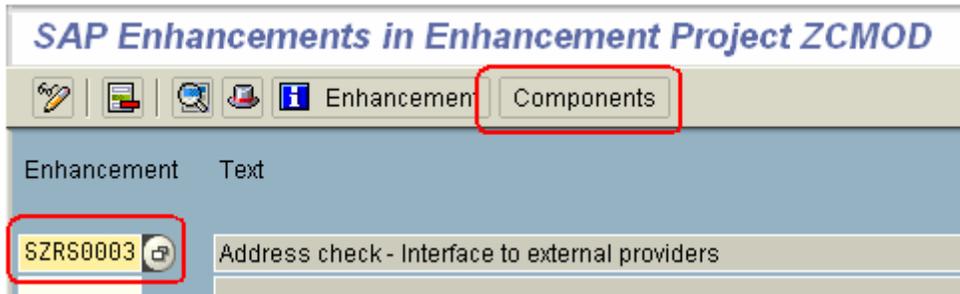


Give the Project a Description and Save. When prompted for a "Package", simply choose "Local Object". The "Project" now exists and is empty.

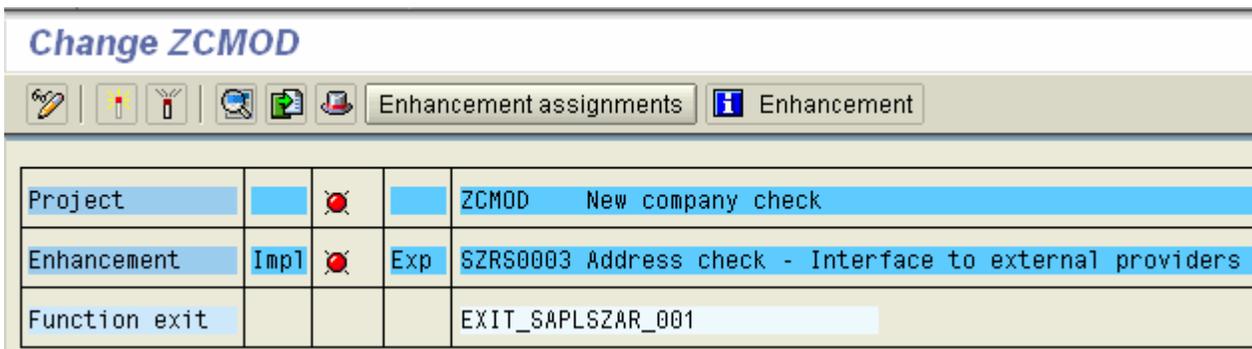
Now we need to add our Enhancement, so choose the "Enhancement assignments" button.

Implementing a BAdI in an Enhancement Project (CMOD)

Add the Enhancement “SZRS0003” and Save. Now press the “Components” button to see the possible modifications for this Enhancement.



From the component list, seen below, we can see we have a single Function Exit. We can also see here, that the Project is has yet to be “Activated”. This is indicated by the red Activation icons, which turn green when active.



Project				ZCMOD New company check
Enhancement	Impl		Exp	SZRS0003 Address check - Interface to external providers
Function exit				EXIT_SAPLSZAR_001

Double click the “EXIT_SAPLSZAR_001” entry.

This navigates us to the Function Builder – SE37, in which we can see there is a single line inside the Function.

```
include zxszaru01 .
```

As you can see, the Include begins with a Z, therefore it is in the Customer Namespace, which enables us to maintain our custom Exit code separately from the SAP code.

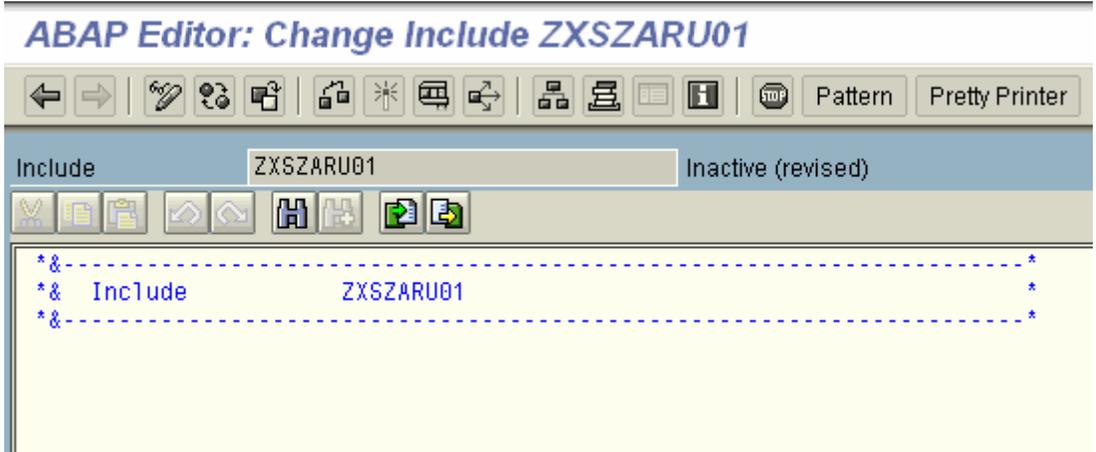
Double click the Include name. A warning may appear.



This is fine. Press enter to continue.

A “Create Object” popup may appear, in which we need to press “Yes” to create the Include Object. Again, create the object as a “Local Object”, when prompted.

Now we are navigated to the ABAP Editor– SE38, where we can program the Enhancement.



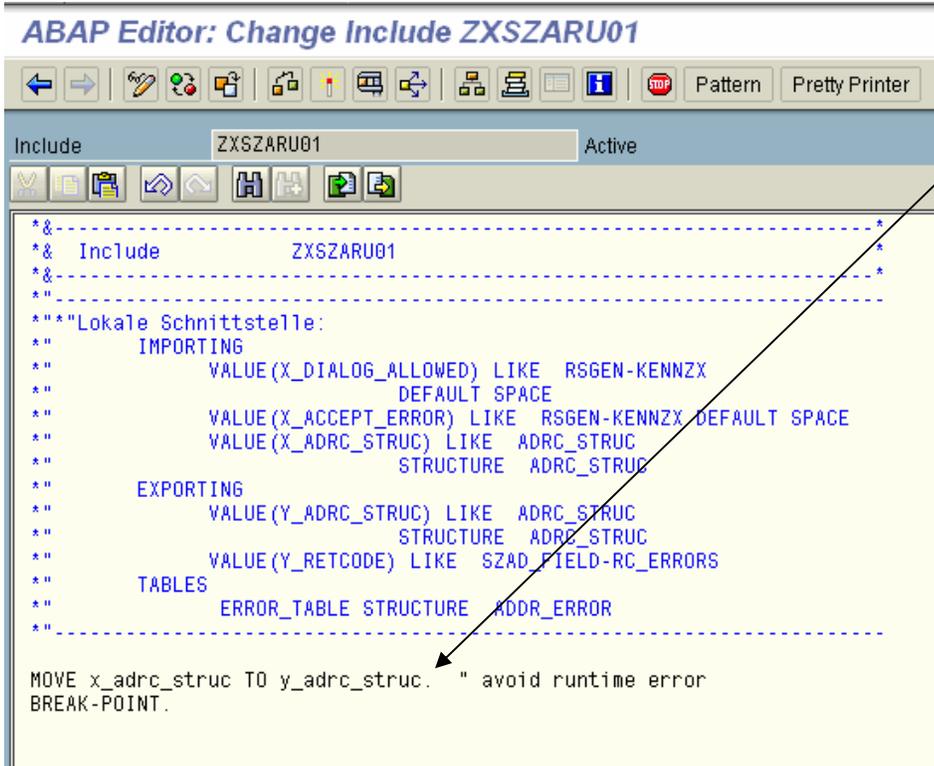
It is in this type of Include where all necessary programming will need to be programmed or at least, called from. The single Include, in this example, ZXSZARU01 would be the main cause of problems when managing multiple developments.

For now, we will program a break point and watch it reached.

Add the statement "BREAK-POINT.

Notice, I have copied the parameters from the previous screen to enable me to see, what variables are

present in this include that I can use.



Also, I have added a MOVE statement simply transferring what is being passed into the Function Module, back out. This avoids a runtime error in this example.

Each implementation of an Enhancement is likely to have its own interface and may require certain coding requirements, similar to this. However, in this case it is just a side issue and should not detract from the point of this paper.

Now "Syntax Check" and "Activate". Back out, to the Project Screen and Activate the Project. If this is not done, our custom code will not be executed. This is Activating the Project, not the code.

Change ZCMOD

Project	Enhancement	Function exit	Project Name
			ZCMOD New company check
	Impl		SZRS0003 Address check - Interface t
			EXIT_SAPLSZAR_001

The red Activation icons have now turned green. We are ready to test the Exit and our Break Point.

Test Enhancement

Navigate to the Company Address Maintenance Screen – SUCOMP, and enter a Company Name, then press Create.

SAP

Company:

Enter the remaining mandatory fields, "Country" and "Time Zone" then press Enter

Street address

Street/House number:

Postal code/City:

Country: Region:

Time zone:

The Exit should have been entered and the code halted in the Debugger due to our break point statement in code.

```
Y_ADRC_STRUC = X_ADRC_STRUC.
➔ break bcuser.
```

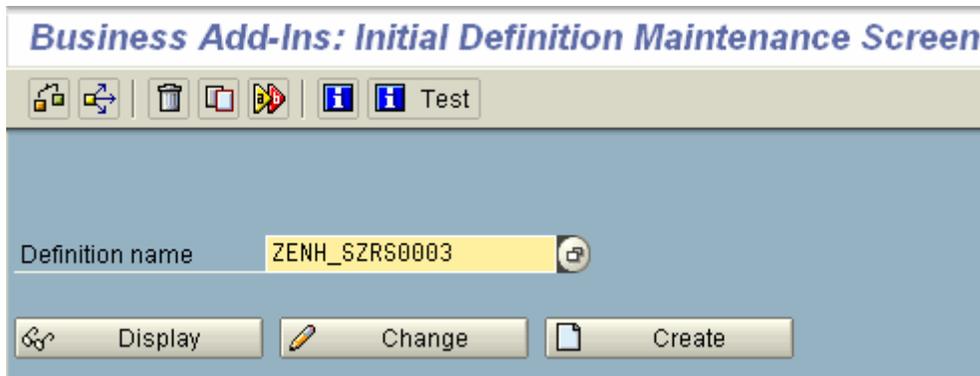
Simply press the F8 key to continue, and Save.

This has proved that we now have a working Active Exit in place. For future testing will be using this company in edit mode, and simply be alternating the Time Zone between UK and UTC.

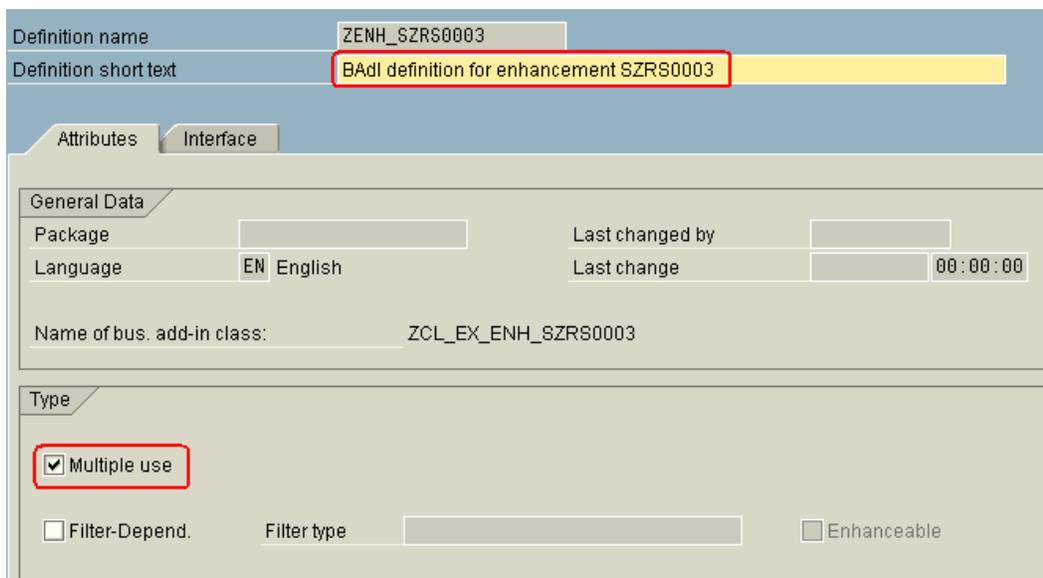
Create BAdI Definition

Now we need to create a custom BAdI Definition that is going to be used for our two BAdI Implementations. The custom BAdI's interface will mirror the Enhancement's interface as the Enhancement will serve purely as a wrapper for the BAdI.

Navigate to the BAdI Definition – SE18. Create a BAdI name and press Create.



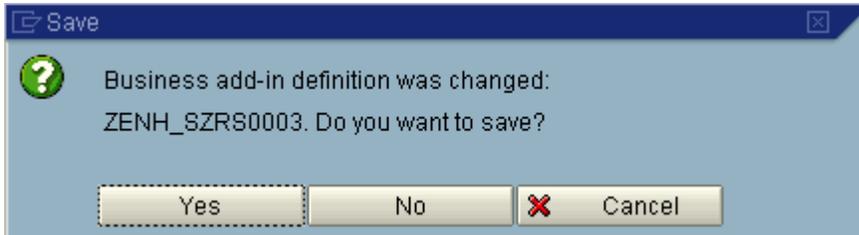
Provide a short text, and make sure the “Multiple Use”, option for “Type”, is checked. It is this that enables the multiple implementations for a single definition.



On the “Interface” tab, double click the provided “Interface Name”.

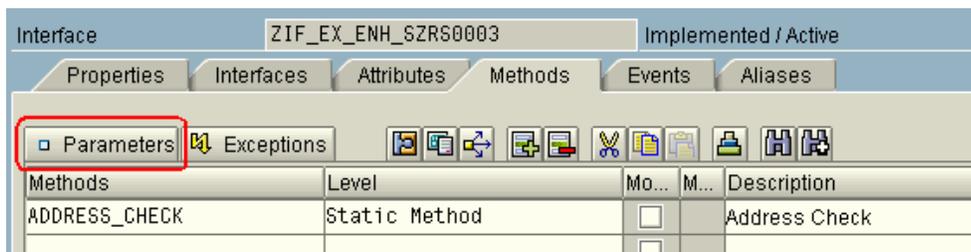


When prompted, Save the BAdI definition, a “Local object” will suffice.



We are now in the Class Builder – SE24, in which we have a Class Interface to create. This Class Interface will serve the purpose of providing the BAdI Definition with a Method Call, and its appropriate interface parameters. To this end, we must provide a Method Name and configure its interface parameters, so that the Enhancement can server as a wrapper, passing it's parameters in and out correctly.

Enter a Method name and for this purpose, make it a Static Method, then press the “Parameters” button.



The idea here, is to replicate the Enhancement's interface in the Method, enabling a somewhat transparent handover. Remember, the Enhancement needs to only serve as a wrapper.

From

```
-----  
**  
***"Lokale Schnittstelle:  
**  
**   IMPORTING  
**       VALUE(X_DIALOG_ALLOWED) LIKE  RSGEN-KENNZX  
**               DEFAULT SPACE  
**       VALUE(X_ACCEPT_ERROR) LIKE  RSGEN-KENNZX DEFAULT SPACE  
**       VALUE(X_ADRG_STRUC) LIKE  ADRG_STRUC  
**               STRUCTURE  ADRG_STRUC  
**  
**   EXPORTING  
**       VALUE(Y_ADRG_STRUC) LIKE  ADRG_STRUC  
**               STRUCTURE  ADRG_STRUC  
**       VALUE(Y_RETCODE) LIKE  SZAD_FIELD-RC_ERRORS  
**  
**   TABLES  
**       ERROR_TABLE STRUCTURE  ADDR_ERROR  
**  
-----
```

To

Parameter	Type	P...	O...	Typing M...	Associated Type	Defa...	Description
X_DIALOG_ALLOWED	Importing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Type	RSGEN-KENNZX		Flag: General checkbox
X_ACCEPT_ERROR	Importing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Type	RSGEN-KENNZX		Flag: General checkbox
X_ADRC_STRUC	Importing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Type	ADRC_STRUC		Include structure with ADRC attr..
Y_ADRC_STRUC	Changing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Type	ADRC_STRUC		Include structure with ADRC attr..
Y_RETCODE	Changing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Type	SZAD_FIELD-RC_ERRORS		Return code: Address data che...
ERROR_TABLE	Changing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Type	ADDR_ERROR_TAB		ADDR_ERROR table type

With “Multiple Use” type BAdIs, we must not specify any Export type parameters. Therefore, as we have Export Parameters in the Enhancement, we have altered them to Changing.

Also, notice the ERROR_TABLE parameter. In the Enhancement it exists as a table, structure ADDR_ERROR. Due to the nature of the ABAP Objects, table definitions must be typed as tables. Therefore we either find a table type that is made up from the structure ADDR_ERROR, as we have, or have to create one.

Perform a Syntax Check, Save and Generate.

That concludes our BAdI definition.

BAdI Hook

We must now code the BAdI hook. This is not coding any functional specific requirements whatsoever. It is merely enabling the Enhancement to call the BAdI, if, and when it may be deployed. This hook is to be coded in the original Enhancement Include – CMOD.

Due to the Type change of the ERROR_TABLE parameter in the BAdI, we need to perform a little extra work.

Variable declaration

```
y_error_table TYPE addr_error_tab
```

Line of code

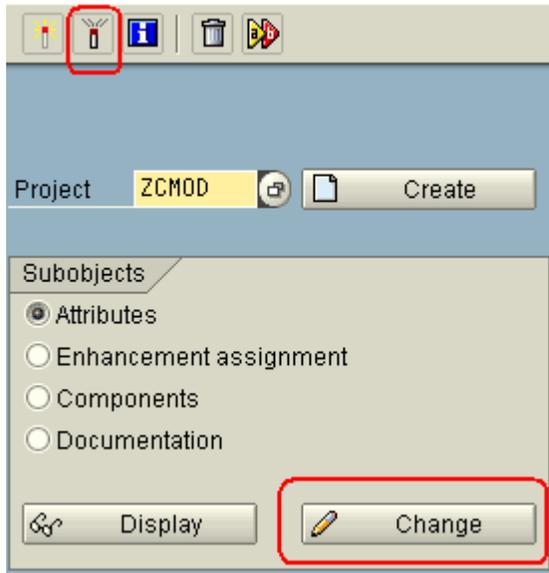
```
APPEND LINES OF y_error_table TO error_table.
```

This enables us to pass the error data table back to the Enhancement, from the BAdI.

Again, due to nature of this particular Enhancement, we must pass through the ADRC structure. Normally, this line of code would not be required.

```
y_adrc_struct = x_adrc_struct.
```

Navigate to CMOD, Deactivate the Project, and Change.



In the following screen, select the "Component" button.

Double click the Function Exit component.

Double click the Function Exit's Include, and click the Edit button.

You should now be in the ABAP editor, where you can copy the following code over what we had before. It is up to you, if you wish to keep the comments displaying the parameters available.

```
DATA: lr_exit TYPE REF TO zif_ex_enh_szrs0003,  
      y_error_table TYPE addr_error_tab.  
  
*****  
* Enhancement specific, else runtime error occurs when Project activated  
y_adrc_struct = x_adrc_struct.  
  
*****  
* BAdI stuff  
  
* get BAdI implementation  
CALL METHOD cl_exithandler=>get_instance  
  CHANGING  
    instance = lr_exit.  
  
* call BAdI  
CALL METHOD lr_exit->address_check  
  EXPORTING
```

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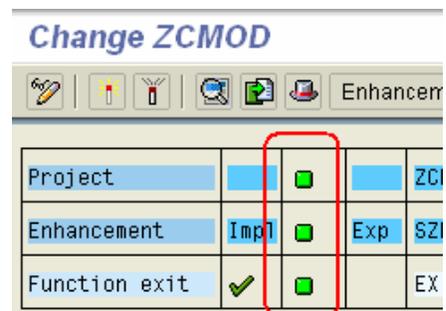
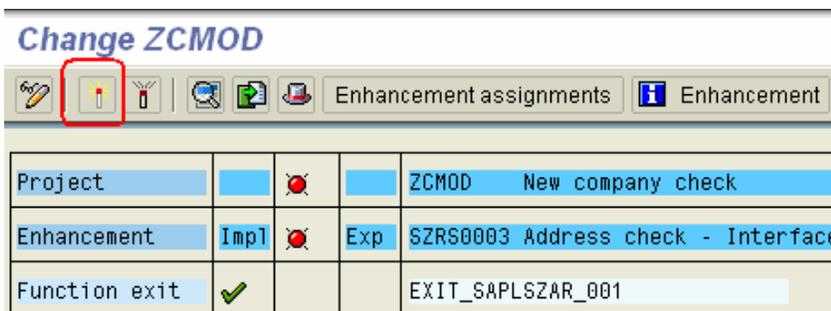
x_dialog_allowed = x_dialog_allowed
x_accept_error   = x_accept_error
x_adrc_struct    = x_adrc_struct
CHANGING
y_adrc_struct    = y_adrc_struct
y_retcode        = y_retcode
error_table      = y_error_table.
    
```

```

*****
* add the BAdI error table to the Enhancement
APPEND LINES OF y_error_table TO error_table.
    
```

The BAdI insertion code above is typically how SAP implements BAdI insertions. Notice the Object reference to the Interface declaration, and the two Method calls, one fetching the BAdI instance (implementation) in runtime, the other, making the actual Method call.

Syntax Check and Activate the Include, back out (F3) to the Project ZCMOD Change screen, and Re-Activate the Project. The Activation icons should turn green.



Test the work so far by running the “Company address” maintenance screen – SUCOMP, this time we can simply edit the company created earlier. Alter the “Time Zone” and press enter. Nothing should look like it happens.

This proves that the Enhancement is Active, the BAdI Definition is in place, and without any BAdI Implementations so far, all is working.

This would be a harmless state to leave the Enhancement in, active with the BAdI programmed, but without any BAdI Implementations. We should not need to be concerned with CMOD any longer.

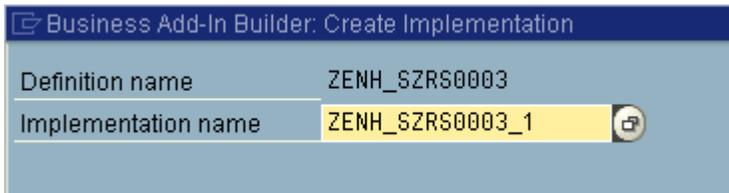
BAdI Implementation 1

Now we are ready to implement the first of two BAdIs from our single BAdI ZENH_SZRS0003 Definition.

Navigate to the BAdI Definition – SE18, enter the BAdI name “ZENH_SZRS0003”, and from the menu select

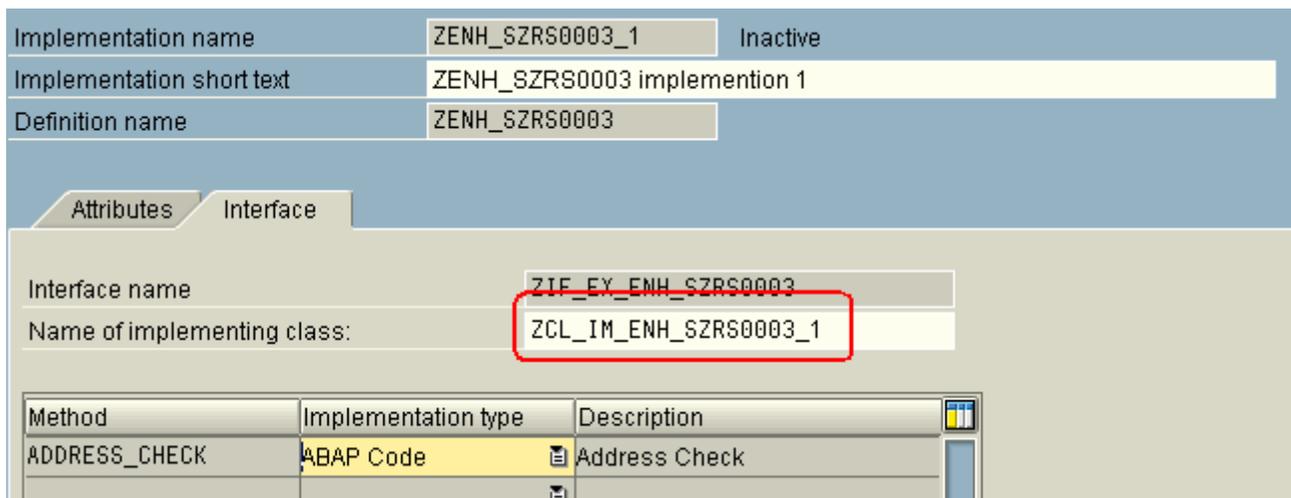
Implementation -> Create

Enter an Implementation name, and continue. I have chosen the Definition name, and added a numeric value indicating the possible implementations of this definition.



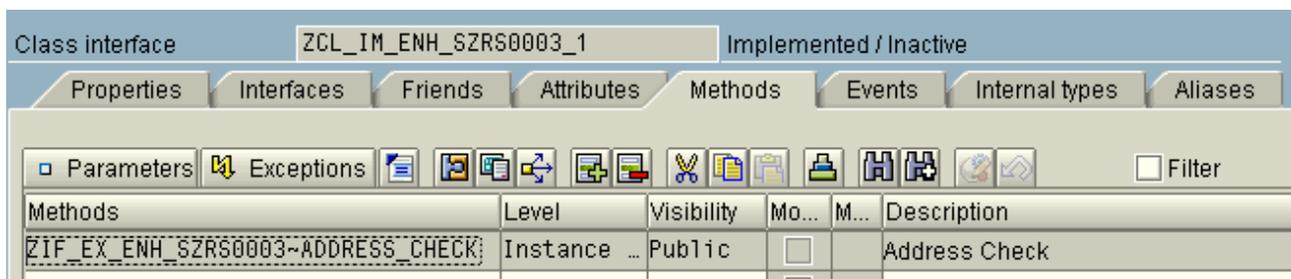
Save the Implementation as a "Local Object".

Select the Interface tab & double click the Name of the given Implementing Class



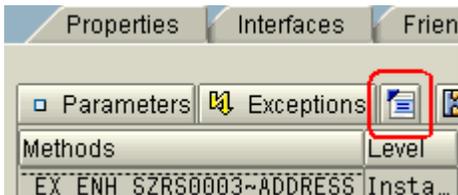
We are now in the Class Builder – SE24, once again.

Notice that the Interface built during the BAdI definition has now been utilized in the BAdI implementation's Class – ZCL_IM_ENH_SZRS0003_1.

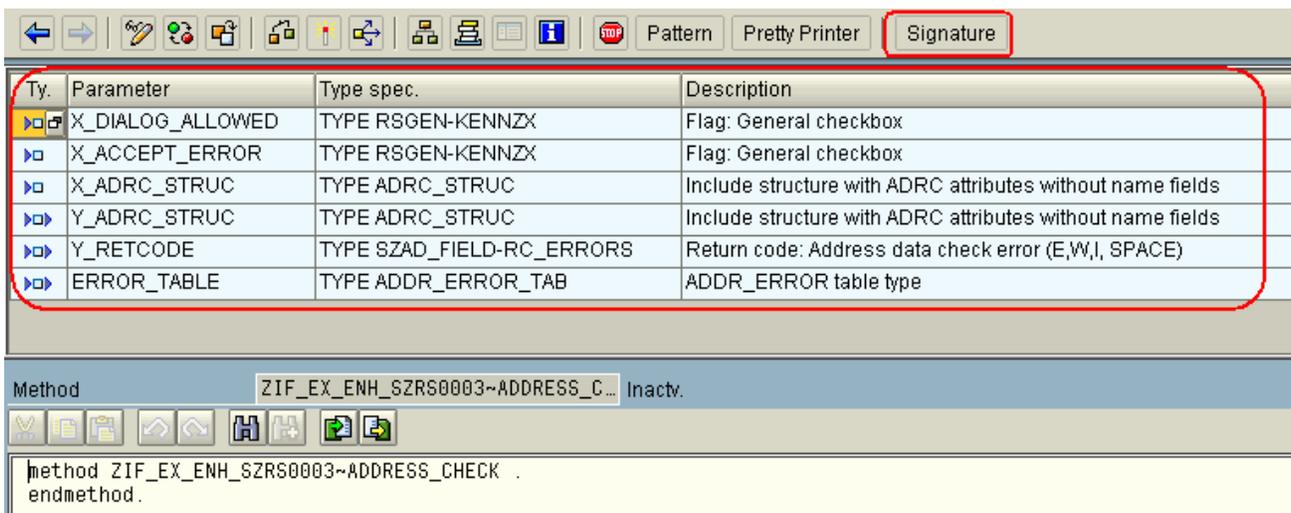


We are finally ready to code our custom functionality that will be called by the Enhancement.

Click once on the Code Button



Press the Signature button and now we can see all the parameters that we have mirrored from the BAdI, available to the Method.



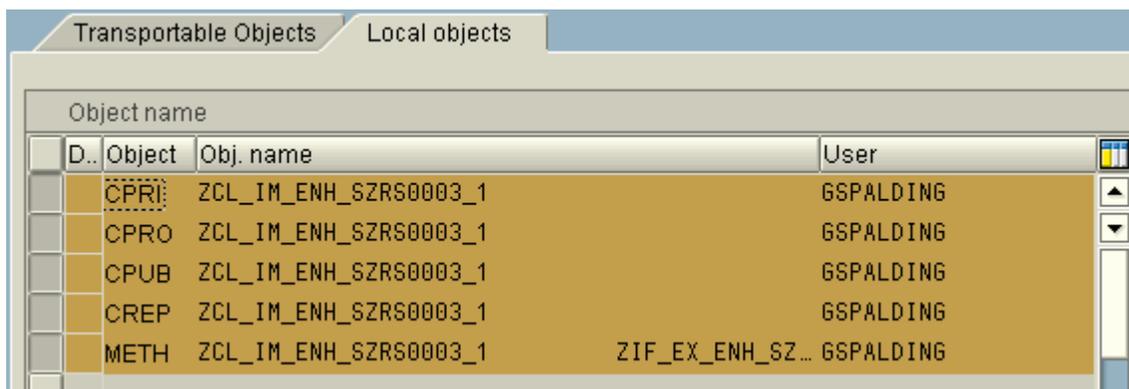
Using the trusty “POPUP_TO_CONFIRM” function module, we will program this Method accordingly. See below. Simply cut this code and add it to the Method

```
CALL FUNCTION 'POPUP_TO_CONFIRM'
  EXPORTING
    *   TITLEBAR                = ' '
    *   DIAGNOSE_OBJECT         = ' '
    *   text_question            = 'This was fired from Implementation 1'.
    *   TEXT_BUTTON_1           = 'Ja'(001)
    *   ICON_BUTTON_1           = ' '
    *   TEXT_BUTTON_2           = 'Nein'(002)
    *   ICON_BUTTON_2           = ' '
    *   DEFAULT_BUTTON          = '1'
    *   DISPLAY_CANCEL_BUTTON    = 'X'
    *   USERDEFINED_F1_HELP     = ' '
    *   START_COLUMN            = 25
    *   START_ROW                = 6
    *   POPUP_TYPE              =
```

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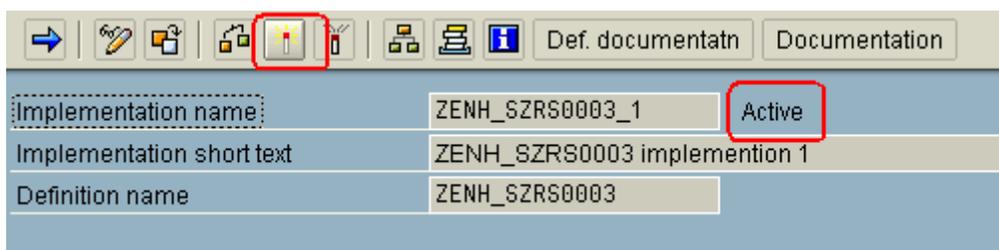
```
* IMPORTING
*   ANSWER                =
* TABLES
*   PARAMETER            =
* EXCEPTIONS
*   TEXT_NOT_FOUND      = 1
*   OTHERS               = 2
.
IF sy-subrc <> 0.
* MESSAGE ID SY-MSGID TYPE SY-MSGTY NUMBER SY-MSGNO
*       WITH SY-MSGV1 SY-MSGV2 SY-MSGV3 SY-MSGV4.
ENDIF.
```

"Syntax Check", "Save", and "Activate" all objects.



D..	Object	Obj. name	User
	CPRI	ZCL_IM_ENH_SZRS0003_1	GSPALDING
	CPRO	ZCL_IM_ENH_SZRS0003_1	GSPALDING
	CPUB	ZCL_IM_ENH_SZRS0003_1	GSPALDING
	CREP	ZCL_IM_ENH_SZRS0003_1	GSPALDING
	METH	ZCL_IM_ENH_SZRS0003_1	ZIF_EX_ENH_SZ... GSPALDING

Back out twice, returning to the BAdI Implementation screen. We now want to "Activate" the BAdI Implementation. This would be comparative to activating the Project,



Implementation name	ZENH_SZRS0003_1	Active
Implementation short text	ZENH_SZRS0003 implementation 1	
Definition name	ZENH_SZRS0003	

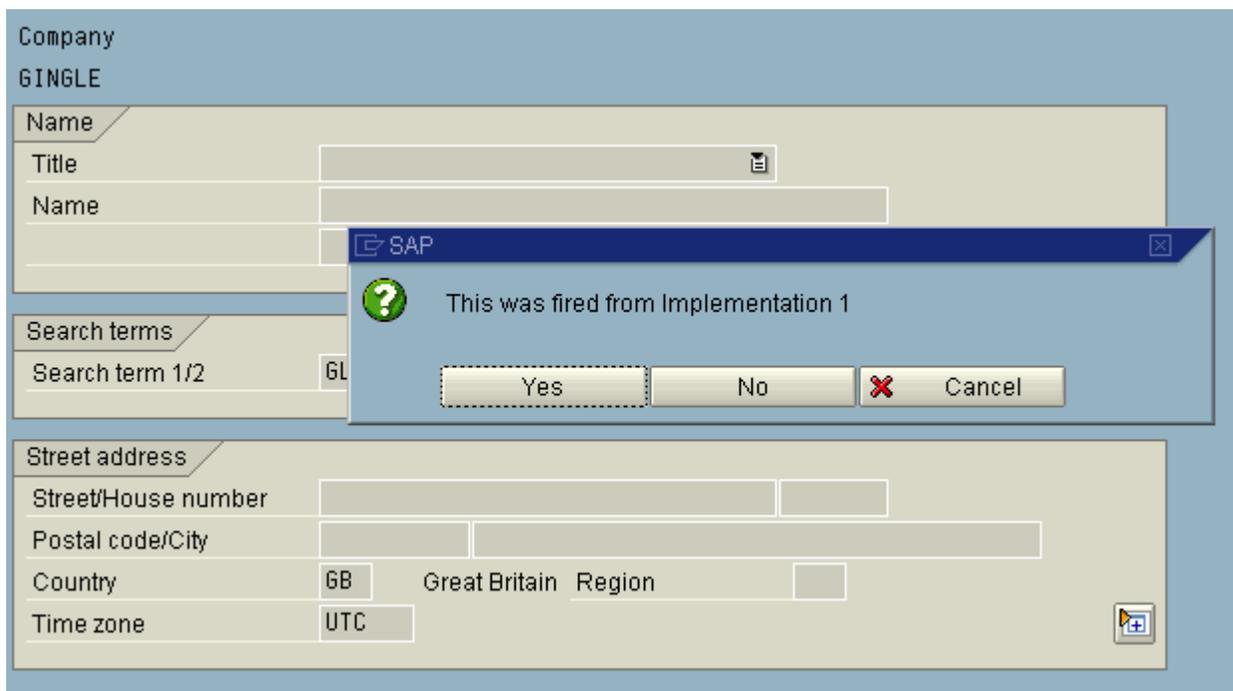
We have finished programming the first custom piece of functionality for our Company Address maintenance screen.

Test BAdI Implementation 1

Navigate to the Company Address maintenance screen – SUCOMP, and enter the company name we used before and press Edit.



Change the Time Zone to something, and now you should see the popup programmed in the BAdI Implementation.



Press any key to continue.

BAdI Implementation 2

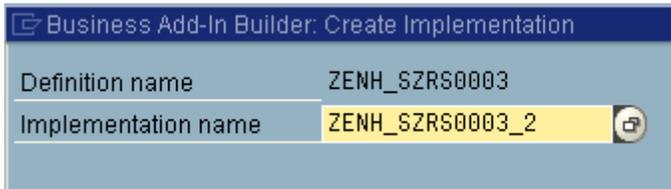
Now we are ready to implement the second of our two BAdIs from our single BAdI ZENH_SZRS0003 definition.

Navigate to the BAdI definition – SE18, enter the BAdI name, and from the menu select

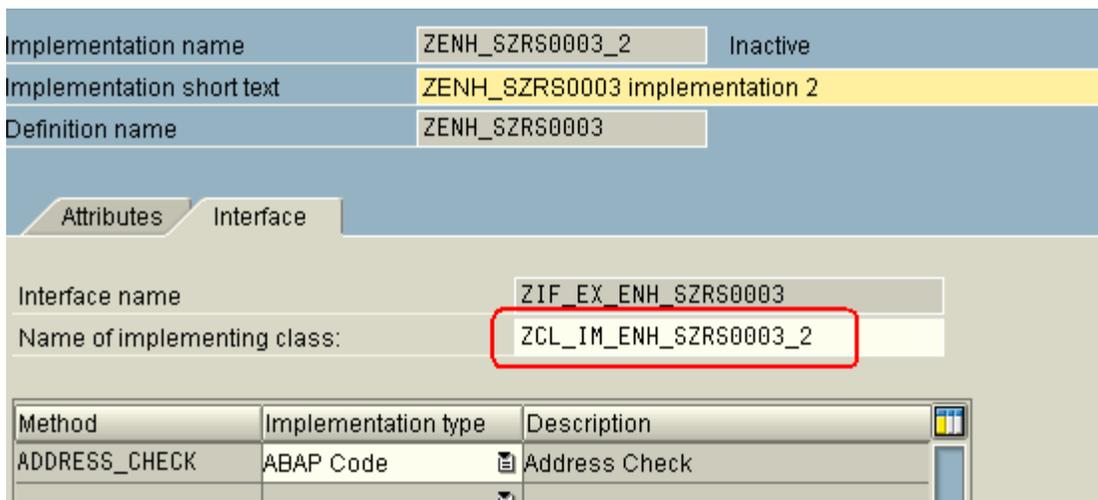
Implementation -> Create

Enter an Implementation name, and continue. Notice this name has a two at the end

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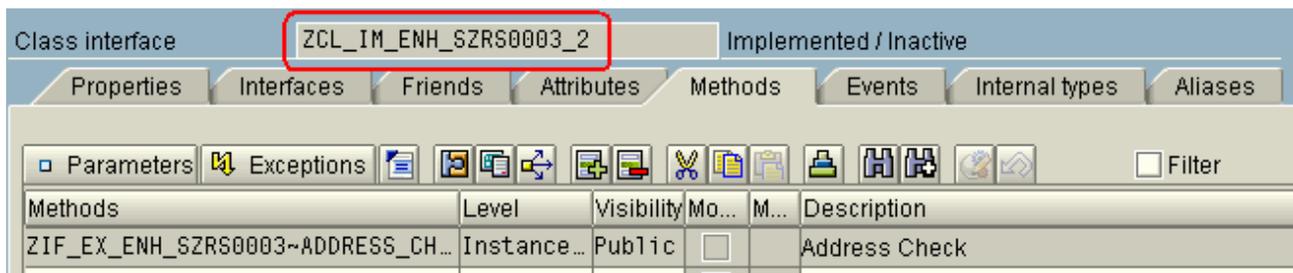
On the next screen, supply a short text, and on the Interface tab, double click the Name of the given Implementing Class



Save the Implementation if prompted and a "Local Object" type will suffice.

We have now been navigated to the Class Builder – SE24, once again.

This time the Interface built during the BAdI's second definition has now been utilized in the BAdI implementation's Class – ZCL_IM_ENH_SZRZ0003_2.

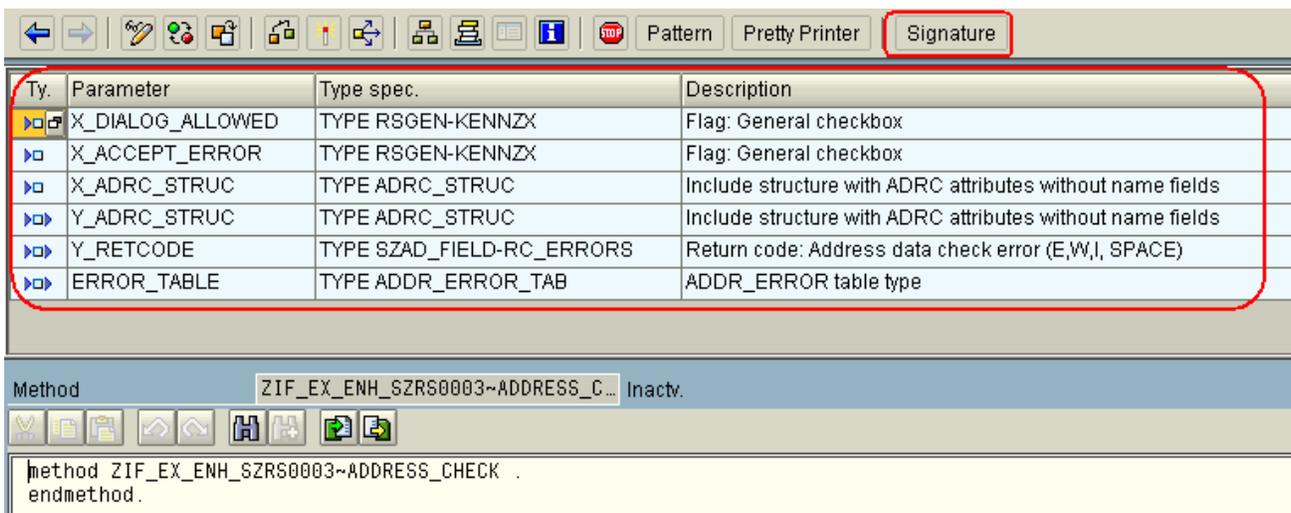


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Using the trusty "POPUP_TO_CONFIRM" function module, we will program this Method accordingly. See below. Only the "text_question" has changed.

```
CALL FUNCTION 'POPUP_TO_CONFIRM'
  EXPORTING
    *   TITLEBAR                = ' '
    *   DIAGNOSE_OBJECT         = ' '
    *   text_question            = 'This was fired from Implementation 2'.
    *   TEXT_BUTTON_1           = 'Ja'(001)
    *   ICON_BUTTON_1           = ' '
    *   TEXT_BUTTON_2           = 'Nein'(002)
    *   ICON_BUTTON_2           = ' '
    *   DEFAULT_BUTTON          = '1'
    *   DISPLAY_CANCEL_BUTTON   = 'X'
    *   USERDEFINED_F1_HELP     = ' '
    *   START_COLUMN            = 25
    *   START_ROW                = 6
```

Implementing a BAdI in an Enhancement Project (CMOD)

```
*   POPUP_TYPE           =
* IMPORTING
*   ANSWER               =
* TABLES
*   PARAMETER            =
* EXCEPTIONS
*   TEXT_NOT_FOUND      = 1
*   OTHERS               = 2
.
IF sy-subrc <> 0.
* MESSAGE ID SY-MSGID TYPE SY-MSGTY NUMBER SY-MSGNO
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	CPUB	ZCL_IM_ENH_SZRS0003_2	GSPALDING
	CREP	ZCL_IM_ENH_SZRS0003_2	GSPALDING
	METH	ZCL_IM_ENH_SZRS0003_2	ZIF_EX_ENH_SZ... GSPALDING

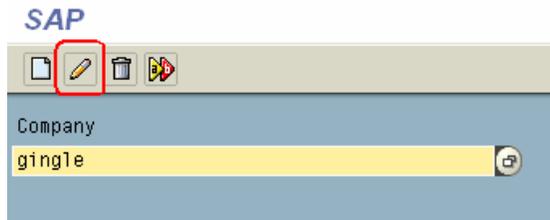
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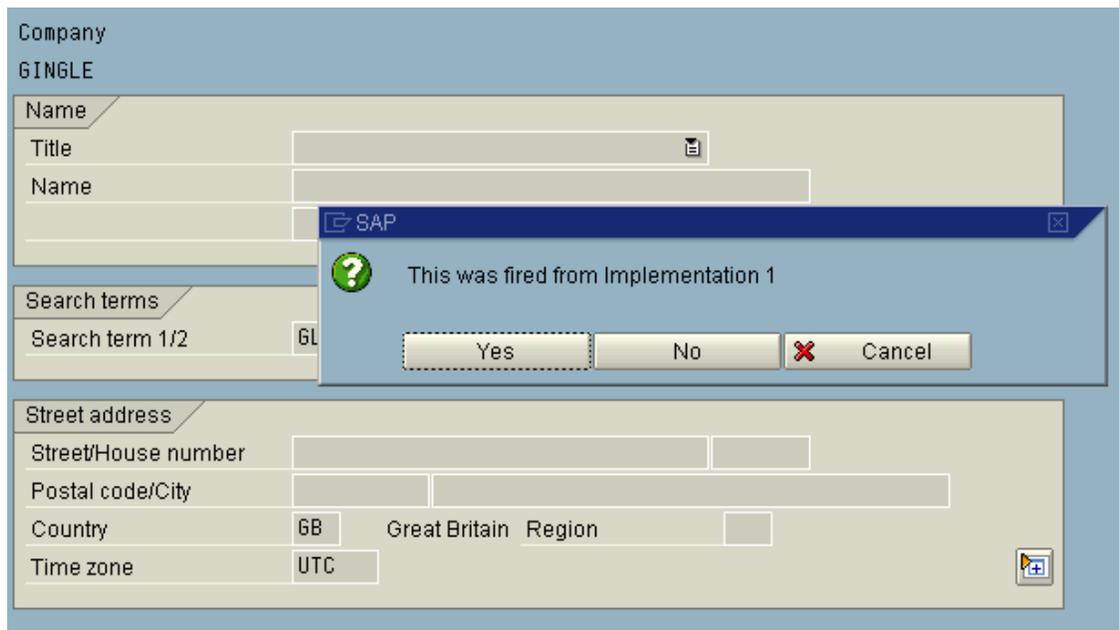
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Test BAdI Implementation 1 and 2

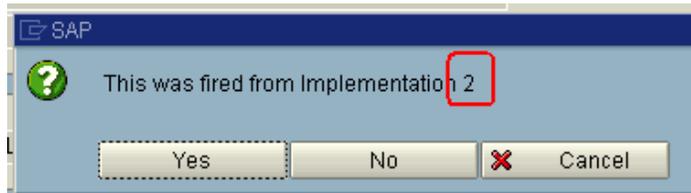
Navigate to the Company Address maintenance screen – SUCOMP, and enter the company name we used before and press Edit.



Change the Time Zone to something, and now you should see the popup programmed in the BAdI Implementation.



Press any key to continue and now we get the second popup implemented in BAdI implementation 2.



That concludes the testing.

Summary

This tutorial demonstrates how to program a custom BAdI in an SAP Enhancement. It further demonstrates the ability to separate custom functionality away from non-related functionality, in different objects, which can be maintained and activated independently. This behaviour would not be possible using the standard SAP Enhancement CMOD, concept alone.

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I fell upon this workaround to Enhancements, when I was teaching myself some basic OO and BAdI skills. When I learnt some BAdIs have multiple uses, i.e. several implementations of the same BAdI, it was then, I thought about using a custom BAdI inside an Enhancement to remove some of the inherent problems that beset Enhancements.

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