A Step-by-Step Guide on IDoc-to-File Using Business Service in the XI Integration Directory

Applies to:

SAP Exchange Infrastructure (XI) 3.0 / Process Integration (PI) 7.0

This document is intended for all XI aspirants who want to read and understand some of the SAP R/3 transactions for creating and posting IDoc to XI. This document explains step-by-step working procedures for the IDoc-to-File scenario in XI including Integration Repository (IR), Integration Directory (ID), and other adapter-specific settings for IDoc sender side. This scenario also explains the Business Service in ID and when/where to use Business Service instead of Business System. Hence, it applies to **Beginners** and **Intermediate** XI developers, especially for those who don't have any ABAP/IDoc knowledge and have limited or no experience using Business Service in ID.

Finally this document might be useful for those interested in preparing themselves for **XI Certification** or attending for some **XI Interviews**.

Summary

This document gives complete step-by-step procedures for implementing and testing an IDoc-to-File scenario from scratch using the Business Service in the Integration Directory (ID). The document also provides some basic idea and working knowledge while posting and testing IDoc processing by creating RFC Destination (SM59), Port (WE21), Logical System (BD54), Partner Profile (WE20), using IDoc Testing Tool (WE19), and Check for IDoc processing status using transactions WE02, WE05, SM58. So, this document can be treated as a ready reference in real life situations when working with IDoc and Exchange Infrastructure in a cross-company environment (to use Business Service).

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Introduction

One can find lot of articles and documents on IDoc - XI - FILE scenario in a distributed fashion in SDN but none of these gives a clear IDEA and complete step by step procedures to be followed while implementing such scenario. Also most of the IX scenario implementation & example follows Business System in ID not Business Service. So, it becomes very difficult for any beginner and Intermediate XI aspirants to implement such a scenario from scratch without having any knowledge on IDoc and R/3 system in Cross Company Environment, where all relevant information for creating a Business System in SLD for Sender or Receiver is not is not available. Hence, I have tried to come up with a complete solution and How to guide document to provide all steps required implementing such a scenario from the very beginning. Hope this document will help all XI professionals as a ready reference in real life situation while working with IDoc and XI scenario in cross company environment. Happy Learning…

Basic Concepts Overview (XI Implementation)

As per general thumb rule to implement any XI scenario (like File - XI - File) we need to implement the following:

- In SLD: Create Product and Software Components with/without dependencies, Technical System and Business System for each (Sender and Receiver)

Tip: If we don't have sufficient information to create a Business System in SLD for Sender or Receiver then we can use Business Service in ID as shown in this example (Cross Company Environment).

- In IR: Import Software Components that we have created in SLD, Create Namespaces then under Interface Object we have to create Data type, Message Type, Message Interface for each (Sender and Receiver). After this we have to create Massage Mapping and Interface Mapping for the scenario under Mapping Objects. Finally we have to activate all these objects we have created in IR.
- In ID: Create Configuration Scenario under which we have to import / assign Business Systems / Business Services, Communication Channels for (Sender and Receiver), then we have to create Receiver Determination, Interface Determination, Sender Agreement and Receiver Agreement. Again we have to activate all these objects in ID.

Requirement Study and Scope Identification

We need to implement one scenario where IDoc will be configured and posted from R/3 System to XI Sever. The XI sever need to transform the IDoc Information into target data format (XML in our example). It should store the xml file into the target directory using File Adapter. Assume that we don't have sufficient information to create a Business System in SLD for Sender R/3 System. Hence, I have used Business Service in ID like in any Cross Company Environment.

Identifying Solution

In our IDoc – XI – FILE scenario first we have to identify our requirements and TODO list for implementing the scenario.

In R/3 Sender System (For posting IDoc to XI – Outbound IDoc)

- ✓ Identify Message type and Basic type to be used for posting the IDoc
- ✓ Create RFC Destination (SM59) to Receiver XI system
- ✓ Create PORT for IDoc processing (WE21) and assign the RFC Destination created above to this PORT
- ✓ Create Logical System (LS) for the IDoc (BD54) to be sent to the XI receiver system
- ✓ Create Partner Profile with outbound parameter (WE20) to be send to the XI receiver system

In XI System for Integration (Receive IDoc - Transform - Send File)

In SLD (System Landscape Directory)

- ✓ One Business system as 3rd party option should be available with corresponding Technical System, Product, Software components for Receiver System

In IR (Integration Repository)

- ✓ Import Software components that we have created in SLD
- ✓ Create Namespaces
- ✓ Under Interface Objects Create Data type, Message Type, Message Interface for Receiver

Tip: we don't need any Data Type, Message Type and Message Interface for Sender because we will be sending IDoc from Sender R/3 System so, we will Import the IDoc from Sender system and this will be used for Source Data Type, Message Type and Message Interface.

- ✓ Under Mapping Objects create Massage Mapping and Interface Mapping for the scenario
- ✓ Activate all objects created in IR

In ID (Integration Directory)

- ✓ Create a new Configuration Scenario Object
- ✓ Create New Business Services, and set adapter specific Identifier for the Sender IDoc (Logical System Name, R/3 Sender System ID and Client)

Tip: This is Important for the receiver system to receive the IDoc from the Sender System.

- ✓ Configure Business service for Receiver (Inbound Interface and Communication Channel)
- ✓ Configure Business service for Sender (Outbound Interface)

Tip: Here for Sender System we don't need any Communication Channel because IDoc sits on ABAP Stack.

- ✓ Create Receiver Determination
- ✓ Create Interface Determination
- ✓ Create Receiver Agreement
- ✓ Activate all objects created in ID

Tip: Here for Sender System we don't need any Sender Agreement because IDoc sits on ABAP Stack.

Some Other Configuration (Capturing Metadata Information etc) in XI System

- ✓ Create RFC Destination (SM59) to Sender System
- ✓ Create PORT using transaction (IDX1) to get the Metadata of the IDoc from the Sender System (The Port Name = The Port Name in the source IDoc header – normally in format SAP<System ID>. eg. SAPXID in our example [though this is Optional]
- ✓ To maintain the IDoc Metadata we need to use transaction (IDX2). This is only for XI System as XI needs to construct Idoc-XML from the Idoc. In our example initially we can avoid this step

Pre-Requisites

Knowledge Requirements:

- Basic knowledge of XI and how it works

- Nice to have one file to file scenario implementation experience. Please see the reference section if you want to go through one file to file scenario example

System Requirements:

- One Business System in SLD (System Landscape directory) is required which should be created using Third Party Option
- Access to Transactions SM59, WE21, BD54, WE20, WE19, WE02, WE05, and SM58 is required for **Sender R/3 System.** And SM59, IDX1, IDX2 for XI System.

Tip: If you don't have access right to any of this transaction, you can contact your basis /XI administrator so that he can help you to create / configure objects for you including SLD.

- Developer Access to **Recipient XI System** is required to create this scenario

Implementation - Build Solution

Maintain R/3 Sender System (For posting IDoc to XI – Outbound IDoc)

Step 1: Identify Message type and Basic Type to be used for posting the IDoc

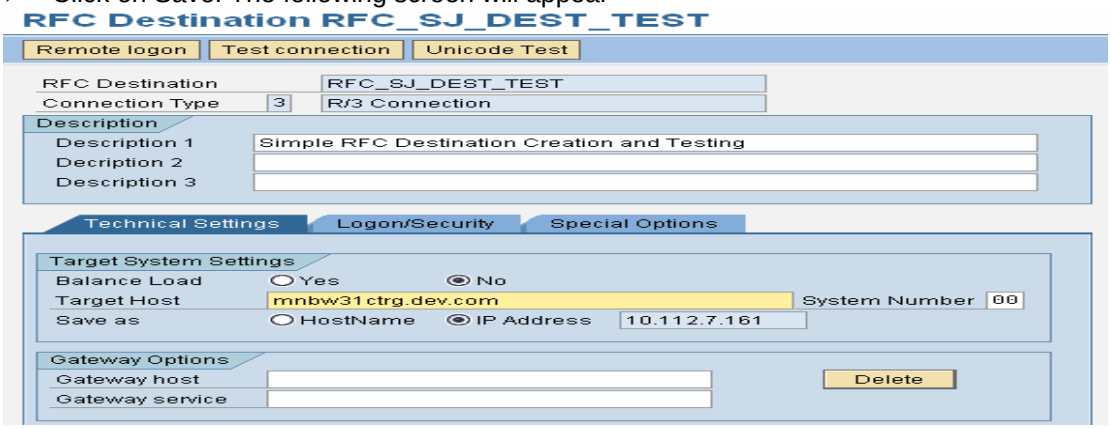
- This scenario is for understanding all step required to implement IDoc to FILE scenario. For simplicity we will use **Message Type** FLCUSTOMER_CREATEFROMDATA and **Basic Type** FLCUSTOMER_CREATEFROMDATA01 (for IDoc). Because this message type provides less mandatory fields and will be easier for mapping.

Step 2: Logon to Sender R3 System

Step 3: Create RFC Destination to Receiver XI System

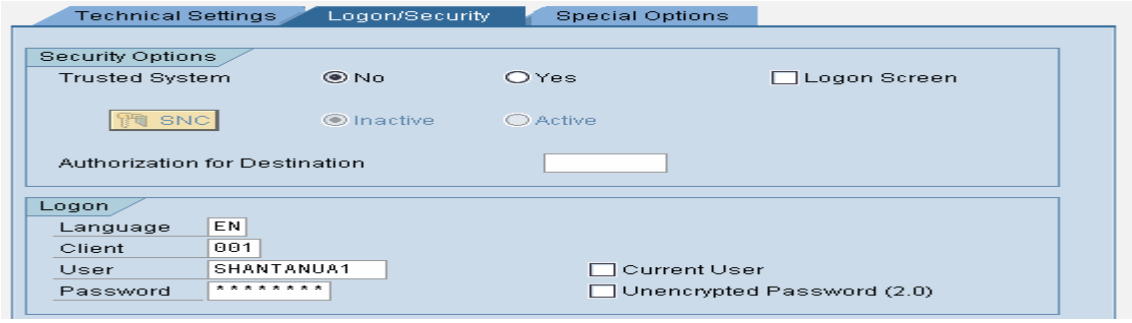
- Open Transaction SM59
- Click on Create Button
  - Give RFC Destination Name(RFC_SJ_DEST_TEST in example)
  - Connection type select **3**

  Tip: Connection type 3 is required as we are going to send IDoc from R/3 to XI Server which is again R/3 with ABAP Stack.
- Click on Save. The following screen will appear



- Give Target Host Name and System Number
- Now click on Logon/Security Tab
  - In Security Options Area Leave default values
  - In Logon Area Give Language, Client, User and Password for your Destination System eg. Receiver System in our case XI Server user.

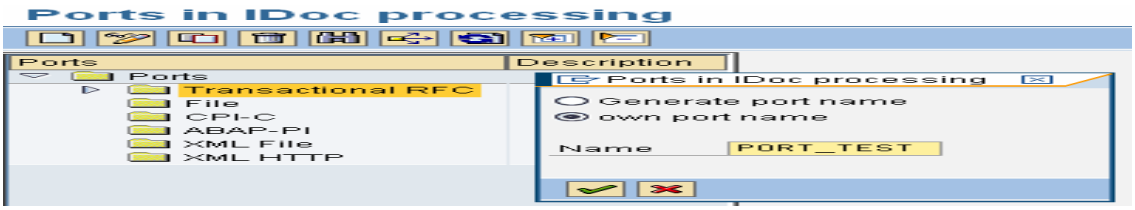
  Tip: You can check the current user check box if the current Sender System User is already available in the receiver system.



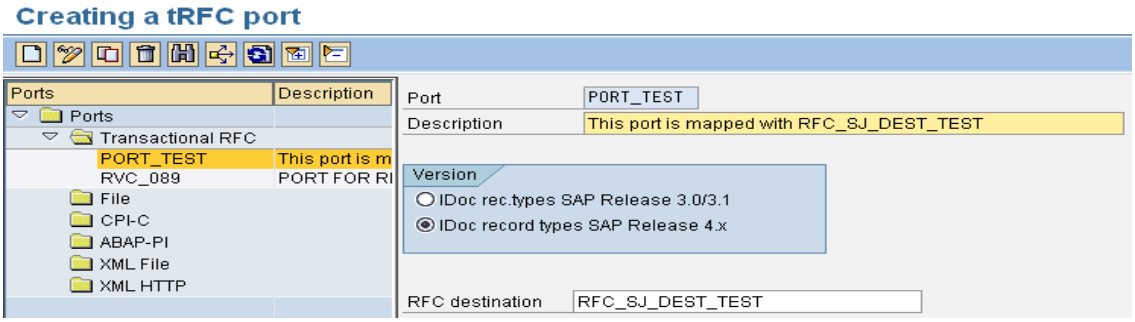
- Click on Save
- Now the RFC Destination is ready for testing
- Click on Test Connection Button and Remote Logon Button. Both must be successful

Step 4: Create Communication PORT for IDoc Processing

- Open Transaction WE21
- Select the Transactional RFC from Ports (left tree panel)
- Click on Create Button
- The following screen will appear



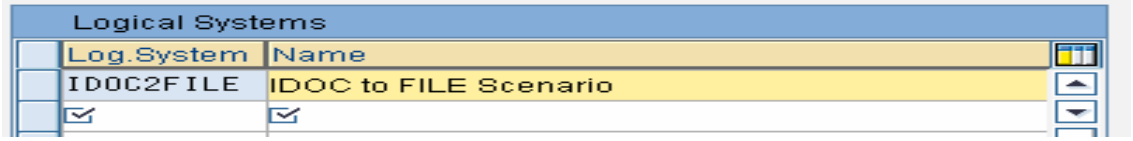
- Give Port Name here (PORT_TEST in this example) and click on continue. The next screen will appear



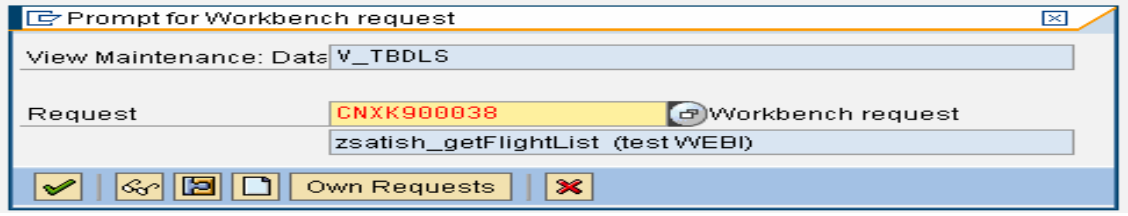
- Give the description of the port and select the RFC destination (in this example RFC_SJ_DEST_TEST which we have created in step3). Now click on save.

Step 5: Create Logical System (LS) for IDoc Receiver System

- Open Transaction BD54
- Click on New Entries Button
- Give data for your Logical System and Name (IDoc2FILE in this example)

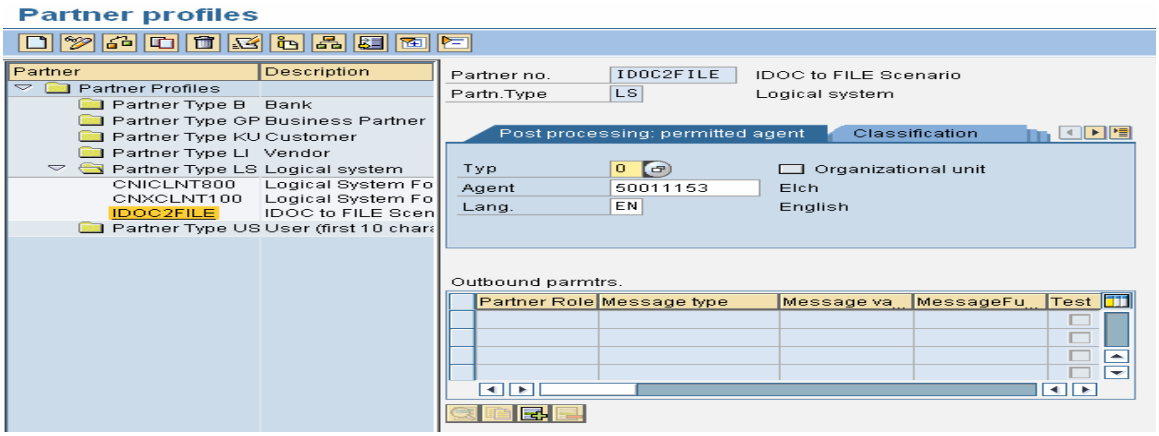


- Now click on save. Here one window may appear (if so) just click on continue. Now the Logical System (LS) is ready

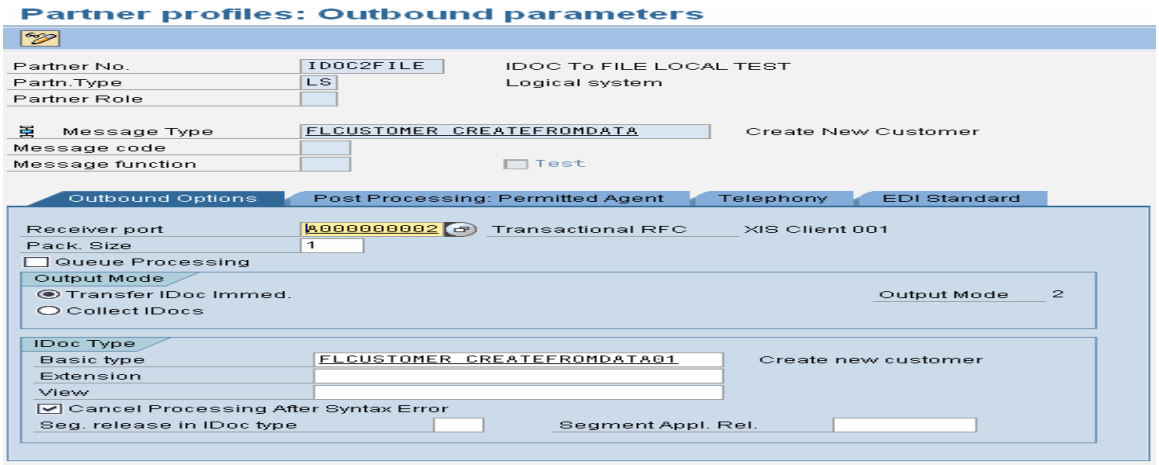


Step 6: Create Partner Profile with Outbound Parameter(s)

- Open Transaction WE20
- Select Partner Type LS from Partner (left tree panel)
- Click on Create Button
- Give Logical System Name which we have just created in step 5 as Partner No. (In this example IDoc2FILE), Partner Type should be LS (Just Check), Agent (some valid data) Language (EN). Now click on Save



- Now we have to give some Outbound Parameter, so click on Add to create outbound parameter, the following screen will appear.



- Select the Message Type (In this example FLCUSTOMER_CREATEFROMDATA), then Select the Receiver Port (which we have created in step 4 - PORT_TEST in this example). Please select Transfer IDoc Immediately option in Output mode for Immediate Testing. Select Basic Type: FLCUSTOMER_CREATEFROMDATA01. Save. Press F3 to go back to previous screen, here you will see Message Type FLCUSTOMER_CREATEFROMDATA is added in the outbound parameter.

Maintain XI System for Integration (Receive IDoc - Transform - Send File)

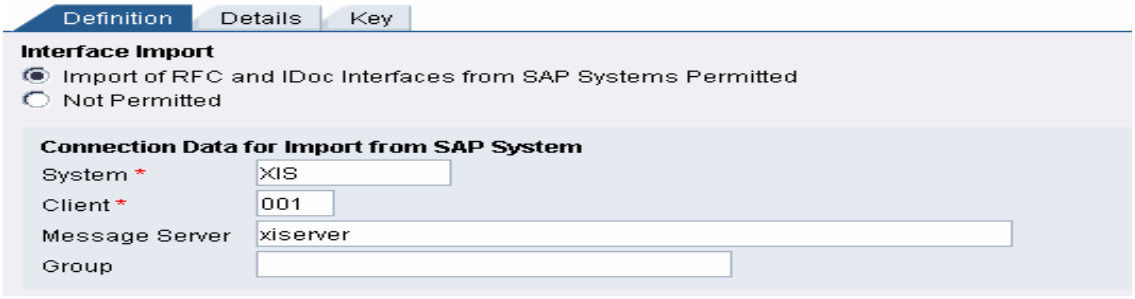
Step 1: Maintain SLD (System Landscape Directory)

One Business system as 3rd party with corresponding Technical System, Product, Software components for Receiver System needs to be created. You can ask your Basis / XI Administrator to create the same for you. You can refer to the article written by Srinivas Vanamala for File to File Scenario and SLD Creation.

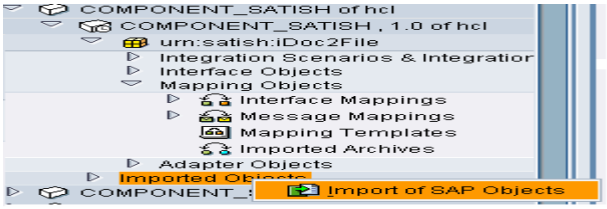
Step 2: Maintain IR (Integration Repository)

- ✓ Import S/W Component and IDoc structure
  - ➢ Open Integration Repository
  - ➢ Import you software components information which has been created in SLD to IR.

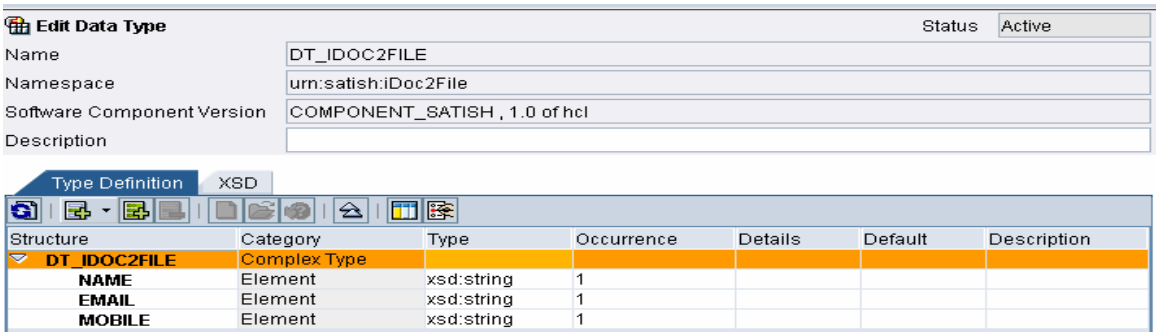
  - ➢ Now select Import of RFC and IDoc interfaces from Sap System permitted. Provide other relevant info like Sender System ID, Client and Message Server (usually the Sender System Host) click on Save.



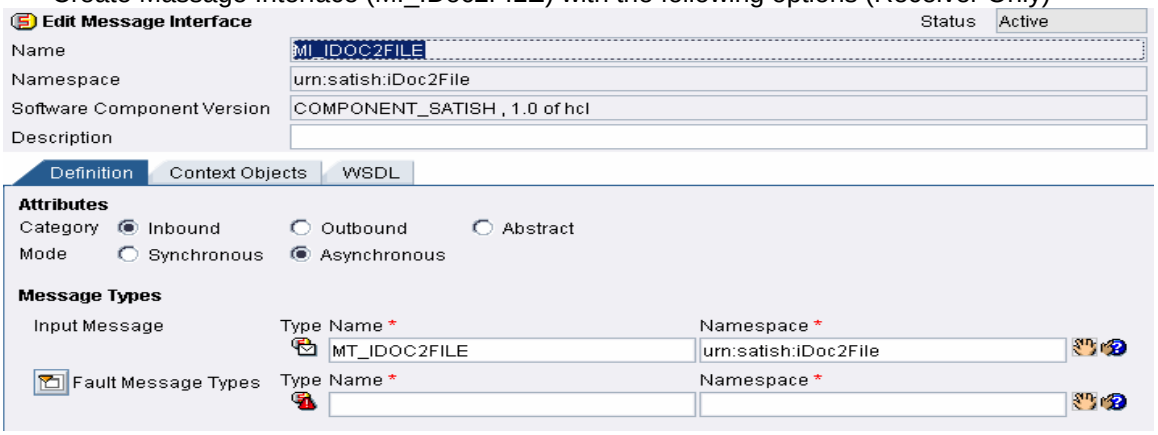
  - ➢ Now right click on Imported Object under your Software Component and click on Import of SAP Objects. Give the relevant Sender System information and select the IDoc to import the structure and finish.



- ✓ Create Data Type (DT_IDoc2FILE) for Receiver: (For simplicity in Mapping and Structure, we will use only 3 fields which will be transferred from the source IDoc to the destination file system, you can also use more fields while implementing this scenario)

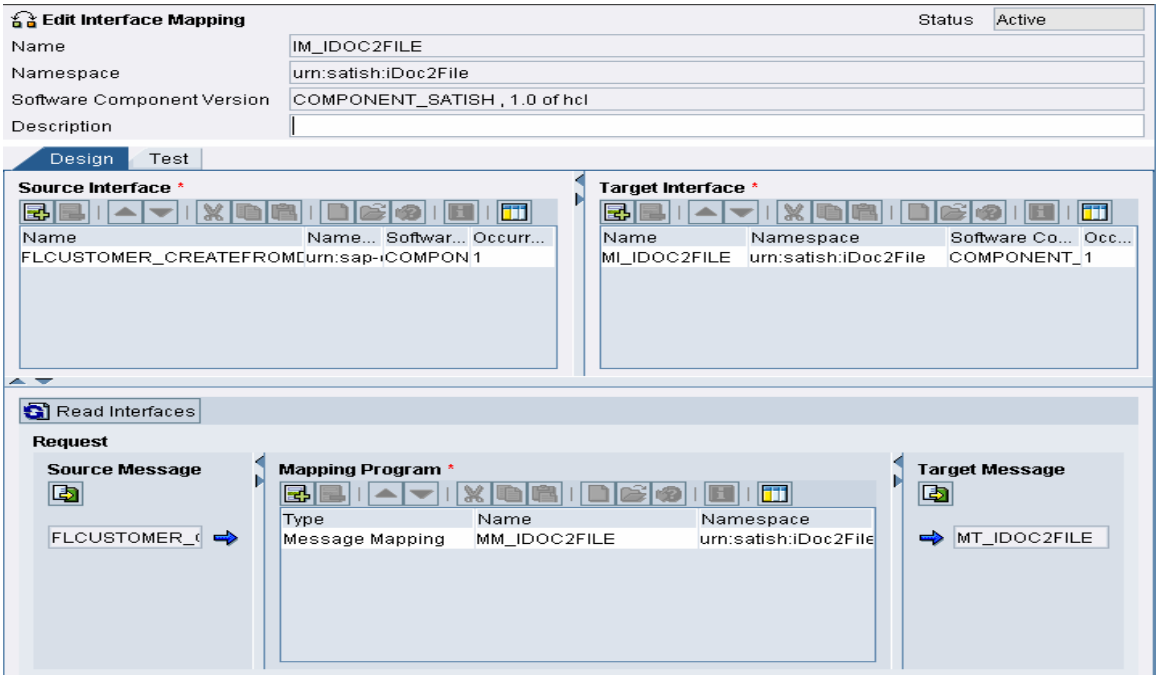


✓ Likewise create message type(MT_IDoc2FILE) for the above created data type (Receiver Only)
✓ Create Massage Interface (MI_IDoc2FILE) with the following options (Receiver Only)



✓ Create Message Mapping(Transformation between Sender and Receiver) as given below:
- Select IDoc (FLCUSTOMER_CREATEFROMDATA01) as source message type and MT_IDoc2FILE as Target Message type and do mappings as follows and save:
  I. Customer Name -> Name
  II. Phone ->Mobile
  III. Email -> Email.

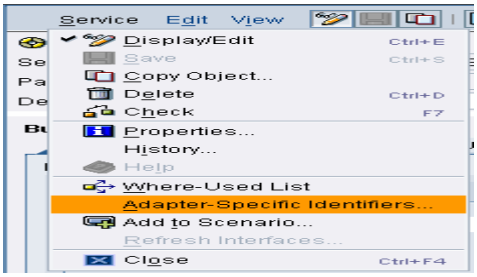
✓ Create Interface Mapping (IM_IDoc2FILE) as below:



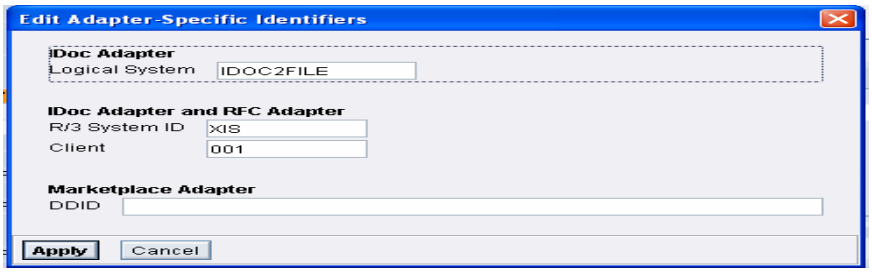
- ✓ Now GOTO Change List and activate

Step 3: Maintain ID (Integration Directory)

- ✓ Open Integration Directory
- ✓ Create One new Configuration Scenario(CS_IDoc2FILE in this example)
- ✓ Now select the newly created Configuration Scenario - > Service Without Party-> Business service-> Right Click and create New. Give one Business Service Name(BS_SJ_IDoc2FILE in example)
- ✓ Now click On Menu Service-> Adapter Specific Identifiers

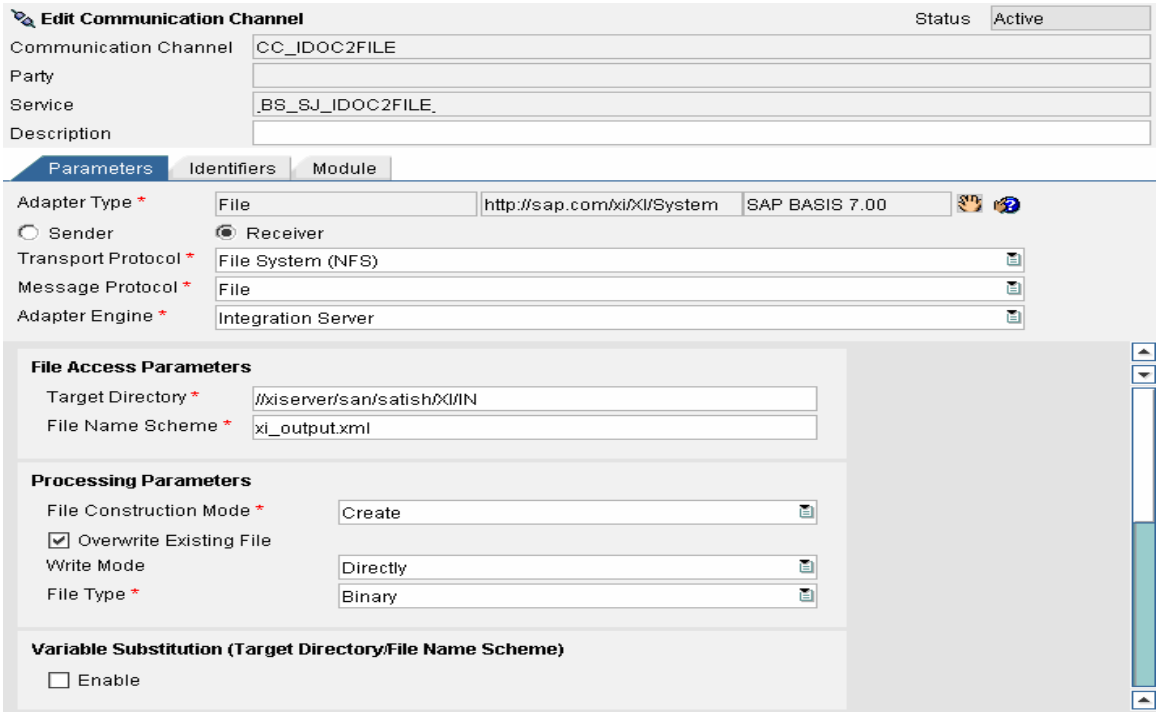


- ✓ Please Select the Logical System (LS) that we have created in the Sender System(R/3) for the IDoc (IDoc2FILE in this example). Also give the Sender R3 System ID and Client number and click on Apply. Please note this step is very important so check for data consistency twice. Here Logical System (LS) and the LS of Sender System(R/3) for the IDoc should be Identical

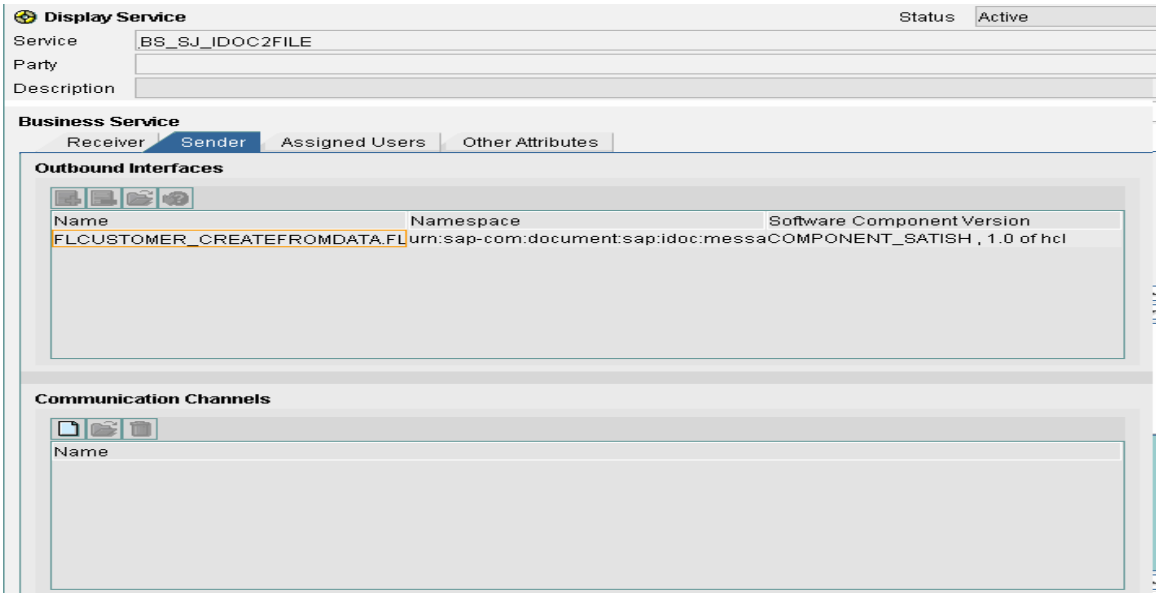


✓ Now in Business Service window select the following (Inbound Interface and Communication Channel-File Adapter) for Receiver. Put all valid entry as shown below

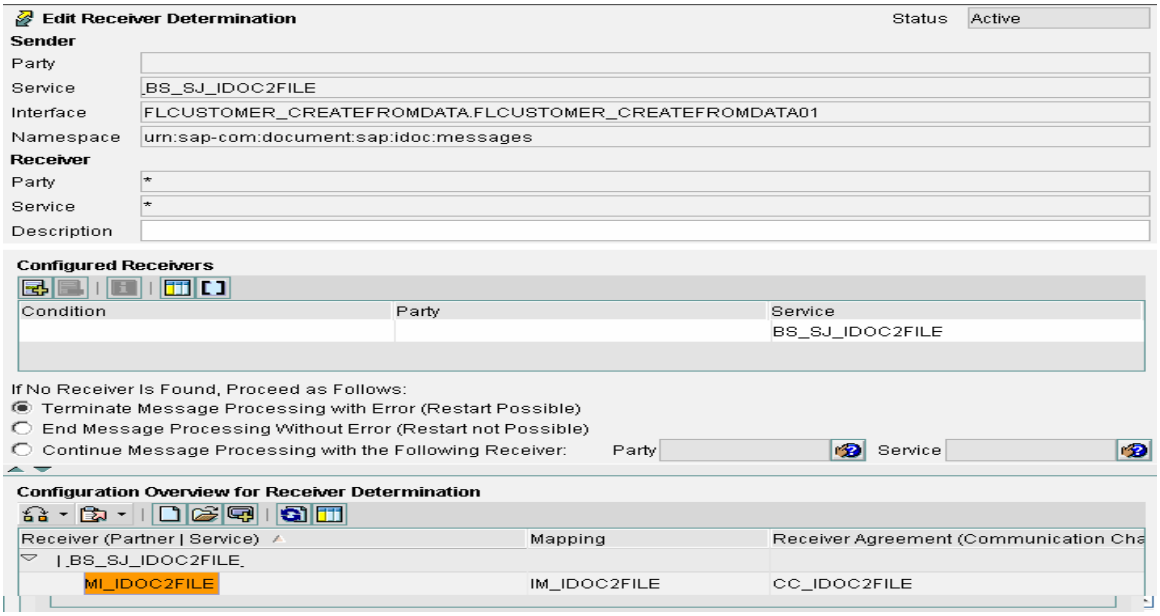
✓ Please select Communication channel details as given below. Please remember to change the Target Directory and File Name Scheme as per your available directory and required file name.



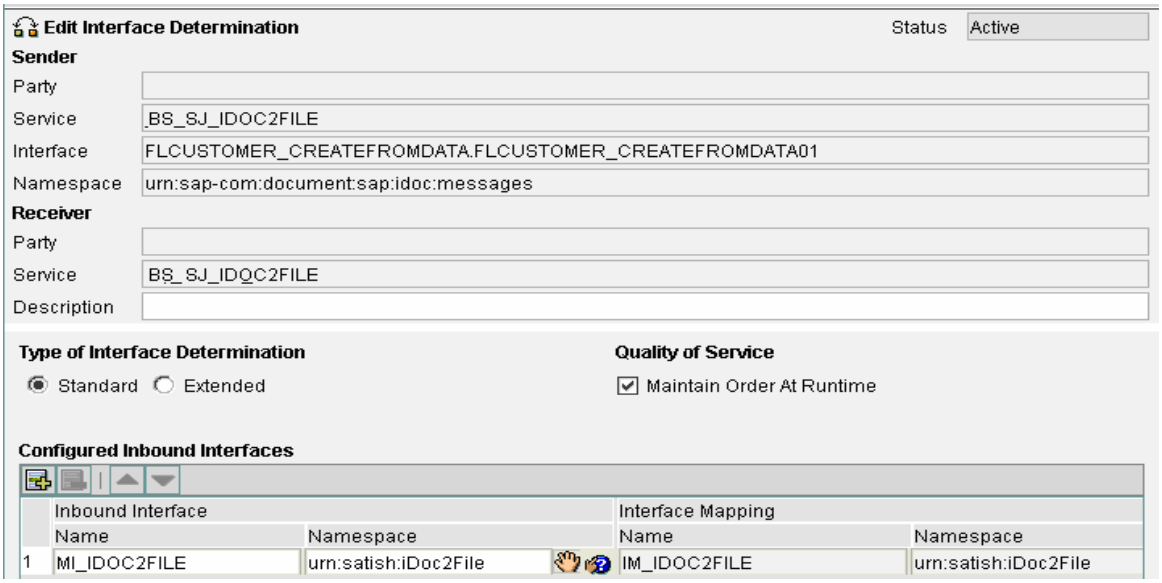
✓ Goto Sender Tab and select the following. Please note we don't need any Sender Channel as IDoc sits on ABAP Stack and for Sender side IDoc we don't need any Sender Communication channel and Sender Agreement.



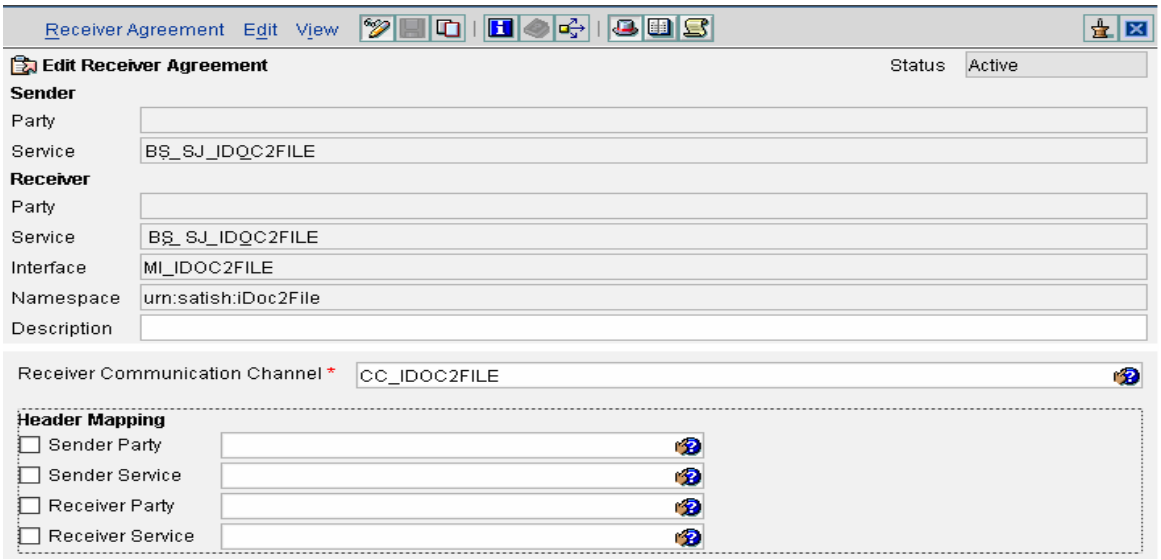
✓ Now create Receiver Determination as shown below:



✓ Now create Interface Determination as shown below:



✓ Now we have to create the Receiver Agreement as shown in figure below. Please select the Business Service (BS_SJ_IDoc2FILE) that we have already created.



✓ All the objects created should be activated without any error.

Step 3: Some Other Configuration in XI System

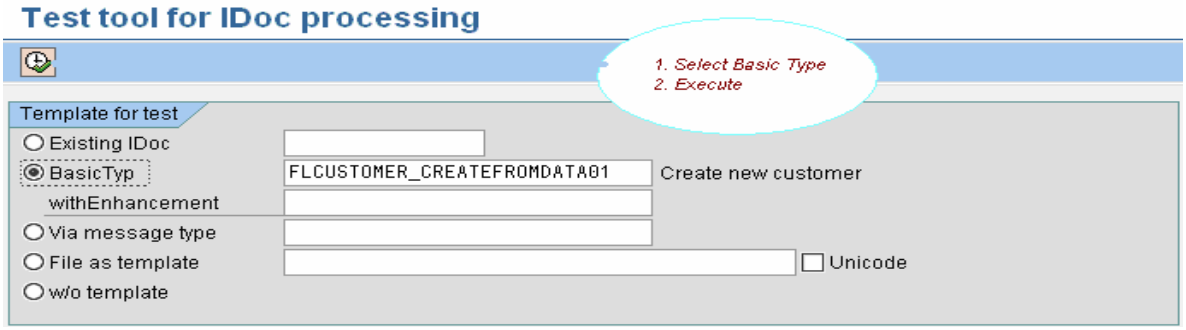
✓ Create RFC Destination (SM59) to Sender System (R/3). This can also be used for acknowledgement. This is similar Step as mentioned in Step 3 (Create RFC Destination to Receiver XI System). We have to specify this RFC Destination while maintaining the Metadata Information of the Sender System in XI using transaction IDX1.

✓ Create PORT using transaction (IDX1) to get the Metadata of the IDoc from the Sender System (The Port Name = The Port Name in the source IDoc header – normally in format SAP<System ID>. eg. SAPXID in our example [though this is Optional]. This is Similar to transaction WE21. This should be in sync with data maintained in R/3 else the IDoc is will not transmitted to the recipient system successfully

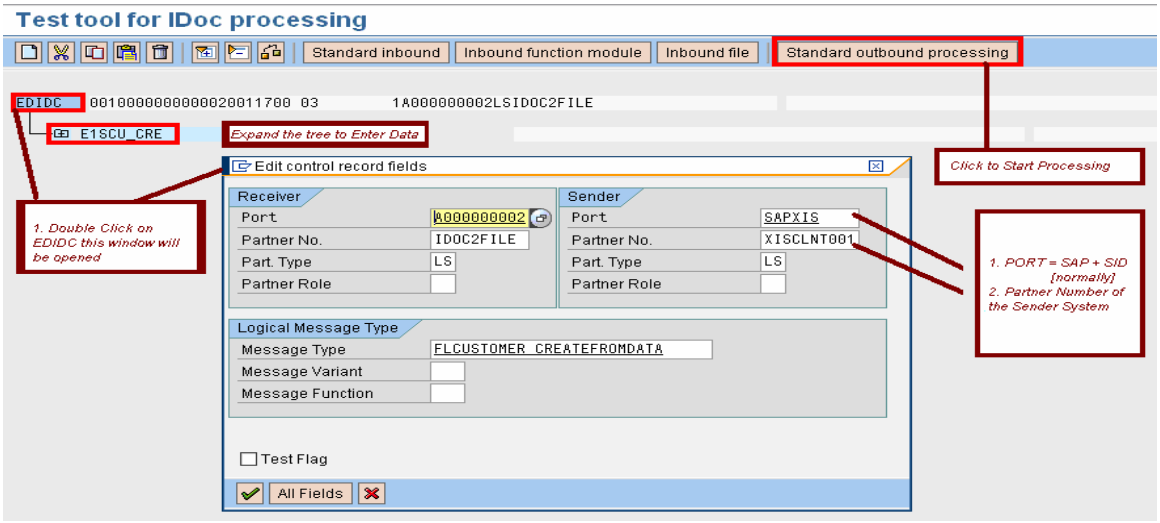
✓ To maintain the IDoc Metadata we need to use transaction (IDX2). This is only for XI System as XI needs to construct Idoc-XML from the Idoc. In our example initially we can avoid this step.

IDoc Posting and Testing the Scenario

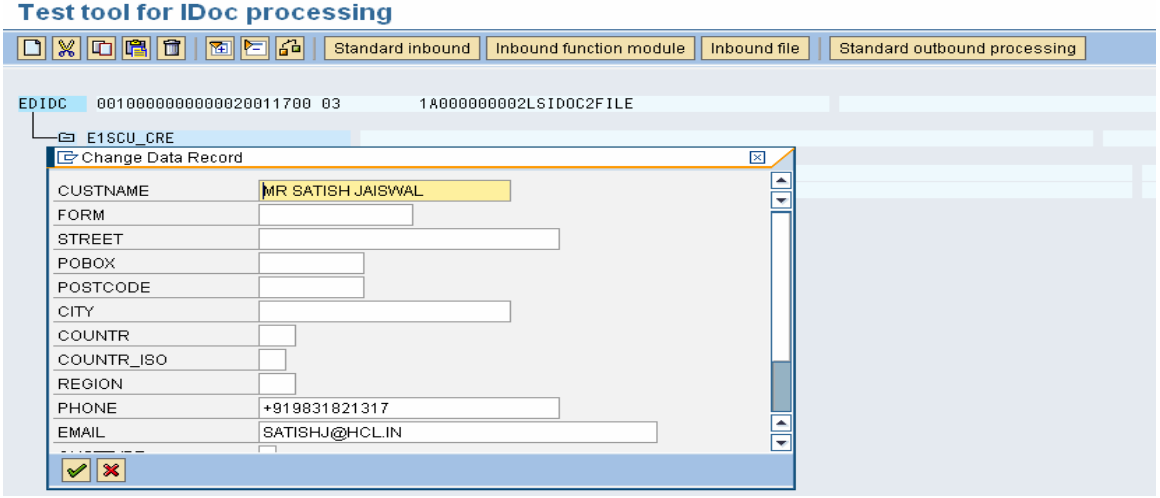
✓ Log in to sender system, go to transaction WE19 (test tool to generate IDoc), generate IDoc of the required message type.



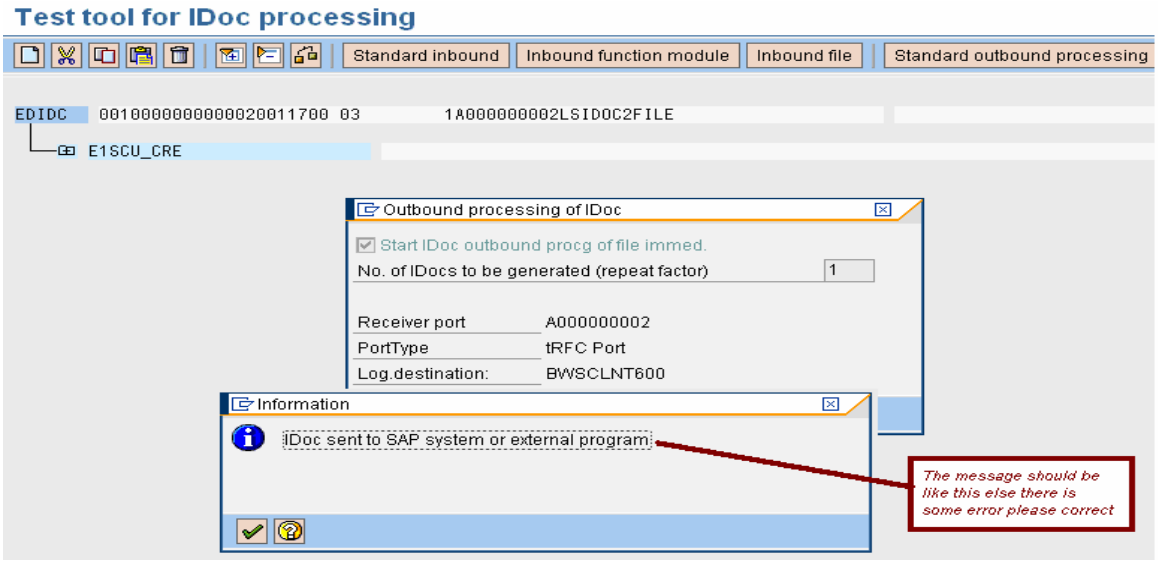
✓ In the following screen follow the steps as shown in figure below: Give Receiver and Sender System Info(Port, Partner No, Port Type and Message Type) and click on Continue



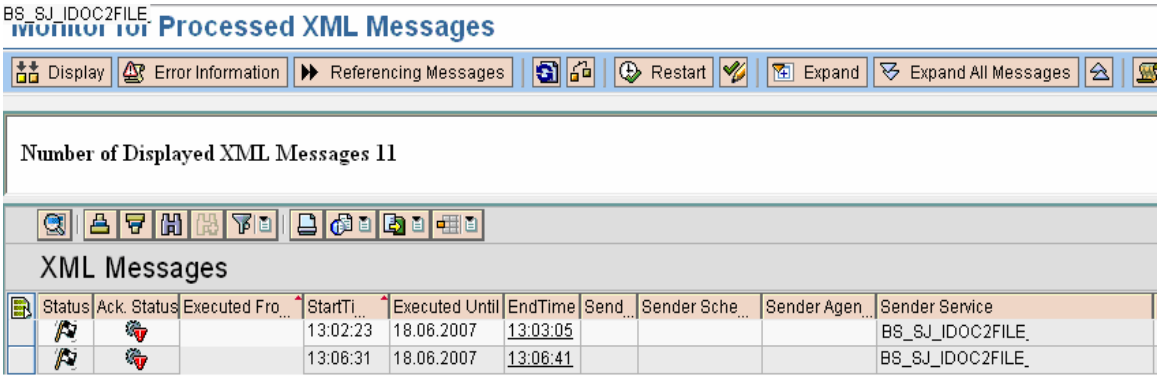
✓ Now put some entry into the IDoc before you send



- ✓ Now click on Standard outbound processing button the following screen will appear: Click on continue again continue. In the last window Idoc sent to Sap system or external program information should appear else you may have to check Receiver and Sender System Info(Port, Partner No, Port Type and Message Type) for valid entry.



- ✓ Execute Transaction WE05; enter correct date/time frame and logical message type. Hopefully the Idoc Status should be 3 (successful), if not check the status code and correct the error and reprocess the message. You can use transaction code SM58 with enter correct date/time frame and execute. Here if it is successful then nothing should be available in the list else it will show the relevant Status / Message. WE02 transaction can be used to get the error info.
- ✓ Log in to Xi system and execute transaction SXMB_MONI and check for the XML messages. Use your source and destination system to filter messages; it should have flag as in picture below.



- ✓ Check the destination directory, it should have file with the name specified. Check the file; it should have data for all segments like below:

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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
- <ns0:MT_IDOC2FILE xmlns:ns0="urn:satish:iDoc2File">
    <NAME>MR SATISH JAISWAL</NAME>
    <EMAIL>SATISHJ@HCL.IN</EMAIL>
    <MOBILE>+919831821317</MOBILE>
  </ns0:MT_IDOC2FILE>
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Some Error Tracking Tips:

Check whether IDoc was created:

1. Execute Transaction WE05; enter correct date/time parameters etc. If IDoc found in failed status, open status records folder and double click on the failed status records to get error message.

Check Whether IDoc is received by the Receiver:

2. Execute Transaction WE05; enter correct date/time parameters etc and verify if the IDoc was created or not and if IDoc is in a successful status or not. If the Idoc is in Status-30(Yellow), you can push it again through Transaction BD87.
3. If the IDoc is located and status is successful but receiver has not received the IDoc, Execute transaction **SM58** to determine if IDoc is stuck in the ALE/RFC layer. If entries exist in SM58, look for Message Type
4. If message type exist and Run the Program "RSARFCEX". If after the RSARFCEX program has ran and IDocs are not in SM58, issue should be solved. Validate in receiving system via WE05 that the IDoc was received or not.
5. If IDoc is still stuck in SM58, check RFC connection. Go to SE37, enter function module RFC_PING. We need to have access to SM59 to test the RFC Connection.
6. After an issue has been resolved and/or you need to process an IDoc, besides processing IDocs via programs, you can also process IDocs via Transaction BD87.

Understanding Outcomes (Tips)

- ✓ **Tip 1:** One XI Message contains exactly one IDoc as payload
- ✓ **Tip 2:** The XI sender& receiver from main header are converted into sender & receiver of Idoc control record
- ✓ **Tip 3:** If we don't have sufficient information to create a Business System in SLD for Sender or Receiver then we can use Business Service in ID as shown in this example (Cross Company Environment)
- ✓ **Tip 4:** we don't need to create any Data Type, Message Type and Message Interface for Sender while IDoc is in Sender Side, because we will be sending IDoc from Sender R/3 System so, we will Import the IDoc from Sender system and this will be used for Source Data Type, Message Type and Message Interface
- ✓ **Tip 5:** In Business Service (ID) set adapter specific Identifier for the Sender IDoc (Logical System Name, R/3 Sender System ID and Client). This is Important for the receiver system to receive the IDoc from the Sender System and should be Identical with the Sender System
- ✓ **Tip 6:** For Sender System we don't need any Sender Agreement and Communication Channel because IDoc sits on ABAP Stack

Related Content

- Info on Business Services (SAP Help Site)
- File To File scenario with SLD creation by Srinivas Vanamala
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