

Control-M

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Important Control-M information for year-end 2017

BMC is alerting all users of BMC Control-M products to special year-end procedures. If you have any questions about this technical bulletin, contact BMC Customer Support at 800 537 1813 (United States or Canada) or call your local support center.

This technical bulletin discusses the following topics:

- Creating new calendars
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Creating new calendars

For each Control-M regular and periodic calendar at your site, ensure that entries exist for both 2018 and 2019. Create them if they do not exist. The entries can be either real or dummy entries that contain at least one day set to **Y**. These entries are required for the following reasons:

- At the end of 2017, Control-M products might attempt to read calendar entries for 2018.
 - During 2018, Control-M products might attempt to read the calendar entries for 2019.
- BMC recommends that you complete any necessary modifications before the beginning of 2018.

Retaining 2017 calendar definitions

BMC recommends retaining your 2017 calendar entries until mid-2018 or later. At the beginning of 2018, Control-M products might attempt to read entries for 2017.

Handling of periodic calendars

At the beginning of 2018, jobs might be improperly scheduled if you use periodic calendars. An example is if a calendar contains one or more periods that cross a year boundary (that is, starting in one year and continuing to the next year). In this case, the job definition cannot assume that the beginning of the period coincides with the beginning of a year. To avoid this problem, remove the 2017 periodic calendar entry as soon as it is no longer needed.

NOTE: This issue refers to periodic calendars and does not conflict with the issue discussed in Retaining 2017 calendar definitions.

Customizing hard-coded dates

Jobs might be improperly scheduled if specific dates are defined in job definitions. Hard-coded dates that are applicable to 2017 might not be appropriate in 2018.

An example is a job that is defined with a specific day and month but without a specific year. For example, the job definition might specify the seventh day of the tenth month, but that date was meant for 2017. You might need to modify the date for 2018.

Review these definitions so that they will work appropriately in 2018.

Customizing Control-M variables

If you created any Control-M variables for 2017, review them to see if they need to be modified for 2018.

Preventing deletion of conditions with date 0101

Some sites use static prerequisite conditions that are not date-related (for example, SERVER-IS-UP). Early versions of Control-M products used the date 0101 to indicate these static conditions. Thus, you must not erase conditions with a date of 0101 because they are intended to be static.

Set the Ignore New Day Conditions parameter to **Y**, and insert a list of condition prefixes that are not to be erased in the Ignore Conditions file. Conditions with a date of 0101 that are not in the Ignore Conditions file are deleted at the beginning of the year.

NOTE: Because condition dates do not include a specific year designation, the preceding definitions will delete all conditions in the active environment for n days after the new year.

For more information about the Ignore Conditions file and the New Day procedure, see the [Control-M Administrator Guide](#).

Performing daily maintenance tasks for deletion of old conditions

Ensure that the maintenance job that you use to delete old conditions from the active environment does not contain hard-coded dates such as these:

```
%%A = %%CALCDATE %%DATE -X
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ctmcontb -deletefrom "*" 0101 %%A
```

You can also delete multiple conditions from the Control-M/EM GUI.

Daylight Savings Time support

For jobs that have job time zone support and run at locations that use Daylight Saving Time, update the Daylight Savings Time dates in the **TimeZone.dat** file in the relevant Control-M/Servers and Control-M/Enterprise Manager full installations.

For more details about Daylight Savings Time support, see the [Control-M Administrator Guide](#).

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