

IOA and INCONTROL

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Important IOA and INCONTROL information for year-end 2015

BMC Software is alerting all users of versions 7.0.xx, 8.0.xx and 9.0.xx of IOA and INCONTROL 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.

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Affected users

This technical bulletin affects users of the following products:

- BMC Control-D
- BMC Control-D/Image
- BMC Control-D/Page on Demand
- BMC Control-M/JCL Verify
- BMC Control-M for z/OS
- BMC Control-M/Analyzer
- BMC Control-M/Assist
- BMC Control-M/Links for OS/390
- BMC Control-M/Links for z/OS
- BMC Control-M/Restart
- BMC Control-M/Tape
- BMC Control-O

- BMC Control-V

Creating new calendars

For each INCONTROL product or IOA calendar at your site, ensure that entries exist for both 2016 and 2017. 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 2015, IOA and INCONTROL products might attempt to read calendar entries for 2016.
- During 2016, IOA and INCONTROL products might attempt to read the calendar entries for 2017.

BMC recommends that you complete any necessary modifications before the beginning of 2016.

If you do not add a new calendar for 2016 and 2017, you might receive the following error messages:

CTM707E INVALID CALENDAR REFERENCE OR SCHEDULING ERROR

CTD061S INVALID YEAR IN DATE CONTROL-RECORD

Retaining 2015 calendar definitions

BMC recommends retaining your 2015 calendar entries until mid-2016 or later. At the beginning of 2016, IOA and INCONTROL products might attempt to read entries for 2015. If an entry is not found, you might receive message CTM548E or JOB548E.

Handling of periodic calendars

Jobs or missions might be improperly scheduled if both of the following conditions exist:

- A periodic calendar contains one or more periods that start in one year and continue into the next year.
- The first occurrence of the matching identifier in one logical year falls within the default gap that began at the last occurrence of the matching identifier in an earlier logical year (possibly as a result of changes made through Wish WM2888).

In such cases, the period in the earlier logical year overlaps the period in the later logical year. As a result, a scheduled job fails to run as expected in the later logical year. To avoid this problem, remove logical years from periodic calendars as soon as the logical years are no longer needed.

Example:

- Logical year FISCAL15 extends from April 1, 2014, through March 31, 2015. Period A is defined as December 28, 2014 through January 15, 2015.
- Logical year FISCAL16 extends from April 1, 2015, through March 31, 2016. Period A is defined as April 20, 2016 through May 3, 2016.

- Through the job definition DAYS=D7PA, Job X is scheduled for the seventh day of Period A in each logical year.

When the default gap is 33 days, Job X runs in January 2016 and again in April 2016, as expected. However, assume that the default gap is changed from 33 days to a longer period, such as 120 days. As a result, the first day of Period A in logical year FISCAL16 occurs less than 120 days after the last appearance of Period A in logical year FISCAL15. Thus, what appears to be the seventh day in Period A in April 2016 is not recognized as such, because the “old” Period A overlaps the “new” Period A. Consequently, Job X does not run again when expected.

This issue refers to periodic calendars and does not conflict with the issue discussed in Retaining 2015 calendar definitions.

Customizing hard-coded dates

If a job, mission, or rule is defined with a specific date, the definition indicates only a specific day and month and omits the year. Review these definitions so that they will work appropriately in 2016.

For example, the job, mission, or rule definition might specify the seventh day of the tenth month, but that date was meant for the year 2015. Therefore, you may need to modify that date for 2016.

Customizing AutoEdit variables

If you created any AutoEdit variables for 2015, you probably need to modify them for 2016.

Preventing deletion of conditions with date 0101

Some sites use static prerequisite conditions that are not date-related (for example, CICS-IS-UP). Early versions of IOA and INCONTROL 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.

Create a list of conditions that are not to be erased (for example, IGNORE COND CICS), and insert them into the DAFRMIN DD statement in the New Day procedure. For information about how to edit the New Day procedure, see your administrator guide.

BMC recommends that you use the keyword STAT instead of 0101. For more information about STAT, see your user guide. STAT is preferred for the following reasons:

- STAT can never be confused with an intended date value of 0101
- Conditions with STAT will never be automatically deleted

Extending license passwords

If your installation passwords expire near the end of the year, acquire new license passwords from BMC Software Customer Support.

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