# New CAL Functions in Dynamics NAV 2017

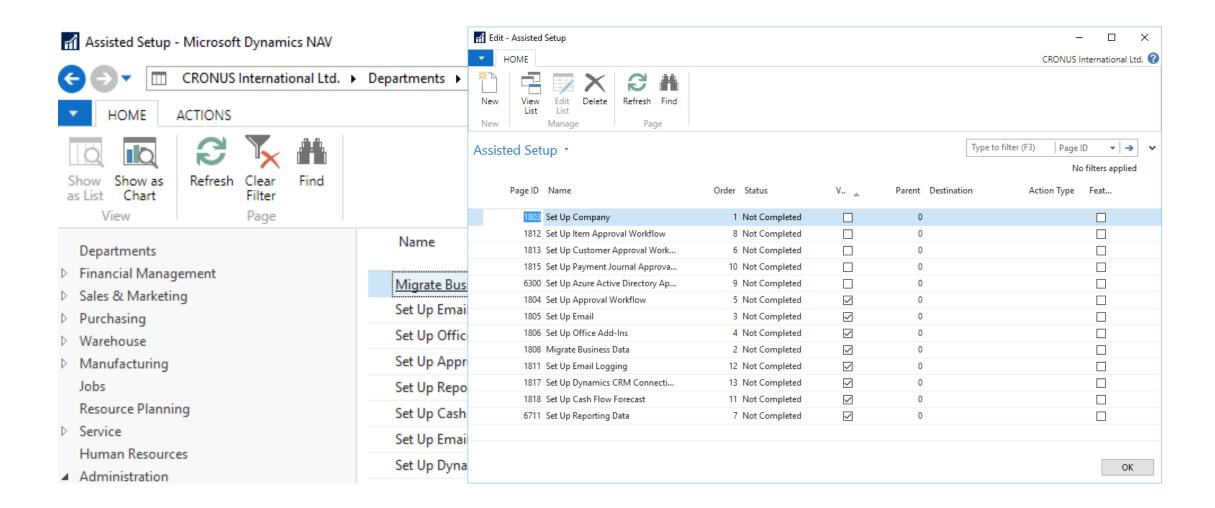
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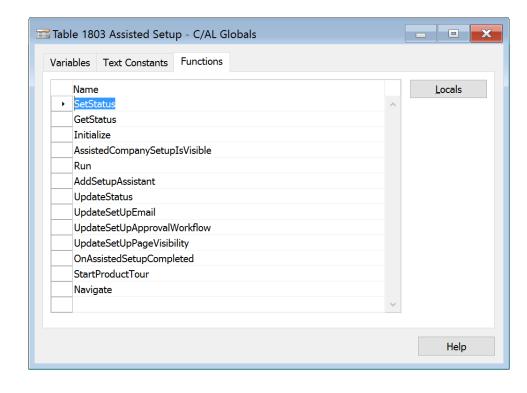


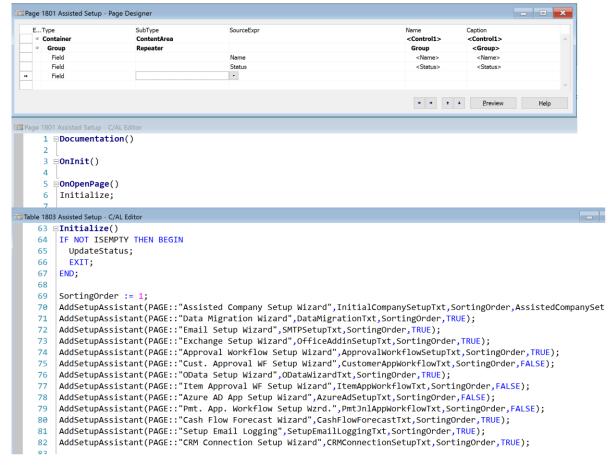
#### Introduction

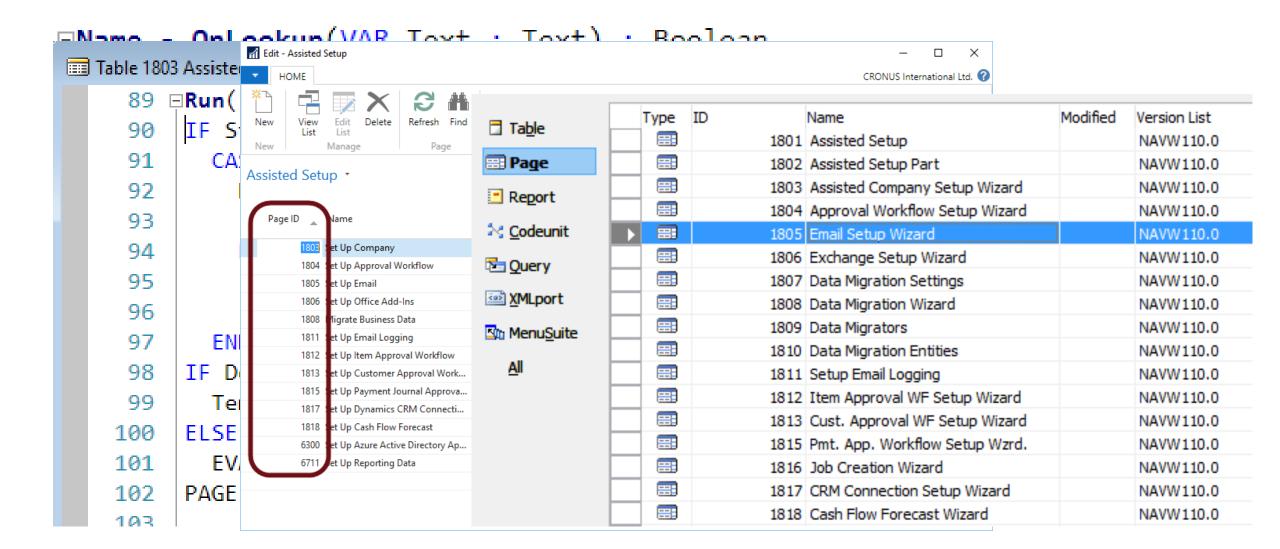
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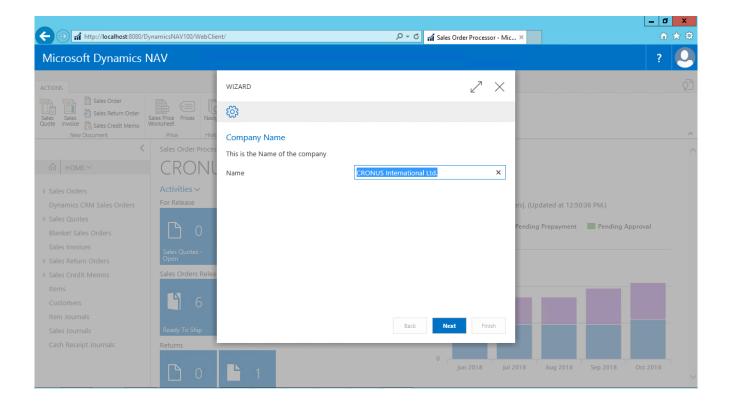
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  - Table 1803 Assisted Setup

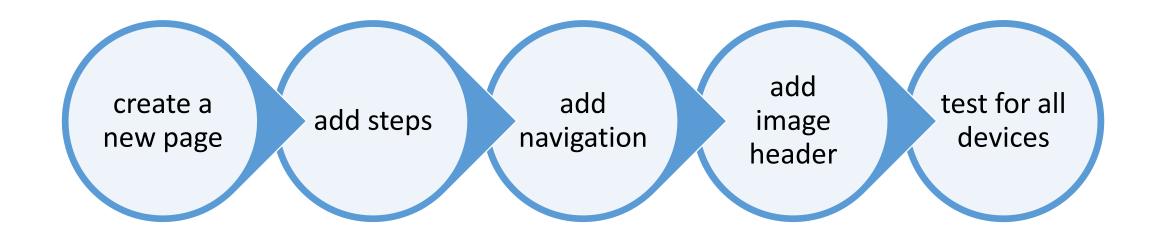


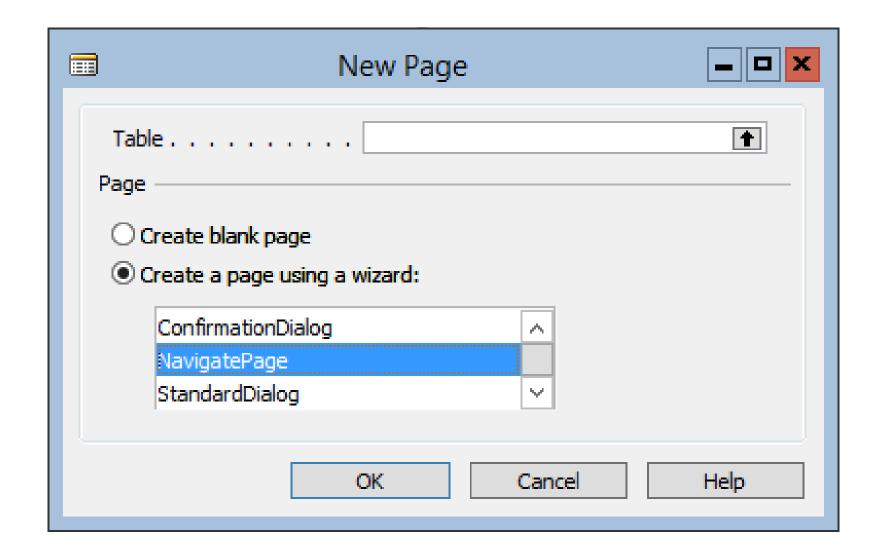


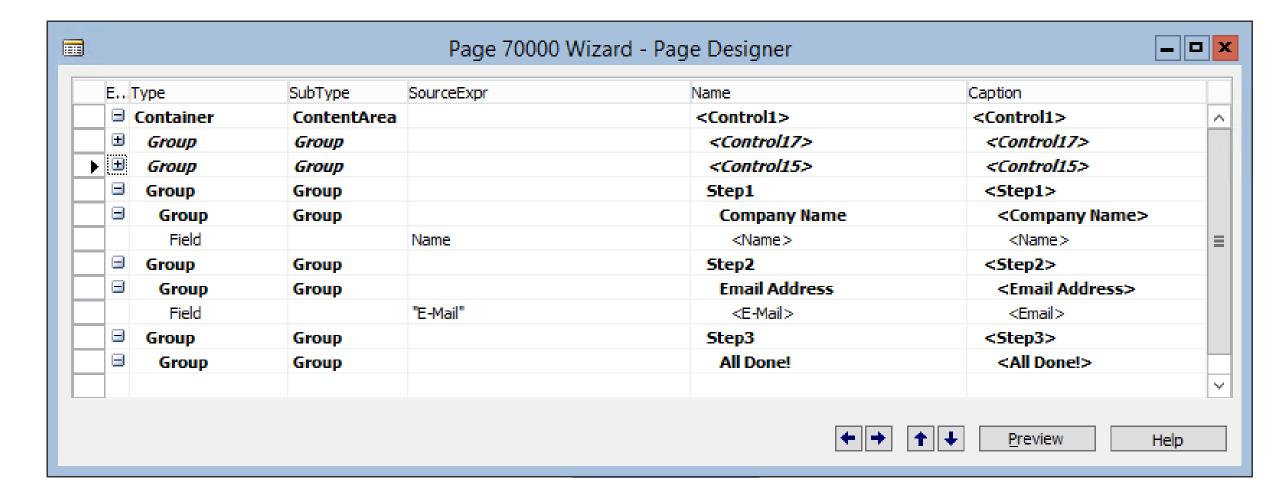


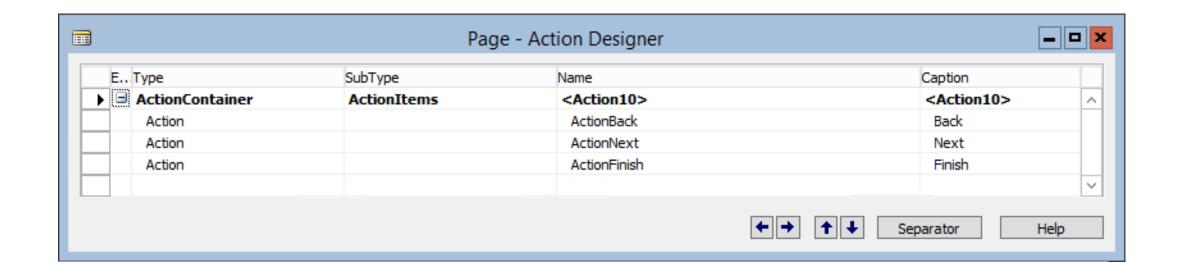
How to create a Wizard page?



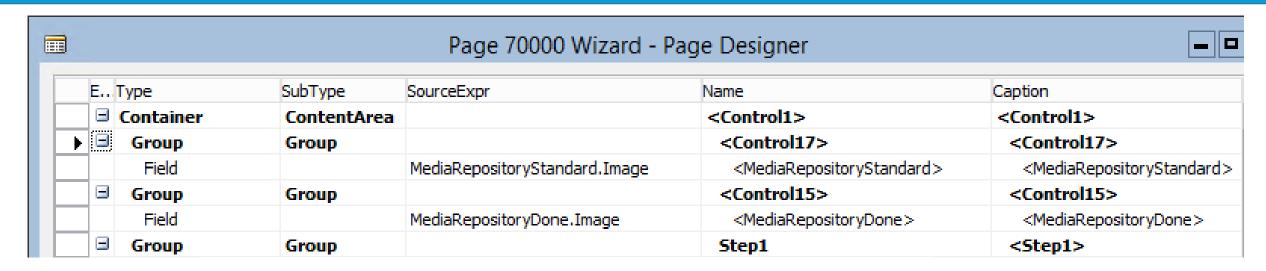








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# Test for all devices

#### Test the Phone, Tablet and Web clients

- http://localhost:8080/DynamicsNAV100/WebClient/
- <a href="http://localhost:8080/DynamicsNAV100/WebClient/tablet.aspx">http://localhost:8080/DynamicsNAV100/WebClient/tablet.aspx</a>
- <a href="http://localhost:8080/DynamicsNAV100/WebClient/phone.aspx">http://localhost:8080/DynamicsNAV100/WebClient/phone.aspx</a>

#### You can upload media files

- such as images, to the database
- for displaying with records in the client.

#### Use a **BLOB** data type

You add the media file to a BLOB data type field.

#### Use a **Media** or **MediaSet** data type

- enables you to store media objects (images) in system tables
- and then reference the images from application records.

CRONUS International Ltd. For Web client and Universal App Items + new use this method to display images w ATHENS Mobile Pedestal LONDON Swivel Chair, blue 305 when the page is viewed in the Brick ANTWERP Conference Table 96 CHAMONIX Base Storage Unit 26 Table 27 Item - Table Designer E... Field No. Field Name Data Type Length Description ST.MORITZ Storage Unit/Dra... 67 AMSTERDAM Lamp 272 Code 91 Gen. Prod. Posting Group 10 MediaSet 92 Picture Table 27 Item - Field Groups OSLO Storage Unit/Shelf BERLIN Guest Chair, yellow 136 15 PCS ID Name 1964-S No., Description, Base Unit of Measure, Unit Price 1 DropDown ROME Guest Chair, green TOKYO Guest Chair, blue 177 113 2 Brick No., Description, Inventory, Unit Price, Base Unit of Measure, Description PCS INNSBRUCK Storage Unit/G.... 54 MEXICO Swivel Chair, black PCS 1972-S GRENOBLE Whiteboard, red MUNICH Swivel Chair, vellow 122

- Using the Media or MediaSet data type
  - provides better performance than using a BLOB data type
  - and is more flexible in its design.
- With a BLOB data type
  - each time the media is rendered in the client, it is retrieved from the SQL database server,
  - which requires extra bandwidth and affects performance.
- With the Media and MediaSet data types
  - the client media ID to cache the media data,
  - improves the response time for rendering the media.

- Using Media and Media Sets on Records:
  - Table fields support two data types for media: Media and MediaSet.
- Media associates a record with a single media file.
  - For example, to display an image with each record in a list type page.
- MediaSet associates a record with one or more media files
  - which lets you set up a collection or catalogue of media for a record.
    - use this function to set up a **slide show** of images in a **card** type page.

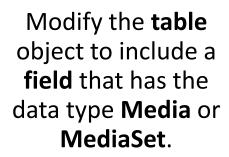
- You can add media to the record
  - either from a file or passed in an InStream object.
- Media is imported and then stored as objects
  - in the system table 200000184 Tenant Media
  - of the application database
  - and each media object is assigned a unique identifier
    - (ID).

- If a media is added to a Media data type field
  - the field references the media by its ID.
- If the media is added to MediaSet data type field
  - the media file is assigned to a media set in system table 2000000183 Tenant Media Set.
  - has a unique identifier, which is referenced from the field.
  - is **created** with the **first file** that you add on the record.
  - Any additional media files for the record are then associated with the same media set.

- Supported Media Types:
  - The media type, sometimes referred to as the MIME type, is an Internet standard to describe the contents of a file.
  - Currently, Microsoft Dynamics NAV only supports image type
    - more specifically, only those image subtypes that are supported by the **System.Drawing.Image** class of the .NET Framework.

Obtain the media file or files that you want to use on record.

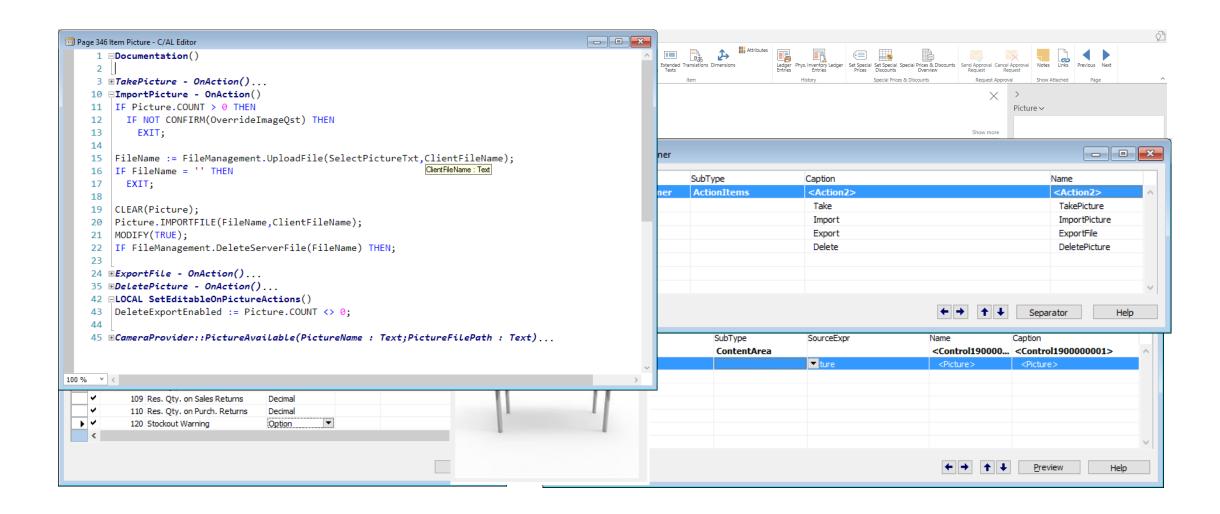
Add **C/AL code** that **imports** the media on the field.



The Media and MediaSet data types support several C/AL functions.

#### Media

- **IMPORTFILE** Function (Media)
  - Sets up an image on a record from a file.
  - The media file is imported to the application database.
- **IMPORTSTREAM** Function (Media)
  - Sets up an image on a record from an InStream object.
  - The media file is imported to the application database.
- **HASVALUE** Function (Media)
  - Detects whether a record has a media object in the Media data type field.
- MEDIAID Function (Media)
  - Gets the unique identifier (GUID) that is assigned to the media object in the application database.
- EXPORTFILE Function (Media)
  - Exports a media object that is set up on a record to a file.
- **EXPORTSTREAM** Function (Media)
  - Exports a media object that is set up on a record to an OutStream object.



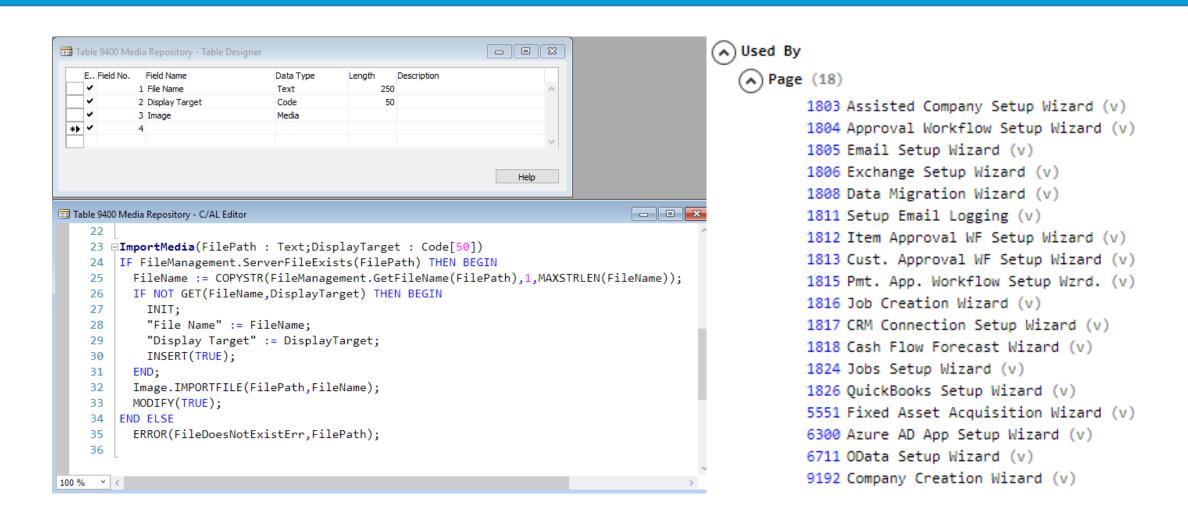
Tenant Media Thumbnails \*

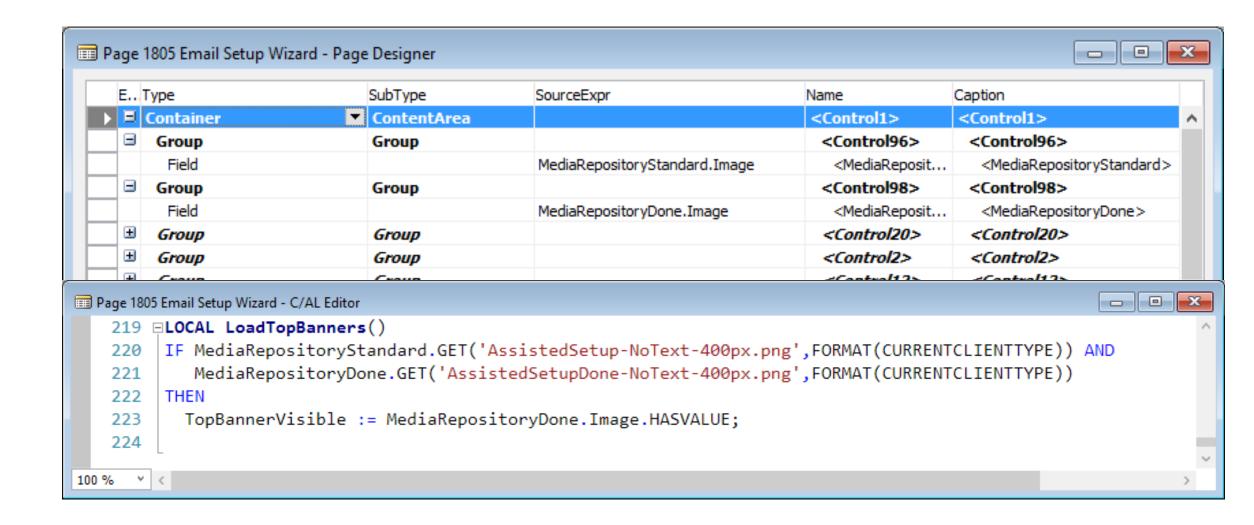
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#### MediaSet

- IMPORTFILE Function (MediaSet)
  - Sets up an image on a record from a file and assigns the image to a media set.
  - The media file is imported to the application database.
- IMPORTSTREAM Function (MediaSet)
  - Sets up an image on a record from an InStream object and assigns it to a media set.
  - The media file is imported to the application database.
- **MEDIAID** Function (MediaSet)
  - Gets the unique identifier (GUID) that is assigned to the media set on a record.
- COUNT Function (MediaSet)
  - Gets the total number of media objects that are included in the media set on a record.
- **EXPORTFILE** Function
  - Exports the media objects that included in a media set to individual files.





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📆 Codeunit 8611 Config. Package Management - C/AL Editor
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                                                                                                       1414 @IsMediaField(TableId : Integer; FieldId : Integer) : Boolean
  1379 □IsMediaSetField(TableId : Integer; FieldId : Integer) : Boolean
                                                                                                       1415 Field.SETRANGE(TableNo, TableId);
        Field.SETRANGE(TableNo, TableId);
                                                                                                            Field.SETRANGE("No.",FieldId);
                                                                                                       1417 IF Field.FINDFIRST THEN
        Field.SETRANGE("No.",FieldId);
                                                                                                              EXIT(Field.Type = Field.Type::Media);
                                                                                                      1418
        IF Field.FINDFIRST THEN
                                                                                                      1419
  1383
           EXIT(Field.Type = Field.Type::MediaSet);
                                                                                                      1420 EXIT(FALSE);
                                                                                                       1421
  1384
                                                                                                       1422 @LOCAL ImportMediaFiles(VAR ConfigPackageData : Record "Config. Package Data"; VAR FieldRef : FieldRef; DoModify : Boolean)
        EXIT(FALSE);
  1385
                                                                                                       1423 IF NOT CanImportMediaField(ConfigPackageData, FieldRef, DoModify, MediaID) THEN
  1386
       □LOCAL ImportMediaSetFiles(VAR ConfigPackageData : Record "Config. Package Da
                                                                                                            MediaIDConfigPackageData.SETRANGE("Package Code",ConfigPackageData."Package Code");
         IF NOT CanImportMediaField(ConfigPackageData, FieldRef, DoModify, MediaSetID)
                                                                                                            MediaIDConfigPackageData.SETRANGE("Table ID",DATABASE::"Config. Media Buffer");
  1389
           EXIT;
                                                                                                           MediaIDConfigPackageData.SETRANGE("Field ID", TempConfigMediaBuffer.FIELDNO("Media ID"));
  1390
                                                                                                           MediaIDConfigPackageData.SETRANGE(Value,MediaID);
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         MediaSetIDConfigPackageData.SETRANGE("Package Code", ConfigPackageData."Packa
                                                                                                       1431
                                                                                                            IF NOT MediaIDConfigPackageData.FINDFIRST THEN
         MediaSetIDConfigPackageData.SETRANGE("Table ID",DATABASE::"Config. Media Buf
                                                                                                      1432
         MediaSetIDConfigPackageData.SETRANGE("Field ID", TempConfigMediaBuffer.FIELDN
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                                                                                                            BlobMediaConfigPackageData.SETAUTOCALCFIELDS("BLOB Value");
  1394
         MediaSetIDConfigPackageData.SETRANGE(Value,MediaSetID);
                                                                                                      1435
  1395
                                                                                                            BlobMediaConfigPackageData.GET(
  1396
         IF NOT MediaSetIDConfigPackageData.FINDSET THEN
                                                                                                              MediaIDConfigPackageData. "Package Code", MediaIDConfigPackageData. "Table ID", MediaIDConfigPackageData. "No.",
                                                                                                              TempConfigMediaBuffer.FIELDNO("Media Blob"));
  1397
           EXIT;
                                                                                                       1439
                                                                                                            BlobMediaConfigPackageData. "BLOB Value". CREATEINSTREAM(BlobInStream):
  1398
                                                                                                       1449
         TempConfigMediaBuffer.INIT;
  1399
                                                                                                       1441
                                                                                                             TempConfigMediaBuffer.INIT;
                                                                                                            TempConfigMediaBuffer.Media.IMPORTSTREAM(BlobInStream,'');
         TempConfigMediaBuffer.INSERT;
                                                                                                       1442
                                                                                                       1443
                                                                                                            TempConfigMediaBuffer.INSERT:
         BlobMediaSetConfigPackageData.SETAUTOCALCFIELDS("BLOB Value");
                                                                                                       1444
  1402
                                                                                                       1445
                                                                                                            FieldRef.VALUE := FORMAT(TempConfigMediaBuffer.Media);
                                                                                                       1446
  1403
         REPEAT
                                                                                                       1447 GLOCAL CanImportMediaField(VAR ConfigPackageData : Record "Config. Package Data"; VAR FieldRef : FieldRef; DoModify : Boolean; VAR MediaID : Text) : Boolean
  1404
           BlobMediaSetConfigPackageData.GET(
                                                                                                            IF NOT DoModify THEN
  1405
             MediaSetIDConfigPackageData. "Package Code", MediaSetIDConfigPackageData.
                                                                                                       1449
                                                                                                              EXIT(FALSE);
  1406
             TempConfigMediaBuffer.FIELDNO("Media Blob"));
                                                                                                       1450
                                                                                                            RecRef := FieldRef.RECORD:
  1407
           BlobMediaSetConfigPackageData. "BLOB Value". CREATEINSTREAM(BlobInStream);
                                                                                                            IF RecRef.NUMBER = DATABASE:: "Config. Media Buffer" THEN
  1408
           TempConfigMediaBuffer."Media Set".IMPORTSTREAM(BlobInStream,'');
                                                                                                              EXIT(FALSE);
                                                                                                       1453
  1409
           TempConfigMediaBuffer.MODIFY;
                                                                                                       1454
                                                                                                       1455 MediaID := FORMAT(ConfigPackageData.Value);
  1410
         UNTIL MediaSetIDConfigPackageData.NEXT = 0;
                                                                                                       1456 IF (MediaID = FORMAT(DummyNotInitializedGuid)) OR (MediaID = '') THEN
  1411
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  1412
         FieldRef.VALUE := FORMAT(TempConfigMediaBuffer. "Media Set");
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                                                                                                            EXIT(TRUE);
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DEMO

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Codeunit 50005 Import Item Pictures - C/AL Editor
                                                                                                    - - X
     1 □Documentation()
     2
     3 ∃OnRun()
       //ImportPictures;
     5 ImportPicturesWithStream;
        MESSAGE('Ready');
     8 □LOCAL ImportPictures()
        IF Item.FINDFIRST() THEN
    10
        BEGIN
    11
    12
            FileName := 'C:\temp\images\' + FORMAT(Item."No.") + '.jpg';
    13
            IF FILE.EXISTS(FileName) THEN BEGIN
    14
              Item.ItemPicture.IMPORTFILE(FileName, 'Demo image for item ' + FORMAT(Item."No."));
    15
              Item.MODIFY;
            END;
    17
          UNTIL Item.NEXT < 1;</pre>
    18
        END:
    19
    20 □LOCAL ImportPicturesWithStream()
        IF Item.FINDFIRST() THEN
    22 BEGIN
    23
          REPEAT
    24
            FileName := 'C:\temp\images\' + FORMAT(Item."No.") + '.jpg';
    25
    26
            IF FILE.EXISTS(FileName) THEN BEGIN
    27
                ImportFile.OPEN(FileName);
    28
                ImportFile.CREATEINSTREAM(InStream);
    29
                Item.ItemPicture.IMPORTSTREAM(InStream, 'Demo image for item ' + FORMAT(Item."No."));
    30
              Item.MODIFY;
    31
              ImportFile.CLOSE;
    32
            END;
          UNTIL Item.NEXT < 1;
    34
        END;
    35
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Task Scheduler is the new platform engine that runs Jobs Queues.

#### Before

- all of the Job Queues were handled in AL and were either started through
   NAS or directly from the client.
- AL approach had loopy logic for each Job Queue awaiting new jobs to arrive, keeping sessions open for a long time.

- The problem was
  - when something out of AL expected behavior failed, like a network outage making a SQL error or similar
  - then the error would **shut down** the queue
  - requiring it to be restarted.

- The new implementation supports
  - restart of jobs
  - tolerance for transient errors
  - amount of **parallelism** 
    - including distribution between multiple NST and more.

- Or simply continue to use Job Queue entries in Madeira
  - since the Job Queues now runs on the new engine.
- The old NAS is only there
  - if people upgrade an application
  - and still need the feature
  - until they have upgraded the application.

- a new system table named "Scheduled Task"
- a new set of **C/AL commands** like
  - TASKSCHEDULER.CREATETASK,
  - TASKSCHEDULER.CANCELTASK, etc.
  - basically insert/delete entries from the "Scheduled Task" table.

- The trick is, that the system now knows
  - **who** created the task
  - and then also knows that the task should be run with that user's permissions.
- The existing job queue functionality has been modified
  - so it runs on top of this new mechanism
  - and consequently, it doesn't need the **Job Queue table** for anything.

- Categories are still supported
  - the execution mechanism will make sure that only one job with a certain category is executed at the same time.
- Priorities are not supported for now
  - it's first-in-first-out.
- In the server configuration you will notice that a new tab has arrived:
  - TaskScheduler that allows you to turn the feature on or off for a specific NST and how many concurrent tasks can be executed.
  - What this means is that you can now configure one NST to serve users and another one for background jobs.

#### • And more:

- The default configuration is that the feature is turned on
  - you don't need to configure any job queues to make background jobs work.
  - Also, it doesn't keep any threads alive on the server when there is nothing to do.
  - In case of server restart
    - the background execution will just resume automatically
    - after a few minutes
    - as the NST's may need to synchronize
      - and figure out who should run an aborted job.

#### • And more:

- Use **categories** for **serializing** certain jobs, e.g. posting jobs to avoid lock timeouts (and deadlocks).
  - When a job is started, it checks if it has a category code.
  - If so, it checks if there is any other job running right now with the same category.
  - If so, the job will reschedule itself for some seconds later.

- The task scheduler enables you to **control** when certain operations or processes (in other words tasks) are **run**.
  - A task is a codeunit or report that is scheduled to run at a date a time.
- Tasks run in a background session between the Dynamics NAV Server instance and database.
  - Behind the scenes, the task scheduler is used by the **job queue** to process job queue entries that are created and managed from the clients.

- Functions that are available for the TASKSCHEDULER data type:
  - CREATETASK
    - Adds a task to run a codeunit at a specified date and time.
  - SETTASKASREADY
    - Sets a task to the Ready state. A task cannot run until it is Ready.
  - TASKEXISTS
    - Checks whether a specific task exists.
  - CANCELTASK
    - Cancels a scheduled task.

#### To set up a task

- Create a codeunit that contains the logic that you want to schedule.
  - you can create a second codeunit (referred to as a failure codeunit)
  - that contains the logic to handle the task if an error occurs for any reason.
- Once you have the codeunits
  - you can add **C/AL** code to the application
  - that calls the CREATETASK function
  - to schedule a task to run the codeunits.
- The **CREATETASK** function
  - can also specify the earliest date to run the task
  - and whether the task is in the **ready** state.

#### After you add a task

• task is recorded in table 2000000175 Scheduled Task.



If the task is in the ready state when the scheduled time occurs

- a new background session is started
- and the task codeunit is run.
- view the session in the table 2000000111 Session Event.



If an error occurs:



If the failure codeunit does not handle the error or fails itself

• then the retry flow is initiated.



If a failure codeunit has been specified

- the error is passed in a call to the failure codeunit
- and the failure codeunit is run.



If a failure codeunit is not specified

• then the retry flow is initiated.

#### A task can fail under the following conditions:

- The company cannot be opened.
- An SQL connection or transient error occurred with the database.
- The Dynamics NAV Server instance restarted **while** the task was run.

#### You can view these errors in the event log

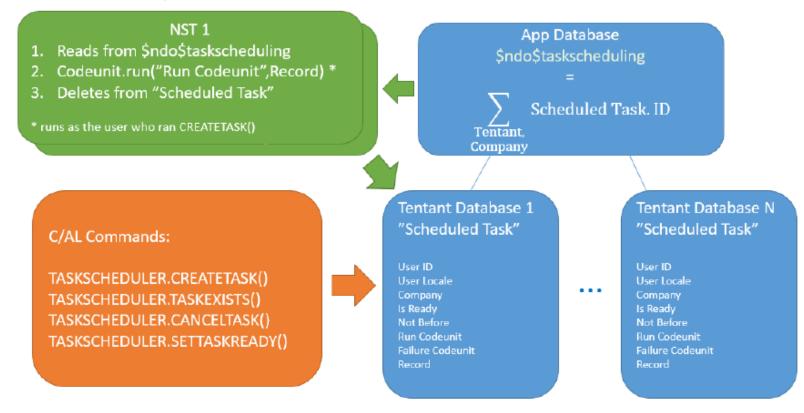
• of the computer that is running the Dynamics NAV Server instance.

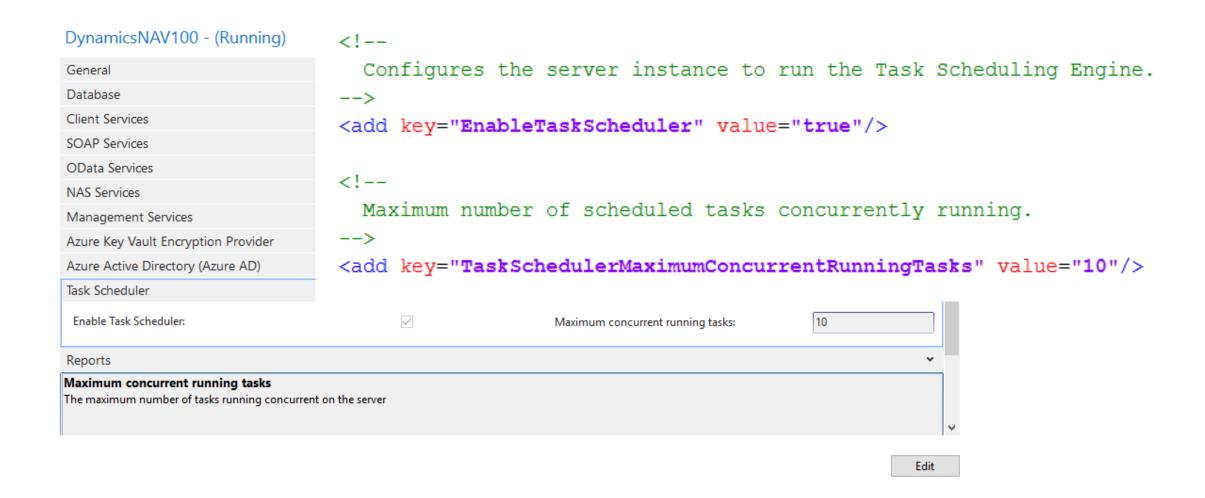
#### When an error occurs:

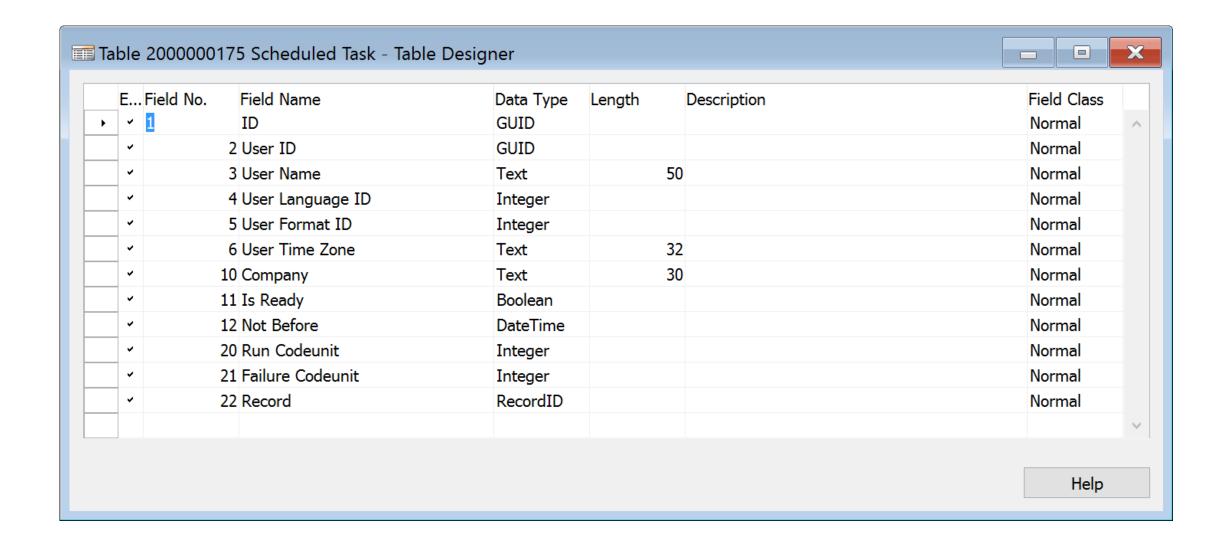
- unless the task is interrupted by the failure codeunit
- the Dynamics NAV Server instance will rerun the task
- according to the following retry flow:
  - **1. Two** minutes after the first failure.
  - Four minutes after the second failure.
  - **3. Fifteen** minutes after the third failure
  - 4. and any subsequent failures up to a maximum of 10 times,
  - 5. after which the task is **cancelled**.

- The task runs in a background session, which means that there is no user interface.
  - the behavior is similar to that of the STARTSESSION function
  - where any dialog boxes that would normally appear are suppressed.
- The session runs by using the same user/credentials that are used when calling C/AL code.
  - The user must have appropriate permissions to the codeunit and any other objects that are associated with the operation of the codeunit.

#### New System Tables and -Functions





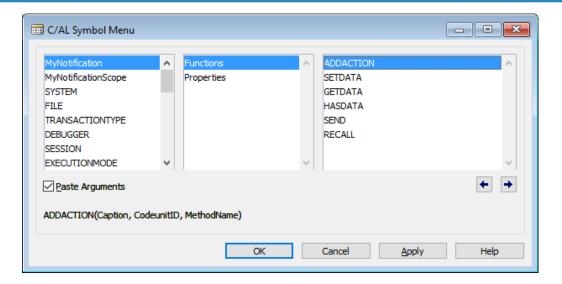


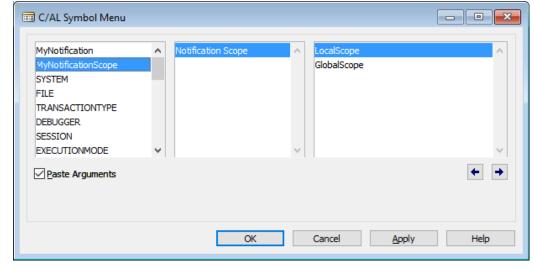
- Example:
  - CU 453 Enqueue

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JobQueueEntry."System Task ID"
TASKSCHEDULER.CREATETASK(
CODEUNIT::"Job Queue Dispat
CODEUNIT::"Job Queue Error I
TRUE,
COMPANYNAME,
JobQueueEntry."Earliest Start
JobQueueEntry.RECORDID);
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📰 Codeunit 453 Job Queue - Enqueue - C/AL Editor
     1 □Documentation()
     2
       □OnRun(VAR Rec : Record "Job Queue Entry")
         EnqueueJobQueueEntry(Rec);
         EnqueueJobQueueEntry(VAR JobQueueEntry : Record "Job Queue Entry")
         RemoveFailedJobs(JobQueueEntry);
        JobQueueEntry.Status := JobQueueEntry.Status::"On Hold";
         JobQueueEntry."User Language ID" := GLOBALLANGUAGE;
        IF NOT JobQueueEntry.INSERT(TRUE) THEN
    10
          JobQueueEntry.MODIFY(TRUE);
    11
    12
         OnBeforeJobQueueScheduleTask(DoNotScheduleTask);
    13
    14
         IF DoNotScheduleTask THEN
    15
    16
           EXIT;
    17
         JobQueueEntry."System Task ID" :=
    18
    19
          TASKSCHEDULER.CREATETASK(
    20
             CODEUNIT:: "Job Queue Dispatcher",
             CODEUNIT:: "Job Queue Error Handler",
    21
    22
             TRUE,
    23
             COMPANYNAME,
            JobQueueEntry."Earliest Start Date/Time",
    24
    25
            JobQueueEntry.RECORDID);
         JobQueueEntry.Status := JobQueueEntry.Status::Ready;
         JobQueueEntry.MODIFY;
         COMMIT;
    29
```

- The new Notification C/AL type can be used to
  - notify and guide users
  - with a subtle **message**
  - is displayed at the **top** of a page.
- Developers have
  - full control over the context in which notifications are shown,
  - can withdraw notifications,
  - and may include one or more custom actions.

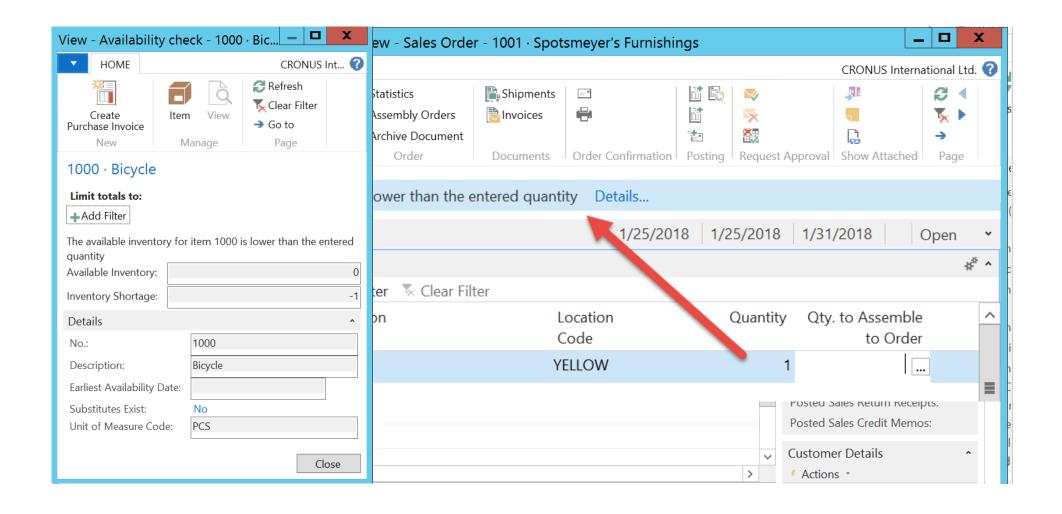




- Notifications provide
  - a **programmatic** way
  - to send **non-intrusive** information
  - to the user **interface** (UI)
  - in the Dynamics NAV Web client.
- Notifications differ from messages
  - initiated by the **MESSAGE** function.

#### Messages are modal

- which means users are typically required to address the message and take some form of corrective action before they continue working.
- Notifications are non-modal.
  - Their purpose is to give users information about a current situation,
  - but do **not** require any **immediate action** or block users from continuing with their current task.
  - For example,
    - you could have a notification that a customer's credit limit is exceeded.



- Notifications in the UI
  - In the UI, notifications appear in the Notification bar
    - (similar to validation errors)
    - at the top of the page on which a user is currently working.
  - The user can then choose to **dismiss** the notification, which clears it.
    - Or if actions are defined on notification
    - the user can choose one of the actions.

- There can be multiple notifications.
  - The notifications appear **chronological** order from top to bottom.
- Notifications remain
  - for duration of the page instance
  - or until the user dismisses them or takes action on them.
- Notifications that are defined on sub-pages,
  - for example in parts and FactBoxes,
  - appear in the **same** Notification **bar**.
- Validation errors on the page will be shown first.

# In the development environment:

- Use the
  - Notification and NotificationScope
  - data types and functions
- Add code to send notifications to users.

**MESSAGE** • Specifies the content of the notification that appears in the UI. SCOPE • Specifies the scope in which the notification appears. **SEND** • Sends the notification to be displayed by the client. **ADDACTION**  Adds an action on the notification. SETDATA • Sets a data property value for the notification **GETDATA** • Gets a data property value from the notification. RECALL Recalls a sent notification.

- Creating and sending a notification
  - You create a notification by using
    - the MESSAGE and SEND functions.
  - The MESSAGE function
    - defines the **message** part of the notification.
  - When the **SEND** function is called
    - the notification is **sent** to the client
    - and content of the message is displayed.

MyNotification.MESSAGE := 'This is a notification'; MyNotification.SEND;

- The SEND function call should be the last statement in the notification code,
  - after any ADDACTION or SETDATA function calls.

# The scope is

 the realm in which a notification is broadcast in the client.

# There are two different scopes:

• LocalScope and GlobalScope.

#### A **LocalScope** notification

- appears in context of the user's current task,
- that is, on the **page** the user is currently working on.
- LocalScope is the default.

#### A GlobalScope notification

- is not directly related to the current task.
- Note: GlobalScope is currently not supported, so do not use it.
- This will be implemented in a **future** release.

• The following code creates a notification in the LocalScope:

```
MyNotification.MESSAGE := 'This is a notification';
MyNotification.SCOPE := NOTIFICATIONSCOPE::LocalScope;
MyNotification.SEND;
```

- You add actions on notifications by using the ADDACTION:
  - Provides a way for you to create **interactive** notifications.
  - By default, users have the option to dismiss the notifications.
  - However, there might be cases where you want to provide users with different actions to address the notification:
    - like opening an associated page for modifying data.
  - A notification **action**:
    - calls a function in a specified codeunit,
    - passing the notification object in the call.
    - function includes the **business logic** for handling the action.

```
MyNotification.MESSAGE := 'This is a notification';

MyNotification.SCOPE := NOTIFICATIONSCOPE::LocalScope;

MyNotification.ADDACTION('Action 1',CODEUNIT::"Action Handler",'RunAction1');

MyNotification.ADDACTION('Action 2',CODEUNIT::"Action Handler",'RunAction2');

MyNotification.SEND;
```

The basic steps for adding an action are as follows:



Create a **global** function in a new or existing **codeunit**.



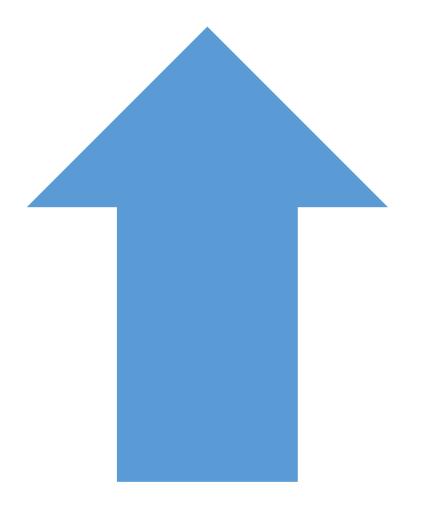
The function must have a **Notification** data type **parameter** for receiving the notification object.



**Specify** the codeunit and function in the **ADDACTION** function call.



Add C/AL code to the function for **handling** the action.



You can have **more** than **one** action on a notification.

- A LocalScope notification
  - can have up to 3 actions.
- A **GlobalScope** notification
  - can have up to 2 actions.

#### You use the SETDATA and GETDATA functions

- to add data to a notification,
- which is typically needed when actions are invoked.

#### The SETDATA function

- sets, or adds, data to the notification.
- the data is defined as text in a key-value pair.

#### With the GETDATA function

• you can then **retrieve** the data again.

The following code sets data for a notification:

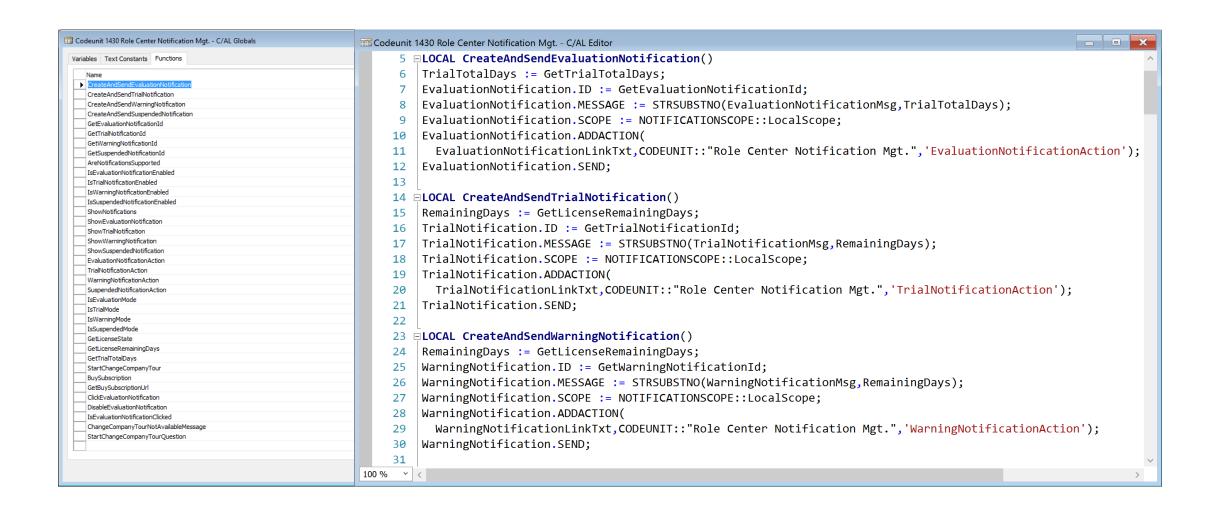
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MyNotification.MESSAGE := 'This is a notification';
MyNotification.SCOPE := NOTIFICATIONSCOPE::LocalScope;
MyNotification.SETDATA('Created',FORMAT(CURRENTDATETIME,Ø,9));
MyNotification.SETDATA('ID',FORMAT(CREATEGUID,Ø,9));
MyNotification.ADDACTION('Action 1',CODEUNIT::"Action Handler",'RunAction1');
MyNotification.ADDACTION('Action 2',CODEUNIT::"Action Handler",'RunAction2');
MyNotification.SEND;
```

The following code gets the data for a notification:

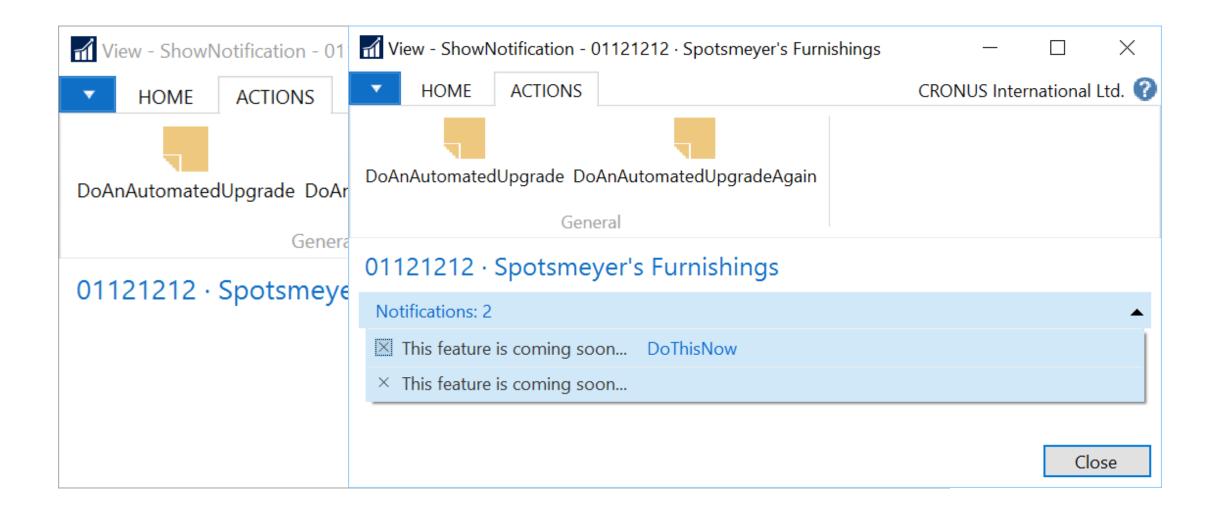
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DataValue := MyNotification.GETDATA('Created');
DataValue := MyNotification.GETDATA('ID');
```

• DEMO:

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Codeunit 311 Item-Check Avail. - C/AL Editor
                                371
    E...Type
                                372 □LOCAL CreateAndSendNotification(UnitOfMeasureCode : Code[20];InventoryQty : Decimal;GrossReq : Decimal;ReservedRe
     ■ Container
                                     AvailabilityCheckNotification.ID(GetItemAvailabilityNotificationId);
        Field
                                     AvailabilityCheckNotification.MESSAGE(STRSUBSTNO(NotificationMsg,ItemNo));
                                374
        Field
                                     AvailabilityCheckNotification.SCOPE(NOTIFICATIONSCOPE::LocalScope);
        Field
                                     AvailabilityCheckNotification.ADDACTION(DetailsTxt,CODEUNIT::"Item-Check Avail.",'ShowNotificationDetails');
        Part
                                     ItemAvailabilityCheck.PopulateDataOnNotification(AvailabilityCheckNotification,ItemNo,UnitOfMeasureCode,
                                377
                                       InventoryOty, GrossReq, ReservedReq, SchedRcpt, ReservedRcpt, CurrentOuantity, CurrentReservedOty,
                                378
                                       TotalQuantity,EarliestAvailDate);
                                379
                                     AvailabilityCheckNotification.SEND;
                                380
                                381
                                     EXIT(FALSE);
                                     AVAILADILITYCNECKNOTITICATION.SEIDAIA( CurrentQuantIty , FORMAI(CurrentQuantIty));
                                     AvailabilityCheckNotification.SETDATA('CurrentReservedQty',FORMAT(CurrentReservedQty));
                                     AvailabilityCheckNotification.SETDATA('TotalQuantity',FORMAT(TotalQuantity));
                                     AvailabilityCheckNotification.SETDATA('InventoryQty',FORMAT(InventoryQty));
                                     AvailabilityCheckNotification.SETDATA('EarliestAvailDate',FORMAT(EarliestAvailDate));
                                 69
                                 70 □ InitializeFromNotification(AvailabilityCheckNotification: Notification)
                                     GET(AvailabilityCheckNotification.GETDATA('ItemNo'));
                                     SETRANGE("No.",AvailabilityCheckNotification.GETDATA('ItemNo'));
                                     EVALUATE(TotalQuantity, AvailabilityCheckNotification.GETDATA('TotalQuantity'));
                                     EVALUATE(InventoryQty, AvailabilityCheckNotification.GETDATA('InventoryQty'));
                                     CurrPage.AvailabilityCheckDetails.PAGE.SetUnitOfMeasureCode(
                                       AvailabilityCheckNotification.GETDATA('UnitOfMeasureCode'));
                                 76
                                 78 | IF AvailabilityCheckNotification.GETDATA('GrossReg') <> '' THEN BEGIN
```



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Microsoft Dynamics NAV
                                                                                                   Page 1871 Credit Limit Details - C/AL Editor
       □ PopulateDataOnNotification(VAR CreditLimitNotification : Notification)
         CreditLimitNotification.SETDATA(FIELDNAME("No."),FORMAT("No."));
                                                                                                                ed documents.
         CreditLimitNotification.SETDATA('OrderAmountTotalLCY',FORMAT(OrderAmountTotalLCY));
         CreditLimitNotification.SETDATA('ShippedRetRcdNotIndLCY',FORMAT(ShippedRetRcdNotIndLCY));
   139
         CreditLimitNotification.SETDATA('OrderAmountThisOrderLCY',FORMAT(OrderAmountThisOrderLCY));
   140
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         CreditLimitNotification.SETDATA('CustCreditAmountLCY',FORMAT(CustCreditAmountLCY));
   141
   142
   143 □ InitializeFromNotificationVar(CreditLimitNotification : Notification)
         GET(CreditLimitNotification.GETDATA(Customer.FIELDNAME("No.")));
   144
         SETRANGE("No.","No.");
   145
   146
   147
         IF GETFILTER("Date Filter") = '' THEN
           SETFILTER("Date Filter", '..%1', WORKDATE);
   148
         CALCFIELDS("Balance (LCY)", "Shipped Not Invoiced (LCY)", "Serv Shipped Not Invoiced(LCY)"):
   149
   150
         EVALUATE(OrderAmountTotalLCY, CreditLimitNotification.GETDATA('OrderAmountTotalLCY'));
   151
         EVALUATE(ShippedRetRcdNotIndLCY, CreditLimitNotification.GETDATA('ShippedRetRcdNotIndLCY'));
   152
         EVALUATE(OrderAmountThisOrderLCY, CreditLimitNotification.GETDATA('OrderAmountThisOrderLCY'));
   153
   154
         EVALUATE(CustCreditAmountLCY, CreditLimitNotification.GETDATA('CustCreditAmountLCY'));
   155
100 %
```



• Dynamics NAV 2017 enters the world of **machine learning** and the first step of this journey is to bring the **Time Series API** to NAV Developers.

- Let me start with a short explanation of what **machine learning** (predictive analytics) means in general.
- The current way of building software is:
  - A smart guy creates an algorithm.
  - A user inputs some value,
  - The system applies the algorithm and returns some results.

- To create a good algorithm
  - you must be a domain expert
  - and have deep knowledge of a specific industry.

- The worst part here is that
  - someone must update the algorithm programmatically
  - or by changing the setup
  - on a regular basis to adapt to changeable business processes.

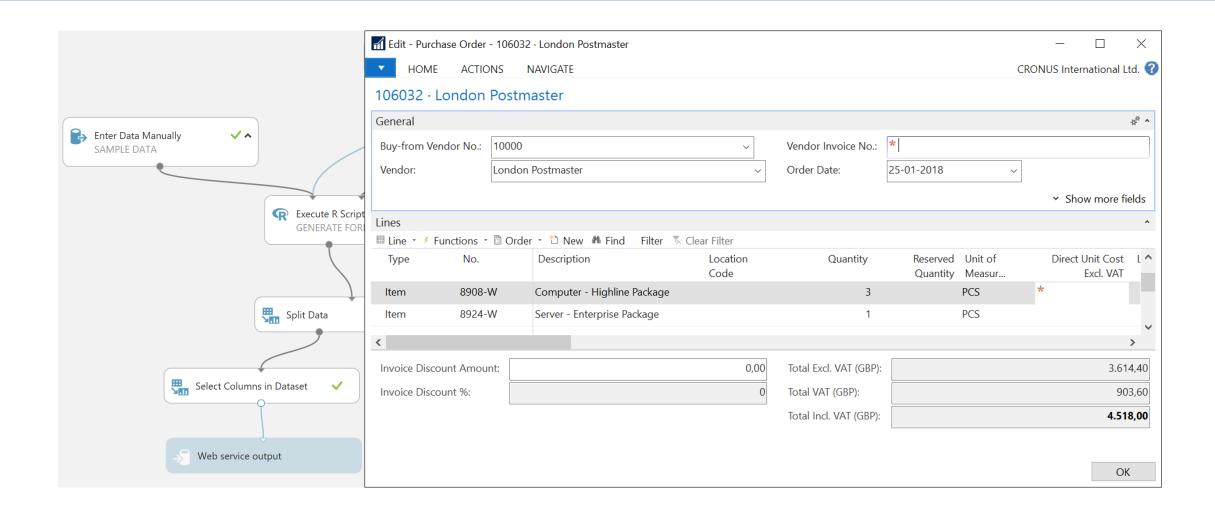
- Machine learning helps you do things in a different way:
  - It takes **historical data**, automatically **analyzes** it in different ways, and then tries to **find** the **algorithm** by itself.
    - (Model or Experiment in Azure ML)
  - The user inputs some value, system applies the model and returns results.
  - The system uses the **new** user input to **adjust** the **model**.

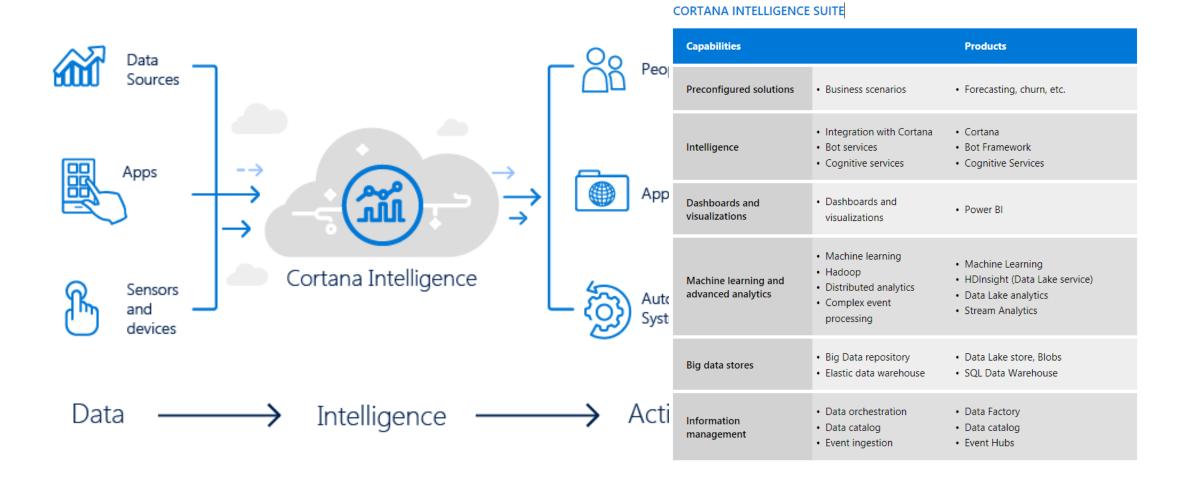
- Actually, this is not completely true
  - because if the system tries to analyze the incoming data in different ways, it will be very **expensive**.
  - Each attempt requires significant computation efforts.
  - That is why this approach is **not** used.

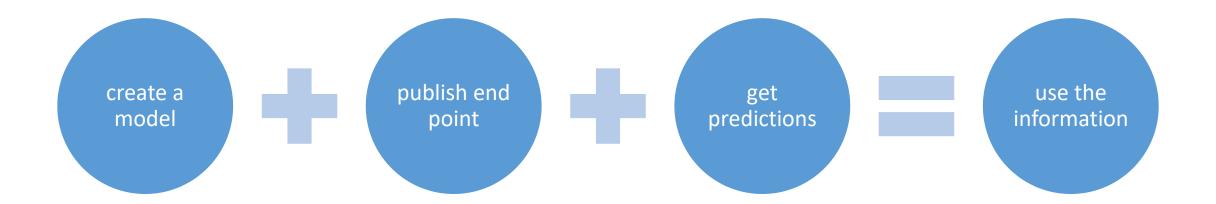
- Instead, the domain **expert** helps the system
  - by advising between the available algorithms,
  - and system does the rest of the work.

- One of the most popular topics for machine learning is forecasting based on historical data.
  - Many algorithms that can do this.
- We chose five of these algorithms,
  - wrapped them in one Azure ML experiment,
  - added logic that compares different results
  - and returns the best one
  - accompanied by an indicator of the prediction's quality.
- There is a **generic API** on top of this
  - that allows Dynamics NAV developers create their own functionality
  - that helps customers find the business-critical information
  - that may be hidden in their database.

- This is the best API for the following reasons:
  - The current implementation does **not** require you to **re-train** the model
    - as this is done when the request is **submitted**.
  - More than 300 tables contain both Date and Decimal fields in Dynamics NAV.
    - This is the most typical table structure in business applications (28%)
    - They are good candidates for analysis with a Time Series API.







#### Create a model

- time-series predictions model:
  - <a href="https://gallery.cortanaintelligence.com/Experiment/Dynamics-Ax7-demand-forecasting-1">https://gallery.cortanaintelligence.com/Experiment/Dynamics-Ax7-demand-forecasting-1</a>
- open in Azure Machine Learning studio
- copy experiment to your workspace
- validate the experiment

- Publish an end point
  - deploy web service
  - API key
  - request URI

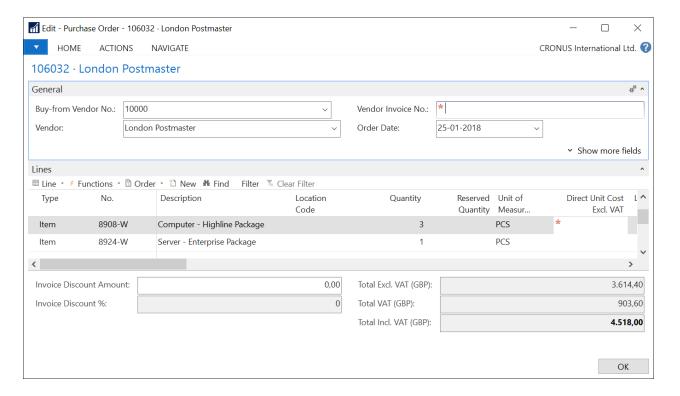
#### Get predictions

- call the Time Series API from the development environment
- to get predictions on different data
- check the quality of the predictions programmatically

#### Time Series Library:

- Initialize
  - set up the connection
- PrepareData
  - transforms any table data into a dataset
- Forecast
  - calls the Azure ML
- GetForecast
  - returns a dataset of forecasted values

- Use the information
  - create a purchase order



• DEMO

# Resources

#### Resources

Microsoft Dynamics NAV Get Ready Page on Partner Source

https://aka.ms/NavGetReady

Microsoft Dynamics Learning Portal

• <a href="https://aka.ms/DynamicsLearningPortal">https://aka.ms/DynamicsLearningPortal</a>

Developer and IT-Pro Help for Microsoft Dynamics NAV

• <a href="https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/dynamics-nav/index">https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/dynamics-nav/index</a>

How Do I Video's:

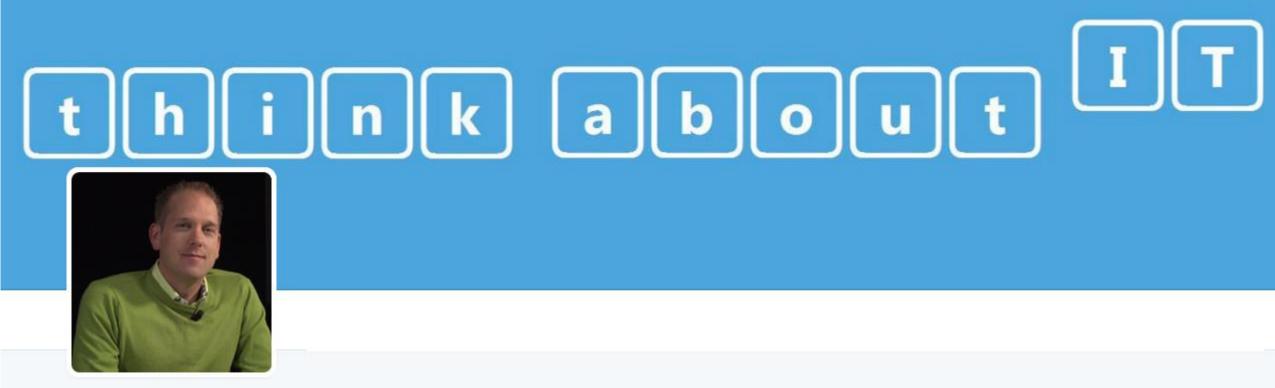
• <a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5B63EF419A3B59C8">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5B63EF419A3B59C8</a>

### Review

**Assisted Setup** Page Wizard Working With Media on Records Task Scheduler Notifications Time Series API Resources / Help

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