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Performance Management Advisors Deployment Guide

CCAdv Bulk Configuration – Independent Mode

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CCAdv Bulk Configuration – Independent Mode

This section describes the bulk configuration of CCAdv objects; the bulk configuration tool configures CCAdv outside of the Advisors Administration module.

If you plan to deploy Pulse Advisors release 9.0.001.06 or later and you will use the bulk configuration tool, then see the [Changes to Bulk Configuration](#) section on the [Bulk Configuration Overview](#) page in this guide before you proceed.

You can use the bulk configuration tool to rapidly configure CCAdv based on the lists of objects you define and export from other systems and load into temporary structures in the Advisors Platform database. The bulk configuration tool retrieves the data from the temporary structures, validates it, and transforms it into CCAdv rollup configuration. This tool is designed for use in independent configuration mode. For information about the configuration modes and how to set the mode, see [Contact Center Advisor and Workforce Advisor Administrator User's Guide](#). You must select the configuration mode before you perform bulk configuration. Starting with release 9.0.001, the default configuration mode is the independent configuration mode. Previously, the integrated configuration mode was deployed as the default mode.

In releases prior to release 8.5.2, the bulk configuration tool required the presence of the business hierarchy objects (regions, operating units, application groups, and contact centers) in the Advisors configuration. You had to first add the business hierarchy data to the Genesys Configuration Server's **Business Attributes** folder, and then manually activate the same objects using the Advisors administration module. Starting with release 8.5.2, none of that is necessary prior to using the bulk configuration tool; the bulk configuration tool now has a business hierarchy bulk configuration feature. All business hierarchy names will be automatically added to the Advisors configuration and activated. All new business attributes can then be added to the Genesys Configuration Server's **Business Attributes** folder using the migration wizard supplied in the installation package.

Database Structures, Scripts, and Procedures

An object creation script, `blkObjectsCre.sql`, is supplied in the installation package, in the `\bulkconfig\independent\ccadv-bulkload` folder. You must execute `blkObjectsCre.sql` as a script – not as a statement – if opened and executed from the SQL Developer SQL Worksheet.

You must apply the `blkObjectsCre.sql` script to the Platform schema to create the following tables; the tables are required for CCAdv bulk configuration:

- `blkAppNames`
- `blkAppAgntGr`
- `blkAgntGrNames`
- `blkAppLog`

All of the preceding tables created by the script must be present at the point when you apply the bulk configuration procedure, but the content is optional. Any or all tables can remain empty. Empty tables do not impact the configuration in any way.

Objects already present in CCAdv configuration, but absent from these tables, remain in the CCAdv configuration after you perform the bulk configuration procedure.

Stored Procedure for Bulk Configuration

You implement the bulk configuration by running a stored procedure, `spblkConfigCCAdvIndependent`, which is also created when you run the `blkObjectsCre.sql` script. You execute the procedure against the Platform schema after all base data is prepared in the tables created by running the `blkObjectsCre.sql` script.

Script to Remove Database Objects Used in Bulk Configuration Process

The `blkObjectsDrop.sql` script removes all database objects used in the bulk configuration (such as the tables and procedures that the `blkObjectsCre.sql` script creates). You can execute this script whenever necessary. There is no negative impact because of the presence of these objects; they can be retained. The `blkObjectsDrop.sql` script does not remove any configuration or bulk export tables. You must execute the `blkObjectsDrop.sql` script before you switch to another configuration mode and use bulk configuration tools for that mode.

Stored Procedure for Removing Configuration

You can quickly and completely remove all CCAdv applications, agent groups, and agent group contact centers configured in CCAdv inside or outside the bulk configuration tool. To remove CCAdv configuration, run the `spblkRemoveConfigCCAdv` stored procedure, which is created during the Platform database/schema deployment and which is identical for any configuration mode. Run the `spblkRemoveConfigCCAdv` stored procedure against the Platform schema.

Important

The procedure will remove all data left from previous configurations that might have a negative impact on the new configurations. It can be very useful when the configuration mode must be changed.

In order to be able to restore the configuration, you must have a reliable set of bulk configuration files or blk tables that you can use to re-load the configuration. Before you execute the procedure, make sure that such data exists.

If you do not have a copy of your bulk configuration files or blk tables, you can use the export utility to generate a "clean" copy of blk tables from the existing application configuration before you run the configuration removal procedure. See additional details in [Exporting CCAdv Configuration](#).

You also can execute the bulk configuration removal procedure if you are comfortable with the current configuration loss and want to re-configure the applications from the beginning.

The configuration removal procedure does not remove the data from blk files. Those are always preserved unless the tables are dropped by running the `blkObjectsDrop.sql` script.

Prerequisites and Preparations

Starting with release 8.5.2, the contact centers, regions, operating units, and application groups that you will use in the bulk configuration structures do not need to be present in the Genesys Configuration Server, nor do they need to be visible in the Advisors configuration pages at the time that you run the bulk configuration procedure. The bulk configuration tool automatically adds all hierarchy objects to the Advisors configuration as long as they are entered in the bulk configuration structures, and if they are not currently present in the Advisors configuration. No existing configuration is removed when using the CCAdv bulk configuration tool. If any objects are already configured, or any application-to-agent group relationships are added manually, they are not removed by the bulk configuration tool. The tool adds to the configuration or changes the mappings of the existing configured objects based on the data contained in the temporary structures.

Review the following considerations before using the bulk configuration import procedure:

- A contact center will be added to the configuration only if the corresponding Geographic Region name is supplied.
- If a contact center is already present in your configuration, then the bulk configuration import process will make no changes to the existing contact center configuration. **NEW** Starting with release 9.0, if the geographic region of the existing contact center is "Unknown" while a valid geographic region name is supplied in the bulk configuration structures, the bulk configuration procedure will substitute the "Unknown" geographic region for this contact center accordingly.
- A contact center that is automatically added to the configuration as part of the bulk configuration process will be assigned the default value for opening ("00:00") and the default value for closing time ("23:59"). If you need to change those values, then you must adjust those properties manually using the **Contact Center** page in the administration module.
- A contact center that is automatically added to the configuration as part of the bulk configuration process will be assigned the local time zone if the contact center name does not match any geographic location in the list of time zones. If the matching location is found in the time zone list, then the time zone associated with that geographic location will be assigned to the contact center. An administrator can adjust the time zone property at any time. It is important to adjust the time zone property in accordance with the actual contact center time zone if the open and close times are different than the default values ("00:00"/"23:59").
- A contact center that is automatically added to the configuration as part of the bulk configuration process will always be of the "Network" type. If you need to create a "Site" contact center, then you must manually configure it on the **Contact Center** configuration page of the Advisors administration module *before* you execute the bulk configuration procedure.
- The application server and XML Generator service must be up and successfully running until the required data (see the following bullet point) displays on the pages of the Advisors Administration module. To ensure that the import runs successfully, check the XML Generator log for import-related errors.
- All relevant applications and agent groups have been automatically imported by XML Generator, and are available for configuration.

If an AGCC does not already exist, one is created by the bulk configuration procedure under every network call center (NCC) where each application mapped to it (that is, to the NCC) is also mapped to an agent group and that agent group is mapped to an AGCC.

Considerations for SL Threshold Bulk Configuration

The bulk configuration tool accepts the SL Threshold property, which you enter in the CustomSLThreshold field. For more information, see [Data Preparations](#) below.

Be sure to follow these rules if you use SL Threshold values that are not the default value (20 seconds):

- The CustomSLThreshold field is measured in seconds; enter values accordingly.
- If you do not supply a value in the CustomSLThreshold field before you run the bulk configuration import procedure, the default value of 20 seconds will be assigned to the corresponding application, even if the current value is different.
- Only the predetermined SL Threshold values shown in the THRESHOLD_VALUE column of the database table are allowed:

NAME	THRESHOLD_VALUE
Unknown	0
10 sec	10
20 sec	20
30 sec	30
40 sec	40
45 sec	45
50 sec	50
60 sec	60
70 sec	70
80 sec	80
90 sec	90
5 min	300
8 min	480

If you enter an SL Threshold value in the bulk configuration structure that is not listed in the SL_THRESHOLD database tables, the configuration of the related application will be skipped and an error will be registered in the bulk configuration log file.

Bulk Configuration of CCAdv in Independent Configuration Mode

The following procedure summarizes the steps to perform bulk configuration of CCAdv when you use the application in independent configuration mode. The information following this procedure provides additional information to assist you.

Procedure:

Steps

1. Start Advisors Application Server and XML Generator.
2. Watch the XML Generator and Geronimo logs. The logs must be free of any import-related errors.
3. Allow the Advisors application to run for approximately 10 minutes.
4. Open the Administration module in the browser.
5. Open each of the following pages and ensure that you can see objects among the available and/or configured object lists, as applicable:
 - a. Application Configuration page
 - b. Agent Group Configuration page
6. Connect to the Oracle or SQL Server instance as the platform user.
7. Execute the blkObjectsCre.sql script. You must execute blkObjectsCre.sql as a script, not as a statement, if opened and executed from the SQL Developer SQL Worksheet.
8. Populate the blk database tables with your application and agent group configuration data.

For information about preparing your data, see [Data Preparations](#)

For information about importing data from spreadsheets to the database, see [Loading Data from Spreadsheets into Temporary Database Structures](#) section.

9. Execute the spblkConfigCCAdvIndependent procedure; for example, use the following string with an Oracle schema:

```
DECLARE
M VARCHAR2(200);
R NUMBER;
BEGIN
"spblkConfigCCAdvIndependent"
(
M => M,
R => R
);
END;
```

In an MS SQL Server installation, execute the procedure as follows:

```
USE <name of Advisors platform database>
GO
```

```
DECLARE
    @r int,
    @m varchar(255)

EXEC spblkConfigCCAdvIndependent
    @r = @r OUTPUT,
    @m = @m OUTPUT
```

```
SELECT      @r as N'@r',
            @m as N'@m'
```

```
GO
```

10. Verify the log stored in the blkAppLog table.

For information about logs related to the bulk configuration, see [Bulk Configuration Validation and Logs](#).

11. Correct the data, if necessary, and go back to [Step 9](#).
12. Examine all relevant configuration pages in the Advisors Administration module to verify the configuration.
13. Examine the CCAdv dashboard to verify the configuration.
14. Do one of the following:
 - a. If you are satisfied with the resulting configuration, and you do not plan to use the WA independent configuration tool, connect to the Oracle instance as platform user and execute the blkObjectsDrop.sql script to remove all temporary structures and bulk load procedures.
 - b. If you are not satisfied with the resulting configuration, go to [Step 11](#). Alternatively, if you see unpredictable results, and you have a reliable set of bulk configuration data loaded into blk tables, you can remove the whole CCAdv configuration by executing the CCAdv configuration removal procedure. After that you can reload the configuration as described in [Step 9](#).

To remove the entire configuration in Oracle installations, execute the following:

```
DECLARE
M VARCHAR2(200);
R NUMBER;
BEGIN
"spblkRemoveConfigCCAdv"
(
M => M,
R => R
);
END;
```

To remove the entire configuration in MS SQL Server installations, the procedure calls are done as follows:

```
USE <name of Advisors platform database>
GO
```

```
DECLARE
            @m varchar(255),
            @r int

EXEC spblkRemoveConfigCCAdv
            @m = @m OUTPUT,
            @r = @r OUTPUT

SELECT @m as N'@m',
       @r as N'@r'
```

```
GO
```


Data Preparation for Application names, Application Display names, and Aggregated Object Names

You can use spreadsheets or CSV files to collect the CCAdv configuration information into a simple file structure that can be loaded into blk database tables.

Alternatively, you can omit the file preparation and load the data directly into blk database tables from the sources available through your relational database management system (RDBMS).

If you use spreadsheets or CSV files to collect your CCAdv configuration data, use the following sections as guides.

Object Names

Your spreadsheet or CSV file contains the list of all the application names that need to be configured, as well as the corresponding application display names, contact center names, application group names, geographic region, reporting region, and operating unit names. **NEW** Starting with release 9.0, your file must contain three additional columns with headers (headers are mandatory). Bulk configuration application names no longer require the concatenation [tenant name] [base object name or number] / filter name@switch name. Instead the bulk configuration structure contains separate fields for the former parts of object names. The Application Name column should only contain the base object name or number as it appears in the Configuration Server. The tenant name, filter name and switch name can be provided in separate columns where applicable or if necessary. Provide the following information in the file:

- Application Name
- Application Display Name
- Contact Center Name
- Geographic Region Name (to allow Contact Center bulk configuration)
- Application Group Name
- Reporting Region Name
- Operating Unit Name
- Custom SL Threshold Value (provide this only if you use a value other than the default value of 20 seconds)
- Application Include in Rollup Property
- **NEW** Application Switch Name (if applicable, see the Guidelines below)
- **NEW** Application Tenant Name (if applicable, see the Guidelines below)
- **NEW** Application Filter Name (if necessary and applicable, see the Guidelines below)

Add relevant data to the spreadsheet or file under the corresponding column headers. You then import this data into the blkAppNames database table. To expedite the import of the data from the file into the database table, use the column names exactly as they are used in the blkAppNames database table.

Guidelines

Use the following guidelines when you create the spreadsheets to import information about object names to be used for CCAdv bulk configuration:

- If a display name, geographic region, reporting region, or operating unit is not defined, you must leave the related cell empty (that is, do not populate the cell with N/A or any other identifier). Where used, the reporting region or the operating unit must have a valid name – both cells cannot be empty. If the geographic region is not provided, and the associated contact center is not yet present in the Advisors configuration, the contact center will not be created and the application configuration will not be added. A corresponding message will be written in the blkAppLog table. If the geographic region is not supplied, but the contact center is already present, no error will be logged, and the application configuration will be added to the Advisors rollup configuration, unless other issues are detected. If a contact center is already present in the Advisors configuration, but the geographic region that is supplied in the bulk configuration data does not match the existing geographic region property, no changes will be made to the existing contact center geographic region property. The whole content of the data row is rejected if any incomplete configuration is detected or there are names that cannot be resolved (objects with those names are not found among the imported objects and, therefore, their IDs cannot be located through associations and assignments).
- Each application name (that is, the application name shown on the Application rollup page in the Administration module along with the tenant, switch and filter name) must match the name contained in the tmpImportCallType.PeripheralName, tmpImportInteractionQueue.PeripheralName, or tmpImportApp.PeripheralName column of the Platform database. **NEW** Starting with release 9.0 each column with application names should contain only the base object names or numbers as they appear in the name or number property of the corresponding object in the Configuration Server or in the Name field of the Platform database table CFG_IMPORTED_OBJECTS.
- **NEW** Starting with release 9.0 the tenant name is provided in a separate column if applicable. If you know that the name of the object is unique across all tenants in the Configuration Server, the tenant name can be omitted.
- **NEW** Starting with release 9.0 the application switch name is provided in a separate column if applicable. If you know that the name of the object is unique across all switches within the mentioned tenant or across all switches in the Configuration Server, the switch name can be omitted.
- **NEW** Starting with release 9.0 the filter name is provided in a separate column if applicable. In this case the object will be configured with the object segmentation filter which will be applied to all filterable metrics applicable to the object. The filter will not be applied to the metrics that have "Exclude from Base Object Filter" property enabled. The filtered object configured by the bulk configuration tool will be treated as configured with the object segmentation filter even if the filter itself does not have the "ObjectSegmentationFilter" option (**NEW** in release 9.0) set to "true" or "yes". In order to be applied in the statistics requests, the filter must be registered in the Configuration Server as a business attribute under the "Advisors Filters" folder and contain the filter definition under the "Filter" section in the "Filter" option. If you already have filters registered in the "Advisors Filters" folder with the definitions contained in the "Description" property, use the migration wizard to move the existing filter definitions into the "Filter" section.
- Filters are not applicable to interaction queues and calling lists.
- An empty cell, or any values in the Include in Rollup property that are different from Y or N are interpreted as Y (for information about the Application Include in Rollup Property column, see [Object Names](#) above).

Applications and Agent Group Relationships

To configure application-to-agent group relationships, your spreadsheet or CSV file contains the list of application names, as well as the agent group names and AGCC names. If the related agent groups must also be assigned to agent group contact centers, the names of these contact centers are specified with the agent groups. If a specified AGCC does not exist, the bulk configuration tool creates it, but only if the related application is already mapped to a contact center (that is, it is listed in the `blkAppNames` structure). If no AGCC needs to be specified, leave the field empty. **NEW** Starting with release 9.0, your file must contain 5 additional columns with headers (headers are mandatory). Bulk configuration application and agent group names no longer require the concatenation [tenant name] [base object name or number] / filter name@switch name. Instead the bulk configuration structure contains separate fields for the former parts of object names. The Application Name and the Agent Group Name columns should only contain the base object names or numbers as they appear in the Configuration Server. The tenant name, filter name and switch name can be provided in separate columns where applicable or if necessary.

Your file must contain the following columns with headers and provide the following information:

- Application Name
- Agent Group Name
- Agent Group Contact Center Name
- **NEW** Application Filter Name (if necessary and applicable, see the Guidelines for Applications above)
- **NEW** Agent Group Filter Name (if necessary, the guidelines are similar to the ones for Applications)
- **NEW** Application Tenant Name (if applicable, see the Guidelines for Applications above)
- **NEW** Agent Group Tenant Name (if necessary, the guidelines are similar to the ones for Applications)
- **NEW** Application Switch Name (if applicable, see the Guidelines for Applications above)

Add relevant data to the spreadsheet or file under the column headers. You then import this data into the `blkAppAgntGr` database table. To expedite the import of the data from the file into the database table, use the column names exactly as they are used in the `blkAppAgntGr` database table.

Guidelines

Use the following guidelines when you create the spreadsheets to import configuration information about application and agent group relationships:

- Each agent group name must match the name contained in the `tmpImportSkill.EnterpriseName` column of the Platform database. **NEW** Starting with release 9.0 the name must match the Name field content in the Configuration Server or in the Platform database table `CFG_IMPORTED_OBJECTS`.

You can prepare agent group descriptive names in a separate `blkAgntGrNames` file, if required. The `blkAgntGrNames` table is shared between the CCAdv and WA bulk configuration tools for Independent mode.

General Data Preparation Guidelines

- If your platform database contains bulk configuration data generated in a previous version, applying the blkObjCre.sql script of the new version in the platform database migrated to the new version will migrate the bulk configuration data to the form required in the new version. If you have bulk configuration data stored outside the database, it can be imported "as is" and then migrated to the form required in the new version by applying the blkObjCre.sql supplied with the new version installation package. It is safe to apply blkObjCre.sql several times. It will migrate the older schema and transform the data as well as preserve the configuration data content.
- If you have a platform database with the existing Advisors configuration but do not have a corresponding copy of the bulk configuration data, you can generate the bulk configuration data in the form required in the new version by applying the bulk export script to the Platform database migrated to the new version. The bulk export script will not remove any existing bulk configuration content. If any, the previous content will be moved to the tables that have identical names with appended timestamps. You can use the content in tables that have "Exp" in their names to review the validity of your current configuration. You then can address the reported warnings or problems by editing the exported bulk configuration data and then by removing and replacing the configuration by using the bulk removal and then the bulk configuration procedure. You also can address the reported issues by applying the changes in the Administration module and verifying the configuration by applying the bulk export script again. The verification process may require several iterations. You can repeat the process until the bulk export procedure does not report any issues in which case the bulk configuration structures will also contain the valid configuration. If the "Exp" content is large, select only the records that have one or more stars '*' in the "Message" field. These would be the messages that require your attention.

See more information in the "Exporting CCAdv/WA Configuration" section of this guide.

Loading Data from Spreadsheets into Temporary Database Structures

Import content from the spreadsheets or files into the relevant columns of the corresponding database tables using the Oracle SQL Developer or the MS SQL import option. Follow the procedure for each table.

Importing Content into Tables (Oracle)

Procedure:

Steps

1. Open SQL Developer and register a connection to the Advisors Platform schema.

2. Navigate to the Advisors platform schema, then to each created table.
3. Right-click on a table and select the **Import Data ...** option from the menu.
4. Navigate to the relevant file and select it.
5. Follow the SqlDeveloper Import Data Wizard instructions; the wizard guides you through the import process.

Ensure that you verify the data for each step of the Data Import Wizard, in particular:

- Review the data on the Data Preview screen to ensure accuracy.
- Ensure you exclude any unrelated columns that might be present in the file. It is best if you remove unwanted columns from the file before you start the import, rather than excluding columns each time you run the import wizard.
- Ensure that you correctly map columns in the database table to columns in the file. Verify each and every column.
- Verify the parameters before import.

See the SQL Developer documentation if you have questions related to data import using SQL Developer.

Importing Content into Tables (MS SQL)

You must match each spreadsheet with a destination table. Ensure you choose the table that was the created for bulk configuration.

Procedure:

Steps

1. Open Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio and register a connection to Advisors Platform database
2. Navigate to the Advisors Platform database and launch the import tool for one of the created tables.
3. Following the import wizard instructions.
4. Import the data from each file that contains prepared configuration data.
Using MS SQL Server, data can be loaded in one import session if you use Microsoft Excel

and the data is consolidated into one spreadsheet with tabs representing the content of each table.

Ensure that you verify the data for each step of the Data Import Wizard, in particular:

- Review the data on the Data Preview screen to ensure accuracy.
- Ensure you exclude any unrelated columns that might be present in the file. It is best if you remove unwanted columns from the file before you start the import, rather than excluding columns each time you run the import wizard.
- Ensure that you correctly map columns in the database table to columns in the file. Verify each and every column.

See the MS SQL Server documentation if you have questions related to data import using Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio.

MS SQL Server Import is very sensitive to special characters which, if present in the files, can trigger import failure accompanied by a message that may seem completely unrelated and will not explain the actual reason. Make sure that the files are clean. Special characters are often invisible and to avoid import failure, you need to check the files for unnecessary empty trailing spaces, empty rows or formatting and remove them before you proceed with the import. While preparing the data, do not copy it from web pages or forms that may contain such characters.

Bulk Configuration Validation and Logs

The bulk configuration procedure (spblkConfigCCAdvIndependent) validates each record in the database blk structures. The procedure does not add any configuration if any data contained in the corresponding tables fails to pass validation or cannot be found (or created) in the database. Instead, the procedure records a message in the blkAppLog table and proceeds to the next record. See [Prerequisites and Preparations](#) and [Data Preparation for Application names, Application Display names, and Aggregated Object Names](#) for information about correct data preparation.

Examine the log to see if you encountered errors when performing the bulk configuration. If there are errors reported in the log, correct the data in the spreadsheets or files, and reload the content to the related tables and columns. You can also correct the data directly in the tables.

Re-run the procedure to complete or correct the configuration using the updated data. Repeat the process as many times as necessary. The procedure does not reduce the existing configuration. The procedure applies all modifications and additions that occurred in the blk tables after your previous execution of the procedure. Any deletion of data, however, is ignored.

The resulting configuration can be verified from the Advisor Administration module and on the dashboard.

Correct Configuration Validation in Advisors Administration Module

Execution of the `spblkConfigCCadvIndependent` procedure results in the following configuration, which you can validate in the Advisors Administration module:

- Associates applications contained in the `blkAppNames` table with contact centers, application groups, geographic regions, reporting regions, and operating units contained in the associated columns. The applications for which all names are resolved (all objects with those names are found in the Platform database and their IDs can be located through associations and assignments) are added to the existing CCAdv configuration and included in the rollup. The `Include in Rollup` property can be controlled from the utility; that is, the property's value can be supplied in the relevant column in the `blkAppNames` table. The value can be Y or N. An empty cell, or any values other than Y or N are interpreted as Y for compatibility with previous versions. The procedure also updates display names based on the content in the columns of the table. If the `AppDisplayName` column in the table is blank for an application, the existing display name for that application, present in the CCAdv configuration, is removed (replaced with the blank name).
- Establishes relationships between applications and agent groups contained in the `blkAppAgntGr` table.
- Records the outcome in the `blkAppLog` table, which you can examine after the procedure exits.

Exporting CCAdv Configuration

You can export the existing CCAdv configuration into a set of temporary structures compatible with CCAdv bulk configuration. You can then export the structures into delimited files, edit them by adapting to the bulk configuration format, and use those for CCAdv configuration in the current or another environment. You can also use the exported structures to compare the actual CCAdv configuration to your expected configuration.

Run the `blkCfgExp.sql` script in your Oracle or MS SQL Server installation to export the data.

The script creates and populates, or updates, the following three tables:

- `blkExpAppNames`
- `blkExpAppAgntGr`
- `blkExpAgntGrNames`

All entries for which there is a problem contain an explanation of the issue in the `Message` column of each table. Make sure you always review the content of this column.

The export utility exports data into six tables:

- `blkExpAppNames`
- `blkExpAppAgntGr`
- `blkExpAgntGrNames`
- `blkAppNames`
- `blkAppAgntGr`

- blkAgntGrNames

The first three blkExp tables contain expanded application configuration data that is presented in a redundant form for diagnostic purposes. The Message field contains a warning or error information, where applicable. The other three blk tables contain a "clean" non-redundant copy of your Advisors application configuration that can be further used "as is" by the bulk configuration tool.

If, at the time of the export, the Advisors Platform schema already contains the three blk tables, the utility will create a backup copy of each table with the name containing a timestamp.

For example:

- blk12MAY15063407AppAgntGr
- blk12MAY15063407AppNames
- blk12MAY15063407AgntGrNames

The timestamp format is: DD MON YY HH24 MI SS

Once the content of blkAppNames, blkAppAgntGr, and blkAgntGrNames is saved into the timestamped backup tables, the tables are cleared and the current Advisors application configuration is loaded into them.

There is no need to adapt the exported diagnostic blkExp data in order to craft the Advisor application configuration blk structures. The content recorded into the blk tables by the export utility can be used as a data source for the bulk configuration tool. The data can be used for migration to another schema or for re-loading the saved configuration into the same schema after you apply the configuration removal procedure. Genesys recommends that you first verify the content of the diagnostic export tables before loading the configuration data from the blk tables created by the export tool.

The export utility can also be used for saving the versions of Advisors configuration while you are in the process of configuring Advisors. The blkExp data will help to capture and correct a problem as soon as you run the export utility. Any copy of the backup data can be loaded into the blk tables and used for reverting the configuration to any earlier, saved version. Genesys recommends that you use the bulk configuration removal procedure before each configuration load.