

Asprova's "Pocket manual" series No.13 Parametric features of the integrated master

On these pages, valid condition expressions will be used to show master data (Integrated Master Table) adaptable to a wide range of conditions. These conditions are assigned to reduce data volume. An example application will be used to introduce a general-purpose master for use with individual orders received that allows rescheduling of new items without changing the master data.

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Advantages of a parametric master

A parametric master is one that adapts to conditions, by having those conditions specified as parameters. The conditions might be like:

- ① Adds or deletes a process as determined by conditions.
- ② Adds a part or materials as determined by conditions.
- ③ Changes the line as determined by conditions.
- ④ Uses external orders as determined by conditions
- (5) Assigns workers or tools as determined by conditions.
- 6 Changes process time as determined by conditions.

When these conditions differ, a schedule can be drafted by editing the Integrated Master Table to add support for that case. However if done in this way, the creation of a large number of masters that differ only slightly in one particular part, but have almost the same configuration as each other, may increase maintenance load, deteriorate performance and present obstacles to efficient management.

Registering parametric master information decreases, by a large fraction, the number of lines in the Integrated master table. An optionally determined property can control process or material, so all that need be done is to create a property once, add items in the post-operational task and assign that attribute (property) to make improvements without maintaining an integrated master table.

Multiple lines of processing → Process selector valid condition

With different lines (different manufacturing patterns), use the "Process selection" and "Process selector valid condition" to select one of those lines as requirements determine.



Fig. 1 shows an example taken from the practical training course on how the "Process selector" is used. Whether the HT process is

performed depends on whether or not the condition "without heat treat" is assigned to the order's "Spec 1" property. This data only causes differences in process selector; the effect is even greater when raw materials, for example, are completely different.



▲ Fig. 1 Examples for using the Frocess selector and the Frocess selector valid condition"

For special processes → Process valid condition Expression

Even if manufacturing patterns are multiple, use "Process valid condition" when conditions determine that a part of the process sequence should be skipped entirely. Expressing the example in Fig. 1 by "Process valid condition" will give the example shown in Fig. 2.

Example of process B generation as determined by conditions





▲ Fig. Example of how to use the Process valid condition expression

Choosing resource combinations → Task selector valid condition

Use "Task selector" and "Task selector valid condition" when a combination of resources differ as determined by conditions.



Fig. 3 shows an example from the practical training course. Whether or not the order volume is 100 or greater is determined by the assigned condition of only one pallet of resource "HTG", or by the assigned condition of "HT1+HTS" in combination. (In the practical training course, HTG is an external order and HTS is an assignment of personnel.) If, when testing all Task selectors (Evaluation by tentative assignment), there is more than one that matches those conditions, the Task selector with highest estimated value will be used.



▲ Fig. 3 Example of how to use lask selector and lask selector valid condition

When using special resources → Valid condition, Resource valid condition

To assign whether to conditionally use resources, assign either "Valid condition" or "Resource valid condition" to the master use instruction.

Use the "Resource valid condition" when multiple resources are registered in the Master use instruction's "Resource/Item" and when the use of these resources will depend on some condition. Fig. 4 shows that only skills above 80 are allowd as a condition for using candidates for the two resources registered for process PR. Done in this way, the skill map in the Resource table can be used to manage which resources are going to be used in which process



without having to manage each and every assignment with the Integrated master table.

It	tem	Process number	Process code	Instruction code	Resource, Item	Resource valid condition	Valid condition
10 E		10	CT	м	CT1		
11		20	PR	м	PR1;PR2	ME.Skill1>80	
12		25	ΗT	м	HTG		
13				м	HT1		
14				S0	HTS		ME.Order.Qty>100
15		30	СК	м	CK1		

▲ Fig. 4 An example of how to use the instruction's Valid condition and Resource valid condition

In this regard, if conditions are to be applied, assign "Valid condition" no matter how many resources are registered in "Resource/Item" and no matter what the resource is.

Fig. 5 shows that an order volume exceeding 100 assigns the condition of using sub-resource HTS in the HT_process.

	Item	Process number		Instruction code	Resource/ Item	Valid condition
12	E	10	СТ	In	M2	ME.Customer=='B
13				In	M1	ME.Gustomer=='A
14				м	CT1	
15		20	PR	м	PR1;PR2	
16		25	HT	м	HTG	
17				м	HT1	
18				S0	HTS	ME.Order.Qty>100
19				Out1	R1 I	ME.Spec2=='R1'
20		30	СК	М	CK1	

▲ Fig. 5 An example of using the instruction's "Valid condition

Conditional use of materials/parts → Valid condition

Depending on what the conditions are, assign "Valid condition" to the Master input instruction to assign whether resources or materials will be added. The condition of different parts use in Fig. 5 is assigned to process CT according to whether the customer order is for company A or company B.

Conditional generation of by-product → Valid condition

Assign "Valid condition" to the Master output instruction to assign whether a by-product will be generated as determined by condition. Assigning spec "R1" to process HT in Fig. 5 assigns the condition for generating sub-product "R1".

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"Expression handbook" (ExpressionHandbook.pdf)

Model of an integrated master for handling separate orders

Here we'll look at an integrated master table used as an example of practically application for the Parametric integrated master table.

Fig. 6 is an Order table used together with the Integrated master table to set conditions on the orders received. This order table has properties for assigning the type of process that an item should pass through, with a maximum of four processes (the properties "Process1", "Process2", "Process3" and "Process4").

Each process allows the assignment of time (capacity value) required for manufacture in each (Process A capacity Qty×[min], Process A capacity Qty×[min], Process A capacity Qty×[min], Process A capacity Qty×[min]).

	Order code	Process count					canacity	ProcessB capacity Qty*[min]	capacity	ProcessD capacity Qty*[min]
	⊞01	3	A	в	D		25	10		10
	⊞02	2	D	С					20	10
3	⊞03	4	A	в	C	C	20	10	10	10
	⊞04	3	A	в	С		20	15	20	
	⊞05	3	A	в	D		25	10		10
	⊞06	3	в	A	D		10	15		10

 \blacktriangle Fig. 6 Order table when using an integrated master table for use with separate orders received. Capacity volume (volume x minutes and process can be assigned to the Order table.

For example order "01" is made from three processes and assigns manufacturing in the sequence $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow D$. The manufacturing time required per unit for each process is assigned as 25 minutes, 10 minutes and 10 minutes.

The number of processes registered can be anything required and the same goes for sequence. They may also overlap. Fig. 7 shows the results of rescheduling.



 \blacktriangle Fig. 7 Results of rescheduling during the use of the integrated master table for separate orders received. Assign by the process assigned to the order table.

A look at the integrated master table

Here we have made two different types of Integrated master table. The Process valid condition expression was used with the first, the Process selector with the second. Since the one with which the Process valid condition expression was used is more compact, we will discuss that one.

Fig. 8 shows the basic construction. Only a maximum of eight processes are registered. Here, it is only four processes (although the distribution data is 10 processes). Now assign FValid(ME.Spec1), etc. to the Process valid condition expression. Spec 1 in the Order table corresponds to the "Process1 property" in Fig. 6. That assigns which process is effective and whether it is assigned to the



order's "ProcessN".

			code	condition expression	type		Resource /item		condition
16	Using process v	10	Process	FValid(ME.Spec1)	Use instr	М	Resour	ME.Order.	CheckAllCont
17		20	Process	FValid(ME.Spec2)	Use instr	M	Resour	ME.Order.	CheckAllCont
18		30	Process	FValid(ME.Spec3)	Use instr	M	Resour	ME.Order.	CheckAllCont
18 19 20		40	Process	FValid(ME.Spec4)	Use instr	M	Resour	ME.Order.	CheckAllCont
20		50	Process	FValid(ME.Spec5)	Use instr	М	Resour	ME.Order.	CheckAllCont

▲ Fig. 8 Using the integrated master table for separate orders received. This is an example using the Process valid condition expression.

Next, for resources, the resource group called "Resource" is assigned as a temporary resource (see Fig. 9). If it were to remain as it is, all resources would be assigned candidates but to filter just the resources that are equivalent to those assigned to the order table, assign the expression

CheckAllContents_Or(ME.OperationCode,'==',OTHER.Order.Spec 1)

to the "Resource valid condition" property. That will determine whether the process code assigned to the order specs is equal to the "Target operation code" in the Resource table.

	Resource code	Resource groups	Target operation code
1	A1	Resource	A
2	A2	Resource	A
3	B1	Resource	В
4	B2	Resource	В
5	B3	Resource	В
6	C1	Resource	С
7	C2	Resource	С
8	D1	Resource	D
9	D2	Resource	D
10	Resource		

▲Fig. 9 Resource table

All resources are contained in the Resource Groups called "Resource."

Now the properties shown below are assigned to capacity value ("manufacture" in the example).

ME.'Order '.'Order quantity'*

IF(ME.'Order '.Process1=='A',ME.'Order '.'ProcessA capacity Qty*[min]',

IF(ME.'Order '.Process1=='B',ME.'Order '.'ProcessB capacity Qty*[min]'

IF(ME.'Order '.Process1=='C',ME.'Order '.'ProcessC capacity Qty*[min]',

IF(ME.'Order '.Process1=='D',ME.'Order '.'ProcessD capacity Qty*[min]',0))))

This is the capacity value for process 1, and depending on whether process 1 is process A, B, C or D, is assigned for reference to be made to the Order table's ProcessA capacity Qty*[min]" property or to its ProcessB capacity Qty*[min]" property. This is later multiplied with the order Quantity so that it will be proportional to Order Quantity.

That concludes the assignments. You may feel that the expressions or properties are difficult, but the number of assignments is not large and you will notice that the subsequent descriptions (such as 1, 2, 3 and 4 or A, B, C and D) are repetitive. This even if the number of processes increase, all you have to do is to imitate the assignments and increase them.

There is one more example using the Process selector, but other than the Process selector being prepared according to number of processes, it is actually the same as when the Process valid condition expression is used. (See Fig. 10).



	Item	Process selector	Process selector valid condition			Instruction type	Instruction code	Resource /item	Production	Resource valid condition
6	Using process s	1	ME.ProcNum==1	10	Process1		м	Resour	ME.Orde	CheckAllCont
		2	ME.ProcNum==2	10	Process1	Use inst	м	Resour	ME.Orde	CheckAllCont
	5			20	Process2	Use inst	м	Resour	ME.Orde	CheckAllCont
4	1	3	ME.ProcNum==3		Process1	Use inst	м	Resour	ME.Orde	CheckAllCont
1					Process2	Use inst	М	Resour	ME.Orde	CheckAllCont
•				30	Process3	Use inst	м	Resour	ME.Orde	CheckAllCont
		4	ME.ProcNum==4		Process1	Use inst	м	Resour	ME.Orde	CheckAllCont
1					Process2	Use inst	м	Resour	ME.Orde	CheckAllCont
1					Process3	Use inst	м	Resour	ME.Orde	CheckAllCont
1	D					Use inst	M	Resour	ME.Orde	CheckAllCont
1	1	5	ME.ProcNum==5		Process1	Use inst	м	Resour	ME.Orde	CheckAllCont
1	2				Process2	Use inst	м	Resour	ME.Orde	CheckAllCont
1	3				Process3	Use inst	м	Resour	ME.Orde	CheckAllCont
1	4					Use inst	М	Resour	ME.Orde	CheckAllCont
1	5			50	Process5	Use inst	м	Resour	ME.Orde	CheckAllCont

▲ Fig. 10 Using the integrated master table for separate orders received. This is an example using the Process selector.

Process valid condition expression has been used in releases in and after Ver.6. We have explained those that used the Process selector up to that time.

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