

Integrations (Direct)

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1. Introduction

ActiveControl include an Integration Framework to allow easy bi-directional communication with other ITSM tools. This Integration Framework can be utilised to manage outbound interactions with external systems (including queuing, re-sends, error processing and reporting) and inbound integration scenarios – those initiated by a system external to ActiveControl – by exposing several fully documented API's and web-services that allow manipulation of ActiveControl objects by these systems.

Out-of-the-box Integrations are already available for a multitude of tools such as ServiceNow, JIRA, GitLab, Microsoft TFS and SAP ChaRM.

This Integration Guide is intended to give the reader an overview of the capabilities of the out of the box (OOTB) integration available between ActiveControl and **HP Service Manager (HPSM)** that was developed for a customer in 2018.

Document Audience

The intended audience for this document are ActiveControl Administrators and other technical teams looking to integrate ActiveControl and HPSM. The document assumes an existing working knowledge of ActiveControl and the customer's existing HPSM installation.

2. Architecture of ActiveControl

The architecture of ActiveControl can be broken down into several core components:

- 1) a Domain Controller
- 2) other participating satellite SAP systems.
- 3) Access methods consisting of a Windows GUI client software, Web UI and SAPGUI screens.
- 4) Integration Framework

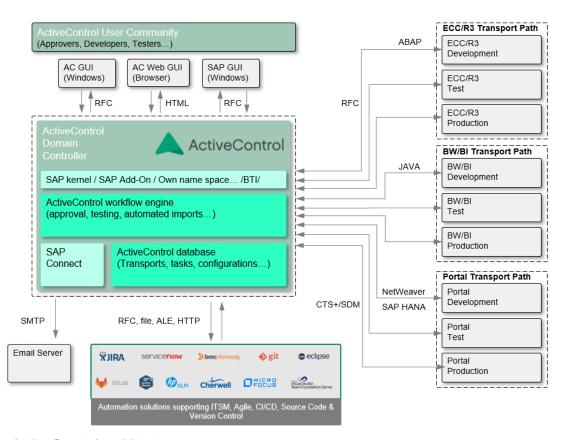


Figure: The ActiveControl architecture

Like the Transport Management System, ActiveControl has the concept of a **Domain Controller**. The Domain Controller does not need to be configured in any special way, it is simply the SAP system that the ActiveControl client software connects to and is where ActiveControl configuration and application data is stored.

The server software runs mostly within the ActiveControl domain controller. When necessary, the domain controller connects to the other SAP systems to gather change request information and to perform transports. These connections are made using SAP's remote function call (RFC) protocol.

The Integration Framework is installed as part of the ActiveControl Domain Controller, and is used to manage communication with external products and systems.

3. Customer Requirements

An integration with HP Service Manager was developed in 2018, to fulfil an existing ActiveControl customer's requirements to integrate between their HPSM installation and ActiveControl. This was a relatively basic integration aimed mainly at automatically creating HPSM tickets, and putting some related updates back on the originating Business Task.

The following were the customer requirements against which the HPSM integration was delivered:

Requirement	Details
1.	When a Business Task is created, the Integration will automatically create HPSM ticket if certain criteria in the Business Task are met.
2.	As part of the creation of the HPSM ticket, ActiveControl will populate the resulting HPSM ticket number in a Business Task custom field.
3.	As part of the creation of the HPSM ticket, ActiveControl will update a custom field on the Business Task (from Yes to No).
4.	As part of the creation of the HPSM ticket, ActiveControl will create a new URL link on the Business Task to link the HPSM ticket.

4. Core Configuration

This section details the core configuration steps that are required to setup the ActiveControl/HPSM integration.

The Integration configuration is maintained through the SAP standard SM30/31 transactions where table entries can be created and updated.

Configuration Summary

1.	Summary	Technical Details	Notes
1.	Users	ActiveControl HPSM	Users required in ActiveControl and HPSM for the Integration to work.
2.	WSDL	BTI_TE_TASK.wsdl	This is required for HPSM to call ActiveControl to update the status.
3.	Logical Port	HPSM Proxy	
4.	RFCs	N/A	None are required for this HPSM Integration.
5.	Number Ranges	/BTI/TE_RF	
6.	Configuration Tables	/BTI/TE_INT_SYST /BTI/TE_INT_TVARV /BTI/TE_INT_MAPP /BTI/TE_INT_CONV /BTI/TE_INT_CLAS /BTI/TE_INT_COND /BTI/TE_INT_FLDE /BTI/TE_INT_TRIG	
7.	Programs	/BTI/ TE_INTEG_TRIGGER /BTI/ TE_INTEG_SEND	
8.	Jobs		Job to run /BTI/TE_INTEG_TRIGGER and /BTI/ TE_INTEG_SEND every 10 minutes
9.	User Exits	0992	Z user exit needed to achieve some of the Customer Requirements.

4.1. Integration Users

ActiveControl User

User	Туре	Roles required	Desctription
HPSM_DST	System	/BTI/TE:CTS_USER /BTI/ TE:STD_DEVELOPER_AUTHS /BTI/ TE:STD_TEAM_LEAD_AUTHS /BTI/TE:STD_VIEW_AUTHS	Used for the communication from HPSM back to ActiveControl.
TE_BATCH	System	/BTI/TE:CTS_ADMIN_USER /BTI/TE:CTS_RFC /BTI/TE:COMP_ADMIN_ROLE	Used for scheduling of Integration Programs.

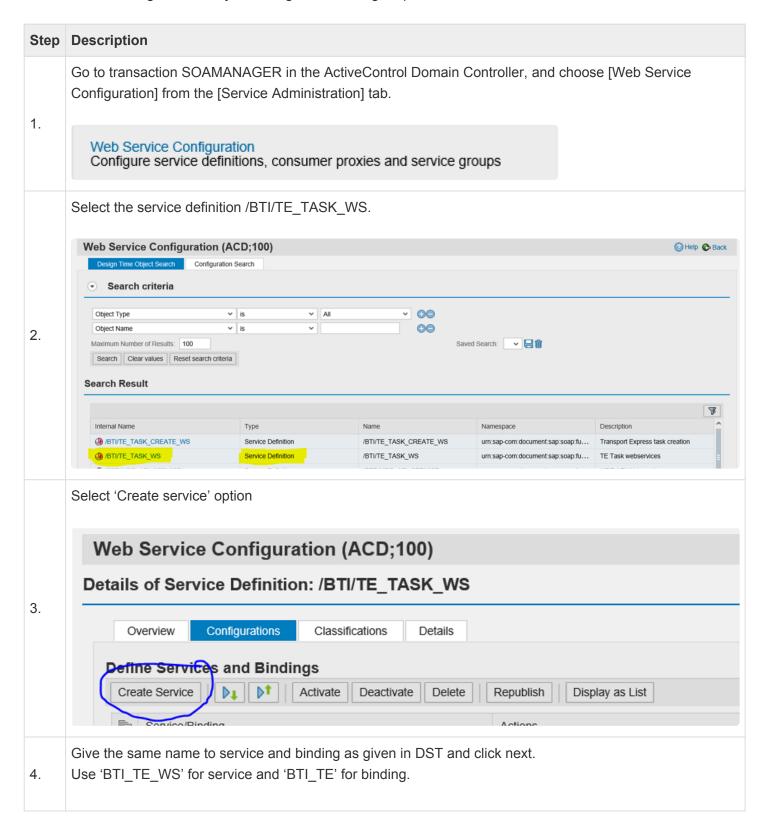
HPSM User

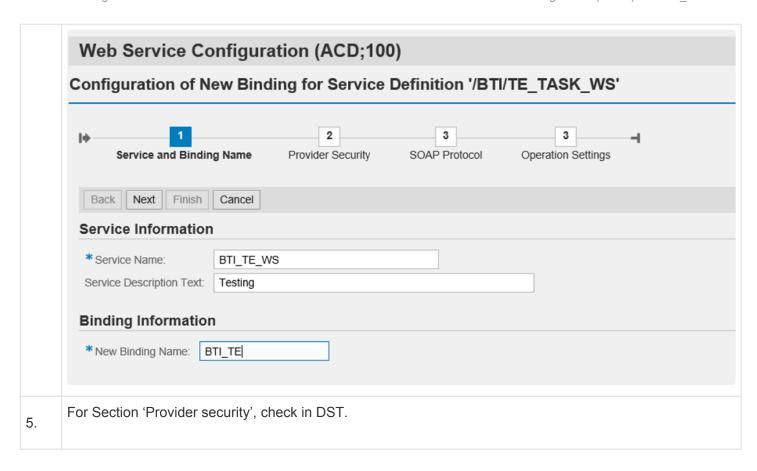
A system user is required within HPSM to support the Integration. This must have the authorisations to create and maintain HPSM tickets.

4.2. **WSDL**

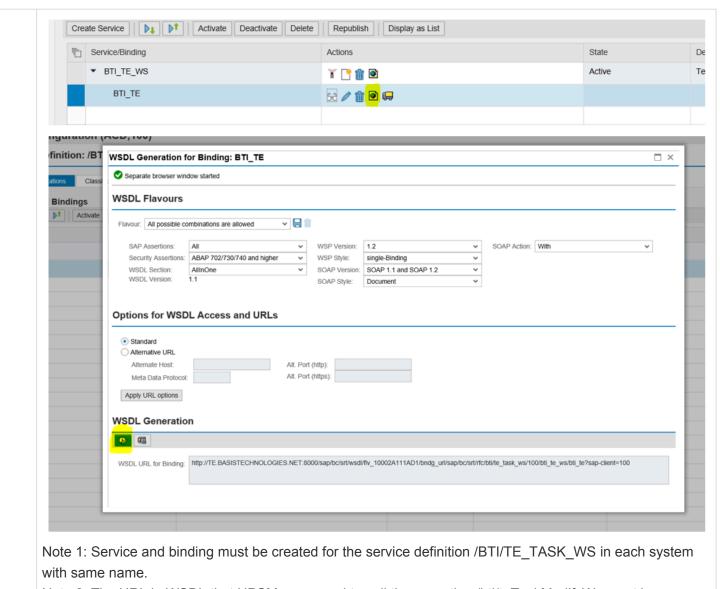
BTI_TE.wsdI is required on HPSM side to call ActiveControl to update the status. The operation is /bti/ teTaskModifyWs.

The WSDL can be generated by following the following steps:





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Transport Guarantee	
Transport Level: None	
Transport Level Security	
None (http)	
SSL (https)	
Message Level Security	
None	
Symmetric Message Signature and Encryption	
Asymmetric Message Signature	
Asymmetric Message Signature and Encryption	
Secure Conversation	
Extended Signature and Header Protection	
Authentication Level: Basic Authentication Method	
No Authentication	
Transport Channel Authentication	
✓ User ID/Password	
X.509 SSL Client Certificate Single Sign On using SAP Assertion Ticket	
Single Sign On using SAP Assertion Ticket Single Sign On using SPNego	
Message Authentication	
User ID/Password X.509 Certificate	
Single Sign On using SAML	
Click on finish. (nothing is required in [SOAP Protocol and Operation] set	tings)
Download the WSDL via the highlighted icon.	



Note 2: The URL in WSDL that HPSM consumed to call the operation /bti/teTaskModifyWs must be updated in HPSM side to point to correct system.

8. The resulting WSDL should be issued to HPSM Administrator, to be updated in HPSM with the new URL pointing to new system.

The WSDL is required to be regenerated in each system if you prefer different service and binding name where needing to integrate with HPSM.

4.3. Logical Port (HPSM Proxy)

Logical port must be created for proxy /BTI/CO_TE_HPSMCHANGE_MANAGEME in SOAMANAGER for the outbound integration to work.

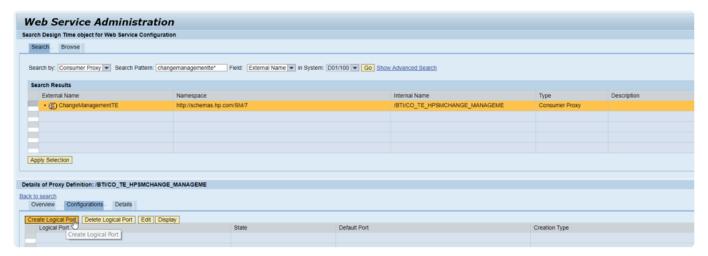


Figure: Creation of logical port

Also need to setup Transport Binding via SOAMANAGER as follows:

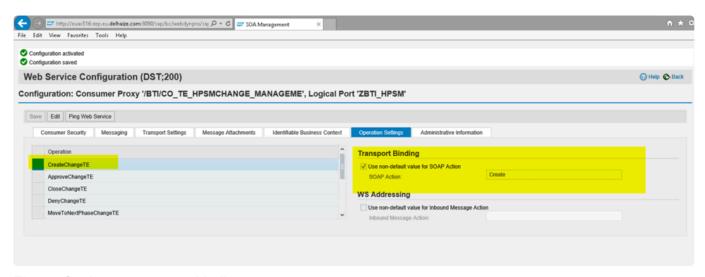


Figure: Setting up transport binding



Since SOAMANAGER configuration can't be moved across system via transport, this process must be carried out in all the system where needing to integrate with HPSM

4.4. Remote Function Calls

No RFCs are required specifically for the ActiveControl <> HPSM integration.

4.5. Number Range

/BTI/TE_RF number range is required to be created (via SNRO) in the ActiveControl Domain Controller.

The No. must be created as "01". From number = 00000000001, to number 9999999999 (as many 9s as possible).

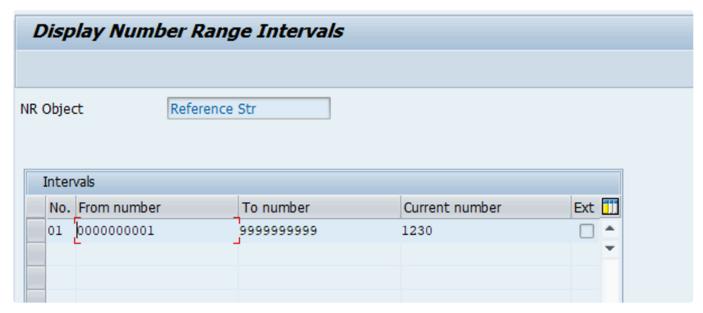


Figure: /BTI/TE_RF number range

4.6. Table: /BTI/TE_INT_SYST

/BTI/TE_INT_SYST is a standard configuration table as part of the Integration Framework.

Field	Explanation
EXTSYS_NO	Integration System Number, this is a unique numerical identifier of the system to integrate with (as it is possible to integrate with multiple systems) An example of this could be: 1 – HPSM 2 – ChaRM
EXTSYS_ID	External System ID
EXTSYS_NAME	Name of External System
RFC_DEST	Not required for HPSM Integration.
DDCINT	Not required for HPSM Integration.
TASKFIELD_LINK	Not required for HPSM Integration.
A FORMFIELD_LINK	Not required for HPSM Integration.
INT_USER	Not required for HPSM Integration.
INT_PASSWORD	Not required for HPSM Integration.
INT_PORT	Not required for ChaRM Integration.



Note that the External System Number can be higher than 1 if you have already setup Integrations between ActiveControl and other 3rd Party tools.

Field	Value
External System Number	01
External System Identification	HPSM
External System Name	HPSM
Port	ZBTI_HPSM

4.7. Table: /BTI/TE_TVARV

/BTI/TE_TVARV is a standard configuration table used for storing various configuration variables and parameters for other functionalities within ActiveControl.

Field	Explanation of Field
Variable Name	This is where the variable/parameter name is stored. The ones used in ChaRM integration are detailed underneath.
Number	Sequential Number (1,2,3 etc.) – used if you have more than one entry for the same Variable name.
INCL / EXCL	Include or Exclude. Will always be INCL for the ChaRM integration.
Option	Typically EQ (Equals)
Selection Value	Values for the Parameter. Some parameters require only one value, others require two.

The following Variables are required to update the business task after the creation of HPSM change request per the original Customer Requirements

- TE_HPSM_CHANGE_CREATION: is to hold custom the field ID of "Change Creation".
- TE_HPSM_CHANGE_CREATION_CODE: is to hold the possible value(code) of field "Change Creation".
- TE_HPSM_CHANGE_NUMBER: is to hold custom field ID of Change number.
- TE_HPSM_CHANGE_PHASE: is to hold the custom field ID of Change phase
- TE_HPSM_URL_PREFIX: is to hold the prefix of the url

Example Customer Configuration

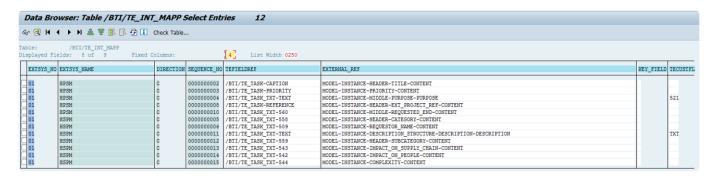


Figure: Customer example of /BTI/TE TVARV configuration

4.8. Table: /BTI/TE_INT_MAPP

• /BTI/TE_INT_MAPP* is a standard configuration table as part of the Integration Framework. It is used in the HPSM integration to define the mapping between ActiveControl ields values and their equivalent in the HPSM system.

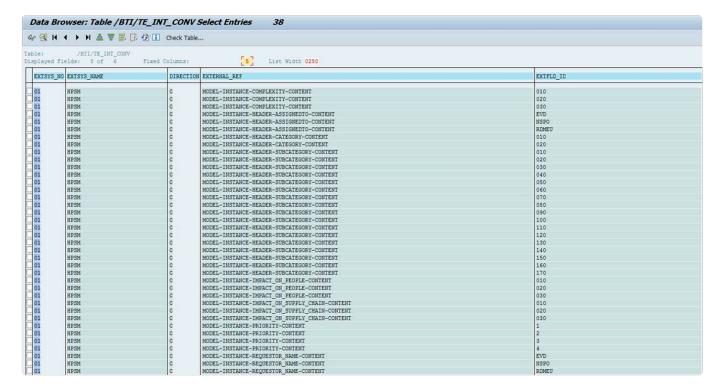
Field	Explanation of Field
EXTSYS_NO	Integration system number [from /BTI/TE_INT_SYST]
EXTSYS_NAME	External System Name [from /BTI/TE_INT_SYST]
DIRECTION	Not required for ChaRM Integration.
SEQUENCE_NO	Numerical sequence of the fields.
TEFIELDREF	This is the source field of the mapping. This table name is required in the field as well. eg. /BTI/TE_TASK-PRIORITY
EXTERNAL_REF	This is the same field as above.
KEY_FIELD	Not required for ChaRM Integration.
TECUSTFLD_REF	Not required for ChaRM Integration.
DEFAULT_VALUE	Not required for ChaRM Integration.



4.9. Table: /BTI/TE_INT_CONV

The integration framework can also take into account value conversions. For instance where a value in ActiveControl could equal one thing maybe its corresponding value in an external system could be different although they both mean the same thing. **BTI/TE_INT_CONV** is used to map the two values together and address these issues; the conversion can happen either way, which means that the fields can contain either ActiveControl or the 3rd Party ITSM value.

Field	Explanation of Field
EXTSYS_NO	Integration system number [from /BTI/TE_INT_SYST]
EXTSYS_NAME	External System Name [from /BTI/TE_INT_SYST]
EXTERNAL_REF	Field Reference
EXTFLD_ID	External System Field ID. This is the External System field value that the conversion needs to take place on.
EXTFLD_VAL	External System Field Value. This is the converted value that needs to be fed into the integrated system (or AC) Groups: GUIDs from /BTI/TE_GROUPS Types: GUIDs from /BTI/TE_TYPE Priority: Low = 1, Normal =2, High = 3, Emergency=4 Project: GUID from /BTI/TE_PROJ





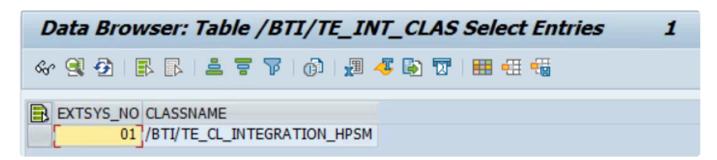
* Userid's EVD, NSPO, ROMEU are configured in above customer example because the requestor field in HPSM must be updated with the Business Task requestor. If the user ids were the same in HPSM as in SAP, then no conversion would be required.

4.10. Table: /BTI/TE_INT_CLAS

This table is used to define Integration(s) and their corresponding Class; the classes are the bulk of the integration processing is done.

The Transport Expresso integration works on the principle of having a class for each external system that we need to integrate with.

Field	Explanation of Field
EXTSYS_NO	Integration System Number [as defined in /BTI/TE_INT_SYST]
CLASSNAME	Integration works on the principle of having a class for each external system that we need to integrate with.



4.11. Table: /BTI/TE_INT_COND

This configuration table is pre-populated, and does not need to be maintained.

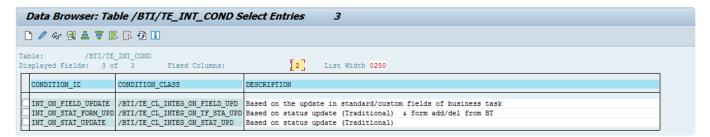
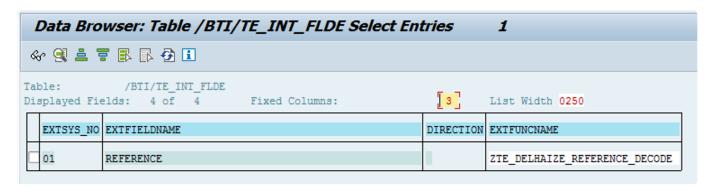


Figure: Out-of-the-box contents of /BTI/TE INT COND table

4.12. Table: /BTI/TE_INT_FLDE

/BTI/TE_INT_FLDE configuration table is to transcode any external ID to the corresponding business task reference.

Field	Explanation of Field
EXTSYS_NO	Integration System Number [as defined in /BTI/TE_INT_SYST]
EXTFIELDNAME	Field that is required to be transcoded
DIRECTION	
EXTFUNCNAME	Function module name to perform transcoding



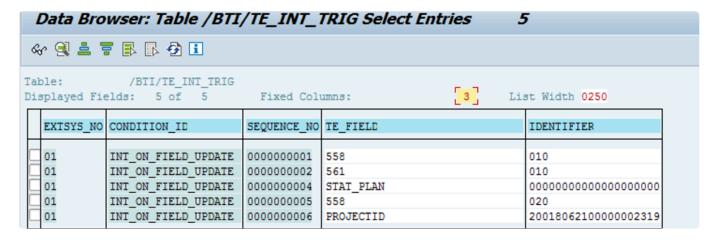
4.13. Table: /BTI/TE_INT_TRIG

/BTI/TE_INT_TRIG table is optional table. It only needs to be configured if the triggering strategy is to be based on the update in standard/custom field of a Business Task.

The condition ID for this strategy is INT_ON_FIELD_UPDATE.

Field	Description
EXTSYS_NO	Integration system number [from /BTI/TE_INT_SYST]
CONDITION_ID	INT_ON_FIELD_UPDATE from table /BTI/TE_INT_COND
SEQUENCE_NO	Sequential number.
TE_FIELD	Possible fields are CAPTION, REFERENCE, GROUPID, TYPEID, TESTERID, PRIORITY, PROJECTID, STAT_DEPL, STAT_PLAN
IDENTIFIER	Corresponding values that are required to trigger the integration.

Example Customer Configuration



Before scheduling /BTI/TE_INTEG_TRIG to run as a regular background job, you should run it once manually with a Last Run Date/Time set for a recent date, to avoid lots of historical tickets being created. After running it once manually, create the variant with those fields empty.

4.14. Program: /BTI/TE_INTEG_TRIGGER

The trigger program /BTI/TE_INTEG_TRIGGER reads the updated the Business Task based on various conditions configured in the aforementioned table /BTI/TE_INT_COND.

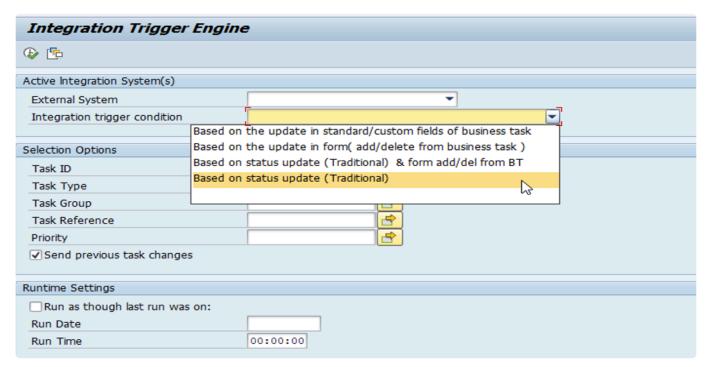


Figure: Trigger program /BTI/TE_INTEG_TRIGGER



It is possible to define any triggering strategies from field "Integration trigger condition". If none selected, the default will be 'Based on status update(Traditional)'.

4.15. Program: /BTI/TE_INTEG_SEND

/BTI/TE_INTEG_SEND program will pick all the new & errored (until it reaches the 'no of retries') transaction record created from the TRIGGER program.

It should be scheduled to run in the ActiveControl Domain Controller as a regular (every 5-10 minutes) background job using TE_BATCH user, with the following criteria set.

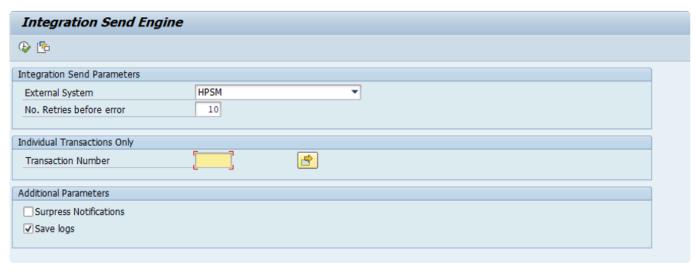


Figure: Send program /BTI/TE_INTEG_SEND.

5. Optional Configuration

User Exit: EXIT_0992

After the Change Request ticket is created in HPSM, one of the Customer Requirements was to update the HPSM change number and change phase in the ActiveControl Business Task.

This was achieved via a <u>customer specific version</u> of the sample user exit /BTI/TE_EXIT_SAMPLE_0992 switched on in table /BTI/TE_EXITC, and some associated configuration in /BTI/TE_TVARV table.

6. Other Information

Domain Controller downtime

If the ActiveControl Domain Controller is unavailable, then no Business Tasks will be getting updated that will require integration.

As a result Domain Controller downtime will have no negative impact on the HPSM system.

HPSM downtime.

If HPSM is down, then the send program will mark the relevant transaction records as a failed one to process later until it reached the maximum number of retries.

As such, during planned/unplanned downtime, it is best to pause the job scheduled for /BTI/ TE_INTEG_SEND until such time as HPSM is back up.