



Managing JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Menus

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Part 1: The ALLOut Family of Modules for E1

We introduce the complete set of tools available as part of the ALLOut Family

Part 2: Menus in Standard EnterpriseOne

We show you how menus work in standard E1 and then show you how you can manage them using the ALLOut set of tools.

Part 3 and Part 4: Menu Management in ALLOut

We show you how you can use the ALLOut toolset to manage menus more effectively.

Part 1: The ALLOut Family of Modules for E1

Oracle continues to invest in EnterpriseOne and the security solutions it provides are improving in each version. However, the new features are not implemented into old versions which means that users of say Xe or 8.10 are marooned with the features they have.

ALLOut is focused on filling the gaps so that, no matter where you are in the E1 version cycle, you can still get the benefits of all the latest features plus more. The strategy is to keep what is right and fix what is wrong.

Standard EnterpriseOne – what's not there

Reporting

- No basic reporting ALLOut Risk Reporting provides full reporting for a user of the 10 security types (Application, Action, Row, Column, Processing Option, Hyper Exit, Tab, Exclusive, Solution Explorer and External Call) showing security that applies for the user and the security from each underlying role.
- No Critical Process reporting ALLOut Risk Reporting provides reports for groups of programs that are involved in critical processes.
- No Segregation of Duties reporting ALLOut Risk Reporting enables you to link the Critical Processes together and create Segregation of Duties rules and reports.

Menu Management

- Setting up and managing menus using the standard Menu Filtering program can be very time consuming. Very often sites find their menus "are in a mess" and undertaking an exercise such as translating menus can take too long. The ALLOut Menu Management module has an excellent set of tools to export, import and manage menus in a grid.
- Managing roles-based menus using the menu filtering tool can be very difficult and error prone. It is very difficult to compare menus between roles and the fact that security settings cause menu lines to "disappear" can cause confusion. The ALLOut SuperGrid addresses these issues by enabling menu filtering and security management through a grid.
- In older tools releases, Menu Filters (Fine Cut) do not merge for a user with multiple role assignments – ALLOut CombiRoles merges Menu Filters so a user sees one menu structure.

Security Management - P00950

- Security file delivered empty ALLOut ProjectPlus provides automatic set-up (see separate white paper)
- No link between menus, security and roles ALLOut SuperGrid provides the link
- Standard program exceptionally clumsy to use ALLOut 950SuperGrid provides security update through a grid.

 Standard program not action code protected – ALLOut 950SuperGrid is fully action code enabled.

Row and Business Unit (Type 4) Security Management

- Row security only at user or role level ALLOut CombiRoles provides multiple role based security management for row security.
- Row security can be slow if you have inadvertently set-up row security so that you have overlapping settings, ALLOut CombiRoles will concatenate the settings and hence improve performance.
- Exclusive to Inclusive ALLOut Conversion Solution enables easy conversion to an inclusive row security model.

Multiple Roles Management - P95921

- Limit of 40 roles per user ALLOut CombiRoles enables "roles within roles"
- No role allocation audit trail ALLOut CombiRoles provides an audit trail
- No alert for Segregation of Duties breach ALLOut CombiRoles will stop a role allocation that will cause a SOD breach requiring specific override action
- Xe and ERP8 does not support multiple security roles for a user –
 ALLOut CombiRoles provides multiple roles (and all of the above
 functionality as well) for Xe & ERP8.

Part 2: Menus in EnterpriseOne

Understanding Menus in E1

The menu structure in standard E1 is based on 2 tables:

- F9000 the Menu table itself
- F9001 the Menu Relationships that displays the sequence the menus lines appear on the menu

What appear to be different menus are, in actual fact, selected lines from the menu table.

This is why a menu is called a "View" or "Task View" – it is simply a selected view of a set of records in the menus table itself.

The views are given a number - for example – you may have a set of Task Views that look like this –

- 101 End User Menus the standard set that, in some versions of E1, come pre-defined in the system.
- 97 Power Users Tasks

In your site you need to make a copy of the standard set and customize it to meet your specific requirements.

Menu Table – F9000

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Menu Table – F9000 One Line for Each Menu Line

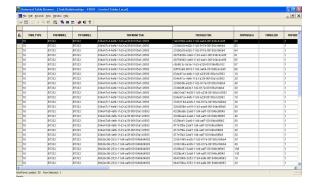
This table simply consists of records that correspond to lines on the menu.

Some important Task Types

- "00" are the main Task View Header Records
- "07" are the folders
- "01" are the programs
- "02" are the UBEs

You can use program P9000 to see and change menu lines.

Task View Table - F9001



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Relationship between Menu Lines so you see a complete Task View Menu

This table consists of relationship records that show a Parent/Child relationship for each menu line.

When this is displayed in a menu you will see a "00" record at the top – this is the main Task View Name.

You will then see type "07" records for each of the folders.

The lines on the menu that link to a program are typically "01" for programs and "02" for UBEs.

Presentation Sequence determines the sequence the lines appear in the menu.

Working With Menus

In the standard E1 Menu Management program you work with both tables at the same time.

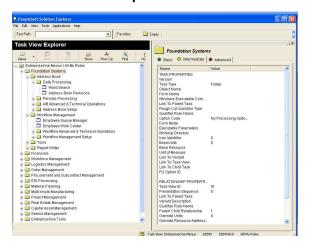
Changing existing menu lines is relatively straight forward – you right click on the line you wish to change and you have a window that enables you to make the change.

Inserting a new line requires you to firstly create the line in the menu and then build the relationship so that it appears in the right place in the Task View.

It helps if you open up the Task Properties window so you can see the relationship numbers.

ALLOut Menu Management in a Grid makes understanding menus and managing them much easier.

Menu with Task Properties Pane



Working with Menus in standard E1

Open the Task Properties pane

Select the Task Properties pane - View/Show/Task Properties and you will see -

Top half – "Task Properties" these are the values from the Menu Table F9000

Bottom half – "Task Relationships" these are the values from the Relationships table F9001

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Best Practice for Menus

Is there a "best practice" for setting up menus and Task Views?

Most sites maintain a single "Master" Task View – and have separate "copies" for different languages.

Also - to enable your users to navigate around the system as easily as possible then you should consider —

- For most day-to-day tasks, make menus as shallow as possible – "one click gets you there" – by minimising or eliminating folders within folders.
- Translating menus to native language.

Both of these are discussed in more detail later.

Understanding Menu Filtering in E1

So –what menu does a user see when they sign onto E1?

Menus are role based.

If a user has one role then they see the menu for the role.

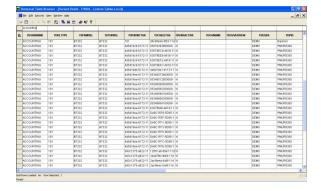
If a user has multiple roles then the menu is accumulated (in Tools Release 8.97 and above – prior to that a user needs to switch roles).

So setting up and managing what appears on the menu for a role is crucial – this is Menu Filtering (or Fine Cut as it used to be called).

Menu Filtering is stored in the F9006 – Menu Filter Table

Menu Filtering is a process of "hiding" (hence the old name of Fine Cut) so that the role does not "see" a line on a menu.

Menu Filter Table - F9006



Menu Filter Table - F9006

This table contains records that show which lines on a menu are hidden from a role.

More specifically it contains records for each role showing the relationships from the F9001 Menu Relationships table that are hidden.

In standard E1 you switch on Menu Filtering and then double click the lines you wish to hide.

You then right click and "Save Role".

Open vs Closed

Why does it affect Menus?

What a user sees on their menus is dependent on their role allocation, menus filtering and application security.

Application security – if a user does not have access to a program then it will not appear on their menu.

Menu Filtering in a closed system – is therefore limited to hiding folders.

Menu Filtering in an open system - requires you to hide both folders and tasks (programs).

Is Menu Filtering needed in a closed system?

In an "Open" security system menu filtering is essential.

In a "Closed" system it is not as important as programs are automatically hidden if a user does not have access to it.

However, it is all about minimising the amount of time a user wastes navigating around the system – "clicks cost money" – and so hiding redundant folders is certainly best practice.

The ALLOut Menu Filtering is a Grid program helps tremendously in applying detailed menu filters.

Putting it all together - Applying Roles to Users

Roles and users are held in the F0092 table.

Role to user relationships are held in the F95921 table

Applying multiple roles to users is a relatively straight forward process.

A user is assigned multiple roles and when they sign-on they see a merged menu structure (Tools release 8.97 and higher) and merged security.

For menus this works well.

For security, particularly for larger sites, it doesn't. This is a subject of a different ALLOut White Paper – and of a different ALLOut Product – CombiRoles.

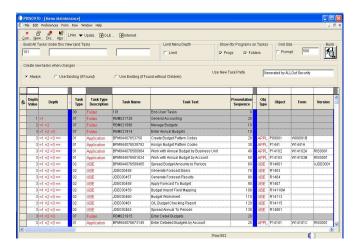
In fact, multiple roles for users deliver significant benefits. The fact that so few sites actually take advantage of them is unfortunate.

ALLOut modules for menus, security and conflict management enables you to make effective use of multiple roles.

The menu management products are described in this following section.

These are the Programs:

- Menu Management in a Grid
- Menu Export
- Menu Import
- Fine Cut in a Grid



Menu Management in a Grid

ALLOut Menu Management in a Grid is similar to the standard E1 program in that it –

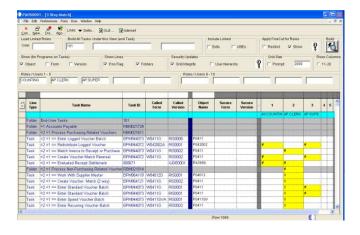
- Is Task View based
- You see both menu data and menu relationships in the same grid

But because you are working in a grid format rather than a "drag and drop" format it is much easier to control the process.

Inserting, changing and deleting menu lines is very simple.

Similarly, changing the sequence that the lines appear on the menu is much easier, particularly if you have a "folders within folders" structure.

And, as there is a QBE line, you can filter the grid to just display the folders or folder depth.



Fine Cut Management in a Grid

ALLOut 3-Way-SuperGrid enables you to see multiple roles, menus and security in a grid.

You can see the fine cut and you can change the fine cut.

And you can also see the application and action security in the form of "A's", "C's" & "D's" in the grid.

Perfect for comparing roles and for splitting roles.

Menu Export is a UBE

You select the Task View you are interested in exporting and the program generates a download of your menu into Excel format.

Menu Import from Excel into a Grid

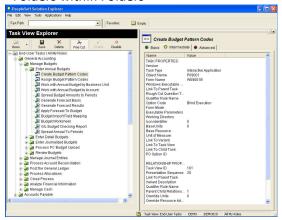
A simple grid that allows you to import your menu tree and update your menu table and menu relationships table automatically.

Part 4: Menu Projects

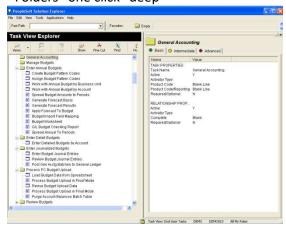
Ideas for project to improve your menus

- Menu Restructuring
- Roles Menus and Menu Filtering
- Translating Menus
- Converting OneWorld menus to Solution Explorer

Folders within Folders



Folders "one click" deep



Project - Menu Re-structuring

- Menu "Tidy-up"
- Create shallow Menus

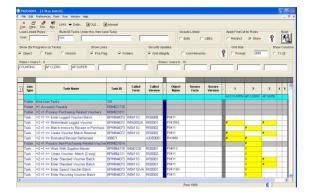
Re-structuring menus is a major exercise in standard E1. It is difficult to get complete visibility of the menu tree and making changes is very clumsy.

Here is a simple procedure you can follow to restructure your menus so they are only one folder deep.

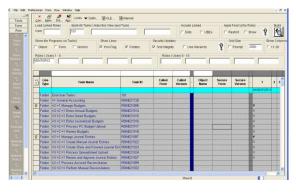
You can incorporate menu changes as part of this project.

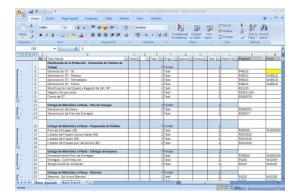
- Export your menu tree to Excel using ALLOut Project+ Menu Export
- In Excel
 - 1. Delete data from redundant columns
 - 2. Change each folder (Task Type 7) to have a depth of 1
 - 3. Change each Task (Task Types 1 and 2) to have a depth of 2
 - 4. (For menu re-structuring projects now make any changes to your menus to meet your new requirements)
- Import your menu tree back into Excel using ALLOut Project+ Menu Import
- Review and fine tune using ALLOut Project+ Menu Management in a Grid

Time taken to complete project – 1 hour + time to change menus.



SuperGrid in a Closed system - manage folders





Menu Filtering in a Grid – Open Security System

ALLOut SuperGrid - this product is primarily designed to enable you to see roles menus and security all in one grid.

It works equally well in both an open and a closed environment (see sidebar).

Load the SuperGrid with the roles you wish to compare.

Load the menus and menu filters.

See the menu filters (in yellow) and change as necessary.

You can filter out individual tasks.

Or you can filter out the entire folder. If you hide the folder then all folders or tasks underneath it are also hidden.

Make your changes and update.

There is an option to export to Excel.

Menu Filtering in a Grid – Closed Security System

As above but you are usually not interested in Task level filtering as Application Security hides programs on menus.

Take the option to hide the tasks.

Display the menu and menu filtering and make changes as required.

Project - Translating Menus

Having a menu tree in a user's native language is a tremendous help in speeding up daily tasks and eliminating mistakes.

Here is a simple procedure you can follow to translate your menus.

- Create a standard "Master Menu"
- Export your menu tree to Excel using ALLOut Project+ Menu Export
- In Excel
 - 1. Create a blank column alongside the column that needs to be translated.
 - 2. Have a bi-lingual Application Lead do the translation
 - 3. Delete the original language column
- Import your menu tree back into Excel using ALLOut Project+ Menu Import

Time taken to complete project -1 hour - plus time to do the translation

Project - Converting OneWorld Menus to Solution Explorer

Old OneWorld Explorer Menus - Xe sites typically have a set of menus that have been customised to meet the requirements of different parts of the business.

A user is then allocated one of the menus in their profile.

Solution Explorer and Multiple Roles - Best practice with Solution Explorer is to have <u>one menu tree</u> (Task View) and then use Menu Filtering so that each role sees a subset of the menu.

Users are allocated to multiple roles and the user sees a merged menu tree based on their role allocation.

Project

Thus the starting point is <u>multiple</u> standard menus and each user having one menu.

And the end point is

- A single menu tree (this sub-project)
- Role based menu filtering
- Multiple roles allocated to a user

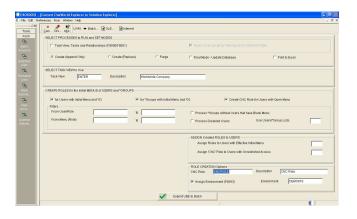
So when the user signs on they are presented with one consolidated menu tree.

Standard E1

There is a standard E1 UBE that will translate the old OneWorld Menus into Solution Explorer – R9000C.

This program will populate the F9000 menu table generating folders and tasks from the OneWorld Explorer menu tree. It will also sequence the records in the F9001 table so that you see the menu structure as it was displayed in the old menus.

However, it will not create Roles or Role based Fine Cut.



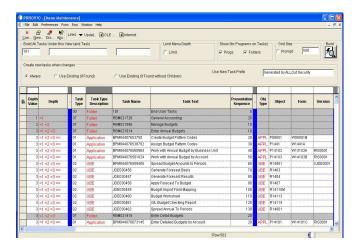
ALLOut Conversion from OneWorld Menus to Solution Explorer

The ALLOut UBE to convert OneWorld Menus works for all versions of JDE – Xe and upwards.

It has an intuitive front end that enables a knowledgeable Security Officer or CNC person to step through the processing options so you can achieve your objectives.

The end result is (depending on options taken) –

- A single menu tree (F9000 & F9001 Tables)
- Roles with role based Task Views
- Fine Cut for roles (F9006 Table)
- User to role assignments



Menu Management in a Grid

Once the conversion has taken place you can use the "Menu Management in a Grid" program to fine tune the Task Views.

SuperGrid

You can also use the 3WaySuperGrid to fine tune Menu Filtering (and security).

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