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# Preface

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This manual explains how to extend the Selling and Fulfillment Foundation database and API templates to enhance the functionality of the application.

## Intended Audience

This manual is intended for use by those who are responsible for customizing Selling and Fulfillment Foundation.

## Structure

This document contains the following chapters:

### **Chapter 1, "Checklist for Customization Projects"**

This chapter describes a checklist of the tasks you need to perform to customize the different components of Selling and Fulfillment Foundation.

### **Chapter 2, "Guidelines for Extending Databases"**

This chapter describes the guidelines in extending the Selling and Fulfillment Foundation database tables .

### **Chapter 3, "Extending Database Tables"**

This chapter explains how to add columns, indices, searches and other elements to a database table.

### **Chapter 4, "Extending the Data Types Files"**

This chapter describes how to customize the data type files.

### **Chapter 5, "Generating Audit References for Entities"**

This chapter describes how to generate audit references for entities and how to extend the same.

### **Chapter 6, "Extending API Templates"**

This chapter describes how to customize the API templates and entities.

## **Selling and Fulfillment Foundation Documentation**

For more information about Selling and Fulfillment Foundation components, see the following manuals:

- *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Release Notes*
- *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Installation Guide*
- *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Upgrade Guide*
- *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Configuration Deployment Tool Guide*
- *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Performance Management Guide*
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- *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Extending the Database Guide*
- *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Extending Transactions Guide*
- *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Using Sterling RCP Extensibility Tool Guide*
- *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Integration Guide*
- *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Product Concepts Guide*
- *Sterling Warehouse Management™ System: Concepts Guide*
- *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Application Platform Configuration Guide*
- *Sterling Distributed Order Management™: Configuration Guide*
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- *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Business Intelligence Guide*
- *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Javadocs*
- *Sterling Selling and Fulfillment Suite™: Glossary*

- *Parcel Carrier: Adapter Guide*
- *Visual Modeler™: Application Guide*
- *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Multitenant Enterprise Guide*
- *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Password Policy Management Guide*
- *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Properties Guide*
- *Catalog Management: Concepts Guide*
- *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Pricing Concepts Guide*
- *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Setting Up Quotes*
- *Sterling Sensitive Data Capture Server, Release 1.0: Configuration Guide*
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- *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Secure Deployment Guide*
- *Business Center: Item Administration Guide*
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## Conventions

In this manual, Windows refers to all supported Windows operating systems.

The following conventions may be used in this manual:

Convention	Meaning
. . .	Ellipsis represents information that has been omitted.
< >	Angle brackets indicate user-supplied input.
mono-spaced text	Mono-spaced text indicates a file name, directory path, attribute name, or an inline code example or command.



Convention	Meaning
/ or \	Slashes and backslashes are file separators for Windows, UNIX, and Linux operating systems. The file separator for the Windows operating system is "\" and the file separator for UNIX and Linux systems is "/". The UNIX convention is used unless otherwise mentioned.
<INSTALL_DIR>	User-supplied location of the Selling and Fulfillment Foundation installation directory. This is only applicable for Release 8.0 and later.
<INSTALL_DIR_OLD>	User-supplied location of the Selling and Fulfillment Foundation installation directory (for Release 8.0 and later). <b>Note:</b> This is applicable only for users upgrading from Release 8.0 and later.
<SSDCS_DIR>	User-supplied location of the Sterling Sensitive Data Capture Server installation directory. This is applicable for Selling and Fulfillment Foundation, Release 9.0 and later.
<YANTRA_HOME>	User-supplied location of the Sterling Supply Chain Applications installation directory. This is only applicable for Releases 7.7, 7.9, and 7.11.
<YANTRA_HOME_OLD>	User-supplied location of the Sterling Supply Chain Applications installation directory (for Releases 7.7, 7.9, or 7.11). <b>Note:</b> This is applicable only for users upgrading from Releases 7.7, 7.9, or 7.11.
<YFS_HOME>	For Releases 7.3, 7.5, and 7.5 SP1, this is the user-supplied location of the Sterling Supply Chain Applications installation directory. For Releases 7.7, 7.9, and 7.11, this is the user-supplied location of the <YANTRA_HOME>/Runtime directory. For Release 8.0 and later, the <YANTRA_HOME>/Runtime directory is no longer used and has been substituted with the location <INSTALL_DIR>.
<YFS_HOME_OLD>	This is the <YANTRA_HOME>/Runtime directory for Releases 7.7, 7.9, or 7.11. <b>Note:</b> This is only applicable for users upgrading from Releases 7.7, 7.9, or 7.11.

Convention	Meaning
<ANALYTICS_HOME>	User-supplied location of the Sterling Analytics installation directory. <b>Note:</b> This convention is used only in the <i>Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Business Intelligence Guide</i> .
<COGNOS_HOME>	User-supplied location of the IBM Cognos 8 Business Intelligence installation directory. <b>Note:</b> This convention is used only in the <i>Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Business Intelligence Guide</i> .
<MQ_JAVA_INSTALL_PATH>	User-supplied location of the IBM WebSphere® MQ Java components installation directory. <b>Note:</b> This convention is used only in the <i>Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: System Management and Administration Guide</i> .
<DB>	Refers to Oracle®, IBM DB2®, or Microsoft SQL Server® depending on the database server.
<DB_TYPE>	Depending on the database used, considers the value oracle, db2, or sqlserver.

**Note:** The Selling and Fulfillment Foundation documentation set uses the following conventions in the context of the product name:

- Yantra is used for Release 7.7 and earlier.
- Sterling Supply Chain Applications is used for Releases 7.9 and 7.11.
- Sterling Multi-Channel Fulfillment Solution is used for Releases 8.0 and 8.2.
- Selling and Fulfillment Foundation is used for Releases 8.5 and 9.0.

# Checklist for Customization Projects

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This chapter provides a high-level checklist for the tasks involved in customizing or extending Selling and Fulfillment Foundation.

## 1.1 Customization Projects

Projects to customize or extend Selling and Fulfillment Foundation vary with the type of changes that are needed. However, most projects involve an interconnected series of changes that are best carried out in a particular order. The checklist identifies the most common order of customization tasks and indicates which guide in the documentation set provides details about each stage.

1. Prepare your development environment

Set up a development environment that mirrors your production environment, including whether you deploy Selling and Fulfillment Foundation on a Oracle WebLogic, IBM WebSphere, or JBoss application server. Doing so ensures that you can test your extensions in a real-time environment.

You install and deploy Selling and Fulfillment Foundation in your development environment following the same steps that you used to install and deploy Selling and Fulfillment Foundation in your production environment. Refer to Selling and Fulfillment Foundation system requirements and installation documentation for details.

An option is to customize Selling and Fulfillment Foundation with Microsoft COM+. Using COM+ provides you with advantages such as increased security, better performance, increased manageability of server applications, and support for clients of mixed environments. If

this is your choice, see the *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Customization Basics Guide* about additional installation instructions.

### 2. Plan your customizations

Are you adding a new menu entry, customizing the Sign In screen and logo, creating new themes, customizing views and wizards, or adding new screens? Each type of customization varies in scope and complexity. For background, see the *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Customization Basics Guide*, which summarizes the types of changes that you can make.

Important guidelines about file names, keywords, and other conventions are found in the *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Customization Basics Guide*.

### 3. Extend the Database

For many customization projects, the first task is to extend the database so that it supports the other UI or API changes that you make later. For instructions, see the *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Extending the Database Guide* which includes information about the following topics:

- Important guidelines about what you can and cannot change in the database.
- Information about modifying APIs. If you modify database tables so that any APIs are impacted, you must extend the templates of those APIs or you cannot store or retrieve data from the database. This step is required if table modifications impact an API.
- How to generate audit references so that you improve record management by tracking records at the entity level. This step is optional.

### 4. Make other changes to APIs

Selling and Fulfillment Foundation can call or invoke standard APIs or custom APIs. For background about APIs and the services architecture in Selling and Fulfillment Foundation, including service types, behavior, and security, see the *Selling and Fulfillment*

*Foundation: Customizing APIs Guide.* This guide includes information about the following types of changes:

- How to invoke standard APIs for displaying data in the UI and how to save the changes made to the UI in the database.
- Invoke customized APIs for executing your custom logic in the extended service definitions and pipeline configurations.
- APIs use input and output XML to store and retrieve data from the database. If you don't extend these API input and output XML files, you may not get the results you want in the UI when your business logic is executing.
- Every API input and output XML file has a DTD and XSD associated to it. Whenever you modify input and output XML, you must generate the corresponding DTD and XSD to ensure data integrity. If you don't generate the DTD and XSD for extended Application XMLs, you may get inconsistent data.

## 5. Customize the UI

Sterling Commerce applications support several UI frameworks. Depending on your application and the customizations you want to make, you may work in only one or in several of these frameworks. Each framework has its own process for customizing components like menu items, logos, themes, and etc. Depending on the framework you want, consult one of the following guides:

- *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Customizing Console JSP Interface for End User Guide*
- *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Customizing the Swing Interface Guide*
- *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Customizing User Interfaces for Mobile Devices Guide*
- *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Customizing the Rich Client Platform Interface Guide* and *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Using the Sterling Rich Client Platform Extensibility Tool Guide*
- *Customizing the Web UI Framework Guide*

## 6. Extend Transactions

You can extend the standard Selling and Fulfillment Foundation to enhance the functionality of your implementation of Selling and Fulfillment

Foundation and to integrate with external systems. For background about transaction types, security, dynamic variables, and extending the Condition Builder, see the *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Extending Transactions Guide* and *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Extending the Condition Builder Guide*. These guides include information about the following types of changes:

- How to extend Selling and Fulfillment Foundation Condition Builder to define complex and dynamic conditions for executing your custom business logic and using a static set of attributes.
- How to define variables to dynamically configure properties belonging to actions, agents, and services configurations.
- How to set up transactional data security for controlling who has access to what data, how much they can see, and what they can do with it.
- How to create custom time-triggered transactions. You can invoke and schedule these custom time-triggered transactions in much the same manner as you invoke and schedule Selling and Fulfillment Foundation standard time-triggered transactions. Finally, you can coordinate your custom, time-triggered transactions with external transactions and run them either by raising an event, calling a user exit, or invoking a custom API or service.

### 7. Build and deploy your customizations or extensions

After performing the customizations that you want, you must build and deploy your customizations or extensions. First, build and deploy these customizations or extensions in the test environment for verification. When you are ready, repeat the same process to build and deploy your customizations and extensions in the production environment. For instructions, see the *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Customization Basics Guide* which includes information about the following topics:

- How to build and deploy standard resources, database, and other extensions (such as templates, user exits, java interfaces).
- How to build and deploy Enterprise-Level extensions.

# Guidelines for Extending Databases

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**Note:** Modifying sequences is not supported. Editing the `sequences.xml` file in the entity repository will have no effect. Furthermore, Sterling Commerce recommends against modifying sequences via the database tools. Under most circumstances it will not be necessary and will have adverse effects.

## 2.1 About Extending the Database

Certain aspects of the Selling and Fulfillment Foundation database cannot be modified. If you try to make these modifications, your data is not harmed, but your attempted changes are not incorporated into the Selling and Fulfillment Foundation database. Selling and Fulfillment Foundation does not permit modification of the following:

- Existing columns of tables
- Primary keys of tables
- Unique keys of tables
- Views

When planning extensions to the database, consider the implications of your changes and how they may impact other areas.

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**Important:** If you modify a table and your deployment uses Sterling Analytics, the view associated with the table must also be modified.

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If you choose to extend your database, you may want to set up a SQLProxy tool, which can help you analyze database response times for queries, improve your capacity planning, and maximize efficient usage of your database servers.

### 2.1.1 Setting Up the SQLProxy Tool

SQLProxy captures SQL statements going through a JDBC driver to the database and generates JDBC traces. SQLProxy captures all SQL statements, regardless of the type of databases being used. Another tool, the SQL Proxy Analyzer, produces a report based on the SQLProxy trace records.

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**Important:** Use these tools only when directed to do so by Sterling Commerce Customer Support.

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To set up the SQLProxy tools, you must add properties to the `customer_overrides.properties` file prior to starting the application server or noapp server. These will override settings for these properties in `jdbc.properties`.

In Selling and Fulfillment Foundation Release 9.0, the SQLProxy properties that existed in earlier releases in the `yfs.properties` file (such as `yfs.enable.proxy.sql.logging`, `yfs.enable.source.logging`, and `yfs.proxy.log.dir`) are deprecated. Whether you are using a third-party application server (IBM WebSphere, JBoss, or Oracle WebLogic) or the noapp server, you must configure the tool by adding the JDBC properties to the `customer_overrides.properties` file, as follows:

1. In the `<INSTALL_DIR>/properties` directory, locate the `customer_overrides.properties` file, or create it, if one does not exist.



2. Set the following properties in `customer_overrides.properties`:

- `jdbcService.proxyLoggingEnabled=Y`  
This setting determines whether logging is needed.
- `jdbcService.ProxySourceLogging=Y`  
This setting provides additional caller information.
- `jdbcService.proxyLogDir=<INSTALL_DIR>/logs/sqlproxylogs`  
This setting identifies where trace files will be generated.

### 2.1.1.1 Starting and Using the SQLProxy Tool

Logs are generated for all database operations when the log level is set to `TIMER` or higher. To begin tracing, execute the API or agent after setting the log level. The trace files are generated in the location specified in the `proxyLogDir` property. The following details are included in the files:

- `*.log` file gives component name, start and end times, operation execution times (individual and cumulative), operation name, SQL statement, and java class name.
- `*.tail` file helps in understanding the long-running queries (used mostly in performance testing).

### 2.1.1.2 Stopping the SQLProxy Tool

To stop logging, remove the `TIMER` trace. To completely disable the proxy, set the `enabled` property to `N`. See the *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: System Management and Administration Guide* for information about stopping a component trace.

### 2.1.1.3 SQL Proxy Analyzer

You can export the contents of a file to a `.csv` file and open it in `XSL`. There is also a support tool called the `SQLProxy Analyzer` that analyzes and summarizes the `JDBC` trace records. This tool is available as part of `MTCP` in `Eclipse`.

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**Note:** Use these tools only when directed to do so by Sterling Commerce Customer Support.

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The SQLProxy Analyzer is a tool used to analyze the data in the SQLProxy logs. The Analyzer has the following capabilities:

- Processes multiple log files in a directory or in a single log file.
- Produces a summary of the unit of work (UOW) for each log file (representing a data connection). There might be multiple UOWs in a connection.
- Calculates the number of executions and total cost of the SQL.
- Offers Response Time Buckets, which are useful if you have many SQL instances and a high average SQL time. The Response Time Bucket will show you which bucket the SQL response time falls into.
- Provides execution plans that are automatically generated by the Analyzer. You can specify any Oracle database; it does not necessarily have to be the one from which the SQL was captured. This enables you to point the Analyzer to a very large database that has up-to-date Oracle statistics.
- For each unit of work, the Analyzer provides:
  - A summary of all the SQLs that are grouped together to derive a small summary from a large file.
  - The LOCK HOLDING time, which enables you to see if the system obtains locks that could impact other workloads.
  - Oracle EXPLAIN plans, which assist you in assessing whether certain queries could potentially become slower as the database grows larger.

### 2.1.2 Entity Relationship Diagrams

To learn more about the Selling and Fulfillment Foundation database, see the entity relationship diagrams (ERDs) using the `<INSTALL_DIR>/xapidocs/erd/html/erd.html` file. These ERDs provide the following information:

- Indicate which tables can be extended by adding columns.
- Indicate which tables can have hang-off relationship.
- Relationships between tables (to help you understand the relationship between logical entities such as orders, shipments, and payments).

- Indices details. Each table is indexed by a primary key. Most tables also have a unique index that is constituted of the columns that make the logical unique key. In addition, some tables have alternate indices to support queries.
- Views that indicate how several tables interact.

### 2.1.3 Entity Database XML Files

The standard tables that are shipped with Selling and Fulfillment Foundation are defined in a set of entity XML files, also known as *database definition* XML files. Each entity XML file may contain several table definitions. To learn more about these tables, see the files in the `<INSTALL_DIR>/repository/entity` directory. Within these entity XML files, an entity represents a table and an attribute represents a column.

The following sections describe the general guidelines to follow when adding columns, indices and foreign key elements.

## 2.2 Guidelines for Adding Columns to a Standard Table

When extending the columns of standard tables, keep the following considerations in mind:

- You can only add columns to tables as specified in the ERDs.
- You cannot remove or modify any columns.
- You can add columns either before or after the installation of Selling and Fulfillment Foundation.
- For all columns added to a Selling and Fulfillment Foundation table, you must provide a default value that is relevant to the database framework.
- You cannot use nullable columns for the following fields:
  - Primary Key Attributes
  - Entity Relationships

Hence, in the entity XML, `Nullable="true"` is allowed for all columns except the ones noted above.

- You cannot add columns with a data type of `Long`.

- When using components of Selling and Fulfillment Foundation (such as events and user exits) that read in a map or publish a map (such as the `GetOrderNoUE` user exit), extended fields in the maps are prefixed with `Extn_`.

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**Note:** In Oracle database, data type CLOB is generated instead of LONG for new installations. However, for upgrades, existing LONG columns will remain unchanged.

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## 2.3 Guidelines for Adding Support for Data Compression for Columns

You can enable data compression for new and existing columns of Standard, Custom, or Hang-off tables. The data compression allows a reduction in size for tables when being implemented.

- For newly added columns, you can enable data compression by adding both `CompressionSupported="true"` and `UseCompression="true"` in the entity XML.
- For existing columns in a standard table, you can enable data compression by overriding the value of the `UseCompression` attribute.

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**Note:** you may only enable data compression for existing columns that have the `CompressionSupported` attribute set to `True`.

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When adding support for data compression to the columns of standard tables, keep the following considerations in mind:

- Data Compression should only be used for columns containing a large amount of text data that is typically not queried directly, such as audit records, error stack traces, and XML template data. The nature of these records can consume a significant amount of space within the database.
- Columns using `CompressionSupported="true"` do not support query operations from list APIs. This can be overridden by setting the `QueryAllowed` attribute to `True` in the entity XML.

- By default, columns using `CompressionSupported="true"` cannot be used as part of an index or unique constraint. This can be overridden by setting the `AllowCompressedColumns` attribute to `True` on the index element in the entity XML.
- Primary Key columns cannot be marked as compressible columns.
- Data compression should be enabled only if the maximum size of the column is  $\geq 500$  bytes. Any column marked for data compression with less than 500 bytes results in warnings.
- By default, the data compression is done using the GZip algorithm. You can override this default data compression logic by setting the `yfs.db.compression.class=<class name>` property in the `customer_overrides.properties` file. In the `<class name>`, specify the name of your custom class which contains the data compression logic. For additional information about overriding properties using the `customer_overrides.properties` file, see the *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Properties Guide*.

### 2.3.1 Data Compression Logic

The data for compressible columns is compressed using the GZip algorithm. You can override this default data compression logic and provide your custom compression logic by implementing the `SCICustomDataCompressor` interface.

You must enter the name of the custom class that implements the `SCICustomDataCompressor` interface in the `yfs.db.compression.class=<class name>` property in the `customer_overrides.properties` file. For additional information about overriding properties using the `customer_overrides.properties` file, see the *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Properties Guide*.

## 2.4 Guidelines for Adding Non-Unique Indices to a Standard Table

When adding non-unique indices, use a naming convention that differs from the Selling and Fulfillment Foundation convention, which is `<tablename>_i<1+n>`. Using your own naming convention prevents your indices from accidentally being dropped during upgrades. The following considerations are also recommended:

- Adding a prefix that doesn't start with Y.
- Prefix your non-unique indices with `EXTN_` for easier identification.
- Unique indices are not allowed for tables.
- Column names for indices must be valid.
- Index names should not exceed 18 characters.

## 2.5 Guidelines for Adding Foreign Key Elements to a Standard Table

Currently foreign key relationships in extended columns of tables are restricted to only the `YFS_PERSON_INFO` table. When exposing foreign key elements, the following validations are performed:

- The parent table name must be `YFS_PERSON_INFO`.
- The parent column name must be a primary key of the `YFS_PERSON_INFO` table.

## 2.6 Guidelines for Adding Text Search Index Elements to a Standard Table

When adding text search index elements to standard tables, keep the following considerations in mind:

- You can add the text search element only to non-transactional tables.
- The searches performed for the text search indices are case insensitive.
- You can define more than one text search indices per entity.
- You cannot define multiple columns on a text index.
- Sterling Commerce supports `CTXCAT` and `CONTEXT` text search index types on Oracle.
- Sterling Commerce recommends that you define both the extended entity and the text search index in the same extension XML file.

## 2.7 Coding Guidelines To Avoid Deadlocks

Deadlock refers to a specific condition in a database, when two processes are waiting for the other process to release a resource. For example when one client application holds a lock on a table and attempts to obtain the lock on a second table that is held by another client application, this may lead to a deadlock if the other application attempts to obtain the lock that is held by the first application.

To circumvent the deadlock problem, Sterling Commerce recommends that you need to sort the information to be accessed in a certain order before grabbing locks. This is applicable to situations where you need to grab multiple inventory item locks within a single transaction boundary. However, you do not need to sort if you call the APIs to process single items per transaction commit.

### Reading Uncommitted data in DB2 Database

In DB2, when you select a record from a table, a read lock is obtained on the record. If the record being selected has been updated but not committed, the thread waits until it commits the changes. Alternatively you could read the record with Uncommitted Read (UR) in which case the latest value that has been updated is provided to the user.

You can read uncommitted data from any list API by enabling the `ReadUncommitted` attribute to `Y` in its input XML. To achieve this, you must customize the individual JSP and pass the `ReadUncommitted` attribute as a hidden attribute. For example:

```
<input type="hidden" name="xml:/Order/@ReadUnCommitted" value="Y"/>
```

As a result the locking scenario is circumvented in DB2 database. Locking is the default in DB2.

It is not mandatory to pass this flag. However, if you set this flag to `Y`, the system is forced to read uncommitted data. For example, a transaction, `T1`, updates Table `TAB-1` but the transaction's data is not committed. If the `ReadUncommitted` flag is set to `Y`, other transactions can read the uncommitted data in Table `TAB-1`.

Before setting this flag, evaluate concurrent transactions to determine whether a situation exists in which a deadlock is occurring. If no such situation occurs, the flag should remain at its default setting.

This behavior is different from Oracle, hence if you are writing custom code on DB2 you should understand this behavior to avoid lock escalations.



## Extending Database Tables

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### 3.1 Adding a Column to a Standard Table

You add columns to tables by modifying the entity database extension XML files and then rebuilding the Selling and Fulfillment Foundation database and JAR files. After Selling and Fulfillment Foundation has been rebuilt, the APIs recognize these added columns and use them when storing and retrieving data.

#### To add a column to a standard table:

1. Copy the `<INSTALL_DIR>/repository/entity/extensions/Extensions.xml.sample` file as `<INSTALL_DIR>/extensions/global/entities/<your_filename>.xml` file OR modify your existing extension XML file.
2. Edit the `<your_filename>.xml` file to add a new entity tag as shown in [Example 3-1](#) for each table you want to extend. If the tag already exists, use the existing one. For a description of the XML attributes, see [Table 3-1](#) on page 3-16.

**Example 3–1 Sample XML for Extending Columns**

```

<!-- element exposed to create a column -->
<DBSchema>
  <Entities>
    <Entity TableName="REQUIRED">
      <Attributes>
        <Attribute ColumnName="REQUIRED" DataType="" DecimalDigits=""
          CompressionSupported="false" UseCompression="false"
          QueryAllowed="false" DefaultValue="" Description="" Nullable="false"
          Size="1" Type="REQUIRED" XMLName="" XMLGroup="" SqlServerDataType=""
        />
      </Attributes>
    </Entity>
  </Entities>
</DBSchema>

```

**Table 3–1 Attributes in the XML <Attributes> Tag**

Attribute	Description
ColumnName	Required. Name of the column added to this table. The ColumnName must start with EXTN_.
DataType	Optional. Valid values are available in the <INSTALL_DIR>/repository/datatypes/datatypes.xml file.
DecimalDigits	Optional. Number of digits of precision required after the decimal. Needed only for numeric fields.
CompressionSupported	<p>Optional. Attribute used to indicate whether or not the data compression is supported for this column. Valid values are True or False. If True compression support is enabled.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> If the data inserted into a column has both CompressionSupported and UseCompression attributes set to True, then this attribute should not be set back to False. Doing so would result in all compressed data being retrieved without any decompression.</p>
UseCompression	<p>Optional. Attribute used to compress data for this column. Valid values are True or False. If True data is compressed.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The value of this attribute should be set to True only if the CompressionSupported attribute is set to True.</p>

**Table 3–1** *Attributes in the XML <Attributes> Tag*

Attribute	Description
QueryAllowed	<p>Optional. Attribute used to enable a compressible column to be used for queries in a List API. Valid values are True or False. If True the column can be used for queries in the List APIs.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> If the value of the CompressionSupported attribute is set to true then the value of this attribute should also be set to True.</p>
DefaultValue	Required. Used as is for the defaults clause in your database.
Description	Optional. Description of column usage.
Nullable	Optional. Attribute used to describe the nullable value of a field. Default is false. Nullable=true is allowed for all columns except Primary Key Attributes and Entity Relationships.
Size	Size of the database column.
Type	<p>Required. Data type of the database column. This attribute also determines the type of attribute in the Java classes that are generated and the format of the attribute in the XML. The valid types are CHAR, VARCHAR2, NUMBER, DATE, and TIMESTAMP.</p> <p>If you are using Microsoft SQL Server® and want to specify a data type as TEXT in the database, you also need to use the <a href="#">SqlServerDataType</a> attribute and specify the attribute value as TEXT.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> If DATE is specified, only the calendar date is stored. If TIMESTAMP is specified, the calendar date and time are stored.</p>
XMLName	<p>XML name of the attribute, if it is different from the name of the attribute.</p> <p>Choose a name that does not conflict with the base extension. It is recommended that you use Extn as a prefix. It is also strongly recommended that you use the same convention for arriving at the XMLName as the Selling and Fulfillment Foundation base product does: Make each letter following the underscore in the column name upper case, and the rest lower case. Then, remove the underscores. Thus, Extn_Item_Id should be: ExtnItemId.</p>

**Table 3–1** *Attributes in the XML <Attributes> Tag*

Attribute	Description
XMLGroup	<p>If present, indicates the child tag in which the attribute is present. If the attribute is not present in the XML, use the NOT_SHOWN string.</p> <p>The XMLGroup must be Extn. Thus, the data for the extended columns is in a separate element in the API XML output.</p>
VirtualDefaultValue	Optional. This attribute is applicable to Null Columns. When a null is returned from the database, it is stored in memory as the virtual default value.
SqlServerDataType	<p>Optional. Pertains only to Microsoft SQL Server databases. If you see a warning about the row size being too long, specify one or more of your larger columns as "TEXT".</p> <p>Columns of type TEXT are not included in the maximum row size calculation for a table.</p>
ForceUpperCase	<p>Optional. If a "case insensitive" search is required for a text column, this field should be set to "True".</p> <p>If set to "True", the system converts the data entered in this field to uppercase.</p>

3. Create a new `Attribute` tag for each column you want to add to the table.
4. Use the database verification tool `dbverify` for generating scripts to add the columns to your database.

**Note:** On Microsoft SQL Server, the total length of all extended columns should not exceed 900 bytes. If Microsoft SQL Server throws a warning that the row size exceeds the maximum length, change the data type of one or more of your columns to TEXT and then specify TEXT for the `SqlServerDataType` attribute as described in [Table 3–1](#).

5. Extend the corresponding API templates by following the steps described in [Section 6.1, "About Extending API Templates"](#).
6. Build and Deploy your extensions.

A special case of extending columns for adding unique tag identifiers or descriptors is explained in [Section 3.4, "Adding Unique Tag Identifiers and Descriptors to a Standard Table"](#).

### 3.1.1 Features Requiring Multiple Extensions When Adding a Column to a Standard Table

In addition to extending standard tables, you can extend the following features using the specified guidelines:

- **Classification Inheritance**—If you are adding columns to extend attributes in the YFS\_ITEM table and you want to make these attributes available for classification inheritance, a duplicate entity tag must be added to your XML for the YFS\_CLASS\_ITEM\_ATTR table. Additionally, `Nullable` should be set to "true" and `DefaultValue` should not be passed for these attributes. For more information on defining item attributes at the classification level, refer to the *Catalog Management: Configuration Guide*.
- **Item Entitlements**—If you are adding columns to extend attributes in the YFS\_CUSTOMER table and you want to make these attributes available for entitlement rule assignment, a duplicate entity tag must be added to your XML for the YFS\_ENTITLE\_RULE\_ASSIGNMENT table. Additionally, `Nullable` should be set to "true" and `DefaultValue` should not be passed for these attributes. For more information on entitlement rule assignment, refer to the *Business Center: Item Administration Guide*.
- **Pricelist Assignments**—If you are adding columns to extend attributes in the YFS\_CUSTOMER table and you want to make these attributes available for pricelist assignment, a duplicate entity tag must be added to your XML for the YFS\_PRICELIST\_ASSIGNMENT table. Additionally, `Nullable` should be set to "true" and `DefaultValue` should not be passed for these attributes. For more information on pricelist assignment, refer to the *Business Center: Pricing Administration Guide*.
- **Pricing Rule Assignments**—If you are adding columns to extend attributes in the YFS\_CUSTOMER table and you want to make these attributes available for pricing rule assignment, a duplicate entity tag must be added to your XML for the YFS\_PRICING\_RULE\_ASSIGNMENT table. Additionally, `Nullable` should be set to "true" and `DefaultValue` should not be passed for these attributes. For

more information on pricing rule assignment, refer to the *Business Center: Pricing Administration Guide*.

### 3.2 Increasing the Size of a Standard Column

You can increase the size of the table columns by extending the yfsdatatype XML file and rebuilding the Selling and Fulfillment Foundation database and JAR files. After Selling and Fulfillment Foundation is rebuilt, the APIs recognize these resized columns and use them when storing and retrieving data. This can only be done for columns of datatype VARCHAR2, and the size of the columns can only be increased, not decreased.

**To increase the size of a standard column in a Selling and Fulfillment Foundation table:**

1. Create a new <INSTALL\_DIR>/extensions/global/etc/datatypes.xml file, if it does not already exist.  
  
If the /global/etc/ directory structure does not exist, create the required directory structure.
2. Copy the existing column definition from the <INSTALL\_DIR>/repository/datatypes/datatypes.xml file to the newly created <INSTALL\_DIR>/extensions/global/etc/datatypes.xml file and then apply the required changes.
3. Extend the datatype by increasing the size attribute to the desired size as shown in [Example 3–2](#). Only the desired changes need to be listed in this file. Do not mention datatypes that do not need to be changed.

**Example 3–2 Sample Datatype for Increasing Column Size**

```
<DataTypes>
  <DataType Name="TagNumber" Size="140"/>
</DataTypes>
```

4. Manually alter the columns in the database. You can also use the database verification tool dbverify for generating scripts to add columns to your database.

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**Note:** On Microsoft SQL Server, the total length of all extended columns should not exceed 900 bytes. If the Microsoft SQL Server throws a warning that the row size exceeds the maximum length, change the datatype of one or more of your columns to TEXT. Specify TEXT for the SqlServerDataType attribute as described in [Table 3–1](#).

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5. Build and deploy your database extensions as described in the *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Customization Basics Guide*

## 3.3 Extending a Catalog Search

You can extend a catalog search to provide broader search capabilities by updating information in the catalog search index file. To update the index file, modify the corresponding extended XML configuration file. The following components of catalog search are extensible:

- Search system configurations
- Locales and the corresponding analyzer
- Query parser
- Attributes
- Asset types

To extend a catalog search:

1. Copy the `<INSTALL_DIR>/repository/xapi/template/merged/resource/extn/ExtnCatalogSearchConfigProperties.xml` sample file as `<INSTALL_DIR>/extensions/global/template/resource/extn/ExtnCatalogSearchConfigProperties.xml` file OR modify your existing extension XML file. [Example 3–3](#) shows a sample `ExtnCatalogSearchConfigProperties.xml` file.

### ***Example 3–3 Sample XML for ExtnCatalogSearchConfigProperties.xml***

```
<SearchConfigurations>
  <SearchSystemConfigurations>
    <MergeFactor Value="2"/>
    <MaxMergeDocs Value="2147483647"/>
  </SearchSystemConfigurations>
  <IndexSets>
    <IndexSet Name="CatalogIndex">
      <Locales>
        <Locale LocaleCode="en_US"
          SynonymFile="/properties/EnglishSynonym.properties"/>
        <Locale LocaleCode="fr_FR"
          QueryParserClass="package.FrenchQueryParser.class"
          AnalyzerClass="package.FrenchAnalyzer.class"
          SynonymFile="/properties/FrenchSynonym.properties" />
      </Locales>
    <Entities>
      <Entity Name="Item">
        <Attributes>
```



```

        <Attribute XMLName="MyExtendedDescription" DefaultWeight="1.0"
        Index="ANALYZED" Store="Y" UseSynonyms="N" Searchable="Y"
        Sortable="N"/>
        <Attribute IndexFieldName="CustomerItemDescription"
        DefaultWeight="1.0" Index="ANALYZED" Store="Y" UseSynonyms="N"
        Searchable="Y" Sortable="N" GetExternalValue="Y"/>
    </Attributes>
    <Entity Name="CategoryItem" RelationshipName="Category_ItemList">
        <Entity Name="Category" RelationshipName="Category">
            <Attributes>
                <Attribute XMLName="MyCategoryExtendedDescription"
                DefaultWeight="1.0" Index="ANALYZED" Store="Y" UseSynonyms="N"
                Searchable="Y" Sortable="N"/>
            </Attributes>
        </Entity>
    </Entity>
    <Entity Name="Asset" RelationshipName="AssetList">
        <Attributes>
            <Attribute Type="MyManual" DefaultWeight="1.0" Index="ANALYZED"
            Store="N" UseSynonyms="N" Searchable="Y" Sortable="N"/>
        </Attributes>
    </Entity>
</Entities>
</IndexSet>
</IndexSets>
</SearchConfigurations>

```

2. To modify system configuration information for the index file, modify the elements in the `SearchSystemConfigurations` section of `ExtnCatalogSearchConfigProperties.xml`. [Table 3–2](#) describes the `SearchSystemConfiguration` elements in `ExtnCatalogSearchConfigProperties.xml`.

**Table 3–2 SearchSystemConfiguration Elements in ExtnCatalogSearchConfigProperties.xml**

Element	Description
MergeFactor Value	Specifies the number of documents that the Apache Lucene open source search engine stores in memory before writing them to disk as a single segment. For more information about setting this value, see: <a href="http://lucene.apache.org">http://lucene.apache.org</a>
MaxMergeDocs Value	Specifies the number of documents that can be contained in one segment. For more information about setting this value, see: <a href="http://lucene.apache.org">http://lucene.apache.org</a>

3. To add or modify locale information for the index file, add or modify the elements in the `Locales` section of `ExtnCatalogSearchConfigProperties.xml`. [Example 3–3](#) shows a sample `ExtnCatalogSearchConfigProperties.xml` file in which a synonym file has been added to the US-English locale, and a French locale has also been added. [Table 3–3](#) describes the `Locale` elements in `ExtnCatalogSearchConfigProperties.xml`.

**Table 3–3 Locale Elements in ExtnCatalogSearchConfigProperties.xml**

Element	Description
LocaleCode	Specifies the locale code for the index file. If you are adding a locale, ensure that you specify a corresponding analyzer. US-English is the default locale.
QueryParserClass	Specifies the path to the query parser. Selling and Fulfillment Foundation provides the Lucene query parser by default.

**Table 3–3** *Locale Elements in ExtnCatalogSearchConfigProperties.xml*

Element	Description
AnalyzerClass	Specifies the path to the analyzer. Selling and Fulfillment Foundation provides corresponding analyzers for the default locale.
SynonymFile	Specifies the path to the synonym file for the corresponding locale. Use the synonym file to configure related terms for keyword searches. For more information about configuring synonyms, see the <i>Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Localization Guide</i> .

4. To add item information for the index file, add the attributes in the Item section of `ExtnCatalogSearchConfigProperties.xml`. [Example 3–3](#) shows a sample `ExtnCatalogSearchConfigProperties.xml` file in which the `MyExtendedDescription` attribute and the `CustomerItemDescription` attribute have been added. [Table 3–4](#) describes Item attribute elements in `ExtnCatalogSearchConfigProperties.xml`.

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**Note:** You can add attributes to the extended XML configuration file for the catalog search index, but you cannot modify attributes nor add entities. See `<INSTALL_DIR>/repository/xapi/template/merged/resource/CatalogSearchConfigProperties.xml` for a list of attributes that are supported by default.

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5. To add catalog information pertaining to the index file, add the attributes in the Category section of `ExtnCatalogSearchConfigProperties.xml`. [Example 3–3](#) shows a sample `ExtnCatalogSearchConfigProperties.xml` file in which the `MyCategoryExtendedDescription` Category attribute has been added. [Table 3–4](#) describes the Category attribute elements in `ExtnCatalogSearchConfigProperties.xml`.
6. To add asset information for the index file, add attributes in the Asset section of `ExtnCatalogSearchConfigProperties.xml`. [Example 3–3](#) shows a sample `ExtnCatalogSearchConfigProperties.xml` file in which the asset with the asset type `MyManual` added. [Table 3–4](#)

describes Asset attribute elements in  
ExtnCataloSearchConfigProperties.xml.

**Note:** Selling and Fulfillment Foundation calls the YCMParseAssetUE user exit to parse the content of the asset for the corresponding asset type.

**Table 3–4 Item, Category, and Asset Attribute Elements in ExtnCataloSearchConfigProperties.xml**

Element	Description
XMLName	For item and category attributes, specifies the XML attribute name for the field.
IndexFieldName	Specifies the field name of the attribute as stored in the index. Values for IndexFieldName must be unique throughout the configuration file. If IndexFieldName is not configured in the xml configuration file, the system derives a value for it based on the formula, <Entity Name>.<XMLName>.
Type	For asset attributes, specifies the asset type in the database.
Default Weight	Specifies the weight given to the term. The default value is 1.
Index	Specifies one of the following options for storing field values:  Analyzed - stores the value as searchable segments. For example, if a user searches for Desktop Computers and the index parameter for the field is analyzed, the search results include items with the terms Desktop Computer, Desktop, and Computer.  Non_analyzed - stores the value as it appears in the database, requiring an exact match to return the value. In the previous example, if the search for Desktop Computers was performed on a non_analyzed field, the search would return only items with the term Desktop Computer.

**Table 3–4 Item, Category, and Asset Attribute Elements in *ExtnCatalogSearchConfigProperties.xml***

Element	Description
Store	<p>Specifies one of the following options for storing field values:</p> <p>Y - stores the value of the attribute in the index so that it may be returned as search output. If <code>GetExternalValue</code> is set to Y, Store is treated as Y.</p> <p>N - does not store the value and only keeps data in the index for the attribute that is in a proprietary format and used only during the search.</p>
UseSynonyms	<p>Specifies one of the following options for including synonyms in the search:</p> <p>Y - indicates that search queries include synonyms.</p> <p>N - indicates that search queries do not include synonyms.</p>
Searchable	<p>Specifies one of the following search options for the field:</p> <p>Y - indicates that the field is included as possible search criteria when creating a search query.</p> <p>N - indicates that the field is not included as possible search criteria when creating a search query.</p> <p>For example, the Searchable parameter for the <code>Is_Superseded</code> field in the default XML file is set to N and the Store parameter is set to Y. Users cannot search on the <code>Is_Superseded</code> field in a query. However, queries of superseded items that are obsolete return the superseding items.</p>
Sortable	<p>Specifies one of the following sort options for the field:</p> <p>Y - indicates that search results are sorted by this field.</p> <p>N - indicates that search results are not sorted by this item.</p>
GetExternalValue	<p>For the Item entity, specifies one of the following options for the field:</p> <p>Y - indicates that the value for this attribute is obtained from an external source through a user exit.</p> <p>N - indicates that the user exit is not called.</p>

## 3.4 Adding Unique Tag Identifiers and Descriptors to a Standard Table

The Selling and Fulfillment Foundation default tag identifiers are Batch Number, Revision Number, and Lot Number. You may have a need to extend the Selling and Fulfillment Foundation Database to define unique tag identifiers or descriptors.

Sterling Commerce recommends that the data type of any unique tag identifiers or descriptors that you add be CHAR or VARCHAR.

**Note:** Whenever you extend the tag attributes you must also extend the console because the templates for the APIs do not contain these extended tag attributes.

For example, if you work in the metal industry, you may want to use a custom tag identifier named Steel which has both Mill and Grade attributes. Since these are not supplied by default in Selling and Fulfillment Foundation, you must extend the set of tables listed below to include the Steel tag identifier column in each table.

### 3.4.1 Extending Tables When Adding Unique Tag Identifiers

You must extend each of the following tables whenever you add unique tag identifiers to the Selling and Fulfillment Foundation database:

- YFS\_COUNT\_RESULT\_TAG
- YFS\_COUNT\_TAG
- YFS\_INVENTORY\_AUDIT
- YFS\_INVENTORY\_TAG
- YFS\_ITEM\_TAG - The data type to be used for this table is CHAR(2).
- YFS\_MOVE\_REQUEST\_LINE\_TAG
- YFS\_ORDER\_KIT\_LINE\_SCHEDULE
- YFS\_ORDER\_KIT\_LINE\_SCHEDULE\_H
- YFS\_ORDER\_LINE\_REQ\_TAG

- YFS\_ORDER\_LINE\_REQ\_TAG\_H
- YFS\_ORDER\_LINE\_SCHEDULE
- YFS\_ORDER\_LINE\_SCHEDULE\_H
- YFS\_ORDER\_LINE\_RESERVATION
- YFS\_RECEIPT\_LINE
- YFS\_RECEIPT\_LINE\_H
- YFS\_SHIPMENT\_LINE\_REQ\_TAG
- YFS\_SHIPMENT\_LINE\_REQ\_TAG\_H
- YFS\_SHIPMENT\_TAG\_SERIAL
- YFS\_SHIPMENT\_TAG\_SERIAL\_H
- YFS\_WORK\_ORDER\_COMP\_TAG
- YFS\_WORK\_ORDER\_COMP\_TAG\_H
- YFS\_WORK\_ORDER\_TAG
- YFS\_WORK\_ORDER\_TAG\_H

### 3.4.2 Extending Tables When Adding Unique Tag Descriptors

You must extend each of the following tables whenever you add unique tag descriptors to the Selling and Fulfillment Foundation database:

- YFS\_COUNT\_RESULT\_TAG
- YFS\_COUNT\_TAG
- YFS\_INVENTORY\_TAG
- YFS\_ITEM\_TAG The data type to be used for this table is CHAR(2).
- YFS\_ORDER\_LINE\_REQ\_TAG
- YFS\_ORDER\_LINE\_REQ\_TAG\_H
- YFS\_RECEIPT\_LINE
- YFS\_RECEIPT\_LINE\_H
- YFS\_SHIPMENT\_LINE\_REQ\_TAG

- YFS\_SHIPMENT\_LINE\_REQ\_TAG\_H
- YFS\_SHIPMENT\_TAG\_SERIAL
- YFS\_SHIPMENT\_TAG\_SERIAL\_H
- YFS\_WORK\_ORDER\_COMP\_TAG
- YFS\_WORK\_ORDER\_TAG
- YFS\_WORK\_ORDER\_TAG\_H

### 3.5 Adding Non-Unique Indices to a Standard Table

You can add non-unique indices to entities. You add indices to a standard Selling and Fulfillment Foundation table, by adding an `Index` element in the extension XML for that table.

#### To add non-unique indices to a standard table:

1. Copy the `<INSTALL_DIR>/installed_data/repository/entity/extensions/Extensions.xml.sample` file as `<INSTALL_DIR>/extensions/global/entities/<your_filename>.xml` file OR modify your existing extension XML file.
2. Edit the `<your_filename>.xml` file to add non-unique indices as shown in [Example 3–4](#) for each table you want to extend. For a description of the XML attributes, see [Table 3–5](#) on page 3-31.

#### *Example 3–4 Sample XML for Adding Non-Unique Indices*

```
<!-- element exposed to create index -->
<DBSchema>
<Entities>
  <Entity TableName="REQUIRED">
    .
    .
    <Indices>
      <Index Name="REQUIRED" AllowCompressedColumns="false">
        <Column Name="REQUIRED" />
        .
        .
      </Index>
    .
  </Entity>
</Entities>
```



```

        .
    </Indices>
    .
    </Entity>
</Entities>
</DBSchema>

```

**Table 3–5 Creating Non-Unique Indices on a Selling and Fulfillment Foundation Table**

Attribute	Description
Entity	
TableName	Required. Name of the table for which the indices are added, For example: YFS_ITEM.
Entity/Index	
Name	Required. The name of the custom index. Name should start with a prefix EXTN_
AllowCompressedColumns	Optional. If True, the index is allowed to contain columns marked with CompressionSupported attribute set to True.
Entity/Index/Column	
Name	Required. The name of the column for which the index is added. Create a new <Column Name/> for each column for which the index is added.

3. Create a new `Index` tag for each index you want to add to the column.
4. Extend the corresponding API templates to include the non-unique indices by following the instructions in [Chapter 6, "Extending API Templates"](#).
5. Build and Deploy your extensions.

## 3.6 Adding Foreign Key Elements to a Standard Table

A foreign key relationship is a relationship between an extended column in any Selling and Fulfillment Foundation table and the YFS\_PERSON\_INFO

table. You can create foreign key elements to establish relationship between an extended column and the YFS\_PERSON\_INFO table.

**Note:** Currently, the YFS\_PERSON\_INFO is the only table which supports a relationship with foreign key extensions within the Selling and Fulfillment Foundation database.

### To add foreign key elements to a standard table:

1. Copy the <INSTALL\_DIR>/repository/entity/extensions/Extensions.xml.sample file as <INSTALL\_DIR>/extensions/global/entities/<your\_filename>.xml file OR modify your existing extension XML file.
2. Edit the <your\_filename>.xml file to add foreign key elements as shown in [Example 3–5](#) for each table you want to extend. For a description of the XML attributes, see [Table 3–6](#) on page 3-33.

#### *Example 3–5 Sample XML for Adding Foreign Key Elements*

```
<!-- element exposed to create foreign key relationship -->
<DBSchema>
  <Entities>
    <Entity TableName="REQUIRED">
      .
      .
      <!-- element exposed to create relationship with PERSON_INFO table -->
      <ForeignKeys>
        <ForeignKey ParentTableName="YFS_PERSON_INFO"
          XMLName="YFSName1" >
          <Attribute ColumnName="REQUIRED"
            ParentColumnName="PERSON_INFO_KEY" />
        </ForeignKey>
        <ForeignKey ParentTableName="YFS_PERSON_INFO"
          XMLName="YFSName2" >
          <Attribute ColumnName="REQUIRED"
            ParentColumnName="PERSON_INFO_KEY" />
        </ForeignKey>
        .
        .
      </ForeignKeys>
      .
    </Entity>
```

```
</Entities>
</DBSchema>
```

**Table 3–6** *Creating ForeignKey elements on YFS\_PERSON\_INFO table*

Attribute	Description
Entity	
TableName	Required. Name of the table for which the foreign key elements are added; For example: YFS_ITEM.
Entity/ForeignKeys/ForeignKey	
ParentTableName	The name of the parent table for this foreign key element.  <b>Note:</b> This value must be YFS_PERSON_INFO which is the only table that currently supports foreign key relationships.
XMLName	You can specify the XML representation of the element name. It must start with the prefix of the parent entity. For example, if ParentTableName is prefixed with YFS then the XMLName must start with YFS.  By default the parent table name is assumed.
Entity/ForeignKeys/ForeignKey/Attribute	
ColumnName	Specifies the extended column name of the Entity.
ParentColumnName	The column name of the YFS_PERSON_INFO that has a foreign key element relationship.

3. Create a new `ForeignKey` tag for each foreign key relationship you want to add.
4. Multiple foreign key elements can be related to the same parent table.
5. Extend the corresponding API templates to include the foreign key elements by following the instructions in [Chapter 6, "Extending API Templates"](#).
6. Build and Deploy your extensions.

## 3.7 Adding Text Search Indices to a Standard Table

You can add text search indices to entities. You add text search indices to a standard Selling and Fulfillment Foundation table, by adding a `TSIndex` element in the extension XML for that table.

### To add text search indices to a standard table:

1. Copy the `<INSTALL_DIR>/repository/entity/extensions/Extensions.xml.sample` file as `<INSTALL_DIR>/extensions/global/entities/<your_filename>.xml` file OR modify your existing extension XML file.
2. Edit the `<your_filename>.xml` file to add text search indices as shown in [Example 3–6](#) for each table you want to extend. For a description of the XML attributes, see [Table 3–7](#) on page 3-31.

### *Example 3–6 Sample XML for Adding Text Search Indices*

```
<!-- element exposed to create index -->
<DBSchema>
  <Entities>
    <Entity TableName="REQUIRED">
      .
      .
      <TSIndices>
        <TSIndex Name="REQUIRED" >
          <Column Name="USERNAME" />
        </TSIndex>
        .
        .
      </TSIndices>
      .
      .
    </Entity>
  </Entities>
</DBSchema>
```

**Table 3–7 Creating Text Search Indices on a Selling and Fulfillment Foundation Table**

Attribute	Description
Entity	
TableName	Required. Name of the table for which the text search indices are added. For example: YFS_USER.
Entity/TSIndex	
Name	Required. The name of the text search index. For example: YFS_TS_USER_Name. <b>Note:</b> This value cannot exceed 18 characters.
Entity/TSIndex/Column	
Name	Required. The name of the column for which the text search index is added. You cannot define multiple columns on a text index.

3. Create a new TSIndex tag for each text search index you want to add to the column.
4. Build and Deploy your extensions.

## 3.8 Enabling Case Insensitive Searches

You can make search operations in the application case insensitive by enabling case insensitive search for the required entity/column. This is achieved by adding the attribute `CaseInsensitiveSearch` in the required entity XML file.

To enable case insensitivity:

1. Edit the required Entity XML to include the `CaseInsensitiveSearch=Y` attribute.

Include the shadow column attribute `ShadowColumnName` in the Entity XML and specify a name for the shadow column. If this is left blank, the system auto generates one. However, you must specify a shadow column name if you are indexing the shadow column.

See [Section 3.8.1, "Modifying an Entity XML"](#) for more information.

A shadow column is then generated, which is linked to the original column that is marked as case insensitive.

2. If the agent is being run in a production environment, specify the configuration mode for the entity or column in the `CaseInsensitiveSearch.Mode` property in the `customer_overrides.properties` file. Set the value of the `CaseInsensitiveSearch.Mode` property to `MIXED` or `DISABLED`. For additional information about overriding properties using the `customer_overrides.properties` file, see the *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Properties Guide*.

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**Note:** By default, case insensitivity is enabled.

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3. Disable the cache for the entity for which you want to run the Case Insensitive Data Loader agent. For additional information about disabling cache, see the *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: System Management and Administration Guide*.

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**Note:** Sterling Commerce recommends that along with disabling the cache, you turn off the audits for that particular entity as well. For additional information about turning off audits, see the *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Extending the Database Guide*

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4. Run the Case Insensitive Data Loader agent to populate data in shadow columns. For additional information about Case Insensitive Data Loader agent, see the "Time-Triggered Transaction Reference" appendix in *Sterling Distributed Order Management: Configuration Guide*.

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**Note:** If you skipped Step 2, skip this step, as well.

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Set the value of the `CaseInsensitiveSearch.Mode` property to `ENABLED` in the `customer_overrides.properties` file. For additional information about overriding properties using the `customer_`

`overrides.properties` file, see the *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Properties Guide*.

6.

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**Note:** If you disabled audits in Step 3, enable audits now.

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Enable the cache for the entity or column for which the Case Insensitive Data Loader agent was run in [Step 3](#). For additional information about disabling cache, see the *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: System Management and Administration Guide*.

The following APIs support case insensitive searches for system defined columns:

- `getOrderList`
- `getItemListForOrdering`
- `getExceptionListForOrder`
- `getCustomerList`

For custom columns that have been extended, the case insensitive search works if the normal search works on those columns.

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**Note:** This feature is applicable only for searches that use the application generated XAPIs. Searches using custom queries will not be case insensitive.

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**Note:** Case insensitive search can be enabled only for text data type (Char/Varchar columns).

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### 3.8.1 Modifying an Entity XML

1. Edit the required Entity XML to include the attribute `CaseInsensitiveSearch` under the `<Attributes>` tag, for required columns as shown below.

### Example 3–7

```
<Entity Description="This table stores all the exceptions raised by the system."
  EntityType="TRANSACTION" Extensible="Y" Module="ycp"
  Name="Inbox" Prefix="YFS_" TableName="YFS_INBOX" XMLName="Inbox">
  <Attributes>
    .....

    <Attribute ColumnName="EXCEPTION_TYPE"
      DataType="Text-40" DefaultValue="' ' ' "
      Description="The type of exception."
      Name="Exception_Type" Nullable="false" XMLName="ExceptionType"
      CaseInsensitiveSearch ="Y" ShadowColumnName="ExceptionType_LC"/>
    .....
  <Indices>
    <Index Name="EXCEPTION_TYPE_I1">
      <Column Name="ExceptionType_LC"/>
    </Index>
  </Indices>
```

2. Include the `ShadowColumnName` attribute and specify a name for the shadow column, as shown in Example 2-5.

## 3.9 Creating Custom and Hang-off Tables

With the Selling and Fulfillment Foundation Database Framework you can also extend the Selling and Fulfillment Foundation database by creating custom or hang-off tables.

A **custom table** is an independent table and cannot be modeled as an extension to a standard Selling and Fulfillment Foundation table.

A **hang-off** table is a table with a many-to-one relationship with a standard Selling and Fulfillment Foundation table.

Creating a custom or hang-off entity enables you to:

- Create a relationship between a Selling and Fulfillment Foundation standard table and a hang-off table.
- Invoke Extensible APIs that store and retrieve data from hang-off tables.
- Invoke `dbverify` for generating appropriate SQL scripts to create or alter tables for custom or hang-off entities.
- Audit item and organization tables.



The ability to purge data from hang-off tables is discussed in [Section 3.9.3](#). Keep in mind the following which apply to the creation of custom or hang-off tables:

- You can only determine if an entity is enabled for hang-off by referencing the associated Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD) located in the <INSTALL\_DIR>/xapidocs/ERD directory.
- Based on the `Extensions.xml` file, Selling and Fulfillment Foundation does not create a foreign key constraint in the `EFrame_TableChanges.sql`, but the foreign key relationship is enforced in Selling and Fulfillment Foundation.
- Currently only order, order line, work order, shipment, item, and organization tables are marked as hang-off enabled.
- Custom and hang-off table names must not start with a `y`.
- The "Extn" part is trimmed off from the XML name of the custom and hang-off tables.
- Primary key name must not start with a `y`.
- Primary key can be of numeric data type.
- Entity names must start with the prefix provided in the entity definition.
- The YIFApi interface does not extend APIs for custom/hang-off tables. Therefore, the APIs for these tables must be configured as services.
- Javadocs are not created for the APIs created by the infrastructure to support custom and hang-off tables.
- XSD generation and validation is not done for custom or hang-off tables.
- Every custom or hang-off entity must have a primary key.

**Table 3–8 Required Column for Custom or Hang-off Tables**

Column Name	Data Type	Default Value
Key-Column	Key OR Any numeric data type	' ' (space)

- (Optional) A custom or hang-off entity can have the following columns described in [Table 3–9](#):

**Table 3–9 Optional Columns for Custom or Hang-off Tables**

Column Name	Data Type	Default Value
CREATETS	TimeStamp	sysdate
MODIFYTS	TimeStamp	sysdate
CREATEUSERID	UserId	' ' (space)
MODIFYUSERID	UserId	' ' (space)
CREATEPROGID	ProgramID	' ' (space)
MODIFYPROGID	ProgramID	' ' (space)
LOCKID	Lockid	0 (zero)

### 3.9.1 Steps to Create a Custom Table

1. Copy the <INSTALL\_DIR>/repository/entity/extensions/Extensions.xml.sample file as <INSTALL\_DIR>/extensions/global/entities/<your\_filename>.xml file OR modify your existing extension XML file. For example, assume that ABC\_CUSTOMER\_ORDER\_LINE is a custom table.
2. Edit the <your\_filename>.xml file to create custom tables as shown in [Example 3–8](#). For a description of the XML attributes, see [Table 3–10](#) on page 3-42.

#### **Example 3–8 Sample XML for Creating Custom Tables**

```

<DBSchema>
  <Entities>
    <Entity ApiNeeded="Y/N" AuditRequired="Y" Description=""
      HasHistory="True/False" Prefix="ABC"
      TableName="ABC_CUSTOMER_ORDER_LINE" >
      <!-- table columns -->
      <Attributes>
        <Attribute ColumnName="CREATETS" DataType="TimeStamp"
          DefaultValue="sysdate" Description="Create TimeStamp" />
        <Attribute ColumnName="MODIFYTS" DataType="TimeStamp"
          DefaultValue="sysdate" Description="Modify TimeStamp" />
        <Attribute ColumnName="CREATEUSERID" DataType="UserId"
          DefaultValue="&apos; &apos;" Description="Creating User ID" />
        <Attribute ColumnName="MODIFYUSERID" DataType="UserId"
          DefaultValue="&apos; &apos;" Description="Modifying User ID" />
        <Attribute ColumnName="CREATEPROGID" DataType="ProgramID"

```

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        DefaultValue="&apos; &apos;" Description="Creating Program ID" />
        <Attribute ColumnName="MODIFYPROGID" DataType="ProgramID"
        DefaultValue="&apos; &apos;" Description="Modifying Program ID" />
        <Attribute ColumnName="LOCKID" DataType="Lockid" DefaultValue="0"
        Description="Lock ID" />
        <Attribute ColumnName="TABLE_KEY" DataType="Key" DefaultValue=" "
        Description=" " Nullable="True/False" XMLName="TableKey" />
        .
        .
    </Attributes>
    <!-- PrimaryKey is a mandatory attribute in entity definition. This
    element can have ONLY ONE attribute element -->
    <PrimaryKey Name="TABLE_NAME_PK">
        <Attribute ColumnName="TABLE_KEY" />
    </PrimaryKey>
    <!-- Indices -->
    <Indices>
        <Index Name="INDEX_I1" Unique="True/False">
            <Column Name="Attribute2" />
            .
            .
        </Index>
        .
    </Indices>
    <!-- Relationship -->
    <Parent ParentTableName="YFS_ORDER_LINE" XMLName="YFSOrderLine" >
        <Attribute ColumnName="CUSTOM_ORDER_KEY" ParentColumnName="ORDER_
        LINE_KEY" />
        .
    </Parent>
    <!-- ForeignKeys -->
    <ForeignKeys>
        <ForeignKey ParentTableName="PARENT_ORDER_LINE"
        XMLName="PARENTName1" >
            <Attribute ColumnName="CUSTOM_ORDER_KEY" ParentColumnName="PARENT_
            COLUMN_KEY" />
            .
            .
        </ForeignKey>
        .
    </ForeignKeys>
    <!-- AuditReferences -->

```

```
<AuditReferences>
  <Reference ColumnName="TABLE_KEY" />
  .
  .
</AuditReferences>
</Entity>
</Entities>
</DBSchema>
```

3. The following table explains the attributes in the entity XML:

Table 3–10 Entity XML Definitions for Custom Tables

Attribute	Description
Entity	
ApiNeeded	<p>Indicate whether or not APIs should be generated. Valid values are Y or N. A default set of API's are generated if Y is passed.</p> <p>For example in the ABC_CUSTOMER_ORDER_LINE tables, Selling and Fulfillment Foundation creates the following APIs when the database extension jar file is generated:</p> <pre>getABCCustomerOrderLine() getABCCustomerOrderLineList() createABCCustomerOrderLine() changeABCCustomerOrderLine() deleteABCCustomerOrderLine()</pre> <p>These APIs can be accessed as services using the Service Definition Framework. For more information see, <a href="#">Section 6.4, "Configuring Services for Custom and Hang-off APIs"</a>.</p>
AuditRequired	<p>If set to Y audit record for this entity are created. Generating audit for entities is described in <a href="#">Chapter 5, "Generating Audit References for Entities"</a>.</p>

**Table 3–10 Entity XML Definitions for Custom Tables**

Attribute	Description
HasHistory	<p>This flag indicates whether the custom table can have a history table associated with it.</p> <p>The default value is "False".</p> <p>If the flag is set to "True", the appropriate scripts for generating database scripts for creating and altering the history table is generated by dbverify.</p> <p>For a custom table, the HasHistory flag must be set to "True" for generating history tables. However, if a Parent relationship is defined in the entity XML, this flag is copied from the parent table definition, and all child entities cannot override this flag.</p>
Prefix	The prefix added to your custom tables. It is recommended that you do not use a prefix starting with "Y".
TableName	The name given to your custom table.
Entity/Attributes/Attribute	
ColumnName	The names of the column that comprise the table.
DataType	The data type of the column. Valid data types are given in <INSTALL_DIR>/repository/datatypes/datatypes.xml file.
CompressionSupported	<p>Optional. Attribute used to indicate whether or not the data compression is supported for this column. Valid values are True or False. If True compression support is enabled.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> If the data inserted into a column has both CompressionSupported and UseCompression attributes set to True, then this attribute should not be set back to False. Doing so would result in all compressed data being retrieved without any decompression.</p>
UseCompression	<p>Optional. Attribute used to compress data for this column. Valid values are True or False. If True data is compressed.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The value of this attribute should be set to True only if the CompressionSupported attribute is set to True.</p>

**Table 3–10 Entity XML Definitions for Custom Tables**

Attribute	Description
QueryAllowed	Optional. Attribute used to enable a compressible column to be used for queries in a List API. Valid values are True or False. If True the column can be used for queries in the List APIs.  <b>Note:</b> If the value of the CompressionSupported attribute is set to true then the value of this attribute should also be set to True.
DefaultValue	Default value for the column.
Description	A description of the columns that could be used in javadocs or ERD.
Nullable	Optional. Attribute used to describe the nullable value of a field. Default is false. Nullable=true is allowed for all columns except Primary Key Attributes and Entity Relationships.
XMLName	Optional. XML name of the attribute, if it is different from the name of the attribute.  Choose a name that does not conflict with the base extension. It is recommended that you use Extn as a prefix. It is also strongly recommended that you use the same convention for arriving at the XMLName as the Selling and Fulfillment Foundation base product does: Make each letter following the underscore in the column name upper case, and the rest lower case. Then, remove the underscores. Thus, Extn_Item_Id should be: ExtnItemId.
Entity/PrimaryKey	
Name	Name of the unique index created for the primary key. This value cannot exceed 18 characters.  <b>Note:</b> The name of the primary key in the extension XML should end with _PK.
ColumnName	The name of the table column that is identified as the primary key.
Entity/Indices/Index	
Name	The index name. This value cannot exceed 18 characters.

**Table 3–10 Entity XML Definitions for Custom Tables**

Attribute	Description
Unique	This key is present only for custom entities. Valid values are True or False. If True a unique index is created.
AllowCompressedColumns	Optional. If True, the index is allowed to contain columns marked with CompressionSupported attribute set to True.
Column/ Name	The table column name associated with the index.
Entity/Parent	
ParentTableName	Name of the other table this entity has foreign key relationship.
XMLName	The XML name of the parent attribute. It should start with the prefix mentioned in the parent table. By default the parent table name is assumed.
Parent/Attribute Level	
ParentColumnName	Column name in the parent table. Note: To create relationships among entities, the data type of parent column must be of type CHAR or VARCHAR.
ColumnName	Column name in this custom entity.
Entity/ForeignKeys/ForeignKey	
ParentTableName	The name of the table with which the entity has a foreign key relationship.
XMLName	XML representation of the element name. By default the parent table name is assumed.
Entity/ForeignKeys/ForeignKey/Attribute	
ParentColumnName	Column name of the parent table. Note: To create foreign keys among entities, the data type of parent column must be of type CHAR or VARCHAR.
ColumnName	Column name in this custom entity.
Entity/AuditReferences/Reference	
ColumnName	Reference Column name in the audit table.

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**Note:** In entity definition, relationship can be defined under `Parent` and `ForeignKey` elements.

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4. The relationship defined under the `ForeignKey` element indicates:
  - a. If the foreign table is a Selling and Fulfillment Foundation table, for a single record in the foreign table, zero or many records in this custom table may exist.
  - b. This is a read-only relationship, hence deletion of a record from the foreign table does not result in the deletion of a matching record from this custom table.
5. The relationship defined under the `Parent` element indicates:
  - a. For a single record in the parent table, multiple child records may exist.
  - b. Deletion of a record from the parent table results in the deletion of matching records from the child table, if any.
6. Extend the corresponding API templates (for example, `getOrderDetails()` API) by following the instructions in [Chapter 6, "Extending API Templates"](#).

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**Note:** The APIs generated by Selling and Fulfillment Foundation for the custom tables can be invoked as a service and through a multiAPI wrapper component. For more information see [Section 6.4, "Configuring Services for Custom and Hang-off APIs"](#).

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### 3.9.2 Steps to Create a Hang-off Table

1. Copy the `<INSTALL_DIR>/repository/entity/extensions/Extensions.xml.sample` file as `<INSTALL_DIR>/extensions/global/entities/<your_filename>.xml` file OR modify your existing extension XML file. For example, assume that `ABC_CUSTOMER_ORDER_LINE` is a hang-off table.



2. Edit the <your\_filename>.xml file to create hang-off tables as shown in [Example 3–9](#). For a description of the XML attributes, see [Table 3–11](#) on page 3-42.

### Example 3–9 Sample XML for Creating Hang-off Tables

```
<DBSchema>
  <Entities>
    <Entity ApiNeeded="Y/N" AuditRequired="Y" Description=" "
      HasHistory="True/False" Prefix="ABC"
      TableName="ABC_CUSTOMER_ORDER_LINE" >
      <!-- table columns -->
      <Attributes>
        <Attribute ColumnName="CREATETS" DataType="TimeStamp"
          DefaultValue="sysdate" Description="Create TimeStamp" />
        <Attribute ColumnName="MODIFYTS" DataType="TimeStamp"
          DefaultValue="sysdate" Description="Modify TimeStamp" />
        <Attribute ColumnName="CREATEUSERID" DataType="UserId"
          DefaultValue="&apos; &apos;" Description="Creating User ID" />
        <Attribute ColumnName="MODIFYUSERID" DataType="UserId"
          DefaultValue="&apos; &apos;" Description="Modifying User ID" />
        <Attribute ColumnName="CREATEPROGID" DataType="ProgramID"
          DefaultValue="&apos; &apos;" Description="Creating Program ID" />
        <Attribute ColumnName="MODIFYPROGID" DataType="ProgramID"
          DefaultValue="&apos; &apos;" Description="Modifying Program ID" />
        <Attribute ColumnName="LOCKID" DataType="Lockid" DefaultValue="0"
          Description="Lock ID" />
        <Attribute ColumnName="TABLE_KEY" DataType="Key" DefaultValue=" "
          Description=" " Nullable="True/False" XMLName="TableKey" />
        .
        .
      </Attributes>
      <!-- PrimaryKey is a mandatory attribute in entity definition. This
      element can have ONLY ONE attribute element -->
      <PrimaryKey Name="TABLE_NAME_PK">
        <Attribute ColumnName="TABLE_KEY" />
      </PrimaryKey>
      <!-- Indices -->
      <Indices>
        <Index Name="INDEX_I1" Unique="True/False">
          <Column Name="Attribute2" />
          .
          .
        </Index>
```

```
.  
.
</Indices>
<!-- Relationship -->
<Parent ParentTableName="YFS_ORDER_LINE" XMLName="YFSOrderLine" >
  <Attribute ColumnName="CUSTOM_ORDER_KEY"
    ParentColumnName="ORDER_LINE_KEY" />
  .
  .
</Parent>
<ForeignKeys>
  <ForeignKey ParentTableName="PARENT_ORDER_LINE"
    XMLName="PARENTName1" >
    <Attribute ColumnName="CUSTOM_ORDER_KEY"
      ParentColumnName="PARENT_COLUMN_KEY" />
    .
    .
  </ForeignKey>
  .
  .
</ForeignKeys>
<!-- AuditReferences -->
<AuditReferences>
  <Reference ColumnName="TABLE_KEY" />
  .
  .
</AuditReferences>
</Entity>
</Entities>
</DBSchema>
```

3. The following table explains the attributes in the entity XML:

**Table 3–11 Entity XML Definitions for Hang-off Tables**

Attribute	Description
Entity	
ApiNeeded	<p>Indicate whether or not APIs should be generated. Valid values are Y or N. A default set of API's are generated if Y is passed.</p> <p>For example in the ABC_CUSTOMER_ORDER_LINE table, Selling and Fulfillment Foundation creates the following APIs when the database extension jar file is generated:</p> <pre>listABCCustomerOrderLine() getABCCustomerOrderLine() createABCCustomerOrderLine() modifyABCCustomerOrderLine() deleteABCCustomerOrderLine()</pre> <p>These APIs can be accessed as services using the Service Definition Framework. For more information see, <a href="#">Section 6.4, "Configuring Services for Custom and Hang-off APIs"</a>.</p>
AuditRequired	<p>If set to Y audit record for this entity are created. Generating audit for entities is described in <a href="#">Chapter 5, "Generating Audit References for Entities"</a>.</p> <p>Note: This attribute must not be passed when you are creating a hang-off for order related tables. In this case, the audits are automatically inserted into the YFS_ORDER_AUDIT table.</p>
Description	A description of the entity that could be used in javadocs or ERD.
HasHistory	This flag is automatically inherited from the parent table. For example, let us assume that ABC_ORDER_HEADER table is created as a hang-off table for YFS_ORDER_HEADER, which has an associated history table. Then ABC_ORDER_HEADER_H is automatically generated by the database framework.

**Table 3–11 Entity XML Definitions for Hang-off Tables**

Attribute	Description
Prefix	The prefix added to your custom tables. It is recommended that you do not use a prefix starting with Y.
TableName	The name given to your hang-off table.
Entity/Attributes/Attribute	
ColumnName	The names of the column that comprise the table.
DataType	The data type of the column. Valid data types are given in <INSTALL_DIR>/repository/datatypes/datatypes.xml file.
CompressionSupported	<p>Optional. Attribute used to indicate whether or not the data compression is supported for this column. Valid values are True or False. If True compression support is enabled.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> If the data inserted into a column has both CompressionSupported and UseCompression attributes set to True, then this attribute should not be set back to False. Doing so would result in all compressed data being retrieved without any decompression.</p>
UseCompression	<p>Optional. Attribute used to compress data for this column. Valid values are True or False. If True data is compressed.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The value of this attribute should be set to True only if the CompressionSupported attribute is set to True.</p>
QueryAllowed	<p>Optional. Attribute used to enable a compressible column to be used for queries in a List API. Valid values are True or False. If True the column can be used for queries in the List APIs.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> If the value of the CompressionSupported attribute is set to true then the value of this attribute should also be set to True.</p>
DefaultValue	Default value for the column
Description	A description of the columns that could be used in javadocs or ERD.

**Table 3–11 Entity XML Definitions for Hang-off Tables**

Attribute	Description
Nullable	Optional. Attribute used to describe the nullable value of a field. Default is false. Nullable=true is allowed for all columns except Primary Key Attributes and Entity Relationships.
XMLName	Optional. XML name of the attribute, if it is different from the name of the attribute.  Choose a name that does not conflict with the base extension. It is recommended that you use Extn as a prefix. It is also strongly recommended that you use the same convention for arriving at the XMLName as the Selling and Fulfillment Foundation base product does: Make each letter following the underscore in the column name upper case, and the rest lower case. Then, remove the underscores. Thus, Extn_Item_Id should be: ExtnItemId.
Entity/PrimaryKey	
Name	Name of the unique index created for the primary key. This value cannot exceed 18 characters.  <b>Note:</b> The name of the primary key in the extension XML should end with _PK.
ColumnName	The name of the table column that is identified as the primary key.
Entity/Indices/Index	
Name	The index name. This value cannot exceed 18 characters.
Unique	This key is present only for custom entities. Valid values are True or False. If True a unique index is created.
AllowCompressedColumns	Optional. If True, the index is allowed to contain columns marked with CompressionSupported attribute set to True.
Column/ Name	The table column name associated with the index.
Entity/Parent	
ParentTableName	Name of the other table this entity has foreign key relationship.

**Table 3–11 Entity XML Definitions for Hang-off Tables**

Attribute	Description
XMLName	The XML name of the parent attribute. It should start with the prefix mentioned in the parent table. By default the parent table name is assumed.
Parent/Attribute Level	
ParentColumnName	Column name in the parent table. Note: To create relationships among entities, the data type of parent column must be of type CHAR or VARCHAR.
ColumnName	Column name in this custom entity.
Entity/ForeignKeys/ForeignKey	
ParentTableName	The name of the table with which the entity has a foreign key relationship.
XMLName	XML representation of the element name. By default the parent table name is assumed.
Entity/ForeignKeys/ForeignKey/Attribute	
ParentColumnName	Column name of the parent table. Note: To create foreign keys among entities, the data type of parent column must be of type CHAR or VARCHAR.
ColumnName	Column name in this hang-off entity.
Entity/AuditReferences/Reference	
ColumnName	Reference Column name in the audit table.

**Note:** In entity definition, relationship can be defined under `ForeignKey` elements.

4. The relationship defined under the `ForeignKey` element indicates:
  - a. If the foreign table is a Selling and Fulfillment Foundation table, for a single record in the foreign table, zero or many records in this hang-off table may exist.

- b. This is a read-only relationship, hence deletion of a record from the foreign table does not result in the deletion of a matching record from this hang-off table.
5. Extend the corresponding API templates (for example, `getOrderDetails` API) by following the instructions in [Chapter 6, "Extending API Templates"](#).

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**Note:** The APIs generated by Selling and Fulfillment Foundation for the hang-off tables can be invoked as a service and through a multiAPI wrapper component. For more information see [Section 6.4, "Configuring Services for Custom and Hang-off APIs"](#)

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6. Build and deploy your extensions.

### 3.9.3 Purging Data from Hang-Off Tables

Currently, the Purge agent moves records to history tables. With the custom or hang-off entities enabled, the Purge agent also deletes records from hang-off tables. However, the data from a hang-off table can be purged only if its parent elements are also purged. If a history table exists, records are added to the history table. The records are deleted from the history table using the History Purge agent.

In order to purge the custom and hang-off entities you need to include the `entities.jar` file in the classpath of the agent server. For more information on setting up an agent server, see the *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Installation Guide*.





# Extending the Data Types Files

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## 4.1 Extending the Data Types Files

You can extend the attributes available to you by adding your own XML attributes and abstract data types to the `datatypes.xml` file.

You will need to modify the `datatypes.xml` file in the following cases:

- When you want to change the actual size of an existing data type.
- When you want to restrict the length of the input for a particular field on the UI. For example, say the data type allows the input to be of length 20 but in the UI you want to restrict the length of the input to just 10.
- When the existing data types do not meet your requirements and you want to create a completely new data type.

You will need to modify the `yfsdatatypepemap.xml` file in the following case:

- When you have defined a completely new data type in the `datatypes.xml` file and you want to define the mapping for this new data type in the `yfsdatatypepemap.xml` file.

Build and deploy your extensions as described in the *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Customization Basics Guide*

### 4.1.1 Extending the Data Type Map File

To extend the data type map XML file:

1. Create a new `<INSTALL_`  
`DIR>/extensions/global/template/resource/yfsdatatypepemap.xml`  
file.

If the `/global/template/resource/` directory structure does not exist, create the required directory structure.

2. Add an XML root node in the same way it appears in the `<INSTALL_DIR>/repository/xapi/template/merged/resource/yfsdatatypemap.xml` file.
3. Add any attributes that need to be mapped in the `yfsdatatypemap.xml` file.

### 4.1.2 Extending the Data Type File

To extend the data type XML file:

1. Create a new `<INSTALL_DIR>/extensions/global/etc/datatypes.xml` file, if it does not already exist.

If the `/global/etc/` directory structure does not exist, create the required directory structure.

**Note:** When datatypes are extended through `<INSTALL_DIR>/extensions/global/etc/datatypes.xml`, the `resources.jar` file needs to be re-build before running `dbverify`. Refer to *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Customization Basics Guide* for information about building and deploying resource extensions.

2. Add an XML root node in the same way it appears in the `<INSTALL_DIR>/repository/datatypes/datatypes.xml` file.
3. Add any differential values for the datatypes, including the following:
  - Add and define parameters for new datatypes
  - Modify parameters of existing datatypes

**Note:** For existing datatypes, you can modify only the UI related attributes in the `datatypes.xml` file such as `UI Size` and `UITableSize`.

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**Note:** You cannot resize the Date input fields within the Application Console across the board even if your date format is larger than the default date format used by Selling and Fulfillment Foundation.

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**Note:** Selling and Fulfillment Foundation reserves the `Type` attribute for internal use, and so you cannot override it. All other attributes can be overridden.

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# Generating Audit References for Entities

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## 5.1 About Extending Audit References

If the `AuditRequired` flag is enabled in the entity XML, audit records are added to the `YFS_AUDIT` table. The default for this flag is `Y`, for item and organization tables. However, the audit flag and audit references can be overridden by the extension XML file.

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**Note:** All the records pertaining to the cached tables as well as the tables for which the value of `AuditRequired` flag is set to `Y` are logged into `YFS_AUDIT` table.

If you want to switch off the generation of audit references for some specific entities, change the value of the `AuditRequired` flag to `N` for such entities.

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**Note:** You can add new audit references in the extension XML file. When new references are added, they take precedence over the existing audit references, which are entirely overridden.

You can add up to six audit references only.

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Only item and organization header-level audit records are inserted in the `YFS_AUDIT_HEADER` table. The audit references refer to the columns of the entity being audited.

The audits can be generated for the hang-off and custom tables, by modifying the entity table name and audit reference column names.

**Note:** Auditing is not supported for hang-off tables with more than one parent.

### To generate audit references for entities:

1. Edit the <your\_filename>.xml file in the <INSTALL\_DIR>/repository/entity/extensions directory to enable audit record generation for desired entities. The following example explains the elements to be added to the database schema:

#### Example 5–1 Sample XML for Creating Audit References

```
<DBSchema>
  <Entities>
    <Entity TableName="YFS_ITEM" AuditRequired="Y" >
      .
      .
      <AuditReferences>
        <Reference ColumnName="ItemId" />
        .
      </AuditReferences>
      .
    </Entity>
  </Entities>
</DBSchema>
```

**Table 5–1** Generating audits for entities

Attribute	Description
Entity	
TableName	The table name to be audited.
AuditRequired	<p>If this flag is set to Y the audit references are entered in the YFS_AUDIT table.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> This attribute must not be passed when you are creating a hang-off for order related tables. In this case, the audits are automatically inserted into the related order audit tables.</p>

**Table 5–1** *Generating audits for entities*

Entity/AuditReferences/Reference	
ColumnName	The column name in this entity which has audit references. This name must be valid for the entity.

2. Create a new `Reference` tag for each audit reference you want to add.
3. The hang-off of an order table audits can be viewed with the associated order audits.





## Extending API Templates

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### 6.1 About Extending API Templates

Each template-based API delivers different output, depending on the template passed to it. To verify whether an API is template-based or not, see the *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Javadocs*.

If your table modifications impact any APIs, you must extend the templates of those APIs. Place the extended API templates in the `<INSTALL_DIR>/extensions/global/template/api` directory.

#### **To find out which APIs are impacted by table modifications:**

1. Note the `XMLName` attribute of the table being modified in the `entity` tag inside the database entity XML files (which contains the definition of all the tables). These database entity XML files are located in `<INSTALL_DIR>/repository/entity` directory.
2. Search for the pattern of that `XMLName` attribute in the `<INSTALL_DIR>/extensions/global/template/api` directory. The search results in finding exposed and internal APIs impacted by the table modifications or extensions.

For example, consider that you want to extend an attribute in the `YFS_CHARGE_CATEGORY` table. The `XMLName` for this table as specified in `<INSTALL_DIR>/repository/entity/omp_tables.xml` is `ChargeCategory`. Now search for the attribute `ChargeCategory` in `<INSTALL_DIR>/extensions/global/template/api` directory to find the APIs impacted by this extension.

## 6.2 Including Extended Attributes in the API Template

The extended attributes appear as a separate `<Extn>` element under the primary element.

For example, in the default output XML template of the `getItemDetails()` API, the `Item` attributes have the following structure:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<Item .. Item attributes >
  <PrimaryInformation .... PrimaryInformation attributes />
  <ItemServiceSkillList .. ItemServiceSkillList attributes/>
  <ItemAliasList ... ItemAliasList attributes />
  .
  .
</Item>
```

After extending the `Item` header, the `getItemDetails()` API can output the following XML:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<Item .. Item attributes >
  <PrimaryInformation .... PrimaryInformation attributes />
  <Extn ExtnAltQty="200408201034469490" ..... extnded attributes />
  <YFSPersonInfo .... PersonInfoKey="200408201034469490" ..... />
  <ItemServiceSkillList .. ItemServiceSkillList attributes/>
  <ItemAliasList ... ItemAliasList attributes />
  .
  .
</Item>
```

**Note:** Foreign Key variables for the extended column appear as a `PersonInfoKey` attribute of the `YFSPersonInfo` element. The relationship can be validated if the extended column and the `PersonInfoKey` have the same value.

The extended attribute is retrieved from the `XMLName` attribute of the `<your_filename>.xml` file that you edited in the previous sections, when extending a standard table. Place your extended templates in the `<INSTALL_DIR>/extensions/global/template/api` directory.

## 6.3 Including Custom and Hang-Off Entities in the API Template

The standard APIs can be extended to provide information from the custom or hang-off tables. A tool specifically provided for generating the template XML's, `templateXmlGen.xml` is located in the `<INSTALL_DIR>/bin` directory.

1. Run the template XML generation tool from your `<INSTALL_DIR>` directory by using the following command:

```
sci_ant.sh -Dtable=<TABLE_NAME> -f bin/templateXmlGen.xml
```

2. Once the command is run, the sample XML files are placed in the `<INSTALL_DIR>/extn/sampleXML` directory as `<TABLE_NAME>_sample.xml`.

For example, consider `HF_Order_Header` is a hang-off of `YFS_Order_Header` table. The generated `HF_Order_Header_sample.xml` is as follows:

```
<HFOrderHeader Createprogid=" " Description=" " DocumentType=" "
EnterpriseKey=" " OrderHeaderKey=" " OrderName=" " OrderNo=" " .... >
</HFOrderHeader>
```

3. A sample XML for including the above attributes in a standard API can be generated by passing the `YFS` table that has relationship with the hang-off table you are interested.

For example, assume `HF_Order_Header` is a hang-off table with a relationship to the `YFS_Order_Header` table. The XML template generated by the tool when `TABLE_NAME=YFS_Order_Header` is passed:

```
<Order>
  <OrderLines>
    <OrderLine .....>
      <Extn extended attributes >
        <HFOrderHeaderList>
          <HFOrderHeader Createprogid=" " Description=" " ..... >
            </HFOrderHeader>
          </HFOrderHeaderList>
        </Extn>
      </OrderLine>
```

```
</OrderLines>  
</Order>
```

**Note:** You can modify the attributes only within your custom or hang-off element.

You can prune this sample XML to include your custom attributes in an API template, such as `getOrderDetails` output template. However, you cannot modify any of the YFS elements or attributes.

**Note:** The sample XMLs are also automatically generated when you create the database extension jar file, and are posted in the `<INSTALL_DIR>/xapidocs/sampleXML` directory. However, if you need to create a sample template as described in [Step 3](#), you must run the template XML generation tool separately by specifying the corresponding YFS table name.

4. A hang-off table can be deleted by passing an **Operation** attribute in the `change` or `modify` APIs. For example, `HF_Order_Header` element can be deleted in a `changeOrder` API as:

```
<Order>  
  <OrderLines>  
    <OrderLine .....>  
      <Extn extended attributes >  
        <HFOrderHeaderList>  
          <HFOrderHeader Operation="Delete" Createprogid=" " ..... >  
        </HFOrderHeader>  
      </HFOrderHeaderList>  
    </Extn>  
  </OrderLine>  
</OrderLines>  
</Order>
```

The operations such as **Create** and **Modify** are run by default. If an entry for that element exists, the API modifies the entries with the recent value. In the case where that element does not exist it creates a new entry.

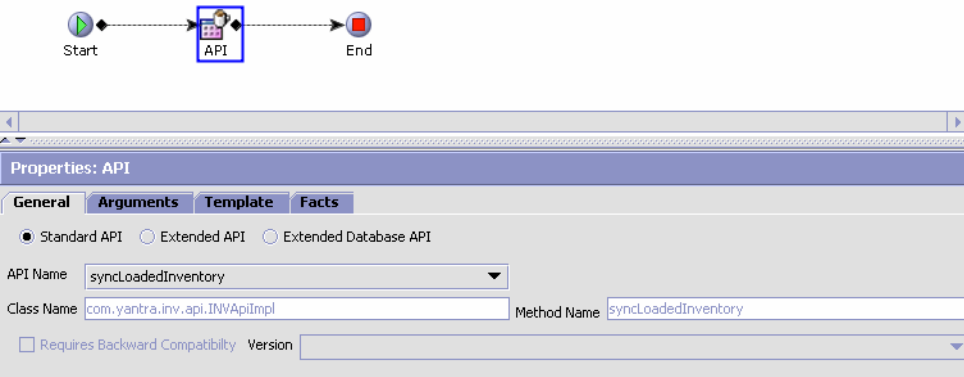
5. The records in a hang-off table can be reset by assigning the value of "true" to the Reset attribute at the list level element of the XML. When the records are reset, all existing records for that hang off table that correspond to the parent table are deleted and all elements included under the list element are inserted. For example, hang off records in the HF\_Order\_Header\_list element can be reset by using the following:

```
<Order>
  <OrderLines>
    <OrderLine .....>
      <Extn extended attributes >
        <HFOrderHeaderList Reset="true">
          <HFOrderHeader>
            </HFOrderHeader>
          </HFOrderHeaderList>
        </Extn>
      </OrderLine>
    </OrderLines>
  </Order>
```

6. Build and Deploy your extensions.

## 6.4 Configuring Services for Custom and Hang-off APIs

The APIs generated for custom or hang-off entities by Selling and Fulfillment Foundation can be invoked as a service and through a multiAPI wrapper component. For more information on invoking the APIs through a multiAPI component, refer to the Javadocs. The service configuration user interface has to be enabled to configure these APIs. For more information on creating a service definition see the *Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Application Platform Configuration Guide*.



For including custom APIs you can create a service definition as shown in the figure. The configuration fields are explained in [Table 6–1](#).

**Table 6–1** API Configuration Properties

Field Name	Description
<b>General Tab</b>	
Standard Selling and Fulfillment Foundation API	Select this option if a standard Selling and Fulfillment Foundation API is to be invoked. If selected, a Standard Selling and Fulfillment Foundation API Name drop down list displays. For each API, the Class Name and Method Name are provided and cannot be edited.
Extended API	Select this option if a custom java code is to be invoked.

**Table 6–1 API Configuration Properties**

Field Name	Description
Extended Database API	<p>Select this option if the service invokes a custom or hang-off API. If selected, a custom API Name drop-down list displays. For each API, the Class Name and Method Name are provided and cannot be edited.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> If you want to lock a record in a custom table, pass the <code>SelectMethod</code> attribute as part of the input XML to the custom entity API. The locking happens within the transaction boundary of the custom API call.</p> <p>The <code>SelectMethod</code> attribute can take the following values:</p> <p>WAIT, NO_WAIT, and NONE.</p> <p>For more information about locking records in Extended APIs, refer to the <i>Selling and Fulfillment Foundation: Customizing APIs Guide</i></p>
API Name	<p>Select or enter the API to be called.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> This field is for integration purposes only.</p>
Class Name	Specifies the class to be called.
Method Name	Specifies the method to be called.
Requires Backward Compatibility	Select this field to indicate that input data coming through the API is from a previous version (only applicable to Selling and Fulfillment Foundation system APIs).
Version	If you chose Requires Backward Compatibility, select the Selling and Fulfillment Foundation version the API is to behave as. Only the applicable versions for the individual API display.

**Table 6–1 API Configuration Properties**

Field Name	Description
<b>Arguments Tab</b>	
Argument Name	<p>You can pass name/value pairs to the API by entering the values in the Arguments Tab.</p> <p>In order for custom APIs to access custom values, the API should implement the interface <code>com.yantra.interop.japi.YIFCustomApi</code>.</p> <p>If entered, these name/value pairs are passed to the CustomApi as a Properties object.</p>
Argument Value	Enter the argument value.
<b>Template Tab</b>	
	<p>When the Selling and Fulfillment Foundation System APIs are invoked, you can specify an output template to be used by the API. You can specify the template in the configuration properties of the Service Definition, the Resource Definition in the Resource Hierarchy tree, or both. However, if the template has been specified at both definition levels, the template specified in the Service Definition is used.</p>
XML Template	Select this radio button to construct the XML to be used for the API output. Enter the template root element name and click OK. You can then construct the XML.
File Name	Select this radio button to enter the filename of the XML file to be used as the API output template. This file should also exist in your CLASSPATH.
<b>Facts Tab</b>	
	<p>A Fact is an attribute that is used by an API or an agent in Selling and Fulfillment Foundation to identify which colony to connect to and retrieve data from. Based on the fact name and fact value entered, the corresponding colony is determined.</p>



*Table 6–1 API Configuration Properties*

Field Name	Description
Fact Name	Enter the fact name of the XML attribute.
Fact Value	Enter the fact value of the XML attribute.



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