

Creating a Master Data Model

Estimated time to read: 2 minutes

This tutorial provides step-by-step guidance for filling in an Excel template to import all the necessary data required to create a **Flow** in your MES system.

Creating Steps

Begin by filling in the information for the Steps you need to create. Each Step must be linked to a Service through the ServiceContext smart table. For more information, see [How to: Associate a Step to a Service](#).

Name	Description	Type	DisplayOrder	IsShippingAllowed	IsDecimalQuantityAllowed	IsAutoSplitByProductEnabled	SubMaterialTrackStateDepth	SortRuleSet	PrimaryUnits
Line Flow Step 04	Line Flow Step 04	Process	0	No	No	No	0	0	
Line Flow Step 03	Line Flow Step 03	Process	0	No	No	No	0	0	
Line Flow Step 02	Line Flow Step 02	Process	0	No	No	No	0	0	
Line Flow Step 01	Line Flow Step 01	Process	0	No	No	No	0	0	
Cooling	Cooling Step	Process	21	No	No	No	0	Resource Queue Size	Cookies
Chocolate Preparation	Chocolate Preparation Step	Process	50	No	Yes	No	0	Resource Queue Size	Kg
Chocolate Packaging	Chocolate Packaging Step	Process	60	Yes	Yes	No	0	Resource Queue Size	Chocolates
Chocolate Mixing	Chocolate Mixing Step	Process	60	No	Yes	No	0	Resource Queue Size	Kg
Chocolate Cooking	Chocolate Cooking Step	Process	70	No	Yes	No	0	Resource Queue Size	Chocolates
Baking	Baking Step	Process	20	No	No	No	0	Resource Queue Size	Cookies
Step 01	Step 01	Process	0	No	No	No	0	0	
Step 02	Step 02	Process	0	No	No	No	0	0	
Step 03	Step 03	Process	0	No	No	No	0	0	
Step 04	Step 04	Process	0	No	No	No	0	0	
Step 05	Step 05	Process	0	No	No	No	0	0	
Packing	Packing Step	Process	22	Yes	Yes	No	0	Resource Queue Size	Packets
Molding	Molding Step	Process	19	No	Yes	No	0	Resource Queue Size	Kg
Mixing	Mixing Step	Process	18	No	Yes	No	0	Resource Queue Size	Kg

Creating Flows

Next, proceed to create the Flows using the information you've gathered. Begin by defining the Child Flows, which you will later integrate into the Parent Flow. Determine the type of Flow to use, whether it's an Alternate Flow with single or multiple selection, a Non-Sequential Flow, or a Line Flow.

Name	Description	Type	IsAlternate	IsEnabled	IsNonSequentialBlock	IsLineFlow	DocumentationURL	IsTemplate	AlternateFlowSelectionType
Alternate Flow Example [A.1]	Alternate Flow Example	Production	Yes	Yes	No	No		No	Multiple
Alternate Flow Multiple Selection [A.1]	Alternate Flow Multiple Selection	General	Yes	Yes	No	No		No	Multiple
Alternate Flow Single Selection [A.1]	Alternate Flow Single Selection	General	Yes	Yes	No	No		No	Single
Chocolate [A.1]	Chocolates Flow	Production	No	Yes	No	No		No	
CookiesFlow [A.2]	CookiesFlow Flow	Production	No	Yes	No	No		No	
Flow With Enter and Exit Rules [A.1]	Flow With Enter and Exit Rules	General	No	Yes	No	No		No	
Flow With Inherited Rework Paths [A.2]	Flow With Inherited Rework Paths	General	No	Yes	No	No		No	
Line Flow [A.1]	Flow With Line Flow	FrontEnd	No	Yes	No	Yes		No	
Main Flow [A.2]	Flow with Flows and Steps	General	No	Yes	No	No		No	
Non-Sequential Block [A.1]	Non-Sequential Block	Production	No	Yes	Yes	No		No	
Sequential Flow With Conditional Steps [A.1]	Sequential Flow With Conditional Steps	General	No	Yes	No	No		No	
Standard Cookie Flow [A.1]	Standard Cookie Flow	Production	No	Yes	No	No		No	

Flow Structure

To define the Flow structure, go to the Flow Items sheet. There, you can set various attributes such as whether a Flow Item is optional, define Rework Paths, and set Rules for entering or exiting a Step. You can also define conditions based on expressions, rules, sampling steps, or sampling plans.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Flow	Type	Target	IsOptional	Reworks	IsLine	LineFlow	LogicalNL	OnEnterRule	OnExitRule	ConditionType	ConditionExpression	ConditionRule
1 Alternate Flow Example [A.1]	Flow	Alternate Flow Multiple Select	No		No							
2 Alternate Flow Example [A.1]	Flow	Alternate Flow Single Selector	No		No							
3 Alternate Flow Multiple Selection [A.1]	Step	Step 01	No							Expression	Scotains(Name, "Material01")	
4 Alternate Flow Multiple Selection [A.1]	Step	Step 02	No							Expression	Scotains(Name, "Material02")	
5 Alternate Flow Multiple Selection [A.1]	Step	Step 03	No							Rule		isMaterial01
6 Alternate Flow Multiple Selection [A.1]	Step	Step 04	No							Rule		isMaterial02
7 Alternate Flow Multiple Selection [A.1]	Step	Step 05	No									
8 Alternate Flow Single Selection [A.1]	Step	Step 01	No							Expression	Scotains(Name, "Material01")	
9 Alternate Flow Single Selection [A.1]	Step	Step 02	No							Expression	Scotains(Name, "Material01")	
10 Alternate Flow Single Selection [A.1]	Step	Step 03	No							Rule		isMaterial01
11 Alternate Flow Single Selection [A.1]	Step	Step 04	No							Rule		isMaterial02
12 Alternate Flow Single Selection [A.1]	Step	Chocolate Preparation	No									
13 Chocolate [A.1]	Step	Chocolate Mixing	No									
14 Chocolate [A.1]	Step	Chocolate Cooking	No									
15 Chocolate [A.1]	Step	Chocolate Packaging	No									
22 CookiesFlow [A.2]	Step	Mixing	No									
23 CookiesFlow [A.2]	Step	Molding	No									
24 CookiesFlow [A.2]	Step	Baking	No									
25 CookiesFlow [A.2]	Step	Cooling	No									
26 CookiesFlow [A.2]	Step	Packing	No									
27 Flow With Enter and Exit Rules [A.1]	Step	Step 01	No							NotificationOnEnt	NotificationOnExit	
28 Flow With Enter and Exit Rules [A.1]	Step	Step 02	No									
31 Flow With Inherited Rework Paths [A.2]	Step	Step 01	No	description[gotoflowpath]	No							
32 Flow With Inherited Rework Paths [A.2]	Step	Step 02	No	description[gotoflowpath]	No							
48 Main Flow [A.2]	Step	Step 01	No	description[gotoflowpath]	No							
49 Main Flow [A.2]	Step	Step 02	Yes	description[gotoflowpath]	No							
51 Main Flow [A.2]	Step	Step 03	No									
52 Main Flow [A.2]	Flow	Sequential Flow With Condition	No									
53 Main Flow [A.2]	Flow	Alternate Flow Multiple Select	No									
54 Main Flow [A.2]	Flow	Alternate Flow Single Selector	No									
55 Main Flow [A.2]	Flow	Flow With Enter and Exit Rules	No									
56 Main Flow [A.2]	Flow	Flow With Inherited Rework Paths	No									
165 Non-Sequential Block [A.1]	Step	Step 01	No									
167 Non-Sequential Block [A.1]	Step	Step 02	No									
168 Non-Sequential Block [A.1]	Step	Step 03	No									
169 Sequential Flow With Conditional Steps [A.1]	Step	Step 01	Yes							Expression	Scotains(Name, "Material01")	

Info

The correct syntax for the Reworks column in the Flow Items sheet is demonstrated below:

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description[gotoflowpath[ CookiesFlow:A:1/Mixing:1 ]sourceflowpath[ Flow With Inherited Rework Paths:A:1/Step 01:1 ]returnflowpath[ Flow With Inherited Rework Paths:A:1/Step 01:1 ]reason[ Deformed ]applicabletoprocessed[ Yes ]applicabletoqueued[ Yes ]isinlinework[ ]onreworkrule[ ]
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Rework Paths

The Rework Paths sheet is where you define the reworking process. Fill in the Source Step, Go to Flow Path, Go to Flow, and Return Flow Path, as shown in the image below.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Flow	SourceStep	GoToFlowPath	ReturnStepPosition	IsInLineRework	Description	GoToFlow	GoToStep	IsTemplate	ReturnFlowPath
1 Flow With Inherited Rework Paths [A.2]	Step 02	CookiesFlow:A:1/Mixing:1	1	No		CookiesFlow [A]	Mixing	No	Flow With Inherited Rework Paths:A:1/Step 01:1
3 Flow With Inherited Rework Paths [A.2]	Step 01	CookiesFlow:A:1/Mixing:1	1	No		CookiesFlow [A]	Mixing	No	Flow With Inherited Rework Paths:A:1/Step 01:1
4 Main Flow [A.2]	Step 02	CookiesFlow:A:1/Packing:5	6	No		CookiesFlow [A]	Packing	No	Main Flow:A:1/Step 03:6
5 Main Flow [A.2]	Step 01	CookiesFlow:A:1/Packing:5	6	No		CookiesFlow [A]	Packing	No	Main Flow:A:1/Step 03:6

In addition to basic information, you can specify additional settings such as whether the Rework Path applies to Queued and Processed States, set On Rework Rules, define Return Flows, Source Flows, and more.

K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
ReturnStep	ReworkReason	SourceFlowPath	Order	ApplicableToProcessed	ApplicableToQueued	OnReworkRule	ReturnFlow	SourceFlow	SourceStepPosition
2 Step 01	Deformed	Flow With Inherited Rework Paths:A:1/Step 02:2	1	Yes	Yes	NotificationOnRework	Flow With Inherited Rework Paths [A]	Flow With Inherited Rework Paths [A]	2
3 Step 01	Deformed	Flow With Inherited Rework Paths:A:1/Step 01:1	2	Yes	Yes		Flow With Inherited Rework Paths [A]	Flow With Inherited Rework Paths [A]	1
4 Step 03	Deformed	Main Flow:A:1/Flow With Inherited Rework Paths:A:11/Step 02:2	1	Yes	No	NotificationOnRework	Main Flow [A]	Flow With Inherited Rework Paths [A]	2
5 Step 03	Deformed	Main Flow:A:1/Flow With Inherited Rework Paths:A:11/Step 01:1	2	Yes	No		Main Flow [A]	Flow With Inherited Rework Paths [A]	1

Following these steps will help ensure your Master Data Model is properly configured for your Flows. For a more comprehensive guide on setting up your Master Data Model, see [Creating a Model](#).