

Record and Playback



Record keystrokes (including Function and Enter keys) necessary to submit a job and replay the sequence automatically. Automate system housekeeping.

Use the Halcyon Record and Playback for the System i™ (iSeries™, AS/400™) when jobs are either run interactively, or interactive screens have to be processed before a job can be submitted to the job queue. It can also be used to perform "check list" tasks automatically.

Scripts can be edited at any time to add additional functionality, cater for variables and include intelligent logic. For example, all spool files for user 'Doug' can be deleted without anybody in attendance.

Scripts can also be played back either interactively, by executing a call, or they can be submitted to a job queue.

Features

- Record interactive sessions, keystroke by keystroke
- Any keystroke can be captured including Enter and Function keys
- Records keystrokes as script files which can be viewed and edited
- Add data variables to record scripts, such as system date, device name, job name, user name etc.
- Add intelligent 'If', 'Else' and 'And/Or' logic to scripts
- Playback the recorded session at any time using a simple command
- Playback can be submitted as any user (subject to authorization)
- Scripts can be copied and amended without having to re-record similar scripts
- Unexpected break messages encountered during playback are automatically catered for
- Infrequently run jobs, such as those included in year-end processing, can be programmed to become part of the routine and do not become overlooked
- Important decisions that may affect the entire system can be pre-programmed by experienced staff so that junior or trainee operators don't have to make those decisions
- Extend automation further by scheduling tasks across different systems or networked servers and taking full advantage of the in-built cross-system dependencies

Benefits

- Automate tedious, time-consuming and repetitive tasks
- No need to stay late ever again to submit jobs - even when a menu option has to be taken before a job can be submitted
- Reduce overtime tasks as employees no longer have to stay behind to submit batch jobs requiring manual input first
- System housekeeping can be automated
- Greatly reduce the risk of human error by eliminating manual input wherever possible
- Test programs and procedures more easily, rigorously and effectively by creating scripts for repetitive testing
- Intelligent decision-making routines can be added to the scripts. You can run procedures only if or whenever certain criteria are met



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