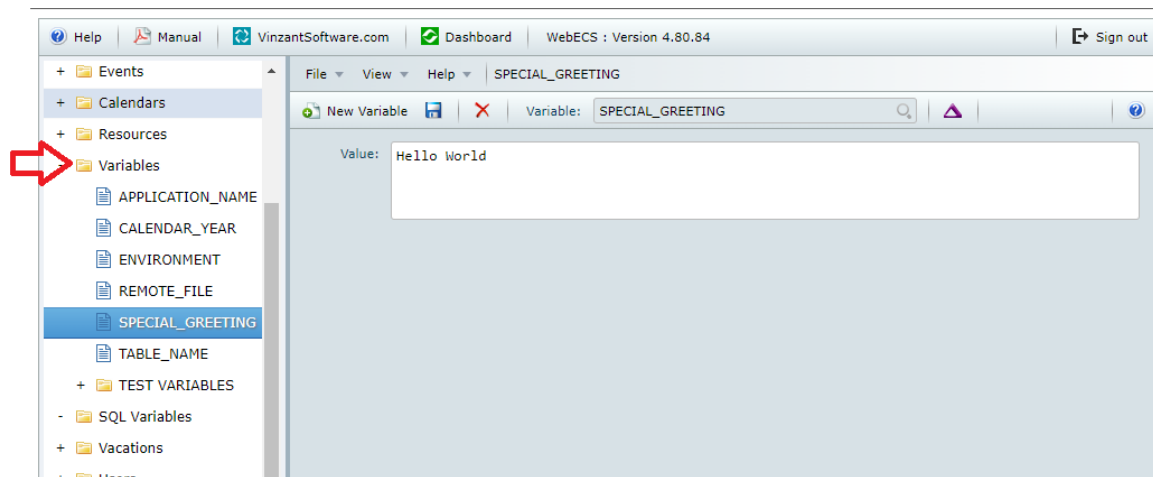## VARIABLES

GECS custom variables are a very popular feature of Global ECS. These Variables work much like substitution variables except they are pre-defined by the User. Before a job is run the Variable is replace with its' corresponding value.

When custom variables are used in your jobs, they must be entered all upper case with the caret symbol before and after your variable name. Such as:
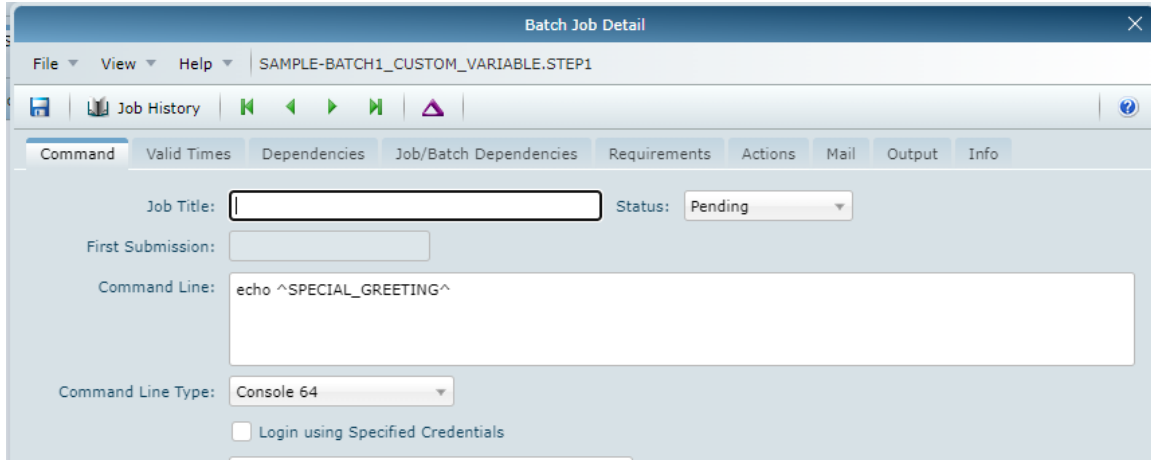
^SPECIAL_GREETING^

To add a new Variable, use the GECS Administrator or the GECSVARI command line utility. In the Administrator, right click on the "Variables" folder and select "New Variable". Enter your desired variable name, a value and then click the save button.

The GECS Variable "SPECIAL_GREETING" has been defined with a value of 'Hello World.'. If a new job was added with a command line of:
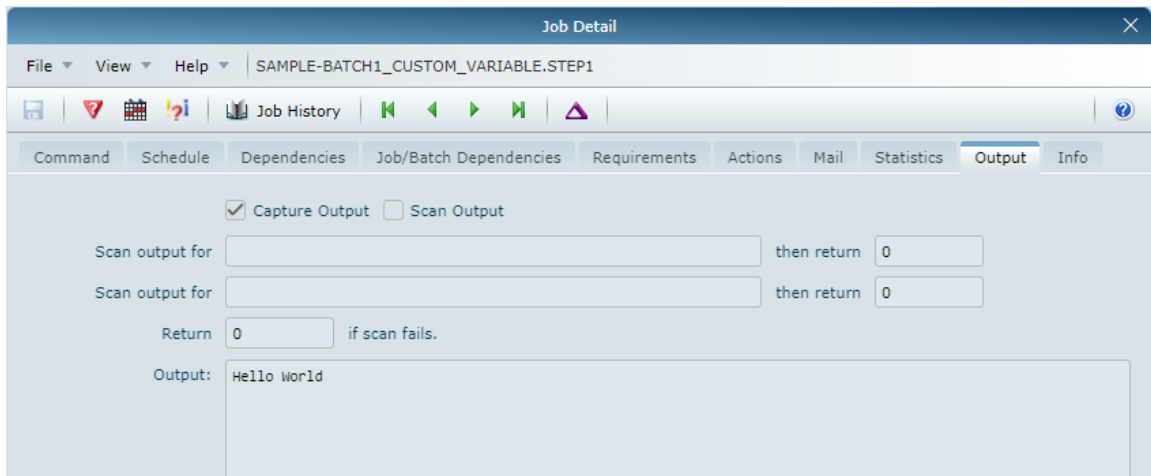
echo ^SPECIAL_GREETING^

At run time the command line would be:

<div align="center">

echo Hello World.

</div>

Note when using GECS Variables, they must be entered using all upper case surrounded by a caret symbol.

To use the GECSVARI command line utility, open a command prompt and go to your GECS program files folder. Enter GECSVARI and press the enter key for a usage screen as show below.

```
C:\Program Files\GlobalECS>gecsvari
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Usage:  gecsvari -SET variable value
        gecsvari -DEL variable
        gecsvari -LIST

        -SET        - will set the variable to the specified value.
        -DEL        - will delete the variable.
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       -LIST       - will list all the variable.
       -c instname - Installation name (optional)
       -m reason   - Audit reason (if enabled)
       -u username - User name (optional)
       -p password - Password (optional)

Refer to your documentation for more information.
```

Type the command, your variable name and value. For example:

C:\Program Files\GlobalECS\GECSVARI -SET SPECIAL_GREETING "Hello World"

```
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```