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# gPROMS System Programmer Guide

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 Overview

This manual describes several advanced features of the gPROMS package. These include:

- The gPROMS Foreign Object Interface (see chapter [2](#)).

Foreign Objects are external software components that provide certain computational services to gPROMS MODELS. These include physical property packages, external unit operation modules, or even complete computational fluid dynamics (CFD) software packages. This chapter explains how to make use of foreign objects that are already interfaced to gPROMS; and also how to develop and interface your own foreign objects.

- The gPROMS Physical Property Interface (see chapter [3](#)).

Physical property packages form a special type of foreign objects (see above) that are encountered very frequently in practice. The gPROMS Physical Property Interface (PPI) defines a standard set of physical property facilities that should be supported by all physical property packages interfaced to gPROMS. Some widely used physical property packages are already interfaced to gPROMS; details on how to use them are also provided in this chapter. Finally, the PPI provides a particularly convenient way of interfacing new physical property packages to gPROMS.

- The gPROMS Foreign Process Interface (see chapter [4](#)).

The Foreign Process Interface (FPI) allows gPROMS simulations to interact with external software such as distributed control systems and operator training packages in order to exchange data and other information. The interaction takes the form of a special set of elementary actions within the gPROMS TASK language. FPI is particularly useful for embedding gPROMS simulations within larger software systems.

- The gPROMS Output Channel Interface (see chapter 5).

The Output Channel Interface (OCI) allows gPROMS to communicate its simulation results to external software components. This open interface means that users can develop their own software which will have access to the large quantity of results information generated by gPROMS.

## 1.2 Prerequisites

A good understanding of gPROMS at an advanced level is essential for making the most of the facilities described in this manual. The “*gPROMS Advanced User Guide*” and/or the gPROMS Advanced Training Course provide the necessary background.

With the exception of chapter 3, the chapters in this manual can be read independently of each other. Some understanding of the concepts presented in chapter 2 is a necessary prerequisite for chapter 3.

## Chapter 2

# Developing New Foreign Objects

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## 2.1 Introduction

In this chapter, we describe how external software can be linked to gPROMS via the Foreign Object Interface. The information presented here will typically be of interest to gPROMS system programmers concerned with using the Foreign Object mechanism to interface external software to gPROMS. The reader should already be familiar with the use of Foreign Objects as described in chapter 4 of the “*gPROMS Advanced User Guide*”.

## 2.2 The gPROMS Foreign Object Interface

This section describes the Foreign Object Interface (FOI), *i.e.* the protocol used for communication between gPROMS and any external software component that provides services via one or more callable routines.

A Foreign Object provides one or more methods, each of which takes inputs from gPROMS and returns an output. The inputs and output can be scalar or vector quantities. In addition to the value of the output, a Foreign Object method may also be able to provide values for the partial derivatives of its output with respect to one or more of its inputs.

Each Foreign Object class is implemented as a distinct piece of software. To achieve the required functionality, gPROMS makes use of six services provided by this software:

- a Foreign Object instance initialisation procedure:

gFOI

- two Foreign Object verification procedures:

gFOCM, gFOCMI

- two Foreign Object calculation procedures:

gFOM, gFOMD

- a Foreign Object termination procedure:

gFOT

Below, we examine the precise nature of each of these procedures.



### 2.2.1 The Foreign Object initialisation procedure

At the start of executing a `PROCESS` entity, gPROMS will construct a list of all distinct Foreign Object classes and their instances that are used by it. It then attempts to create each instance by calling the `gFOI` procedure of the corresponding class.

The `gFOI` procedure has the following form:

- `gFOI (ForeignObjectID, ForeignObjectHandle, Status)`

where the arguments are as described in table 2.1.

The `ForeignObjectID` is a string identifying the instance of the Foreign Object class that is to be created. The class name is prepended to the instance name separated from it by a double colon “:.”. For example, in the case of the example shown in figures 2.1 and 2.2, gPROMS would set `ForeignObjectID` to:

```
"ThermoPack::MygPROMSDir/Aromatics.tpk"
```

in the call to `gFOI`.

<i>Name of Argument</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Specified on Entry</i>	<i>Specified on Exit</i>
<b>ForeignObjectID</b>	Character*256	Full name of Foreign Object (terminated with a null).	YES	NO
<b>ForeignObjectHandle</b>	Integer	Handle for identifying Foreign Object in subsequent calls (see text).	NO	YES
<b>Status</b>	Integer	Status of this initialisation. <b>Status</b> = 1 implies successful initialisation. All other values signify failure.	NO	YES

Table 2.1: Arguments of the procedure `gFOI`.

gPROMS is not concerned with the way in which the external software will actually interpret the `ForeignObjectID` passed to it. However, the success or failure of the attempted instance creation must be reported to it via the `Status` argument. If the instantiation fails (`Status` different from 1), execution of the `PROCESS` cannot proceed further and is terminated immediately.

During a typical run, gPROMS may need to issue a large number of requests to the services provided by a given Foreign Object software. In order to minimise the overhead associated with these requests, the `gFOI` routine may also return to gPROMS a “handle”,

```
1  MODEL Flash

2      PARAMETER
3          PPP AS FOREIGN_OBJECT "ThermoPack"
4          NoComp AS INTEGER

5      VARIABLE
6          F, L, V AS MolarRate
7          Hf AS MolarEnergy
8          Q AS EnergyRate
9          T AS Temperature
10         P AS Pressure
11         x, y, z AS ARRAY(NoComp) OF MoleFraction

12     SET
13         NoComp := PPP.NumberOfComponents ;

14     EQUATION
15         F*z = L*x + V*y ;
16         F*Hf = L*PPP.LiquidEnthalpy(T,P,x) + V*PPP.VapourEnthalpy(T,P,y) + Q ;
17         x*PPP.LiquidFugacityCoeff(T,P,x) = y*PPP.VapourFugacityCoeff(T,P,y) ;
18         SIGMA(x) = SIGMA(y) = 1 ;
19         IF PPP.StableLiquid(T,P,x) THEN
20             ...
21         ELSE
22             ...
23         END
24     END # Model Flash
```

Figure 2.1: An example of a gPROMS MODEL using a Foreign Object.

**ForeignObjectHandle.** This is usually an address allowing the corresponding Foreign Object instance to be located quickly. gPROMS will *not* attempt any interpretation or make any direct use of this handle. However, it will pass it to all subsequent calls requesting services relating to this particular Foreign Object instance (see sections 2.2.2–2.2.4).

### 2.2.2 The Foreign Object verification procedures

In general, gPROMS does not know *a priori* what methods a Foreign Object can provide nor does it know what inputs each method needs or what output it calculates. However, it can deduce this information from the gPROMS input file. Once the various Foreign Object instances are created successfully (see section 2.2.1), gPROMS will try to verify

```

1 PROCESS PlantSimulation

2   UNIT
3     Plant AS TwoTankSystem

4   SET
5     Plant.LPPP := "MygPROMSDir/LPThermo.tpk" ;

6   ...

```

Figure 2.2: SETting of a Foreign Object value within a PROCESS entity.

the correctness of this information by issuing requests to the Foreign Object verification procedures (*cf.* section 10.2.3 of the “*gPROMS Introductory User Guide*”).

### 2.2.2.1 Verification of method existence and structure

The first verification procedure, **gFOCM**, is used by gPROMS to ascertain the existence of a given method, to determine the number of inputs that the method expects, and to obtain detailed information on the method’s output. It has the form:

- **gFOCM** (**ForeignObjectID**, **ForeignObjectHandle**, **MethodName**,  
**NoInputs**, **OutputLength**, **OutputType**,  
**OutputDimensionsNum**, **OutputDimensionsDenom**, **OutputOffset**,  
**OutputMultiplier**, **Status**)

The arguments of **gFOCM** are described in detail in table 2.2. The first two, **ForeignObjectID** and **ForeignObjectHandle**, are used by gPROMS to identify the Foreign Object instance to which the request relates (*cf.* section 2.2.1). The third argument, **MethodName**<sup>1</sup>, identifies the method. **gFOCM** should then return the number of inputs that this method expects as well as detailed information on the method’s (unique) output. By setting **Status** to a value of 1, **gFOCM** signals that, indeed, such a method is supported by the Foreign Object.

The specification of the physical dimensions of the method output is done in terms of the integers  $p_i$  and  $q_i$  that define a quantity’s dimensions as:

$$\prod_{i=1}^{10} [FundamentalDimension]_i^{p_i/q_i}$$

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<sup>1</sup>The **MethodName** is always provided by gPROMS in capitals in all calls to Foreign Object services.

where the 10 fundamental dimensions,  $i = 1, \dots, 10$ , are listed in table 2.3. In the argument list of `gFOCM`,  $p_i$  corresponds to `OutputDimensionsNum` and  $q_i$  to `OutputDimensionsDenom`. Although, in most cases, the index  $p_i/q_i$  will take integer values (*i.e.*  $q_i$  will be 1 for all  $i$ ), using both  $p_i$  and  $q_i$  allows rational indices also to be specified whenever necessary. For example, if the method output is a velocity, the dimensions returned should be:

$$\text{OutputDimensionsNum} = [ 1, 0, -1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 ]$$

and:

$$\text{OutputDimensionsDenom} = [ 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1 ]$$

The Foreign Object also has to specify the units of measurement of the output by setting the arguments `OutputOffset` and `OutputMultiplier`. These are such that:

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Value of} \\ \text{Output in} \\ \text{SI Units} \end{array} \right) = \text{OutputOffset} + \text{OutputMultiplier} \times \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Value of} \\ \text{Output Computed by} \\ \text{Foreign Object} \end{array} \right)$$

For instance, for a velocity measured in km/hr, the `OutputOffset` should be 0 while the `OutputMultiplier` should have a value of 1000/3600. On the other hand, for a temperature measured in degrees Fahrenheit, the corresponding values should be 255.37 (= 273.15 - 5/9\*32) and 5/9 respectively.

### 2.2.2.2 Verification of method inputs

Once the existence of a Foreign Object method is ascertained and the number of its inputs is determined, the next step for gPROMS is to obtain detailed information on these inputs. This is achieved via a call to the routine `gFOCMI`, the form of which is as follows:

- `gFOCMI (ForeignObjectID, ForeignObjectHandle, MethodName, NoInputs, InputNames, InputLengths, InputTypes, InputDerivsAvailable, InputDimensionsNum, InputDimensionsDenom, InputOffsets, InputMultipliers, Status)`

where the arguments are as described in table 2.4.

The first four arguments of `gFOCMI` are identical to those for `gFOCM`. Also, the arguments `InputLengths`, `InputTypes`, `InputDimensionsNum`, `InputDimensionsDenom`, `InputOffsets` and `InputMultipliers` are similar to the corresponding arguments of `gFOCM`. Of course, in this case, they are all arrays of length `NoInputs` as the necessary information must be supplied for all inputs of the method.

The argument `InputNames` allows the Foreign Object to associate a name with each one of its inputs. These names can be used by gPROMS for generating diagnostic messages and also for identifying individual inputs in subsequent requests for information issued to the Foreign Object. Finally, the argument `InputDerivsAvailable` allows the Foreign Object to inform gPROMS whether the method will be able to provide the partial derivatives of its output with respect to a particular input.

### 2.2.3 The Foreign Object calculation procedures

If the Foreign Object initialisation and verification are completed successfully, gPROMS proceeds with the execution of the `PROCESS` under consideration. This requires the evaluation of the outputs of the various Foreign Object methods used in the problem for given values of their inputs. It also usually involves the evaluation of partial derivatives of the outputs with respect to the inputs.

In order to obtain the above numerical information, gPROMS will call the following procedures during the run:

- `gFOM` (`ForeignObjectID`, `ForeignObjectHandle`, `MethodName`,  
`OutputLength`, `NoInputs`, `InputLengths`,  
`TotalInpLength`, `MethodInputs`, `MethodOutput`, `Status`)
- `gFOMD` (`ForeignObjectID`, `ForeignObjectHandle`, `MethodName`,  
`OutputLength`, `NoInputs`, `InputLengths`,  
`TotalInpLength`, `MethodInputs`, `DInputName`,  
`DInputLength`, `DerivOutputs`, `Status`)

Their arguments are described in table 2.5 and table 2.6 respectively; most of these arguments have already been encountered. Before calling either of the two procedures, gPROMS copies the current values of the method arguments into a single array `MethodInputs` in the order in which they were declared. The total length of this array is computed by gPROMS and passed to the procedures in argument `TotalInpLength`. This is done only for convenience: `TotalInpLength` is simply the sum of the `NoInputs` entries in array `InputLengths`.

In case of `gFOM`, the method output is returned to gPROMS in argument `MethodOutput` of length `OutputLength`. The values for outputs of type `INTEGER` should be converted by `gFOM` to the equivalent real quantities; similarly, for `LOGICAL` results, the values returned should be 1.0 for `TRUE` and 0.0 for `FALSE`.

In case of `gFOMD`, the arguments `DInputName` and `DInputLength` are used by gPROMS to pass the name and the length of the input with respect to which the partial derivatives of the output are requested. The values of these derivatives are returned by `gFOMD` in array `DerivOutputs`. **Note that** `gFOMD` must only return the partial derivatives with

respect to the *one* input specified in the `DInputName` argument. This will be discussed in more detail later.

gPROMS will never call `gFOMD` for an input that is not of type `REAL`, or one for which partial derivatives are not available as notified to gPROMS by a call to `gFOCMI`.

### 2.2.3.1 Specifying partial derivative outputs

As stated before, `gFOMD` must only return the partial derivatives of the method with respect to the *one* input specified by gPROMS in the `DInputName`. This is because gPROMS calls for the partial derivatives with respect to each input separately: returning *all* of the partial derivatives with respect to *all* of the inputs at the same time in the `DerivOutputs` argument will cause errors.

So the values that you must specify in the `DerivOutputs` argument depend on the dimensionality of the method and of the requested input.

- Scalar method ( $f$ ) and scalar input ( $x$ )  
This is the simplest case, in which the output is also a scalar equal to the derivative of the method with respect to the input:  $\partial f / \partial x$ .
- Scalar method ( $f$ ) and vector input ( $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ )  
In this case, the output will be a vector of length equal to the length of the input. Each element  $i$  of the output vector must be the value of the partial derivative of the method with respect to the  $i$ th element of the input vector. So `DerivOutputs` must be equal to  $[\partial f / \partial x_1 \ \partial f / \partial x_2 \ \dots \ \partial f / \partial x_N]^T$ .
- Vector method ( $\underline{f} \in \mathbb{R}^M$ ) and scalar input ( $x$ )  
In this case, the output must be a vector of length  $M$ . Each element  $i$  of the output vector must be the partial derivative of the  $i$ th element of the method with respect to the input. The `DerivOutputs` argument must therefore contain  $[\partial f_1 / \partial x \ \partial f_2 / \partial x \ \dots \ \partial f_M / \partial x]^T$ .
- Vector method ( $\underline{f} \in \mathbb{R}^M$ ) and vector input ( $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ )  
This is the final possibility. In this case, the output is also a vector and its length must be  $M \times N$ . The first  $N$  elements must be the partial derivatives of the first element of the method ( $f_1$ ) with respect to the  $N$  elements of the input  $\underline{x}$ , as in the second case above. The next  $N$  elements are then the partial derivatives of the second element of the method ( $f_2$ ) with respect to the  $N$  elements of the input. So the overall form of the `DerivOutputs` argument must be  $[\partial f_1 / \partial \underline{x} \ \partial f_2 / \partial \underline{x} \ \dots \ \partial f_M / \partial \underline{x}]^T$ . Fully expanded, this is:  
 $[\partial f_1 / \partial x_1 \ \partial f_1 / \partial x_2 \ \dots \ \partial f_1 / \partial x_N \ \partial f_2 / \partial x_1 \ \dots \ \partial f_2 / \partial x_N \ \dots \ \partial f_M / \partial x_{N-1} \ \partial f_M / \partial x_N]^T$ .

The example files `tank_c.c`, `tank_cpp.cxx` and `tank_f.f` provided with gPROMS contain an example of a `gFOMD` implementation (in C, C++ and FORTRAN, respectively).

These files can be found in the `scr/examples/foi` subdirectory of the gPROMS installation directory.

### 2.2.4 The Foreign Object termination procedure

The Foreign Object termination procedure is of the form:

- `gFOT (ForeignObjectID, ForeignObjectHandle, Status)`.

The arguments are as listed in table 2.1, but with the argument `ForeignObjectHandle` specified on entry and unchanged on exit.

At the end of the `PROCESS` execution, gPROMS will call this procedure in turn for each Foreign Object instance that has been successfully created via an earlier successful call to `gFOI`. This is intended to provide the external package with an opportunity to do any necessary housekeeping (*e.g.* closing of databank files *etc.*).

<i>Name of Argument</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Specified on Entry</i>	<i>Specified on Exit</i>
ForeignObjectID	Character*256	Full name of Foreign Object (terminated with a null).	YES	NO
ForeignObjectHandle	Integer	Handle for identifying Foreign Object.	YES	NO
MethodName	Character*256	Name of method (terminated with a null).	YES	NO
NoInputs	Integer	Number of inputs for this method.	NO	YES
OutputLength	Integer	Length of method output.	NO	YES
OutputType	Integer	The type of the method output. This will be: 1 for REAL, 2 for INTEGER, and 3 for LOGICAL.	NO	YES
OutputDimensionsNum	Integer	The numerator of the fundamental dimensions of the output of the method. An <i>array</i> of length 10.	NO	YES
OutputDimensionsDenom	Integer	The denominator of the fundamental dimensions of the output of the method. An <i>array</i> of length 10.	NO	YES
OutputOffset	Double Precision	Offset constant for conversion of units of measurement of method output to SI units. A <i>scalar quantity</i> .	NO	YES
OutputMultiplier	Double Precision	Multiplier constant for conversion of units of measurement of method output to SI units. A <i>scalar quantity</i> .	NO	YES
Status	Integer	Status of this service request. <b>Status</b> = 1 implies successful completion of this service. All other values signify failure.	NO	YES

Table 2.2: Arguments of the procedure gFOCM.



<i>Fundamental Dimension</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>SI Units</i>
1	Length	metre
2	Mass	kilogram
3	Time	second
4	Electric Current	Ampere
5	Temperature	Kelvin
6	Amount of Substance	mole
7	Luminous Intensity	candela
8	Plane Angle	radian
9	Solid Angle	steradian
10	Money	US dollar

Table 2.3: Physical dimensions for the inputs and output of a method.

<i>Name of Argument</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Specified on Entry</i>	<i>Specified on Exit</i>
ForeignObjectID	Character*256	Full name of Foreign Object (terminated with a null).	YES	NO
ForeignObjectHandle	Integer	Handle for identifying Foreign Object.	YES	NO
MethodName	Character*256	Name of method (terminated with a null).	YES	NO
NoInputs	Integer	Number of inputs for this method.	YES	YES
InputNames	Character*256	The names of the method inputs. An <i>array</i> of length NoInputs.	NO	YES
InputLengths	Integer	The length of the method inputs. For example, a scalar input will have a length of 1. An <i>array</i> of length NoInputs.	NO	YES
InputTypes	Integer	The types of the method inputs. This will be 1 for REAL, 2 for INTEGER, and 3 for LOGICAL. An <i>array</i> of length NoInputs.	NO	YES
InputDerivsAvailable	Integer	Flags that indicate whether the method can compute partial derivatives of its output with respect to its inputs. A value of 0 indicates that the corresponding partial derivative is not available. Any other value signifies that the derivative can be computed on request. An <i>array</i> of length NoInputs.	NO	YES

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<b>InputDimensionsNum</b>	Integer	The numerators of the fundamental dimensions of the method inputs. A <i>one-dimensional array</i> of total length <b>NoInputs</b> *10, where the values are ordered by input.	NO	YES
<b>InputDimensionsDenom</b>	Integer	The denominators of the fundamental dimensions of the method inputs. A <i>one-dimensional array</i> of total length <b>NoInputs</b> *10, where the values are ordered by input.	NO	YES
<b>InputOffsets</b>	Double Precision	Offset constants for conversion of units of measurement of inputs to SI units. An <i>array</i> of length <b>NoInputs</b> .	NO	YES
<b>InputMultipliers</b>	Double Precision	Multiplier constants for conversion of units of measurement of inputs to SI units. An <i>array</i> of length <b>NoInputs</b> .	NO	YES
<b>Status</b>	Integer	Status of this service request. <b>Status</b> = 1 implies successful completion of this service. All other values signify failure.	NO	YES

Table 2.4: Arguments of the procedure **gFOCMI**.

<i>Name of Argument</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Specified on Entry</i>	<i>Specified on Exit</i>
ForeignObjectID	Character*256	Full name of Foreign Object (terminated with a null).	YES	NO
ForeignObjectHandle	Integer	Handle for identifying Foreign Object.	YES	NO
MethodName	Character*256	Name of the method (terminated with a null).	YES	NO
OutputLength	Integer	Length of method output.	YES	NO
NoInputs	Integer	Number of method inputs.	YES	NO
InputLengths	Integer	Lengths of method inputs. An <i>array</i> of length NoInputs.	YES	NO
TotalInpLength	Integer	Total length of array MethodInputs.	YES	NO
MethodInputs	Double Precision	Numerical values of all the inputs for this method.	YES	NO
MethodOutput	Double Precision	The numerical value(s) of the method output to be returned. An <i>array</i> of length OutputLength.	NO	YES
Status	Integer	Status of requested computation. A value of 1 indicates a successful computation. A value of 0 indicates that the Foreign Object does not support the requested calculation. All other values signify failure.	NO	YES

Table 2.5: Arguments of the procedure gFOM.

<i>Name of Argument</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Specified on Entry</i>	<i>Specified on Exit</i>
ForeignObjectID	Character*256	Full name of Foreign Object (terminated with a null).	YES	NO
ForeignObjectHandle	Integer	Handle for identifying Foreign Object.	YES	NO
MethodName	Character*256	Name of the method (terminated with a null).	YES	NO
OutputLength	Integer	Length of method output.	YES	NO
NoInputs	Integer	Number of method inputs.	YES	NO
InputLengths	Integer	Lengths of method inputs. An <i>array</i> of length NoInputs.	YES	NO
TotalInpLength	Integer	Total length of array MethodInputs.	YES	NO
MethodInputs	Double Precision	Numerical values of all the inputs for this method.	YES	NO
DInputName	Character*256	Name of the input with respect to which the partial derivatives are to be calculated.	YES	NO
DInputLength	Integer	Length of the input with respect to which the partial derivatives are to be calculated.	YES	NO
DerivOutputs	Double Precision	Numerical values of the requested partial derivatives. These will be packed in a <i>one-dimensional array</i> of total length OutputLength*DInputLength. The values must be ordered by output.	NO	YES
Status	Integer	Status of requested computation. A value of 1 indicates a successful computation. A value of 0 indicates that the Foreign Object does not support the requested calculation. All other values signify failure.	NO	YES

Table 2.6: Arguments of the procedure gFOMD.

## 2.3 Implementation of Foreign Objects

This section deals with some of the details of the implementation of Foreign Object software and the precise ways in which this can be compiled and linked to gPROMS.

### 2.3.1 Writing Foreign Objects

In principle, Foreign Object software can be written in any procedural language such as FORTRAN, C and C++. Although the first two are perfectly adequate, at least for simple applications, special care must be taken if the problem under consideration makes use of multiple instances of the same Foreign Object class. In such cases, it is important that each instance has a separate area of private storage. This is not a trivial task if the private storage is allocated statically (as is the case with FORTRAN) because essentially there is just a *single* area of storage that is declared by the code describing the Foreign Object class.

There are several ways of overcoming the above difficulty with different degrees of elegance, efficiency and ease of implementation:

1. *Create multiple copies of the same class.*

This is rather inefficient since it involves keeping multiple copies of the same code under different names. Realistically, it is an option only with very small Foreign Object codes.

2. *Allocate large static workspace in Foreign Object class code and manage its allocation and use among all instances of the class.*

Perhaps the easiest way of achieving this is by using the `ForeignObjectHandle` (cf. section 2.2.1) as a means of indexing the instances of the class that are active at any given time. In particular, the `gFOI` procedure can maintain a count of the number of instances that have been created thus far; initially this is zero. Each invocation of `gFOI` increases this count by 1 and returns its current value as the `ForeignObjectHandle`.

Consider, now, a Foreign Object class, each instance of which requires a real workspace of length 1000. Suppose, furthermore, that it is expected that any gPROMS problem might involve up to 10 such instances. In a FORTRAN implementation, we can then declare a workspace array in a `COMMON` block of the form:

```
COMMON /WWW/ W(10,1000)
```

and insert this in all 6 service procedures (cf. section 2.2). Then each of the latter can use the value of the `ForeignObjectHandle` passed to it by gPROMS to reference the correct part of the workspace.

3. *Allocate workspace for each Foreign Object instance dynamically.*

This option differs from 2 above in that there is no need to allocate a static array that is large enough to hold the data for all instances that might be created during a run. Instead, each call to `gFOI` allocates the required workspace dynamically. The `ForeignObjectHandle` returned by `gFOI` could be a pointer to the workspace allocated for the corresponding instance.

Obviously, this option is available only with languages that allow such dynamic storage operation (*e.g.* C).

Of course, the use of truly object-oriented languages such as C++ does provide a real advantage in making it easier to handle multiple instances of a Foreign Object class being used in the same problem. By defining a C++ class whose methods are those of the Foreign Object and whose private data include everything which is specific to a given instance, the `gFOI` routine can consist simply of creating an instance of this C++ class. The private data of this instance can be established *e.g.* in the constructor of this class or in special initialization methods.

### WARNING!

In writing code for Foreign Objects, always use the default declaration for `INTEGER` type arguments to the six service procedures.

Do *not* make use of any explicit declarations of integer variable lengths (*e.g.* `INTEGER*4`). Doing so may render your code incompatible with gPROMS on some platforms (*e.g.* those using 64-bit integers).

## 2.3.2 Writing Foreign Objects in FORTRAN and C

As mentioned in section 2.2, any Foreign Object implementation has to provide six service procedures. For convenience, skeleton files are provided for both FORTRAN and C. The skeletons contain only the calling frame for the service procedures. The names of these files are `foi.c` and `foi.f`<sup>2</sup>. The C version also relies on the header files `gFOInterface.h` and `gTypes.h` which:

- provide prototype definitions for the six Foreign Object interface routines,
- define a macro which ensures that the function prototypes are exported when compiling for MS Windows and
- define own versions of the basic types for ease of portability.

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<sup>2</sup>All the provided example code can be found in the `src/examples/foi` subdirectory of the gPROMS installation directory.

*Please note:* It is strongly recommended that you do not change the prototypes and type definitions because they ensure that the function calls follow the conventions gPROMS uses internally.

In addition to the above files, an example implementation of a simple Foreign Object (`tank.c.c` and `tank.f.f`) is provided together with a gPROMS input file (`tank.fo.gPROMS`<sup>3</sup>) that makes use of this Foreign Object. This example shows how to evaluate the arguments from the service procedures and how to trigger the methods of the Foreign Objects you wish to implement; here the calculation of the liquid level and the flow out of a tank are implemented.

### 2.3.3 Writing Foreign Objects in C++

As mentioned above, C++ offers a straightforward way to implement a Foreign Object and to manage multiple instances of the same class. How to do this is demonstrated in detail by the provided example code<sup>4</sup>.

The basic idea is to divide the responsibilities into:

- the interface to gPROMS,
- managing the Foreign Objects, comprising the task of creating, destroying and accessing them, and finally
- the Foreign Objects.

The provided classes and interfaces provided are designed so that the user can use them as a library without having to bother with the low-level interface to gPROMS and the management of the Foreign Objects.

In the above list, the second group of responsibilities is dealt with by a single object, a so-called Factory. On request, this Factory will create and destroy Foreign Objects. Internally it keeps track of all the Foreign Objects. Actually, the Factory is designed to be the only interface through which Foreign Objects can be created and accessed; the key for retrieving them is the `ForeignObjectHandle` which was assigned to the Foreign Object upon creation.

Since the Factory manages all the Foreign Objects, there should exist only one instance of the Factory class. This is ensured by a Singleton function, `get_F0Factory()`. This function (and only this function) provides access to the Factory, which is ensured by keeping constructors and destructors of the Factory class private.

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<sup>3</sup>`tank.fo.gPROMS` is located in the `examples/gPROMS` subdirectory of the gPROMS installation directory.

<sup>4</sup>In order to understand these examples, at least a basic understanding of C++ and object oriented terminology is necessary.



The interface functions are necessary because gPROMS expects the service procedures to be provided as functions. From the interface functions, then, member functions of the class implementation are called. For example, if you have implemented a class `MyForeignObject`, a gPROMS call to `gFOM()` will actually be translated in a call to `MyForeignObject::Evalmethod()`. However, before this call actually takes place, the interface function first asks the Factory to retrieve the Foreign Object identified by the handle passed to `gFOM()` by gPROMS.

The interface functions can be found in the file `gFOInterface.cxx` and need not be changed if it is not intended to change the underlying structure of the C++ interface.

Two additional classes are provided: `gFOClass` and `gFOFactory`. Both of them are purely abstract classes, which means you cannot instantiate them directly. Instead, their purpose is to provide the basic functionality (or interface) which has to be implemented in the Foreign Object. When defining and implementing a Foreign Object, you should derive your own classes from these two classes and define the virtual functions of the abstract base classes. In this context, `gFOClass` is the base class for the Foreign Object, whereas `gFOFactory` is the base class for a user-provided factory which is responsible for generating and accessing a single or multiple Foreign Objects. This simple inheritance structure is shown in figure 2.3 for the tank example.

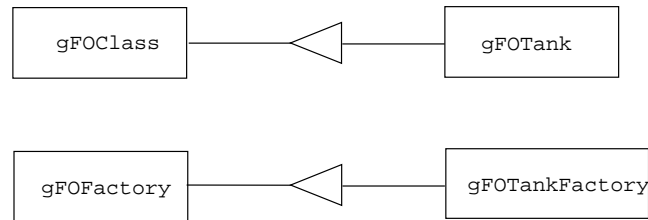


Figure 2.3: Inheritance for the tank example

When deriving from `gFOClass`, the only member functions which have to be provided by the user are the equivalents for the service procedures shown in table 2.7.

Service procedure	C++ equivalent
<code>gFOCM()</code>	<code>Checkmethod()</code>
<code>gFOCMI()</code>	<code>Checkmethodinputs()</code>
<code>gFOM()</code>	<code>Evalmethod()</code>
<code>gFOMD()</code>	<code>Evalmethodderiv()</code>

Table 2.7: Service procedure and their C++ equivalent

Note that the argument lists of the member functions in table 2.7 are identical to their corresponding functions in `gFOInterface.h` *except* that they are missing the first two arguments of the latter: the `ForeignObjectID` and `ForeignObjectHandle` are unnecessary since these functions operate on the specific object with which they are associated.

Example implementations for these member functions can be found in `tank_cpp.h` and `tank_cpp.cxx`. `gFOI()` and `gFOT()` do not have to be defined because they call member functions which are already implemented in `gFOFactory` and which are responsible for creating and destroying Foreign Objects.

When deriving a Factory from the `gFOFactory` provided, the only member function which has to be provided by the user is `CreateObject()` plus a global function which will provide access to the factory, `get_FOfactory()`, cf. the files `tank_factory.h` and `tank_factory.cxx`.

If the proposed structure is adopted, none of the interface files has to be changed, only classes with the member functions, as in the tank example, have to be provided by the user.

### 2.3.4 Compiling Foreign Objects

gPROMS employs a *dynamic loading* mechanism that allows it to load Foreign Object code and make use of its services without the need for a separate linking step. Standardised dynamic loading facilities are nowadays available under both the UNIX and MS Windows operating systems. These provide direct control over the process of loading the Foreign Object code into memory during program execution.

In view of the above, each Foreign Object class is physically implemented as a UNIX shared object library (e.g. `ThermoPack.so`) or a Windows dynamic link library (e.g. `ThermoPack.dll`). Appendix A details how these libraries can be created for the currently supported UNIX platforms, while appendix B provides the equivalent explanation for Windows.

### 2.3.5 Installing Foreign Objects

Once the code describing the Foreign Object class is written and compiled as explained in section 2.3.1 and section 2.3.4 above, the resulting dynamic library has to be installed in a place where gPROMS can find it during runtime. There are two main options for this:

- In a sub-directory called `fo` of the user's current gPROMS working directory.  
This sub-directory is at the same level as the `input`, `output` and `save` sub-directories.
- In a sub-directory called `fo` of the gPROMS installation directory.

Clearly, the first option is appropriate only for Foreign Objects that are used by a small number of users, otherwise it may lead to unnecessary waste of disk space; it may also make the maintenance of the Foreign Object code very difficult to manage. The second

option makes the Foreign Object accessible to all gPROMS users but will usually require system administrator privileges.

On UNIX platforms, a third option is for individual users to place a symbolic link to the actual Foreign Object library inside their private `fo` sub-directory. The actual code may, thus, reside anywhere in the system where it is accessible to the group of users who need it. This has the advantage of saving disk space without requiring system administrator privileges.

### 2.3.6 Documenting Foreign Object classes

The information that users of Foreign Objects need to know in order to use them correctly within gPROMS is listed in chapter 4 of the “*gPROMS Advanced User Guide*”. We recommend that, as a Foreign Object developer, you base the documentation of your software on this list.

## 2.4 Implementing Foreign Objects using COM

Section 2.3 of this chapter has described the implementation of Foreign Objects in FORTRAN and C/C++ and their linking to gPROMS as dynamic libraries or shared objects. This section presents some of the details of implementing Foreign Objects alternatively as COM objects and, hence, the material in this section is only applicable to the Windows operating system. COM objects can be written in any suitable computer language like Visual Basic and C++, and, because they need to be registered with the Windows registry, can be placed in any location in the computer.

In the following sections, the full process of writing and using COM objects as Foreign Objects in gPROMS is described. This will cover the description of the required gPROMS files, the COM interfaces and full IDLs, registration details, and how to refer to the COM objects in gPROMS input files.

### 2.4.1 The Foreign Object COM interfaces

There are two COM interfaces which need to be implemented by any Foreign Object COM server: the first provides an identification of the interface while the second provides all the methods of the gPROMS FOI. The full details are presented next. All the data types are defined in table 2.16.

#### 2.4.1.1 The IFOICOMServerIdentification interface

The purpose of this interface is to provide an identification of the FOI COM server. This is in the form of the name and a short description of what it does. The information

provided is used by gPROMS when it provides a list of all the available FOI COM servers in the MS Windows registry (*cf.* section 2.4.3). The interface implements two methods: `GetServerName` and `GetServerDescription`, and their IDLs are given in tables 2.8 and 2.9. The interface inherits from the `IDispatch` interface.

Interface Name	IFOICOMServerIdentification	
Method Name	GetServerName	
Method Returns	FOIError	
Method Description	This method returns the FOI COM server name	
Method Arguments		
<i>Name</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Description</i>
[out,retval] *name	FOIString	Name of the FOI COM server

Table 2.8: `IFOICOMServerIdentification::GetServerName`

#### 2.4.1.2 The `IgPROMSFOI` interface

This interface implements all the gPROMS FOI methods described in detail in section 2.2. There are six methods in the interface: `Initialise`, `CheckMethod`, `CheckMethodInputs`, `EvalMethod`, `EvalMethodDeriv`, `Terminate`. The IDLs of all the methods are given in tables 2.10 to 2.15. The interface inherits from the `IDispatch` interface. gPROMS will call the `Initialise` method after the COM object has been successfully created but before any other method of the interface is called.

#### 2.4.2 Registering a Foreign Object COM server

All gPROMS Foreign Object COM servers need to be registered in a specific location (category) in the Windows registry. The necessary `CATID` together with the `IIDs` of the two interfaces are given next.

- `IFOICOMServerIdentification_IID` C92162CD-4F79-11d5-9082-00C04F7D052E
- `IgPROMSFOI_IID` C92162CE-4F79-11d5-9082-00C04F7D052E
- `FOICOMComponent_CATID` D75D9500-5118-11d5-9082-00C04F7D052E

Interface Name	IFOICOMServerIdentification	
Method Name	GetServerDescription	
Method Returns	FOIError	
Method Description	This method returns the description of the FOI COM server	
Method Arguments		
<i>Name</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Description</i>
[out,retval] *desc	FOIString	Description of the FOI COM server

Table 2.9: IFOICOMServerIdentification::GetServerDescription

The first two are the IIDs of the two interfaces described in section 2.4.1, while the third is the category identifier (CATID) where all FOI COM servers should be placed.

### 2.4.3 Using COM-based Foreign Objects within gPROMS

Before any COM object written to provide the Foreign Object Interface (FOI) services is used in gPROMS, the file `FOICOM.dll` must be placed in the gPROMS `fo` sub-directory. This file acts as a bridge between the standard gPROMS FOI and the COM server, and should have been installed as part of the standard gPROMS installation process. The tasks performed by the dll include searching the Windows registry for FOI COM components, creation of such components, and the handling of all the FOI calls between gPROMS and the COM server.

Once a Foreign Object COM server has been properly installed in the Windows registry (see section 2.4.2), it can be used within gPROMS using the latter's standard Foreign Object mechanism (which is fully described in chapter 4 of the “*gPROMS Advanced User Guide*”).

In the `PROCESS` entity, the class of the Foreign Object needs to be declared as `COMForeignObject`. The value of the particular instance of the Foreign Object should be set to the `ProgID` under which the FOI COM server has been installed in the MS Windows registry (*cf.* section 2.4.2). For example, the following specification:

1. `PROCESS TEST`
2. `UNIT`

Interface Name	IgPROMSFOI	
Method Name	Initialise	
Method Returns	FOIError	
Method Description	This method initialises the FOI COM server	
Method Arguments		
<i>Name</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Description</i>
[in] fo_id	FOIString	The full FO Id from gPROMS

Table 2.10: IgPROMSFOI::Initialise

```

3.      F AS BufferTank
4. SET
5.      F.Hydraulics := "COMForeignObject::TankCo.Mixer.1"
6.      .....
7. END

```

specifies that the Foreign Object **Hydraulics** appearing in instance **F** of MODEL **BufferTank** is a COM-based Foreign Object server that has been installed in the MS Windows registry under the ProgID “**TankCo.Mixer.1**”.

It is often necessary to specify options for a Foreign Object. This may be the location of a particular file that the FOI COM server needs or the variants of a particular method of the Foreign Object. Any option for the FOI COM server should be put within angled brackets “<” and “>”. For example, the specification above may be modified to:

```

4. SET
5.      F.Hydraulics := "COMForeignObject::TankCo.Mixer.1<Turbulent>"
6.      .....
7. END

```

which may be used to indicate that a turbulent regime should be assumed for the calculations of hydraulics in this mixer unit. gPROMS will always pass the full string value of the Foreign Object (i.e., “**COMForeignObject::TankCo.Mixer.1<Turbulent>**”) to the Foreign Object COM server using the **IgPROMSFOI::Initialise** method. It is the

Interface Name	IgPROMSFOI	
Method Name	CheckMethod	
Method Returns	FOIError	
Method Description	Checks the existence of a given Foreign Object method	
Method Arguments		
<i>Name</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Description</i>
[in] method_name	FOIString	The name of the method
[out] *num_inputs	FOILong	The number of inputs
[out] *output_length	FOILong	The length of the output
[out] *output_type	FOILong	The type of the output
[out] *out_dimen_num	FOIArrayLong	The dimensions of the numerator of the output
[out] *out_dimen_den	FOIArrayLong	The dimensions of the denominator of the output
[out] *out_offset	FOIDouble	The offset value for the output
[out] *out_multipl	FOIDouble	The multiplier value for the output

Table 2.11: IgPROMSFOI::CheckMethod

responsibility of the Foreign Object to parse this string and to modify its behaviour accordingly.

If, for whatever reason, the ProgID of a COM-based Foreign Object is not known, then attempting the execution of the above PROCESS entity without specifying a ProgID, that is:

```

1. PROCESS TEST
2. UNIT
3.     F AS BufferTank
4. SET
5.     F.Hydraulics := "COMForeignObject::"
6.     .....
7. END

```

will produce a list of the ProgIDs of all the FOI COM servers that are currently installed in the registry.

Interface Name	IgPROMSFOI	
Method Name	CheckMethodInputs	
Method Returns	FOIError	
Method Description	Checks the inputs of a given Foreign Object method	
Method Arguments		
<i>Name</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Description</i>
[in] method_name	FOIString	The name of the method
[out] *input_names	FOIArrayString	The names of the inputs
[out] *input_lengths	FOIArrayLong	The lengths of the inputs
[out] *input_types	FOIArrayLong	The types of the inputs
[out] *input_deriv_avail	FOIArrayLong	The availability of the derivatives with respect to the inputs
[out] *input_dims_num	FOIArrayLong	The dimensions of the numerator of the inputs
[out] *input_dims_den	FOIArrayLong	The dimensions of the denominator of the inputs
[out] *input_offsets	FOIArrayDouble	The offset values for the inputs
[out] *input_multipl	FOIArrayDouble	The multiplier values for the inputs

Table 2.12: IgPROMSF0I::CheckMethodInputs



Interface Name	IgPROMSFOI	
Method Name	EvalMethod	
Method Returns	FOIError	
Method Description	Evaluates a Foreign Object method for a given set of inputs	
Method Arguments		
<i>Name</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Description</i>
[in] method_name	FOIString	The name of the method
[in] input_values	FOIArrayDouble	The values of the inputs
[out] *output_values	FOIArrayDouble	The values of the output

Table 2.13: IgPROMSFOI::EvalMethod

Interface Name	IgPROMSFOI	
Method Name	EvalMethodDeriv	
Method Returns	FOIError	
Method Description	Evaluates the partial derivatives of a Foreign Object method for a given set of inputs	
Method Arguments		
<i>Name</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Description</i>
[in] method_name	FOIString	The name of the method
[in] deriv_input_name	FOIString	The name of the input with respect to which the drivatives are required
[in] input_values	FOIArrayDouble	The values of all the inputs
[out] *output_values	FOIArrayDouble	The values of the output

Table 2.14: IgPROMSFOI::EvalMethodDeriv

Interface Name	IgPROMSFOI	
Method Name	Terminate	
Method Returns	FOIError	
Method Description	This method terminates the FOI COM server	
Method Arguments		
<i>Name</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Description</i>
...no arguments ...		

Table 2.15: IgPROMSFOI::Terminate()

<i>FOICOM Data Type</i>	<i>COM Data Type</i>
FOIChar	char
FOILong	long int
FOIDouble	double
FOIBoolean	VARIANT_BOOL
FOIString	BSTR
FOIVariant	VARIANT
FOIInterface	LPDISPATCH
FOIDate	DATE
FOIError	HRESULT
FOIArrayLong	VARIANT
FOIArrayDouble	VARIANT
FOIArrayBoolean	VARIANT
FOIArrayString	VARIANT

Table 2.16: FOICOM Data Types

## Chapter 3

# Interfacing Physical Property Packages to gPROMS

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This chapter explains how you can interface a new physical property package to gPROMS. It assumes a good understanding of the gPROMS Foreign Object concept and interface as described in chapter 2 of this manual.

### 3.1 Constructing Foreign Objects for physical property packages

There are essentially two different ways of interfacing a physical property package to gPROMS. These are illustrated schematically in figure 3.1. The first, shown in the left part of the diagram makes direct use of the Foreign Object Interface (FOI). To do this, you need to construct your own implementation of a FOI between gPROMS and the external package following the instructions given in section 2.2 and section 2.3.

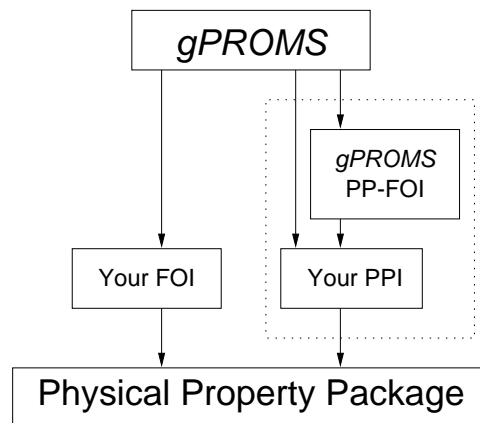


Figure 3.1: Interfacing external physical property packages to gPROMS

The above option certainly provides you with the maximum degree of flexibility. However, most physical property packages are fundamentally similar to each other and you will probably find that, in trying to implement your own FOI for one of these, you are reproducing work that has already been done by other people (including the gPROMS development team) on several occasions in the past! It may, therefore, be more efficient to use one of these ready-made FOIs as the basis of your interface. This approach, illustrated schematically in the right part of figure 3.1, is described below.

gPROMS already includes a special Foreign Object interface to packages that provide the physical properties listed in table 3.1. This is shown as PP-FOI in figure 3.1. The basic ideas are as follows:

<i>gPROMS Property Name</i>	<i>Inputs</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Type</i>
NormalBoilingPoint		Normal boiling point	Vector
CriticalTemperature		Critical temperature	Vector
CriticalPressure		Critical pressure	Vector
CriticalVolume		Critical volume	Vector
NormalFreezingPoint		Melting point	Vector
MolecularWeight		Molecular weight	Vector
IdealGasEnthalpyOfFormationAt25C		Enthalpy of formation	Vector
NumberOfComponents		Number of components	Scalar
VapourPressure	$T$	Pure component vapour pressures	Vector
LiquidCpCv	$T, P, n$	Ratio of $C_P$ to $C_V$ in the liquid phase	Scalar
VapourCpCv	$T, P, n$	Ratio of $C_P$ to $C_V$ in the vapour phase	Scalar
LiquidCompressibilityFactor	$T, P, n$	Compressibility factor for the liquid phase	Scalar
VapourCompressibilityFactor	$T, P, n$	Compressibility factor for the vapour phase	Scalar
LiquidEnthalpy	$T, P, n$	Total enthalpy of the liquid phase	Scalar
VapourEnthalpy	$T, P, n$	Total enthalpy of the vapour phase	Scalar
LiquidExcessEnthalpy	$T, P, n$	Excess enthalpy of the mixture	Scalar
LiquidEntropy	$T, P, n$	Total entropy of the liquid phase	Scalar
VapourEntropy	$T, P, n$	Total entropy of the vapour phase	Scalar
LiquidFugacityCoefficient	$T, P, n$	Liquid fugacity coefficients	Vector
VapourFugacityCoefficient	$T, P, n$	Vapour fugacity coefficients	Vector
LiquidActivityCoefficient	$T, P, n$	Liquid fugacity coefficients	Vector

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LiquidGibbsFreeEnergy	$T, P, n$	Total Gibbs energy of the liquid phase	Scalar
VapourGibbsFreeEnergy	$T, P, n$	Total Gibbs energy of the vapour phase	Scalar
LiquidExcessGibbsFreeEnergy	$T, P, n$	Excess Gibbs energy of the mixture	Scalar
LiquidHeatCapacity	$T, P, n$	Liquid heat capacity at constant pressure	Scalar
VapourHeatCapacity	$T, P, n$	Vapour heat capacity at constant pressure	Scalar
LiquidEnergy	$T, P, n$	Total internal energy of the liquid phase	Scalar
VapourEnergy	$T, P, n$	Total internal energy of the vapour phase	Scalar
LiquidVolume	$T, P, n$	Total liquid volume	Scalar
VapourVolume	$T, P, n$	Total vapour volume	Scalar
LiquidDensity	$T, P, n$	Density of the liquid phase	Scalar
VapourDensity	$T, P, n$	Density of the vapour phase	Scalar
LiquidThermalConductivity	$T, P, n$	Thermal conductivity of the liquid phase	Scalar
VapourThermalConductivity	$T, P, n$	Thermal conductivity of the vapour phase	Scalar
LiquidViscosity	$T, P, n$	Viscosity of the liquid phase	Scalar
VapourViscosity	$T, P, n$	Viscosity of the vapour phase	Scalar
SurfaceTension	$T, P, n_L, n_V$	Surface tension of the mixture	Scalar

Table 3.1: Physical property functions and their arguments

1. On the outside, PP-FOI provides *some* of the services required of Foreign Objects in gPROMS; more specifically, it includes the code implementation of the **gFOM** and **gFOMD** services that are used by gPROMS to evaluate the methods and their partial derivatives with respect to their inputs.
2. On the inside, PP-FOI fulfils these services by issuing calls to routines that you provide within your Physical Property Interface (PPI).
3. Your PPI also includes the code implementation of the four services that are not already provided by PP-FOI. These are:
  - the **gFOI** Foreign Object initialisation service,
  - the **gFOCM** service for checking the methods of the Foreign Object,
  - the **gFOCMi** service for checking the inputs of the methods of the Foreign Object, and
  - the **gFOT** termination service.

gPROMS will issue direct calls to these services.

4. The combination of the code for the standard PP-FOI with that for your own PPI now provides all six services required by any Foreign Object. Thus, you have now created a new Foreign Object (shown as a dotted box in figure 3.1) corresponding to the physical property package that you want to interface to gPROMS. You may now compile this Foreign Object according to the instructions given in section 2.3.

The main advantage of using the approach outlined above is that steps 1 and 2 take away from you much of the effort involved in providing the **gFOM** and **gFOMD** services — and experience indicates that this is usually the most difficult part of constructing a Foreign Object.

The rest of this section discusses in detail the functionality that your PPI needs to provide to gPROMS.

## 3.2 Direct Foreign Object services

As explained in section 3.1, your PPI must directly provide four of the six services required of all gPROMS Foreign Objects. Sample FORTRAN 77 code implementing these services is provided in file `PP-F0Direct.f` in sub-directory `src/examples/foi` of the standard gPROMS installation directory on your computer system. We recommend that you study this code in conjunction with the information provided in this section, and, if possible, use it as the basis of developing your own code: in most cases, you may have to make only a few relatively minor changes to the sample code provided!

We now consider each of these four services in more detail.

### 3.2.1 The gFOI Foreign Object initialisation service

The purpose of this service is to allow gPROMS to create an instance of the class of Foreign Objects corresponding to the physical property package that you are interfacing to gPROMS. The complete specification of gFOI can be found in section 2.2.1.

At the start of the execution of an activity, gPROMS will pass to gFOI a string of characters identifying the particular instance of the physical property package that needs to be created. This string will have been specified in the user's input file and will typically be the name of a file that contains information on the components being used, the methods and options to be used for computing various thermophysical properties and so on.

Your implementation of gFOI will have to execute all actions necessary for initialising the physical property package and making it ready for responding to requests for computing properties (and, in some cases, their partial derivatives) as well as other information (see section 3.3). These initialisation actions may include:

- locating, opening and reading the data file named in the string passed by gPROMS;
- validating the contents of this file;
- retrieving physical property parameters from one or more databanks and storing them in appropriate data structures in memory.

In many cases, the physical property package will provide a “loader” routine that may be called to carry out most or all of the above operations.

In any case, your gFOI must eventually return to gPROMS a status flag indicating whether the initialisation operation has been successful, and, optionally, a “handle” that may be used to identify this particular Foreign Object instance in future references.



**WARNING!**

The use of the Foreign Object Interface generally allows a gPROMS activity to interact with multiple instances of the same physical property package (*e.g.* corresponding to different component sets and/or calculation options).

If your physical property package cannot accommodate this feature, or if you do not wish to support it in your interface, it is important to ensure that any user attempt to create multiple instances is intercepted and handled appropriately. An easy way of achieving this is to maintain a counter of the number of instances that are currently active and to make this accessible to both the gFOI and the gFOT services, each call to which will respectively increase and decrease the counter by 1. Any attempt to increase the counter above 1 by repeated calls to gFOI should be rejected by setting its **Status** flag to 0.

### 3.2.2 The gFOCM Foreign Object verification service

The purpose of this service is to allow gPROMS to check the existence and structure of the physical property methods that are supposed to be provided by the physical property Foreign Object. The complete specification of gFOCM can be found in section 2.2.2.1.

At the start of an activity and having called gFOI, gPROMS will call gFOCM once for each type of physical property that has been referenced in conjunction with this particular Foreign Object in the user's input file. These properties will normally be a subset of those listed in table 3.1. For instance, suppose that the user has created an instance of the physical property package and has then used it to calculate vapour enthalpies and densities in his MODELS. Then, gPROMS will issue *two* calls to gFOCM regarding methods VapourEnthalpy and VapourDensity respectively.

If you examine the code for gFOCM provided in the file PP-FODirect.f, you will see that there is a part of the code that refers to each and every physical property in table 3.1. By far the easiest way of creating your own gFOCM is to edit this code. The changes that you can legitimately make are the following:

- If your physical property package does *not* provide a certain physical property, then change the value of the **Status** flag from 1 to 0.
- If the units of measurement of the physical property are *not* strictly SI, then change the values of **OutputOffset** and **OutputMultiplier** from the values of 0 and 1 that they respectively have in the sample code.

**WARNING!**

The rest of the information returned by `gFOCM` relates to *fundamental* characteristics of the physical properties listed in table 3.1 — for example, the number of the inputs expected by the property. Changes to any part of this information will therefore alter the nature of the physical property itself, which may be both confusing and dangerous to users making use of your physical property interface.

If a property in table 3.1 does not have the precise form of what you want to achieve, *do not change it*. Instead, mark it as unavailable (by returning `Status=0`) and extend the interface by defining *another* property (with a different name) having the desired structure.

### 3.2.3 The `gFOCMI` Foreign Object verification service

The purpose of this service is to allow gPROMS to verify the nature of each and every input of each physical property method provided by the physical property Foreign Object. The complete specification of `gFOCMI` can be found in section 2.2.2.2.

At the start of an activity and having verified via `gFOCM` that a particular method referred to by the user's input file exists and has the correct structure, gPROMS will immediately call `gFOCMI` for the same method.

If you examine the code for `gFOCMI` provided in the file `PP-FODirect.f`, you will see that there is a part of the code that refers to each and every input of each and every physical property in table 3.1. By far the easiest way of creating your own `gFOCMI` is to edit this code. The changes that you can legitimately make are the following:

- If your physical property package does *not* provide the partial derivatives of a certain physical property with respect to a certain input, then change the value of the corresponding `InputDerivsAvailable` flag from 1 to 0.
- If the units of measurement of a certain input are *not* strictly SI, then change the corresponding values of `InputOffsets` and `InputMultipliers` from the values of 0 and 1 that they respectively have in the sample code.

**WARNING!**

The rest of the information returned by `gFOCMI` relates to *fundamental* characteristics of the physical properties listed in table 3.1 — for example, the type and ordering of the inputs. Changes to any part of this information will therefore alter the nature of the physical property itself, which may be both confusing and dangerous to users making use of your physical property interface.

If the inputs of a property in table 3.1 do not have the form that you desire, mark the property as unavailable (by returning `Status=0` in `gFOCM`) and extend the interface by defining *another* property (with a different name) having the desired structure.

### 3.2.4 The `gFOT` Foreign Object termination service

The purpose of this service is to allow gPROMS to destroy an instance of a physical property Foreign Object created earlier by a call to `gFOI`. The complete specification of `gFOT` can be found in section 2.2.4.

At the end of the activity, gPROMS will call `gFOT` identifying to it the Foreign Object instance that has to be destroyed. This is intended to provide the physical property package with an opportunity to do any necessary housekeeping such as:

- deletion of any temporary files that may have been created for the purposes of this run;
- releasing of any dynamically allocated memory;
- closing of databank files.

## 3.3 The physical property calculation procedures

Section 3.2 has described four of the six services that a Foreign Object must provide to gPROMS. The remaining two services, `gFOM` and `gFOMD`, are concerned with the computation of the values of the physical properties and the partial derivatives of the latter with respect to their inputs. FORTRAN 77 code for these services is provided in file `PP-FOI.f` in sub-directory `src/foi` of the standard gPROMS installation directory on your computer system.

You do *not* normally need to change the code in `PP-FOI.f`. However, if you examine it, you will see that it obtains the information requested by gPROMS by calling certain

other routines. It is your responsibility to provide the latter in your Physical Property Interface.

A list<sup>1</sup> of procedures that you need to provide is presented in table 3.2 and the description of their arguments in table 3.3. Some of the things that you need to know are:

- The *same* procedure (*e.g.* **Enthalpy**) is used for the calculation of the total, vapour and liquid phase properties, thus corresponding to *three* different properties listed in table 3.1 (*i.e.* **Enthalpy**, **VapourEnthalpy** and **LiquidEnthalpy**).
- If your physical property package does not support the calculation of a particular physical property, the corresponding interface routine does not need to be provided, assuming, of course, that you have informed gPROMS of this via **gFOCM**.
- The value of the physical property must be returned on *every* call to the corresponding procedure. On the other hand, the partial derivatives with respect to temperature, pressure, volume, internal energy, enthalpy and mole numbers need only be computed if the corresponding logical flags **NeedDt**, **NeedDp**, **NeedDv**, **NeedDu**, **NeedDh**, **NeedDn** are set to **TRUE**. It should be noted that, while the procedure must always compute *at least* the partial derivatives requested by a certain call to it, no error will occur if any *additional* derivatives are returned.
- gPROMS will never request the evaluation of any partial derivatives that have been notified to it as unavailable by the initial call to **gFOCMI**.
- All procedures have the arguments **ForeignObjectName** and **ForeignObjectHandle**. These are two different ways used by gPROMS to identify the particular instance of the physical property package to which this request for information refers. They are important only if it is envisaged that gPROMS activities will interact with multiple instances of the same property package; if this is not the case, they can be ignored.
- The value of the maximum number of components (**maxnccs**) used in local arrays in **gFOM** and **gFOMD** has been preset to 40. This can be changed directly in both procedures.

### 3.4 Preparing the Physical Property Interface Foreign Object

You can now proceed to construct the Foreign Object that will implement the Physical Property Interface. This will comprise three pieces of code:

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<sup>1</sup>Tables 3.2 and 3.3 do not contain equilibrium flash methods. A full description of the equilibrium flash methods is given in chapter 6 of the “*gPROMS Advanced User Guide*”. The routines presented in this chapter can easily be extended to include the flash methods.

- the code implementing the direct Foreign Object services, as described in section 3.2;
- the physical property calculation routines detailed in section 3.3;
- a copy of the file `PP-FOI.f` provided with gPROMS (see top of section 3.3).

The first two of these correspond to the box marked as “Your PPI” in figure 3.1, while the third one implements the box marked “gPROMS PP-FOI”.

Once you create a FORTRAN 77 file containing the above code, you can compile it into a Foreign Object according to the detailed instructions given in section 2.3.4 and appendix A. Give an appropriate name to the generated shared object library (under UNIX) or dynamic link library (under MS Windows) and install it as detailed in section 2.3.5.

Note that it will not normally be necessary to incorporate the actual physical property package source code physically together with the three code segments mentioned above. Instead, you can compile it separately using the appropriate compiler options (see appendix A) and then include the object file(s) thus generated in the shared object or dynamic link library by listing their names in the link statement.

## 3.5 An example

To illustrate the ideas discussed in section 3.2 and section 3.3 and to see how they all fit together, let’s consider a more concrete example. Suppose we wish to create an interface to a physical property package called *SuperPro*, the code to which is held in two FORTRAN 77 files, called `SUP1.f` and `SUP2.f` respectively. The interface is to run on a DEC UNIX workstation under the OSF/1 operating system.

We would then need to go through the following steps:

1. Make a copy of the file `PhysProps/PP-FODirect.f` distributed with gPROMS into a new file `SUP-direct.f`.
2. Edit the four procedures `gFOI`, `gFOCM`, `gFOCMI` and `gFOT` contained in file `SUP-direct.f` as described in section 3.2.
3. Create a new file called `SUP-PPI.f` containing the physical property calculation procedures listed in table 3.2. Use the file `PP-FOI.f` provided with the gPROMS installation directory as a starting point. These will typically call other procedures contained in files `SUP1.f` and/or `SUP2.f`.
4. For convenience, combine files `SUP-direct.f` and `SUP-PPI.f` as well as the file `PhysProps/PP-FOI.f` distributed with gPROMS into a file called `SUP-PPIall.f`.

5. Compile the file `SUP-PPIA11.f` on the DEC OSF/1 system using the command (*cf.* appendix [A](#)):

```
f77 -c -O -i8 SUP-PPIA11.f
```

6. Compile the physical property source files `SUP1.f` and `SUP2.f` using the command:

```
f77 -c -O -i8 SUP1.f SUP2.f
```

7. Now, link the three object files created by the compilations at steps 5 and 6 above into a single shared object library called `SuperPro.so` (*cf.* appendix [A](#)):

```
ld -shared -all -o SuperPro.so SUP-PPIA11.o SUP1.o SUP2.o -lfor  
-lots -lm -lc
```

Once `SuperPro.so` is created, you have two choices regarding its installation (*cf.* section [2.3.5](#)). If it is mainly going to be employed for your own private use, you can place it in a sub-directory called `fo` of your gPROMS working directory. If, on the other hand, it is to be made generally (and automatically) available to all users on your computer network, you may wish to install it in sub-directory `fo` of the gPROMS installation directory making it publicly accessible; you will probably need some system administrator privileges to be able to do this.

<i>Interface Procedure</i>	<i>Inputs</i>
NormalBoilingPoint	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, PropertyValueVector, Status
CriticalTemperature	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, PropertyValueVector, Status
CriticalPressure	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, PropertyValueVector, Status
CriticalVolume	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, PropertyValueVector, Status
NormalFreezingPoint	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, PropertyValueVector, Status
MolecularWeight	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, PropertyValueVector, Status
NumberOfComponents	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, PropertyValueScalar, Status
VapourPressure	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, T, PropertyValueVector, NeedDt, dvectordt, Status
BubbleTemperature	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, P, n, PropertyValueScalar, NeedDp, NeedDn, dscalardp, dscalardn, Status
BubblePressure	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, T, n, PropertyValueScalar, NeedDt, NeedDn, dscalardt, dscalardn, Status
DewTemperature	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, P, n, PropertyValueScalar, NeedDp, NeedDn, dscalardp, dscalardn, Status
DewPressure	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, T, n, PropertyValueScalar, NeedDt, NeedDn, dscalardt, dscalardn, Status
CpCv	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, phase, T, P, n, PropertyValueScalar, NeedDt, NeedDp, NeedDn, dscalardt, dscalardp, dscalardn, Status
CompressibilityFactor	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, phase, T, P, n, PropertyValueVector, NeedDt, NeedDp, NeedDn, dscalardt, dscalardp, dscalardn, Status
Enthalpy	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, phase, T, P, n, PropertyValueVector, NeedDt, NeedDp, NeedDn, dscalardt, dscalardp, dscalardn, Status
ExcessEnthalpy	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, phase, T, P, n, PropertyValueScalar, NeedDt, NeedDp, NeedDn, dscalardt, dscalardp, dscalardn, Status
Entropy	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, phase, T, P, n, PropertyValueScalar, NeedDt, NeedDp, NeedDn, dscalardt, dscalardp, dscalardn, Status
FugacityCoefficient	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, phase, T, P, n, PropertyValueVector, NeedDt, NeedDp, NeedDn, dvectordt, dvectordp, dvectordn, Status

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ActivityCoefficient	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, phase, T, P, n, PropertyValueVector, NeedDt, NeedDp, NeedDn, dvectorordt, dvectorordp, dvectorordn, Status
GibbsFreeEnergy	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, phase, T, P, n, PropertyValueScalar, NeedDt, NeedDp, NeedDn, dscalardt, dscalardp, dscalardn, Status
ExcessGibbsFreeEnergy	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, T, P, n, PropertyValueScalar, NeedDt, NeedDp, NeedDn, dscalardt, dscalardp, dscalardn, Status
HeatCapacity	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, phase, T, P, n, PropertyValueScalar, NeedDt, NeedDp, NeedDn, dscalardt, dscalardp, dscalardn, Status
Energy	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, phase, T, P, n, PropertyValueScalar, NeedDt, NeedDp, NeedDn, dscalardt, dscalardp, dscalardn, Status
Volume	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, phase, T, P, n, PropertyValueScalar, NeedDt, NeedDp, NeedDn, dscalardt, dscalardp, dscalardn, Status
Density	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, phase, T, P, n, PropertyValueScalar, NeedDt, NeedDp, NeedDn, dscalardt, dscalardp, dscalardn, Status
ThermalConductivity	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, phase, T, P, n, PropertyValueScalar, NeedDt, NeedDp, NeedDn, dscalardt, dscalardp, dscalardn, Status
Viscosity	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, phase, T, P, n, PropertyValueScalar, NeedDt, NeedDp, NeedDn, dscalardt, dscalardp, dscalardn, Status
SurfaceTension	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, phase, T, P, n, n2, PropertyValueScalar, NeedDt, NeedDp, NeedDn, NeedDn2, dscalardt, dscalardp, dscalardn, Status
TPFlash	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, T, P, n, PropertyValueVector, NeedDt, NeedDp, NeedDn, dflashdscalar, dflashdscalar, dflashdn, Status
TVFlash	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, T, V, n, PropertyValueVector, NeedDt, NeedDv, NeedDn, dflashdscalar, dflashdscalar, dflashdn, Status
PHFlash	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, P, H, n, PropertyValueVector, NeedDp, NeedDh, NeedDn, dflashdscalar, dflashdscalar, dflashdn, Status
UVFlash	ForeignObjectName, ForeignObjectHandle, U, V, n, PropertyValueVector, NeedDu, NeedDv, NeedDn, dflashdscalar, dflashdscalar, dflashdn, Status

Table 3.2: Physical property calculation procedures



<i>Name of Argument</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Specified on Entry</i>	<i>Specified on Exit</i>
ForeignObjectName	Character*256	Full name of the Foreign Object.	YES	NO
ForeignObjectHandle	Integer	Handle for identifying Foreign Object.	YES	NO
phase	Character*256	Type of phase present: “liquid”, “vapour”/“vapor” or “total”.	YES	NO
T	Double Precision	Temperature.	YES	NO
P	Double Precision	Pressure.	YES	NO
V	Double Precision	Volume.	YES	NO
U	Double Precision	Internal energy.	YES	NO
H	Double Precision	Enthalpy.	YES	NO
n,n2	Double Precision	Mole numbers of components. An <i>array</i> of size NoComp.	YES	NO
PropertyValueScalar	Double Precision	The numerical value of the property to be returned (scalar property).	NO	YES
PropertyValueVector	Double Precision	The numerical value of the property to be returned (vector property). An <i>array</i> of size NoComp.	NO	YES
NeedDt, NeedDp, NeedDv, NeedDu, NeedDh, NeedDn	Logical	Logical flags. On entry, these will specify whether the partial derivatives with respect to T, P, V, U, H and n respectively are needed.	YES	NO
dscalardt, dscalardp	Double Precision	These return the numerical values of the derivatives with respect to T and P respectively for scalar properties.	NO	YES
dvectordt, dvectordp	Double Precision	These return the numerical values of the derivatives with respect to T and P respectively for vector properties. An <i>array</i> of size NoComp.	NO	YES

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<b>dflashdscalar</b>	Double Precision	These return the numerical values of the derivatives with respect to T, P, V, U and H for results of flash calculations. An <i>array</i> whos size depends on the size of the flash results.	NO	YES
<b>dscalardn</b>	Double Precision	These return the numerical values of the derivatives with respect to <b>n</b> , for scalar properties. An <i>array</i> of size NoComp.	NO	YES
<b>dvectordn</b>	Double Precision	These return the numerical values of the derivatives with respect to <b>n</b> , for vector properties. A <i>one-dimensional array</i> of size (NoComp*NoComp). The array is ordered by property vector element, <i>i.e.</i> all derivatives of the first property element appear before all derivaties of the second property element. For example, if NoComp=4, $\partial\phi_2/\partial n_3$ will be stored in position 7.	NO	YES
<b>dflashdn</b>	Double Precision	These return the numerical values of the derivatives with respect to <b>n</b> , for results of flash calculations. An <i>array</i> whos size depends on the size of the flash results.	NO	YES
<b>Status</b>	Integer	Status of requested computation. A value of 1 indicates a successful computation. All other values indicate failure.	NO	YES

Table 3.3: Arguments of the physical property calculation procedures

## Chapter 4

# Developing New Foreign Processes

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## 4.1 Introduction

The Foreign Process Interface (FPI) provides a general mechanism for the exchange of information between executing gPROMS simulations and external software.

This communication takes place at discrete time points throughout the duration of the simulation. The user is entirely free to determine the frequency and content of the exchanges which may include:

- time-synchronisation signals;
- values of variables and flags;
- information on the mathematical model used for the simulation and its current state.

The FPI comprises two main components:

- *A set of elementary communication tasks.*

By inserting instances of these tasks in `TASK` and `PROCESS SCHEDULEs`, the user determines the timing and content of any communication that will occur when the `SCHEDULE` is executed.

- *A communication protocol between gPROMS and the external software.*

The execution of an elementary communication task in a `SCHEDULE` automatically causes gPROMS to invoke one of a set of procedures provided by the user.

The FPI communication protocol specifies

- what procedures must be provided;
- their names;
- the precise form of their argument lists.

The FPI communication protocol does *not* specify the *content or detailed behaviour* of these procedures. They can be as complex or as simple as desired—in fact, some of them may be completely empty!

The rest of this chapter is organised as follows:

- Section 4.2 presents the protocol used by gPROMS for its communication with the PFI procedures.
- Section 4.4.3 discusses the compilation and linking of FPI implementations.
- Finally, section 4.3 covers some important issues concerning FPI implementations.

## 4.2 The FPI communication protocol

By placing the FPI elementary communication tasks (see section 5.2 of the “*gPROMS Advanced User Guide*”) within simulation **SCHEDULEs**, the user can specify the timing and nature of the information exchanges that are to take place between the executing gPROMS **PROCESS** and the foreign process.

The actual communication takes place by gPROMS issuing calls to a set of procedures (or “subroutines”). The FPI communication protocol is concerned with defining the form of the interaction of these procedures, through their argument lists, with the program that invokes them. The precise content of the procedures is *not* specified—it will vary from implementation to implementation, being determined by the requirements of each particular application.

Any implementation of the FPI must provide five procedures, **gFPPAUSE**, **gFPGET**, **gFPSEND**, **gFPSENDM** and **gFPLINEARISE** corresponding to the five elementary communication tasks **PAUSE**, **GET**, **SEND**, **SENDMATHINFO** and **LINEARISE** respectively. In addition to these, it must also provide two other procedures, **gFPI** and **gFPT**, used by the gPROMS **PROCESS** respectively to initiate and terminate its interaction with the foreign process.

The rest of this section provides a detailed specification of these seven procedures. This is done using FORTRAN subroutine terminology; however, the equivalent C code could also be used.

In describing the type of the arguments of the various procedures, we will use the notation **I**, **R** and **C** for integer, real and character. Where necessary, the number of bytes allocated to each type will also be specified; for instance, **C\*256** will denote a character variable of 256 byte length. Note that some of the arguments will be arrays. This will be apparent from the procedure declaration.

A complete example of an FPI implementation is provided as source code in the gPROMS installation directory, see section 4.4 below. This corresponds to the standard FPI provided within the gPROMS executable (see section 5.3.1 in the “*gPROMS Advanced User Guide*”).

**NOTE**

Wherever an argument is described as “Unchanged” in the “On Exit” column, it is the responsibility of the FPI implementation developer to ensure that the FPI does not alter this argument in any way.

gPROMS does *not* check for any changes in arguments of this type on return from the FPI procedures.

gPROMS is built to use the long integer type available on a particular system. To make sure that your FPI implementation works with gPROMS, do not make use of any explicit declarations of integer variable length (*e.g.* `INTEGER*4`) in your FORTRAN code. It is recommended that you always use the default declaration for `INTEGER` type arguments to the FPI services and use compiler options to make the default integer equivalent to the long type.

If the FPI procedures are implemented in FORTRAN, then they should be compiled with appropriate compiler options so that the resulting symbols for them are in lowercase and have an underscore appended to them (*e.g.* `gfplinearise_`).

### 4.2.1 The gFPI procedure

<b>Purpose:</b> To initialise the communication link between the gPROMS PROCESS and the foreign process.			
<b>Invoked:</b> Automatically, at the start of the execution of any gPROMS PROCESS.			
<b>PROCEDURE DECLARATION</b>			
SUBROUTINE gFPI (FPID, FPHANDLE, PRNAME, STATUS) CHARACTER * 256 FPID, PRNAME INTEGER FPHANDLE INTEGER STATUS			
Argument	Type	On Entry	On Exit
FPID	C*256	Full name of Foreign Process (terminated with a null)	Unchanged
FPHANDLE	I	0	A unique integer assigned by the foreign process to identify its interactions with this particular execution of this specific gPROMS PROCESS
PRNAME	C*256	Name of executing gPROMS PROCESS which has initiated this call	Unchanged
STATUS	I	1	1 if interaction has been initiated successfully; 0 otherwise
<b>NOTES</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The gPROMS PROCESS will use <i>both</i> its own name (PRNAME) <i>and</i> the FPHANDLE assigned to it by the foreign process in all its subsequent communications with it (see sections <a href="#">4.2.2</a>–<a href="#">4.2.5</a>).            The FPHANDLE identifier may be particularly useful for advanced applications involving interactions of multiple gPROMS PROCESSES with the same foreign process, when the latter may need to know which of the former it is talking to at any given time.            If such sophistication is not required, FPHANDLE may be left unchanged by the gFPI procedure.</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Setting the STATUS variable to 0 within gFPI will indicate to gPROMS the existence of a problem in its communication with the foreign process, and will cause the execution of the gPROMS PROCESS to be terminated immediately.</li> </ul>			

### 4.2.2 The gFPPAUSE procedure

<b>Purpose:</b>	To carry out any PAUSE tasks in the simulation SCHEDULE, as detailed in section 5.2.1 of the “gPROMS Advanced User Guide”.		
<b>Invoked:</b>	Whenever a PAUSE elementary communication task is executed in a SCHEDULE.		
<b>PROCEDURE DECLARATION</b>			
SUBROUTINE gFPPAUSE (FPID, FPHANDLE, PRNAME, + SIGNAL, TIME, STATUS) CHARACTER * 256 FPID, PRNAME, SIGNAL INTEGER FPHANDLE DOUBLE PRECISION TIME INTEGER STATUS			
Argument	Type	On Entry	On Exit
FPID	C*256	Full name of Foreign Process	Unchanged
FPHANDLE	I	Identifier assigned to this gPROMS PROCESS by foreign process following call to gFPI (see section 4.2.1)	Unchanged
PRNAME	C*256	Name of executing gPROMS PROCESS which has initiated this call	Unchanged
SIGNAL	C*256	<i>SigName</i> string specified for current instance of PAUSE task in SCHEDULE	Unchanged
TIME	R*8	Current simulation time	Unchanged
STATUS	I	1	1 if the task has been performed successfully; 0 otherwise
<b>NOTES</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The action, if any, that will be taken if the STATUS variable is set to 0 within this procedure will be determined by the user through the gPROMS SCHEDULE. gPROMS does <i>not</i>, by itself, initiate any action on such occasions.</li> </ul>			



### 4.2.3 The gFPGET procedure

<b>Purpose:</b> To carry out any GET tasks in the simulation SCHEDULE, as detailed in section 5.2.2 of the “ <i>gPROMS Advanced User Guide</i> ”.			
<b>Invoked:</b> Whenever a GET elementary communication task is executed in a SCHEDULE.			
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PROCEDURE DECLARATION</b></p> <pre> SUBROUTINE gFPGET (FPID, FPHANDLE, PRNAME, SIGNAL, +                 TIME, N, NAME, ITYPE, X, +                 STATUS) CHARACTER * 256 FPID, PRNAME, SIGNAL, NAME(N) INTEGER FPHANDLE, N, ITYPE(N) DOUBLE PRECISION TIME, X(N) INTEGER STATUS </pre>			
Argument	Type	On Entry	On Exit
FPID	C*256	Full name of Foreign Process	Unchanged
FPHANDLE	I	Identifier assigned to this gPROMS PROCESS by foreign process following call to gFPI (see section 4.2.1)	Unchanged
PRNAME	C*256	Name of executing gPROMS PROCESS which has initiated this call	Unchanged
SIGNAL	C*256	<i>SigName</i> string specified for current instance of GET task in SCHEDULE	Unchanged
TIME	R*8	Current simulation time	Unchanged
N	I	Number of variable values to be obtained from the foreign process	Unchanged
NAME	C*256	Names of variables to be obtained from the foreign process as specified by their <i>Foreign-ProcessID</i> in the GET task	Unchanged
ITYPE	I	Type of variables to be obtained from the foreign process: 1 for real; 2 for integer; 3 for logical	Unchanged

Argument	Type	On Entry	On Exit
<b>X</b>	R*8	Values of variables to be obtained from the foreign process just before the execution of the <b>GET</b> task	New values of these variables
<b>STATUS</b>	I	1	1 if the task has been performed successfully; 0 otherwise
<b>NOTES</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integer-valued variables are converted by gPROMS to the equivalent real for communication to gFPGET via the real array <b>X</b>. Similarly, logical-valued variables are encoded as +1.0 for <b>TRUE</b> and 0.0 for <b>FALSE</b>. gPROMS automatically compensates for any rounding errors that may be introduced by this convention. The same convention should be followed by gFPGET for returning the new values of these variables.</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the <b>GET</b> task is applied to entire gPROMS arrays or distributions or slices thereof, then <b>N</b> counts each element of the array <i>etc.</i> as a <i>separate</i> entry. The name, type and value arrays <b>NAME</b>, <b>ITYPE</b> and <b>X</b> respectively, are dimensioned and initialised accordingly, with all elements of the same array or distribution occupying consecutive positions in them.</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The action, if any, that will be taken if the <b>STATUS</b> variable is set to 0 within this procedure will be determined by the user through the gPROMS <b>SCHEDULE</b>. gPROMS does <i>not</i>, by itself, initiate any action on such occasions.</li> </ul>			

#### 4.2.4 The gFPSEND procedure

<b>Purpose:</b> To carry out any SEND tasks in the simulation SCHEDULE, as detailed in section 5.2.3 of the “ <i>gPROMS Advanced User Guide</i> ”.			
<b>Invoked:</b> Whenever a SEND elementary communication task is executed in a SCHEDULE.			
<b>PROCEDURE DECLARATION</b>			
SUBROUTINE gFPSEND (FPID, FPHANDLE, PRNAME, SIGNAL, + TIME, N, NAME, ITYPE, X, STATUS) CHARACTER * 256 FPID, PRNAME, SIGNAL, NAME(N) INTEGER FPHANDLE, N, ITYPE(N) DOUBLE PRECISION TIME, X(N) INTEGER STATUS			
Argument	Type	On Entry	On Exit
FPID	C*256	Full name of Foreign Process	Unchanged
FPHANDLE	I	Identifier assigned to this gPROMS PROCESS by foreign process following call to gFPI (see section 4.2.1)	Unchanged
PRNAME	C*256	Name of executing gPROMS PROCESS which had initiated this call	Unchanged
SIGNAL	C*256	<i>SigName</i> string specified for current instance of SEND task in SCHEDULE	Unchanged
TIME	R*8	Current simulation time	Unchanged
N	I	Number of variable values to be sent to the foreign process	Unchanged
NAME	C*256	Names of variables being transmitted to the foreign process as specified by their <i>ForeignProcessID</i> in the SEND task	Unchanged
ITYPE	I	Type of variables being transmitted to the foreign process: 1 for real; 2 for integer; 3 for logical	Unchanged
X	R*8	Current values of variables being transmitted to the foreign process	Unchanged
STATUS	I	1	1 if the task has been performed successfully; 0 otherwise

NOTES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Integer-valued local <b>TASK</b> variables are converted by gPROMS to the equivalent real for communication to <b>gFPSEND</b> via the real array <b>X</b>. Similarly, logical-valued variables are encoded as +1.0 for <b>TRUE</b> and 0.0 for <b>FALSE</b>.</li><li>If the <b>SEND</b> task is applied to entire gPROMS arrays or distributions or slices thereof (see section 11.2.3 of the “<i>gPROMS Introductory User Guide</i>”), then <b>N</b> counts each element of the array <i>etc.</i> as a <i>separate</i> entry. The name, type and value arrays <b>NAME</b>, <b>ITYPE</b> and <b>X</b> respectively, are dimensioned and initialised accordingly, with all elements of the same array or distribution occupying consecutive positions in them.</li><li>The action, if any, that will be taken if the <b>STATUS</b> variable is set to 0 within this procedure will be determined by the user through the gPROMS <b>SCHEDULE</b>. gPROMS does <i>not</i>, by itself, initiate any action on such occasions.</li></ul>

### 4.2.5 The gFPSENDM procedure

<b>Purpose:</b> To carry out any SENDMATHINFO tasks in the simulation SCHEDULE, as detailed in section 5.2.4 of the “ <i>gPROMS Introductory User Guide</i> ”.			
<b>Invoked:</b> Whenever a SENDMATHINFO elementary communication task is executed in a SCHEDULE.			
<b>PROCEDURE DECLARATION</b>			
<pre> SUBROUTINE gFPSENDM (FPID, FPHANDLE, PRNAME, SIGNAL, TIME +                      NV, NE, ND, NZ, +                      X, XDOT, ITYPE, NAME, +                      IROW, ICOL, JACELM, +                      STATUS) CHARACTER * 256 FPID, PRNAME, SIGNAL, NAME(N) INTEGER FPHANDLE, NV, NE, ND, NZ, ITYPE(NV), +      IROW(NZ), ICOL(NZ) DOUBLE PRECISION TIME, X(NV), XDOT(NV), JACELM(NZ) INTEGER STATUS </pre>			
Argument	Type	On Entry	On Exit
FPID	C*256	Full name of Foreign Process	Unchanged
FPHANDLE	I	Identifier assigned to this gPROMS PROCESS by foreign process following call to gFPI (see section 4.2.1).	Unchanged
PRNAME	C*256	Name of executing gPROMS PROCESS which has initiated this call	Unchanged
SIGNAL	C*256	<i>SigName</i> string specified for current instance of SENDMATHINFO task in SCHEDULE	Unchanged
TIME	R*8	Current simulation time	Unchanged
NV	I	Total number of variables in the mathematical model	Unchanged
NE	I	Total number of equations in the mathematical model	Unchanged
ND	I	Number of differential variables in the mathematical model	Unchanged
NZ	I	Number of nonzero Jacobian elements in the mathematical model	Unchanged

Argument	Type	On Entry	On Exit
<b>X</b>	R*8	Current values of all variables in the mathematical model	Unchanged
<b>XDOT</b>	R*8	Current values of time derivatives of variables in the mathematical model	Unchanged
<b>ITYPE</b>	I	Current type of variables in the mathematical model: 0 for input; 1 for algebraic; 2 for differential variable	Unchanged
<b>NAME</b>	C*256	Complete gPROMS pathnames for variables in the mathematical model	Unchanged
<b>IROW</b>	I	Row numbers of elements in current Jacobian matrix	Unchanged
<b>ICOL</b>	I	Column numbers of elements in current Jacobian matrix	Unchanged
<b>JACELM</b>	R*8	Current numerical values of elements in current Jacobian matrix	Unchanged
<b>STATUS</b>	I	1	1 if the task has been performed successfully; 0 otherwise
<b>NOTES</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The arrays <b>X</b> and <b>NAME</b> contain information for <i>all</i> the variables in the model without regard to their classification as input, algebraic or differential variables. The information necessary for making this classification is contained solely in <b>ITYPE</b>.</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Although array <b>XDOT</b> is of length NV, only the entries corresponding to differential variables contain meaningful values.</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arrays <b>IROW</b>, <b>ICOL</b> and <b>JACELM</b> contain information on the partial derivatives of the equations with respect to all of the above variables. An entry <math>\text{ICOL}(k) = +j</math>, where <math>j</math> is a positive integer, indicates a partial derivative with respect to variable <math>\mathbf{X}(j)</math>. An entry <math>\text{ICOL}(k) = -j</math>, where <math>j</math> is a positive integer, indicates a partial derivative with respect to variable <math>\mathbf{XDOT}(j)</math>.</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The action, if any, that will be taken if the <b>STATUS</b> variable is set to 0 within this procedure will be determined by the user through the gPROMS <b>SCHEDULE</b>. gPROMS does <i>not</i>, by itself, initiate any action on such occasions.</li> </ul>			

#### 4.2.6 The gFPLINEARISE procedure

<b>Purpose:</b> To carry out any LINEARISE task in the simulation, as detailed in section 5.2.5 of the “Advanced User Guide”			
<b>Invoked:</b> Whenever a LINEARISE elementary communication task is executed in a SCHEDULE.			
<b>PROCEDURE DECLARATION</b>			
<pre> SUBROUTINE gFPLINEARISE (FPID, FPHANDLE, PRNAME, SIGNAL, TIME + +                               NU, UINDICES, UNAMES, +                               NY, YINDICES, YNAMES +                               NX, XINDICES, XNAMES, +                               A, B, C, D, +                               STATUS) CHARACTER * 256 FPID, PRNAME CHARACTER * 256 UNAMES(NU), YNAMES(NY), XNAMES(NX) INTEGER FPHANDLE, NU, NY, NX, STATUS INTEGER UINDICES(NU), YINDICES(NY), XINDICES(NX) DOUBLE PRECISION TIME DOUBLE PRECISION A(NX * NX), B(NX * NU), C(NY * NX), D(NY * NU) </pre>			
Argument	Type	On Entry	On Exit
FPID	C*256	Full name of Foreign Process (terminated with a null)	Unchanged
FPHANDLE	I	Identifier assigned to this gPROMS PROCESS by foreign process following call to gFPI (see section 4.2.1)	Unchanged
PRNAME	C*256	Name of executing gPROMS PROCESS which has initiated this call	Unchanged
SIGNAL	C*256	<i>SignalName</i> string specified for current instance of the LINEARISE task in the SCHEDULE	Unchanged
TIME	R*8	Current simulation time	Unchanged

Argument	Type	On Entry	On Exit
NU	I	Number of input variables specified in the <code>LINEARISE</code> task. Any input variables that are not independent ( <i>cf.</i> Case 6) will be removed, so in this case, this argument will give the number of independent input variables.	Unchanged
UINDICES	I	Indices of input variables in the global variable array. Any input variables that are not independent ( <i>cf.</i> Case 6) will be removed, so in this case, this argument will give the indices of independent input variables.	Unchanged
UNAMES	C*256	Names (tag names) of input variables. Any input variables that are not independent ( <i>cf.</i> Case 6) will be removed, so in this case, this argument will give the names of independent input variables.	Unchanged
NY	I	Number of output variables specified in the <code>LINEARISE</code> task.	Unchanged
YINDICES	I	Indices of output variables in the global variable array.	Unchanged
YNAMES	C*256	Names (tag names) of output variables.	Unchanged
NX	I	Number of the minimal subset of state variables.	Unchanged
XINDICES	I	Indices of state variables in the global variable array.	Unchanged
XNAMES	C*256	Names of state variables.	Unchanged



Argument	Type	On Entry	On Exit
<b>A</b>	R*8	Matrix <i>A</i> in equation (5.7) <sup>1</sup> ( $NX \times NX$ elements, sorted by rows).	Unchanged
<b>B</b>	R*8	Matrix <i>B</i> in equation (5.7) ( $NX \times NU$ elements, sorted by rows).	Unchanged
<b>C</b>	R*8	Matrix <i>C</i> in equation (5.7) ( $NY \times NX$ elements, sorted by rows).	Unchanged
<b>D</b>	R*8	Matrix <i>D</i> in equation (5.7) ( $NY \times NU$ elements, sorted by rows).	Unchanged
<b>STATUS</b>	I	Flag indicating success/failure of the <b>LINEARISE</b> task	1: successful execution;  0: non-existent Jacobian element; -1: structurally singular DAE system; -2: failure of linear system solver.
<b>NOTES</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The action, if any, that will be taken if the <b>STATUS</b> variable is not equal to 1 within this procedure will be determined by the user through the gPROMS <b>SCHEDULE</b>. gPROMS does <i>not</i>, by itself, initiate any action on such occasions.</li> </ul>			

#### 4.2.7 The gFPT procedure

<b>Purpose:</b> To terminate the communication link between the gPROMS PROCESS and the foreign process.			
<b>Invoked:</b> Automatically, at the end of the execution of any gPROMS PROCESS.			
<b>PROCEDURE DECLARATION</b>			
SUBROUTINE gFPT (FPID, FPHANDLE, PRNAME, STATUS) CHARACTER * 256 FPID, PRNAME INTEGER FPHANDLE INTEGER STATUS			
Argument	Type	On Entry	On Exit
FPID	C*256	Full name of Foreign Process (terminated with a null)	Unchanged
FPHANDLE	I	Identifier assigned to this gPROMS PROCESS by foreign process following call to gFPI (see section 4.2.1)	Unchanged
PRNAME	C*256	Name of executing gPROMS PROCESS which has initiated this call	Unchanged
STATUS	I	1	1 if interaction has been terminated successfully; 0 otherwise
<b>NOTES</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This procedure may be used for tidying up (closing files <i>etc.</i>) and terminating the interaction in an orderly fashion.</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Setting the STATUS variable to 0 within gFPT has no effect on the execution of the gPROMS PROCESS since the latter is terminating at this point anyway.</li> </ul>			

### 4.3 FPI implementation for real-time applications

In many FPI applications (*e.g.* model-based control), it is essential for the gPROMS simulation to keep up with real time. We have already considered the factors that may slow down the simulation. If this takes place to the extent that the simulation is slower than the real plant, clearly we need to address the performance issues (see section 5.4 of the “*gPROMS Advanced User Guide*”).

On the other hand, the simulation will usually be faster than the real plant. In this case, we must continually compare the current simulation time with the real time, and make the simulation wait for an appropriate period if necessary.

The synchronisation can be done by a gPROMS TASK that is being executed in parallel to the main simulation SCHEDULE. This can be of the form:

```
TASK Synchronise
  PARAMETER
    SynchronisationInterval  AS REAL
  VARIABLE
    StatVar                  AS LOGICAL
  SCHEDULE
    SEQUENCE
      StatVar := TRUE ;
      WHILE StatVar DO
        SEQUENCE
          CONTINUE FOR SynchronisationInterval
          PAUSE SIGNALID "SynchronisationSignal"
          STATUS StatVar
        END
      END
    END
  END
END
```

The invocation of this TASK from the main SCHEDULE of the simulation specifies a synchronisation interval and a given termination condition. The main WHILE loop in this TASK consists of two steps: first, we allow the simulation to proceed for the SynchronisationInterval. We then issue a PAUSE request to the FPI, identifying this as a SynchronisationSignal. The gFPPAUSE procedure will have to intercept this, calculate the necessary waiting time, and act accordingly<sup>2</sup>:

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<sup>2</sup>Here we are assuming the availability of two routines: **TIMER** returning the elapsed real time since the start of the simulation, and **SLEEP** that causes the calling program to wait for a specified period.

```

SUBROUTINE gFPPAUSE (FPID, FPHANDLE, PRNAME,
                    SIGNAL, TIME, STATUS)
CHARACTER * 256  FPID, PRNAME, SIGNAL
INTEGER          FPHANDLE
DOUBLE PRECISION TIME
INTEGER          STATUS
C
C.....Check if this is a synchronisation request
      IF (INDEX (SIGNAL, 'SynchronisationSignal') .GT. 0) THEN
C
C.....Get real (elapsed) time since start of simulation
      CALL TIMER (RTIME)
C
C.....Get time lag between simulation and real time
      TIMELG = TIME - RTIME
C
C.....If necessary, make this procedure wait
      IF (TIMELG .GT. 0.0) THEN
        CALL SLEEP ( TIMELG )
      ELSE IF (TIMELG .LT. 0.0) THEN
        PRINT *, ' Simulation falling behind real time...'
        STATUS = 0
      ENDIF
C
      ELSE
C
C.....Other types of PAUSE request...
      . . . . .
      ENDIF
C
      RETURN
      END

```

In some applications (*e.g.* operator training), we may actually wish to run the simulation at a constant factor (greater or smaller than 1) of real time. In such cases, we introduce a real quantity **FACTOR** and modify the line:

$$\text{TIMELG} = \text{TIME} - \text{RTIME}$$

in the **gFPPAUSE** procedure to:

$$\text{TIMELG} = \text{TIME}/\text{FACTOR} - \text{RTIME}$$

For instance, if **FACTOR** = 2.0, the above will make the simulation run twice as fast

as real time—assuming, of course, that this is achievable with the given model and hardware.

## 4.4 Implementation of Foreign Processes

This section deals with some of the details of the implementation of Foreign Processes and the precise ways in which this can be compiled and linked to gPROMS.

### 4.4.1 Writing Foreign Processes in FORTRAN and C

As mentioned in section 4.2, any Foreign Process implementation has to provide five communication procedures and two procedures for initialisation and termination of Foreign Processes.

In order to demonstrate the implementation of these procedures, examples are provided for both FORTRAN and C, *cf.* `fpi_demo_c.c` and `fpi_demo_f.f`<sup>3</sup>. The various routines simply print out messages to the screen. `gFPGET` and `gFPPAUSE` also expect to read some input from the terminal. The example code is accompanied by a gPROMS input file, `fpi.gPROMS`<sup>4</sup>.

The C version also relies on the header files `gFPInterface.h` and `gTypes.h` which:

- provide prototype definitions for the six Foreign Process Interface routines,
- define a macro which ensures that the function prototypes are exported when compiling for Windows and
- define their own versions of the basic types for ease of portability.

It is strongly recommended that you do not change the prototypes and type definitions because they ensure that the function calls follow the conventions gPROMS uses internally.

### 4.4.2 Writing Foreign Processes in C++

Although using C or FORTRAN as the implementation language should be sufficient for many applications, C++ may be more appropriate in more advanced cases, *e.g.* if you wish to connect multiple gPROMS PROCESSES to one Foreign Process. In this case, the reasons outlined in section 2.3.1 for choosing C++ apply here as well.

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<sup>3</sup>All the provided example code can be found in the `src/examples/fpi` subdirectory of the gPROMS installation directory.

<sup>4</sup>`fpi.gPROMS` is located in the `examples/gPROMS` subdirectory of the gPROMS installation directory.

The ideas outlined in this section are structurally similar to the section concerning Foreign Objects, *cf.* section 2.3.3.

The basic idea for handling multiple gPROMS PROCESSES connecting to one FPI is to define one class whose instances will be parameterised according to the gPROMS PROCESS they represent or to define different classes and instantiate accordingly. The responsibilities then are divided into:

- the interface to gPROMS,
- managing the multiple instances, comprising the task of creating, destroying and accessing them, and finally
- the objects representing the different gPROMS processes.

Furthermore, the provided classes and interfaces are designed such that the user can use them as a library without having to bother with the low-level interface to gPROMS and the list of gPROMS processes.

In the above list, the second group of responsibilities is dealt with by a single object, a so-called Factory. On request, this Factory will create and destroy Foreign Processes<sup>5</sup>. Internally it keeps track of all the Foreign Processes. Actually, the Factory is designed to be the only interface through which Foreign Processes can be created and accessed; the key for retrieving them is the `ForeignProcessHandle` which was given to the Foreign Process upon creation.

Since the Factory manages all the Foreign Processes, there should exist only one instance of the Factory class. This is ensured by a Singleton function, `get_FPFactory()`. This function (and only this function) provides access to the Factory, which is ensured by keeping constructors and destructors of the Factory class private.

The interface functions are necessary because gPROMS expects the service procedures to be provided as functions. From the interface functions, then, member functions of the class implementation are called. For example, if you have implemented a class `MyForeignProcess`, a gPROMS call to `gFOM()` will actually be translated in a call to `MyForeignObject::Evalmethod()`. However, before this call actually takes place, the interface function first asks the Factory to retrieve the Foreign Process which is identified by the handle.

The interface functions can be found in the file `gFPInterface.cxx` and need not be changed if it is not intended to change the underlying structure of the C++ interface.

Two additional classes are provided, `gFPClass` and `gFPFactory`, both of which are purely abstract classes, which means you cannot instantiate them directly. Instead, their purpose is to provide the basic functionality (or interface) which has to be implemented

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<sup>5</sup>For brevity, the plural is used at this place. Remember, however, that gPROMS currently allows only one FPI, in contrast to multiple FO's. Nevertheless, it is possible to use multiple objects with different responsibilities within one FPI.

in the Foreign Process. When defining and implementing a Foreign Process, the user should derive his own classes from these two classes and define the virtual functions of the abstract base classes. In this context, `gFPClass` is the base class for the Foreign Process, whereas `gFPFactory` is the base class for a user-provided Factory.

When deriving from `gFPClass`, the only member functions which have to be provided by the user are the equivalents for the service procedures shown in table 4.1.

Communication procedure	C++ equivalent
<code>gFPPAUSE()</code>	<code>Pause()</code>
<code>gFPGET()</code>	<code>Get()</code>
<code>gFPSEND()</code>	<code>Send()</code>
<code>gFSENDM()</code>	<code>SendM()</code>
<code>gFPLINEARISE()</code>	<code>Linearise()</code>

Table 4.1: Service procedure and their C++ equivalent

Note that the argument lists of the member functions in table 4.1 are identical to their corresponding routines in `gFPInterface.h` *except* that they are missing the first arguments of the latter identifying the calling gPROMS process and thus the specific instance since these routines operate on the specific object with which they are associated.

Example implementations for these member functions can be found in `gFPClass_demo.h` resp. `gFPClass_demo.cxx`. `gFPI()` and `gFPT()` do not have to be defined because they call member functions which are already implemented in `gFPFactory` and which are responsible for creating and destroying Foreign Processes.

When deriving a Factory from the provided `gFPFactory`, the only member function which has to be provided by the user is `CreateObject()` plus a global function which will provide access to the factory, `get_FPfactory()`, cf. the files `gFPFactory_demo.h` and `gFPFactory_demo.cxx`.

If the proposed structure is adopted, none of the interface files has to be changed, only classes with the member functions as in the tank example have to be provided by the user.

### 4.4.3 Compiling Foreign Processes

gPROMS employs a *dynamic loading* mechanism that allows it to load users' FPI code into the gPROMS address space at run-time. To make dynamic loading possible, users' FPI implementations must be implemented as dynamic shared object libraries on UNIX systems, or as dynamic link libraries on MS Windows systems. Appendix A details how these libraries can be created for the currently supported UNIX platforms, while appendix B provides the equivalent information for Windows.

At the start of a simulation, if there is any communication task in the process schedule,

gPROMS will try to open the specified FPI shared object library and attach the library to the running gPROMS address space. If the specified file cannot be opened as a shared object library or the FPI function symbols `gfpi_`, `gfppause_`, `gfpget_`, `gfpsend_`, `gfpsendm_`, `gfplinearise_` and `gfpt_` cannot be found in the shared library, appropriate error messages will be given and the simulation will be terminated.

The shared library will be detached from the gPROMS process at the end of a simulation.

#### 4.4.4 Installing Foreign Processes

Once the Foreign Process code has been written and compiled as explained in sections 4.4.1 to section 4.4.3, the resulting dynamic library has to be installed in a place where gPROMS can find it during runtime. There are two main options for this:

- In a sub-directory called `fpi` of the user's current gPROMS working directory.  
This sub-directory is at the same level as the `input`, `output` and `save` sub-directories.
- In a sub-directory called `fpi` of the gPROMS system installation directory.

Clearly, the first option is appropriate only for Foreign Processes that are used by a small number of users, otherwise it may lead to unnecessary waste of disk space; it may also make the maintenance of the Foreign Process code very difficult to manage. The second option make the Foreign Processes accessible to all gPROMS users but will usually require system administrator privileges.

On UNIX platforms, a third option is for individual users to place a symbolic link to the actual Foreign Process library inside their private `fp` sub-directory. The actual code may, thus, reside anywhere in the system where it is accessible to the group of users who need it. This has the advantage of saving disk space without requiring system administrator privileges.



## Chapter 5

# The gPROMS Output Channel Interface

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## 5.1 Introduction

A gPROMS Output Channel is an external software component used by gPROMS to manipulate results generated by the execution of gPROMS simulations.

The Output Channel Interface (OCI) is a published protocol that gPROMS uses for communicating its simulation results to other software. With this open interface, it is possible for gPROMS users to develop their own Output Channel component software which will have access to a rich amount of information on the simulation results generated by gPROMS.

## 5.2 Using Output Channels in gPROMS

Three standard Output Channel components are distributed with gPROMS. These are dynamic shared libraries implementing the Output Channel Interface. The first is **gRMS**, which is a general result management system that allows the user to display simulation results quickly in the form of 2D and 3D graphs. **gRMS** is described in detail in appendix **B** of the “*gPROMS Introductory User Guide*”. The second is **gPLOT**, which outputs simulation results to a text file. **gPLOT** is described in appendix **D** of the “*gPROMS Introductory User Guide*”. The third standard Output Channel, called **gExcelOutput**, is based on the Microsoft Excel 97, making use of the facilities it provides for the storage and display of results. Currently the **gExcelOutput** Output Channel is only available on Microsoft Windows operating systems. The **gExcelOutput** is described in detail in appendix **C** of the “*gPROMS Introductory User Guide*”.

In addition to the three standard Output Channels, it is also possible for users to provide and use their own results handling option. This can be done by developing a dynamic shared library that implements the OCI.

A gPROMS **PROCESS** may use the four results handling options either separately or in any combination. The desired option may be switched on by specifying the appropriate parameters in the **SOLUTIONPARAMETERS** section. An example of the syntax used for this purpose is shown below:

```
SOLUTIONPARAMETERS
  gRMS           := ON   ;
  gPLOT          := OFF  ;
  gExcelOutput   := ON   ;
  gUserOutput    := ON   ;
```

Each option may be activated or deactivated by specifying the **ON** and **OFF** switches respectively. By default the **gRMS** Output Channel is switched **ON** on and all other channels are switched **OFF**.

If an Output Channel is switched ON, then the set of results generated by the execution of a **PROCESS** will, by default, be identified by the name of that **PROCESS**. On the other hand, the user also has the option of specifying a different name by which the results of the **PROCESS** simulation will be identified. An example of such a specification is shown below:

```
# process entity "Simulate1"
...
SOLUTIONPARAMETERS
  gRMS  := "StartUpSimulation" ;
  gPLOT := ON                  ;
SCHEDULE
...
```

Here the results will be stored in a gRMS archive called **StartUpSimulation.gRMS** and a gPLOT ASCII file called **TEST.gPLOT**. In all cases, specifying a results name against an Output Channel in **SOLUTIONPARAMETERS** automatically switches this channel ON.

The specified Output Channel components will be searched by gPROMS at the start of **PROCESS** execution in the following order:

- in a sub-directory called **oc** of the user's current gPROMS working directory. This sub-directory is at the same level as the **input**, **output** and **save** sub-directories.
- in a sub-directory called **oc** of the gPROMS system installation directory (specified by the **GPROMSHOME** environment variable).

The three pre-built Output Channel components have fixed class names corresponding to the channel options. The dynamic shared libraries for the three standard channels (**gRMS.so** and **gPLOT.so** for Unix systems, **gExcelOutput.DLL** and **gPLOT.DLL** for Windows NT) are normally installed in the **oc** sub-directory of the gPROMS system installation directory. The user-developed component is usually placed in the user's own gPROMS **oc** sub-directory. Installing it in the gPROMS system directory will usually require system administrator's privileges.

The default class name for the user-provided Output Channel component is **gUserOutput**. Thus gPROMS will search for a dynamic shared library called **gUserOutput.so** (for Unix systems) or **gUserOutput.DLL** (for Windows NT). However, the default class name can be overridden by specifying it before the results identification name, with the two being separated by two consecutive colons. Thus, the specification:

```
SOLUTIONPARAMETERS
  gUserOutput := "WonderPlotter::StartUpSimulation" ;
```

will cause gPROMS to search for an Output Channel component in a dynamic shared library called `WonderPlotter.so` (for Unix systems), or `WonderPlotter.DLL` (for Windows NT) and, assuming it loads it successfully, to communicate with it a set of results to be identified as `StartUpSimulation`.

### 5.3 The gPROMS Output Channel Interface

This section describes the Output Channel Interface (OCI), *i.e.* the protocol used for communication between gPROMS and any Output Channel component that provides results manipulation via one or more callable procedures. The information presented here will typically be of interest to gPROMS system programmers concerned with writing an Output Channel component to provide special results manipulation to a group of gPROMS users.

An Output Channel component is implemented as a dynamic shared library which exposes its implementations of the following eight procedures: `gOCI`, `gOCRDD`, `gOCRVD`, `gOCFIN`, `gOCTIME`, `gOCVALUE`, `gOCRESET` and `gOCT`.

The rest of this section provides a detailed specification of these eight procedures. The programming interface is illustrated using FORTRAN subroutine terminology; however, the Output Channel component can be implemented in any other programming language.

#### NOTE

Wherever an argument is described as “NO” in the “*Specified On Exit*” column, it is the responsibility of the Output Channel developer to ensure that the OCI does not alter this argument in any way.

gPROMS does *not* check for any changes in arguments of this type on return from the OCI procedures.

gPROMS is built to use the long integer type available on a particular system. To make sure that your OCI implementation works with gPROMS, do not make use of any explicit declarations of integer variable length (*e.g.* `INTEGER*4`) in your FORTRAN code. It is recommended that you always use the default declaration for `INTEGER` type arguments to the OCI services and use compiler options to make the default integer equivalent to the long type.

The OCI FORTRAN procedures should be compiled with appropriate compiler options so the resulting symbols for them are in lowercase and have an underscore appended to them (*e.g.* `goci_`).

### 5.3.1 The initialisation procedure

At the start of the execution of a **PROCESS** entity, gPROMS will try to create instances for all the Output Channels which are switched **ON** in the **SOLUTIONPARAMETERS** section of the process. Upon successful loading of the dynamic shared library corresponding to the Output Channel, gPROMS will request a proper initialisation for the channel by calling the **gOCI** procedure defined in the dynamic shared library.

The **gOCI** procedure has the following form:

```
gOCI(OutputChannelID, OutputChannelHandle, Status)
```

where the arguments are as described in table 5.1.

<i>Name of Argument</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Specified on Entry</i>	<i>Specified on Exit</i>
<b>OutputChannelID</b>	Character*256	Full name of Output Channel (terminated with a null).	YES	NO
<b>OutputChannelHandle</b>	Integer	Handle for identifying Output Channel in subsequent calls.	NO	YES
<b>Status</b>	Integer	Status of this initialisation. <b>Status</b> = 1 implies successful initialisation. All other values signify failure.	NO	YES

Table 5.1: Arguments of the procedure **gOCI**.

**OutputChannelID** is a string identifying the instance of the Output Channel class. The class name is separated from the instance by two consecutive colons.

**OutputChannelHandle** is an integer handle returned to gPROMS by the Output Channel for future references. gPROMS will *not* attempt any interpretation or make any direct use of this handle. However, it will pass it to all subsequent calls for services relating to this particular Output Channel instance.

The **Status** argument must be set by the Output Channel to indicate success or failure of its initialisation. If the initialisation fails (**Status** different from 1), the execution of the gPROMS **PROCESS** will be terminated immediately. In this case, the Output Channel is responsible for the freeing of resources it has already utilised up to the point of failure.

### 5.3.2 The register distribution domain procedure

If the initialisation of the Output Channel is successful, gPROMS will then attempt to register with the Output Channel all the distribution domains over which monitored variables are distributed, and integer parameters and constants which are used to declare arrays of variables by making calls to the `gOCRDD` procedure.

gPROMS variables may be dependent on a number of domains. These are:

- time,
- spatial domains,
- discrete domains.

All variables are considered to be dependent on the time domain, even for steady-state models. Spatial domains are *continuous* domains and are used when models contain partial differential equations. Discrete domains are created when variables are declared as arrays. For example, to describe the behaviour of a fluid as it flows through a pipe, the variables would be distributed over a continuous domain (the axial position in the pipe). If the fluid contains more than one chemical species, then these would be distributed over a discrete domain and some of the variables describing the fluid properties would be distributed over both the axial continuous domain and the discrete domain of the chemical component. `ARRAYs` and `DISTRIBUTION_DOMAINs` are described in detail in chapters 3 and 5 respectively of the “*gPROMS Introductory User Guide*”.

The `gOCRDD` procedure has the following form:

```
gOCRDD(OutputChannelID, OutputChannelHandle,  
        DistributionDomainName, DistributionDomainIndex, NoPoints,  
        PointList, DiscretisationMethod, DiscretisationMethodOrder,  
        DiscretisationNoElements, DiscretisationElementLength, Status)
```

where the arguments are described in table 5.2.

<i>Name of Argument</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Specified on Entry</i>	<i>Specified on Exit</i>
<b>OutputChannelID</b>	Character*256	Full name of Output Channel (terminated with a null).	YES	NO
<b>OutputChannelHandle</b>	Integer	Handle for identifying Output Channel in subsequent calls.	YES	NO
<b>DistributionDomainName</b>	Character*256	Fully qualified name of the distribution domain (terminated with a null).	YES	NO
<b>DistributionDomainIndex</b>	Integer	Integer that will be used to identify this distribution domain in calls to <b>gOCRv</b> (see section 5.3.3).	YES	NO
<b>NoPoints</b>	Integer	The number of discretisation points in the distribution domain.	YES	NO
<b>PointList</b>	Double Precision	<i>Array</i> of length <b>NoPoints</b> containing the position of each discretisation point.	YES	NO

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<b>DiscretisationMethod</b>	Character*10	An identifier specifying the method used by gPROMS for discretising this distribution domain [currently valid values: BFDM, CFDM, FFDM, OCFEM, GaussQ, DISCRETE] (terminated with a null).	YES	NO
<b>DiscretisationMethodOrder</b>	Integer	The order of the discretisation method used by gPROMS for discretising this distribution domain.	YES	NO
<b>DiscretisationNoElements</b>	Integer	The number of elements used by gPROMS for discretising this distribution domain.	YES	NO
<b>DiscretisationElementLength</b>	Double Precision	<i>Array</i> of length <b>DiscretisationNoElements</b> containing the length of the elements used by gPROMS for discretising this distribution domain.	YES	NO
<b>Status</b>	Integer	Completion status of this service request. <b>Status</b> = 1 implies successful distribution domain registration. All other values signify failure.	NO	YES

Table 5.2: Arguments of the procedure gOCRDD.

Note that ARRAYs of variables are also treated as being distributed with the discretisation method set to DISCRETE. gPROMS automatically generates a unique name for each such DISCRETE domain.

### 5.3.3 The register variable procedure

After all the relevant distribution domains and parameters have been successfully registered with the Output Channel, gPROMS will then register all monitored variables with the Output Channel by making calls to the gOCRv procedure.

The gOCRv procedure has the following form:

```
gOCRv(OutputChannelID, OutputChannelHandle, VariableName,
      VariableIndex, NoDomains, DomainList, Status)
```

where the arguments are described in table 5.3.

<i>Name of Argument</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Specified on Entry</i>	<i>Specified on Exit</i>
OutputChannelID	Character*256	Full name of Output Channel (terminated with a null).	YES	NO
OutputChannelHandle	Integer	Handle for identifying Output Channel in subsequent calls.	YES	NO
VariableName	Character*256	Fully qualified name of the variable (terminated with a null).	YES	NO
VariableIndex	Integer	Integer that will be used to identify this variable in calls to gOCVALUE (see section 5.3.6).	YES	NO
NoDomains	Integer	The number of domains over which the variable is distributed	YES	NO
DomainList	Integer	Array of length NoDomains identifying which domains the variable is distributed over.	YES	NO
Status	Integer	Completion status of this service request. Status = 1 implies successful variable registration. All other values signify failure.	NO	YES

Table 5.3: Arguments of the procedure gOCRv.

### 5.3.4 The finish initialisation procedure

After the successful initialisation and registration of all relevant distribution domains and monitored variables, gPROMS notifies the Output Channel of the completion of this initial process. This is achieved by calling the `gOCFIN` procedure. At this point, the Output Channel can adjust the resources used for storing all the information received, and use the information about distribution domains and variables for displaying or printing the variable names.

The `gOCFIN` procedure has the following form:

```
gOCFIN(OutputChannelID, OutputChannelHandle, Status)
```

where the arguments are described in table 5.4.

<i>Name of Argument</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Specified on Entry</i>	<i>Specified on Exit</i>
<b>OutputChannelID</b>	Character*256	Full name of Output Channel (terminated with a null).	YES	NO
<b>OutputChannelHandle</b>	Integer	Handle for identifying Output Channel in subsequent calls.	YES	NO
<b>Status</b>	Integer	Completion status of this service request. <b>Status</b> = 1 implies successful completion of this service. All other values signify failure.	NO	YES

Table 5.4: Arguments of the procedure `gOCFIN`.

### 5.3.5 The time reporting procedure

At every reporting interval during the simulation, the integration time is sent to the Output Channel by calling the `gOCTIME` procedure.

The `gOCTIME` procedure has the following form:

```
gOCTIME(OutputChannelID, OutputChannelHandle, Time, Status)
```

where the arguments are described in table 5.5.

<i>Name of Argument</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Specified on Entry</i>	<i>Specified on Exit</i>
<b>OutputChannelID</b>	Character*256	Full name of Output Channel (terminated with a null).	YES	NO
<b>OutputChannelHandle</b>	Integer	Handle for identifying Output Channel in subsequent calls.	YES	NO
<b>Time</b>	Double Precision	The current reporting time interval.	YES	NO
<b>Status</b>	Integer	Completion status of this service request. <b>Status</b> = 1 implies successful completion of this service. All other values signify failure.	NO	YES

Table 5.5: Arguments of the procedure `gOCTIME`.

### 5.3.6 The variable values reporting procedure

After the reporting time is sent, gPROMS will send the current values of every monitored variable by making calls to the `gOCVALUE` procedure.

The `gOCVALUE` procedure has the following form:

```
gOCVALUE(OutputChannelID, OutputChannelHandle, VariableIndex,
         NoValues, ValueList, Status)
```

where the arguments are described in table 5.6.

<i>Name of Argument</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Specified on Entry</i>	<i>Specified on Exit</i>
<b>OutputChannelID</b>	Character*256	Full name of Output Channel (terminated with a null).	YES	NO
<b>OutputChannelHandle</b>	Integer	Handle for identifying Output Channel in subsequent calls.	YES	NO
<b>VariableIndex</b>	Integer	Integer identifying the variable that these values are for.	YES	NO
<b>NoValues</b>	Integer	The number of values for the variable at this time. <i>This should always be the product of the numbers of points in each domain over which the variable is distributed (excluding time).</i>	YES	NO
<b>ValueList</b>	Double Precision	Array of length <b>NoValues</b> containing the values for the variable at this time. The array is stored in an order that makes the rightmost index vary fastest ( <i>i.e.</i> <code>a[0][0][0]</code> , <code>a[0][0][1]</code> , <code>a[0][1][0]</code> , ...).	YES	NO
<b>Status</b>	Integer	Completion status of this service request. <b>Status</b> = 1 implies successful completion of this service. All other values signify failure.	NO	YES

Table 5.6: Arguments of the procedure `gOCVALUE`.

### 5.3.7 The reset results procedure

To support the `RESETRESULTS` elementary task (see section 7.3.3 of the “*gPROMS Introductory User Guide*”), the Output Channel should define the `gOCRESET` procedure to do whatever is appropriate. The Output Channel implementations provided as standard within gPROMS use this procedure to remove all the times and variable values stored for those times but maintain the registered distribution domains and variables.

The `gOCRESET` procedure has the following form:

```
gOCRESET(OutputChannelID, OutputChannelHandle, Status)
```

where the arguments are described in table 5.7.

<i>Name of Argument</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Specified on Entry</i>	<i>Specified on Exit</i>
<code>OutputChannelID</code>	Character*256	Full name of Output Channel (terminated with a null).	YES	NO
<code>OutputChannelHandle</code>	Integer	Handle for identifying Output Channel in subsequent calls.	YES	NO
<code>Status</code>	Integer	Completion status of this service request. <code>Status = 1</code> implies successful completion of this service. All other values signify failure.	NO	YES

Table 5.7: Arguments of the procedure `gOCRESET`.

### 5.3.8 The termination procedure

At the end of `PROCESS` execution, gPROMS will close all Output Channels that are currently active by calling their `gOCT` procedures. This is intended to provide the Output Channels with an opportunity to do any necessary housekeeping.

The `gOCT` procedure has the following form:

```
gOCT(OutputChannelID, OutputChannelHandle, Status)
```

where the arguments are described in table 5.8.

<i>Name of Argument</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Specified on Entry</i>	<i>Specified on Exit</i>
<code>OutputChannelID</code>	Character*256	Full name of Output Channel (terminated with a null).	YES	NO
<code>OutputChannelHandle</code>	Integer	Handle for identifying Output Channel in subsequent calls.	YES	NO
<code>Status</code>	Integer	Completion status of this service request. <b>Status</b> = 1 implies successful completion of this service. All other values signify failure.	NO	YES

Table 5.8: Arguments of the procedure `gOCT`.

## 5.4 Implementation of Output Channels

This section deals with some of the details of the implementation of Output Channels and the precise ways in which this can be compiled and linked to gPROMS.

### 5.4.1 Writing Output Channels in FORTRAN and C

As described in section 5.3, any Output Channel implementation has to provide six communication procedures and two procedures for initialisation and termination respectively. For convenience, skeleton files are provided for both FORTRAN and C. The skeletons only contain the calling frame for the procedures. The name of these files are `oci.c` and `oci.f`. The C version also relies on the header files `gOCInterface.h` and `gTypes.h` which

- provide prototype definitions for the eight Output Channel Interface routines,
- define a macro which ensures that the function prototypes are exported when compiling for Windows, and
- define own versions of the basic types for ease of portability.

*Please note:* It is strongly recommended that you do not change the prototypes and type definitions because they ensure that the function calls follow the conventions gPROMS uses internally.

### 5.4.2 Compiling Output Channels

gPROMS employs a *dynamic loading* mechanism that allows it to load users' OCI code into the gPROMS address space at run-time. To make dynamic loading possible, users' OCI implementations must be implemented as dynamic shared object libraries on UNIX systems, or as dynamic link libraries on Windows systems. Appendix A details how these libraries can be created for the currently supported UNIX platforms, while appendix B provides the equivalent information for Windows.

At the start of a simulation, if there is any communication task in the process schedule, gPROMS will try to open the specified OCI shared object library and attach the library to the running gPROMS address space. If the specified file cannot be opened as a shared object library or the eight OCI function symbols `goci_`, `gocrdd_`, `gocrv_`, `gocfin_`, `goctime_`, `gocvalue_`, `gocreset_` and `goc_` cannot be found in the shared library, appropriate error messages will be given and the simulation will be terminated.

The shared library will be detached from the gPROMS process at the end of a simulation.



### 5.4.3 Installing Output Channels

Once the code describing the Output Channel has been written and compiled as explained in section 5.4.1 and section 5.4.2, the resulting dynamic library has to be installed in a place where gPROMS can find it during runtime. There are two main options for this:

- In a sub-directory called `oc` of the user's current gPROMS working directory.  
This sub-directory is at the same level as the `input`, `output` and `save` sub-directories.
- In a sub-directory called `oc` of the gPROMS installation directory.

Clearly, the first option is appropriate only for Output Channels that are used by a small number of users, otherwise it may lead to unnecessary waste of disk space; it may also make the maintenance of the Foreign Process code very difficult to manage. The second option makes the Output Channels accessible to all gPROMS users but will usually require system administrator privileges.

On UNIX platforms, a third option is for individual users to place a symbolic link to the actual Output Channel library inside their private `oc` sub-directory. The actual code may, thus, reside anywhere in the system where it is accessible to the group of users who need it. This has the advantage of saving disk space without requiring system administrator privileges.

## Chapter 6

# The gPROMS Equation Set Object

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## 6.1 Introduction

In order to carry out mathematical solution procedures such as simulation, optimisation etc, gPROMS internally combines the equations and variables present in all its models into a single large system of equations. A published interface, the *Equation Set Object* (ESO) is provided to access this system once constructed. This interface is used internally by gPROMS in the application of its own numerical solvers.

You will need a good understanding of the ESO interface if you are interested in either

- interfacing your own solver(s) to gPROMS

or

- extracting the mathematical information embedded in gPROMS models for your own purposes (e.g. implementing your own model-based applications).

The gSERVER document (XREF) describes how to obtain initial object handles to the ESO representing a gPROMS process. The purpose of this chapter is explain the detailed semantics of this interface.

The interface to is intended to serve the needs of the various solver objects by allowing them to obtain information about the size and structure of the system, to adjust the values of variables occurring in it, and to compute the resulting equation residuals and, potentially, other related information (*e.g.* partial derivatives).

More specifically, an ESO will support a number of operations including the following:

- Obtain the current values of a specified subset of the variables.
- Alter the values of any specified subset of the variables.
- Get the structure<sup>1</sup> of the sparse matrix representing the partial derivatives of a specified subset of the equations with respect to a specified subset of the variables.
- Compute the residuals of any specified subset of the equations at the current variable values.
- Get a sparse matrix containing the values of the partial derivatives of a specified subset of the equations with respect to a specified subset of the variables (at the object's current variable values).

A more complete definition will be given later.

The information associated with an ESO differs depending on whether the set of equations being described is purely algebraic (as is the case with the NLASystem class

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<sup>1</sup>*i.e.* a list of the partial derivatives which will not be identically zero for all values of the variables.

mentioned above) or mixed differential and algebraic (as in the case of DAESystem). For this reason, we introduce a hierarchy of ESOs. At present, this hierarchy comprises two classes<sup>2</sup>:

1. Class *AlgebraicESO* defines a purely algebraic set of equations.
2. Class *DifferentialAlgebraicESO* inherits from class *AlgebraicESO* and refines it to define a mixed set of differential and algebraic equations.

It is very common for gPROMS models to involve conditions dictating which one of alternate sets of equations is to be applied at any point in the simulation. This leads to a hierarchical approach to storage of equations in the ESO via the State Transition Network concept, as explained in the next section.

After this discussion, the majority of this chapter is devoted to detailed description of the semantics of all the methods of both classes of ESO, and also the State Transition Network. Finally, the CORBA Interface Definition Language (IDL) files describing these interfaces are presented.

## 6.2 Description of discontinuous equations in ESOs

Our best understanding of a number of common process phenomena is based on discontinuous descriptions. Since the ESO concept gives a mathematical description of general processes, it must take account of the potentially discontinuous nature of this description.

### 6.2.1 Origins of discontinuous equations in physical descriptions

There are many example of process phenomena that are commonly described in a discontinuous manner. These include:

- appearance and disappearance of thermodynamic phases;
- transitions of flow regimes from laminar to turbulent, and vice-versa;
- changes in the direction of flow, and their consequences;
- changes in flow due to discontinuities in equipment geometry (*e.g.* position of overflow pipes);
- equipment breakdown.

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<sup>2</sup>In future we may well introduce further levels in this hierarchy (*e.g.* *IntegroPartialDifferentialAlgebraicESO*).

Additional discontinuities may arise as a result of discrete control actions and disturbances imposed on the process by external agents. However, here we are primarily concerned with discontinuities in the physical behaviour since it is precisely this behaviour that ESOs describe mathematically.

### 6.2.2 Mathematical descriptions of physical discontinuities

The mathematical descriptions of physical discontinuities is itself discontinuous. Early modelling tools described such discontinuities via the use of conditional equations typically defined using IF/THEN/ELSE constructs. Each such conditional equation has one of two different forms depending on the value (TRUE or FALSE) of a logical condition. The latter is itself expressed in terms of the values of the system variables. As an example, consider the friction factor for flow in a pipe. This is a different function of the Reynolds number depending on whether the flow is laminar or turbulent. Mathematically, this effect is described by the following conditional equation:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{IF } Re < 2100 \text{ THEN} & \\ & f = \frac{16}{Re} \\ \text{ELSE} & \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{f}} = -4 \log_{10} \left( \frac{1.26}{Re\sqrt{f}} + \frac{\epsilon/D}{3.7} \right) \end{array}$$

Albeit by far the simplest mechanism for specifying discontinuous equations, IF/THEN/ELSE equations are not sufficiently general for the description of the range of phenomena occurring in chemical processes. For instance, they are unable to describe:

- Asymmetric discontinuities such as the hysteresis phenomena that occur in the opening and closing of safety relief valves; such valves tend to open at a higher pressure than the one at which they actually close.
- Irreversible discontinuities such as those occurring when equipment breaks down when certain operating limits (*e.g.* pressure) are reached; in most cases, the breakdown, once it occurs, cannot be reversed even if the operating conditions revert to their normal ranges.

For this reason, the description of discontinuities in ESOs is based on a more general formalism, called *State-Transition Networks*.

### 6.2.3 State-Transition Networks

For the purposes of this chapter, a State-Transition Network (STN) is simply a description of a discontinuous equation or set of equations. An example of an STN is shown

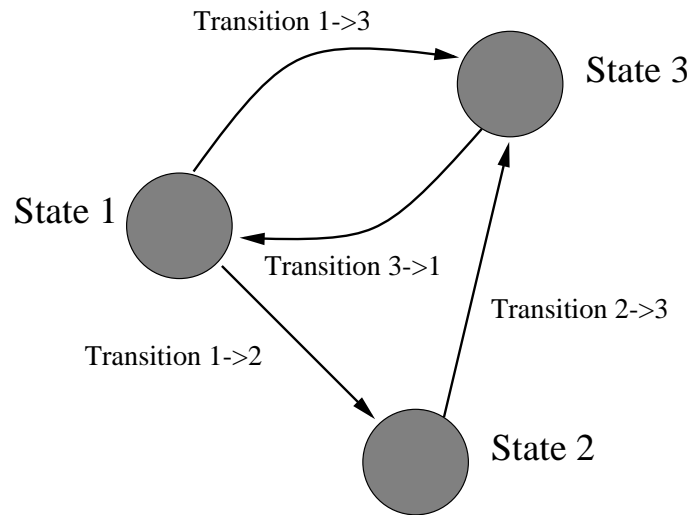


Figure 6.1: Example of a State-Transition Network.

in Figure 6.1. Each STN comprises two types of information, a set of states<sup>3</sup> and a set of transitions from one state to another.

A state in an STN corresponds to one of the operating regimes of a discontinuous phenomenon. So, for instance, the STN describing the flow regime in a pipe would typically have two states corresponding to the laminar and turbulent regimes respectively.

In fact, IF/THEN/ELSE conditional equations (see section 6.2.2) are special cases of STNs in which, for any pair of states  $s$  and  $s'$ , both transitions  $s \rightarrow s'$  and  $s' \rightarrow s$  occur and the logical conditions associated with the former transition are the negation of those associated with the latter. Thus, the STN describing the friction factor equation discussed in section 6.2.2 is shown in Figure 6.2.

More formally, each state  $s$  in an STN is characterised by:

- A set of equations
- A (possibly empty) set of transitions to other states.

At any particular point in time, exactly one state in a STN is designated as being active. In physical terms, this implies that the process behaviour satisfies the equations in that state.

Each transition  $(s, s')$  in an STN is characterised by:

- A start state,  $s$

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<sup>3</sup>The states in a STN are also sometimes called "modes" in order to avoid confusion with the term "states" used in control theory.

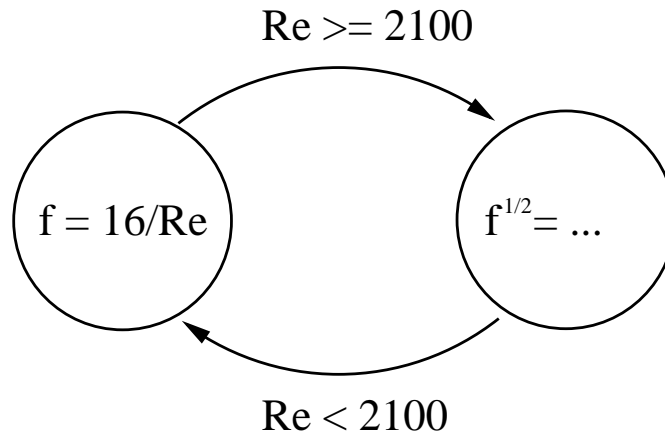


Figure 6.2: STN for the Reynolds-number example.

- An end state,  $s'$
- A logical condition.

If, at a certain point in time, a state  $s$  of the STN is active and the logical condition associated with a transition  $(s, s')$  becomes **TRUE**, then the transition  $(s, s')$  takes place, *i.e.* state  $s$  stops being active and state  $s'$  becomes active.

In the interests of simplicity, all STNs used for the purposes of CAPE-OPEN must satisfy the following assumption:

- All equations and logical conditions are expressed in terms of (subsets of) the *same* set of variables.

### 6.2.3.1 State-Transition Networks in gPROMS

The gPROMS modelling language enables the user to describe STNs using two mechanisms. These are the **IF/THEN/ELSE** statements and the **CASE** construct. These mechanisms are described fully in chapter 4 of the “*gPROMS Introductory User Guide*”. The example shown above can be modelled in gPROMS using either of the methods shown below.

- Using **IF/THEN/ELSE**

```

IF ReynoldsNumber < 2100 THEN
  FrictionFactor = 16 / ReynoldsNumber ;
ELSE
  1 / SQRT(FrictionFactor) = - 4 * LOG10(
    1.26/( ReynoldsNumber*SQRT(FrictionFactor) )
  )
  
```

```
        + EddyDiffusivity/(3.7*Diameter)    ) ;  
END
```

- Using CASE

```
SELECTOR  
  FlowRegime AS (Laminar, Turbulent)  
  ...  
EQUATION  
  ...  
CASE FlowRegime OF  
  WHEN Laminar:  
    FrictionFactor = 16 / ReynoldsNumber ;  
    SWITCH TO Turbulent IF ReynoldsNumber >= 2100 ;  
  WHEN Turbulent:  
    1 / SQRT(FrictionFactor) = - 4 * LOG10(  
      1.26/( ReynoldsNumber*SQRT(FrictionFactor) )  
      + EddyDiffusivity/(3.7*Diameter)    ) ;  
    SWITCH TO Laminar IF ReynoldsNumber < 2100 ;  
END
```

The two examples above illustrate that IF structures can only be used to model symmetric transitions, whereas CASE structures can easily handle asymmetric and unidirectional (simply by omitting the SWITCH TO statement for the appropriate state) transitions.

### 6.2.3.2 State-Transition Networks in ESOs

An ESO can contain one or more STNs. Thus, the complete set of equations describing the ESO at any particular point in time comprises:

- the ESO's own equations (*i.e.* excluding those in the STNs it contains);
- the equations in the active state of its constituent STNs.

Conversely, the equations associated with each state in an STN are themselves described by an ESO. The relation between STNs and ESOs is, therefore, recursive. This allows for the nesting of discontinuous equations to an arbitrary number of levels.

An underlying assumption is that an ESO and all the ESOs describing the states of all STNs contained within it share the *same* set of variables. Albeit not necessary, this assumption obviates the need for complex mapping mechanisms between different variable sets; it also happens to be satisfied by most typical cases where descriptions of discontinuous phenomena occur within process models.



### 6.2.4 The representation of logical conditions in STNs

A key issue in the representation of STNs is the representation of the logical conditions that are associated with the transitions. In particular, it is important to identify the amount and type of information that an STN object must provide to its clients regarding these logical conditions. Clearly, such decisions depend crucially on the type of usage that is envisaged for these STNs by, for instance, numerical solvers<sup>4</sup>.

It is important to understand that the above logical conditions may be quite complex. For instance, a certain transition could be triggered by a logical condition of the form:

$$[[x_1^2 + x_2^2 \geq x_3^2] \vee \neg[x_1^2 \leq x_2]] \wedge [x_2 \geq x_3]$$

where,  $x_1, x_2$  and  $x_3$  are real-valued variables, and the symbols  $\vee$ ,  $\wedge$  and  $\neg$  denote the OR, AND and NOT logical operators.

Most of the older numerical codes for the simulation and optimisation of processes involving discontinuities required only the evaluation of complex logical expressions such as the above for given values of the variables occurring in them. Consequently, a simple interface that would return the value (TRUE or FALSE) of a specified logical condition at the current values of the ESO's variables would be sufficient in this case.

However, more modern solution methods derive their improved reliability and efficiency from the availability of more information on each logical condition. For example, if the above logical condition were to change value (from TRUE to FALSE, or vice-versa) at a particular point in time, these methods would need to know *exactly which* of the three logical subexpressions:

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 \geq x_3^2, x_1^2 \leq x_2, x_2 \geq x_3$$

was the one that changed value, thereby causing the change in the value of the overall logical expression. The solution method would also need to know other information on this particular sub-expression, such as the set of variables that appear in it, and its partial derivatives with respect to these variables.

The aim of Cape Open was to accommodate the requirements of the modern solution methods without resulting in an excessively complex interface. This is particularly important as simpler methods are still being used by many of the currently available tools. As a compromise, the interface supports arbitrarily complex logical conditions involving any combination of the  $\vee$ ,  $\wedge$  and  $\neg$  operators while imposing the following restriction:

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<sup>4</sup>Already similar decisions have been made implicitly in the design of the basic ESO. In that case, it was deemed appropriate that the ESO should provide numerical values for the residuals of its equations and their partial derivatives, as well as information on the structure of these equations. On the other hand, it was not thought necessary to provide information on the symbolic form of these equations.

- All lowest level logical sub-expressions in a logical expression are of the form:

$$x_i \geq 0$$

where  $x_i$  is any one of the variables occurring in the ESO.

This assumption is not actually as restrictive as it might first appear. For instance, the logical condition shown above could be expressed as:

$$[[x_4 \geq 0] \vee \neg[x_5 \geq 0]] \wedge [x_6 \geq 0]$$

where we have introduced three new variables  $x_4$ ,  $x_5$  and  $x_6$  defined via the three additional equations:

$$x_4 \equiv x_1^2 + x_2^2 - x_3^2, \quad x_5 \equiv -x_1^2 + x_2, \quad x_6 \equiv x_2 - x_3$$

The main advantage of introducing the above restriction is that it permits the representation of any logical condition as a sequence of integer values. Such sequences have the following semantics:

- Each positive integer value represents the lowest-level condition.
- Each negative integer value represents one of the three Boolean operators:
- -1 denotes AND ( $\wedge$ ).
- -2 denotes OR ( $\vee$ ).
- -3 denotes NOT ( $\neg$ ).
- Prefix notation is used, allowing simple recursive evaluation.

Thus, consider the following examples:

- A sequence consisting of the single value (3) denotes the condition  $x_3 \geq 0$ .
- The sequence (-2, 1, -3, 2) denotes the condition  $(x_1 \geq 0) \vee \neg(x_2 \geq 0)$  (*i.e.* “ $x_1$  non-negative or  $x_2$  negative”).
- The condition  $[[x_4 \geq 0] \vee \neg[x_5 \geq 0]] \wedge [x_6 \geq 0]$  (see example above) becomes (-1, -2, 4, -3, 5, 6).

The simple pseudo-code in Figure 6.3 illustrates how these sequences can be evaluated by a simple recursive routine. The precondition is that the sequence of integers is stored in a global array `seq`, and a global index `at` is initially set to the lower bound of `seq`. Also, we assume that the current variable values are held in the global vector `x`.

```
Boolean function eval()
  integer val; // a local variable.
  val:=seq[at];
  at:=at+1;
  If val>0 THEN
    Return (x[val]>=0);
  Else
    Case val:
      -1: Return eval() AND eval();
      -2: Return eval() OR eval();
      -3: Return NOT eval();
    End
  End
End
```

Figure 6.3: Pseudo-code for the evaluation of logical conditions.

## 6.3 Interface definition

We now proceed to describe the interfaces to the Equation Set Objects in detail.

### WARNING!

The interfaces described in this document are PSE's internal development originating from the proposed CAPEOPEN standard. To avoid confusion, the names IGPAIgESO and IGPDiffAlgESO are used.

The major extensions are the introduction of the IVariableSet interface to isolate methods related only to variables, and the “index set” technique introduced for efficiency.

The description here omits some deprecated methods currently present in the interfaces.

## 6.4 IGPAIgESO

*Inherits from:* ICapeUtilityComponent

This is the interface of the Algebraic Equation Set Object which represents a set of non-linear algebraic equations of the form:

$$f(x) = 0.$$

In general, a set described by an ESO can be rectangular, *i.e.* the number of variables does not have to be the same as the number of equations.

The variables in an ESO are characterised by their current values (that can be changed via the provided interface), and also lower and upper bounds. Usually, these bounds relate to the domain of definition of the equations<sup>5</sup> and/or physical reality<sup>6</sup>. For this reason, any attempt to set one or more variables to values outside these bounds is considered to be illegal and will, therefore, be rejected.

The equations in an ESO are assumed to be sparse, *i.e.* any given equation will involve only a subset of the variables in the ESO. Consequently, only a (usually small) subset of the partial derivatives  $\partial f/\partial x$  will not be zero for *any* set of values of the variables  $x$ . The *sparsity pattern* of the ESO refers to the number of such non-zero elements, and the row,  $i$  (*i.e.* equation  $f_i$ ), and column,  $j$  (*i.e.* variable  $x_j$ ), to which each such non-zero corresponds. The way in which information on this structure is defined is entirely analogous to that for linear systems (*cf.* section 8.7).

The interface defined in this section provides mechanisms for obtaining information on the current values and bounds of the variables  $x$ , as well as the sparsity pattern of the ESO. It also allows modification of the variable values, and the computation of the values ("residuals") of the equations  $f(x)$  for the current values of  $x$  and of the non-zero elements of the matrix  $\partial f/\partial x$  (the so-called "Jacobian" matrix).

Additionally, the concept of variable "properties" is introduced. These can be used freely by client software to record string information associated with sets of variables. The following pre-defined properties may also be used:

**ASSIGN** Variables present in the gPROMS ASSIGN section (which thus should not be treated as unknowns by a solver) are marked with this property.

**PARAM** Variables marked with this property are identified as *parameters* for optimisation: sensitivities with respect to these variables are then available from the ESO after integrations.

**2ND\_ORDER\_PARAM** Variables marked with this property are identified as *second order parameters* for optimisation: second order sensitivities with respect to these variables are then available from the ESO after integrations.

See the discussion of the ISensitivityStorage interface for details of the last two items above.

As we have seen in section 6.2, an ESO may contain one or more state-transition networks (STNs). The equations in each state and the logical conditions associated with each transition in these STNs are all expressed in terms of the ESO's own set of variables (see section 6.2.3.2).

Several of the methods provided by the ICapeNumericAlgebraicESO interface allow access to information on an ESO's equations (*e.g.* their number, residuals, Jacobian

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<sup>5</sup>For instance, an equation involving a term  $\sqrt{1-x}$  is undefined for any value of variable  $x$  exceeding unity; thus,  $x$  is subject to an upper bound of 1.

<sup>6</sup>For instance, variables representing molar fractions must stay between a lower bound of 0 and an upper bound of 1.

structure and values). It must be emphasised that, in all these cases, the information provided pertains *only* to the equations that are contained *directly* within the ESO and not those within any STNs that this ESO may contain.

Detailed information on the STNs within an ESO must, instead, be obtained via a different set of methods provided by interface ICapeNumericSTN (see section 6.6). For this purpose, the ICapeNumericAlgebraicESO interface includes methods for determining the number of STNs present in an ESO as well as the ICapeNumericSTN interface to each such STN.

Finally, we note that CAPE-OPEN does *not* define any standard mechanisms or interfaces for the *construction* of ESOs. These are left at the discretion of each implementor.

#### 6.4.1 Methods relating to the ESO structure

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**IGPAlgESO::GetVariableSet**

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**Description** Gets the separate interface for information on variables in the ESO.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]		IVariableSet	The interface.

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**IGPAlgESO::GetNumEqns**

---

**Description** Gets the number of equations in the ESO. Note that this does not include any equations associated with the states in the state transition networks (if present).

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out]	NumEqns	CapeLong	The number of equations in the ESO (not including any equations in any STNs contained in the ESO).
[return]		CapeError	

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**IGPAlgESO::GetNumNonZeroes**

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**Description** Gets the number of structurally non-zero entries in the ESO's Jacobian matrix ( $\partial f/\partial x$ ). Note that this does not include entries arising from any equations associated with the states in the state transition networks (if present).

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out]	NumNonZeroes	CapeLong	The number of non-zeroes
[return]		CapeError	

---

**IGPAlgESO::GetJacobianStruct**


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**Description**     Retrieves the sparsity pattern of the equation system contained in an ESO. Note that this does *not* include entries arising from any equations associated with the states in the state transition networks (if present).  
 Note: the argument CanBeComputed(k) is used by the ESO to indicate whether or not it is able to compute particular entries of the Jacobian. A strictly positive value indicates that the ESO is able to compute this particular derivative (see the GetJacobianValue method).

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out]	NonZeroes	CapeLong	The number of (structural) non-zeroes in the matrix.
[out]	RowNums	CapeArrayLong	The list of row numbers for each non-zero.
[out]	ColNums	CapeArrayLong	The list of column numbers for each non-zero.
[out]	CanBe-Computed	CapeArrayLong <sup>a</sup>	See Note above.
[return]		CapeError	

---

<sup>a</sup>Although a Boolean would suffice for this argument, a Long is used here to allow for possible future refinement of the information conveyed.

---

**IGPAlgESO::GetNumSTNs**


---

**Description**     Returns the number of state transition networks in the ESO.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out]	NoSTNs	CapeLong	The number of STNs.
[return]		CapeError	

---

**IGPAlgESO::GetListOfSTNsWithSwitches**


---

**Description** Returns the indices of all STNs of the current ESO with active transition conditions (if any)

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out]	STNList	CapeArrayLong	Indices of the STNs. Note: an STN will appear in this list if <i>either</i> its <code>GetActiveTransitions</code> method will return a non-empty list <i>or</i> the <code>GetListOfSTNsWithSwitches</code> method of the ESO of its current state would return a non-empty list. This recursive definition ensures that the presence of any active transition can be detected with a single call to the top level ESO.
[return]		CapeError	

#### 6.4.2 Methods relating to the ESO variables

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**IVariableSet::GetNumVars**


---

**Description** Gets the number of variables in the ESO.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out] [return]	NumVars	CapeLong CapeError	The number of variables in the ESO.



---

**IVariableSet::GetVarNames**

---

**Description** Gets the names of (a subset of) the variables in the ESO.**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	VarNums	CapeArrayLong	The indices of the variables whose names are required. Note: a zero-length list indicates <i>all</i> of the variables in the ESO.
[out] [return]	VarNames	CapeArrayString CapeError	The names of the required variables.

---

**IVariableSet::GetVarNums**

---

**Description** Gets the indices of (a subset of) the variables in the ESO.**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	VarNames	CapeArrayString	The names of the variables whose indices are required.
[out]	VarNums	CapeArrayLong	The indices of the required variables. For incorrect names, zero is returned.
[return]		CapeError	

---

**IVariableSet::GetBounds**


---

**Description** Gets the values of the lower and upper bounds of (a subset of) an ESO's variables.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	VarNums	CapeArrayLong	The indices of the variables whose bounds are required. Note: a zero length list indicates <i>all</i> the variables in the ESO.
[out]	LowerBounds	CapeArrayDouble	The values of the lower bounds.
[out]	UpperBounds	CapeArrayDouble	The values of the upper bounds.
[return]		CapeError	

---

**IVariableSet::GetBoundsIS**


---

**Description** Gets the values of the lower and upper bounds of a registered subset of an ESO's variables.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	indSet	CapeLong	The “handle” of the set of variables whose bounds are required (see IVariableSet::RegisterIndexSet).
[out]	LowerBounds	CapeArrayDouble	The values of the lower bounds.
[out]	UpperBounds	CapeArrayDouble	The values of the upper bounds.
[return]		CapeError	

---

**IVariableSet::SetVariables**

---

**Description** Sets the values of (a subset of) an ESO's variables.**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	VarNums	CapeArrayLong	The indices of the variables whose values are to be set.
[in] [return]	Vals	CapeArrayDouble CapeError	The values of the variables.

---

**IVariableSet::SetVariablesIS**

---

**Description** Sets the values of a registered subset of an ESO's variables.**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	indSet	CapeLong	The “handle” of the set of variables whose values are to be set (see IVariableSet::RegisterIndexSet).
[in] [return]	Vals	CapeArrayDouble CapeError	The values of the variables.

---

**IVariableSet::GetVariables**

---

**Description** Gets the values of (a subset of) an ESO's variables.**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	VarNums	CapeArrayLong	The indices of the variables whose values are required. Note: a zero length list indicates <i>all</i> the variables in the ESO.
io [return]	Vals	CapeArrayDouble CapeError	The values of the variables.

---

**IVariableSet::GetVariablesIS**

---

**Description** Gets the values of a registered subset of an ESO's variables.**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	indSet	CapeLong	The “handle” of the set of variables whose values are required (see IVariableSet::RegisterIndexSet).
[out] [return]	Vals	CapeArrayDouble CapeError	The values of the variables.

---

**IVariableSet::RegisterIndexSet**

---

**Description** Records a set of variable indices in order to permit use of SetVariablesIS, GetVariablesIS, and GetBoundsIS

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	EltNums	CapeLong	The indices of the variables which we will require access to.
[return]		CapeLong	The “handle” to be used on subsequent calls to GetVariablesIS etc.

---

**IVariableSet::UnregisterIndexSet**

---

**Description** Informs the VariableSet that a registered set of variable indices will no longer be required

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	indSet	CapeLong	The “handle” of the registered set.

---

**IVariableSet::GetSensitivityStorage**

---

**Description** Gets the separate interface for information on the sensitivities of variables in the variable set.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]		ISensitivityStorage	The interface.

---

**IVariableSet::SetVarProperty**

---

**Description** Marks all variables in a list as having a given property.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	VarInds	CapeArrayLong	The indices.
[in]	PropName	CapeString	The property.

---

**IVariableSet::ClearVarProperty**

---

**Description** Ensures that the listed variables do not have the given property.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	VarInds	CapeArrayLong	The indices.
[in]	PropName	CapeString	The property.

---

**IVariableSet::GetVarsWithProperty**

---

**Description** Gets a list of all variables marked as having a given property.**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	PropName	CapeString	The property.
[out]	VarInds	CapeArrayLong	The indices.

---

**IVariableSet::GetNumVarsWithProperty**

---

**Description** Gets the number of variables marked as having a given property.**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	PropName	CapeString	The property.
[return]		CapeLong	The number.

---

**IVariableSet::GetPropertiesOfVars**

---

**Description** Gets a list of all the properties of each variable listed.**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	VarInds	CapeArrayLong	The indices.
[out]	PropLists	CapeArrayArrayString	Array of lists of properties (one per variable index).

### 6.4.3 Methods for storage of sensitivities

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#### ISensitivityStorage::SetVarSensitivities

---

**Description** Saves an array of sensitivity values

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	VarSen	CapeArrayDouble	The sensitivity values $\frac{\partial x}{\partial p}$ , beginning with every variable's sensitivity to the first parameter, etc. Total length of the array must be (length of $x$ ) $\times$ (number of parameters).
[return]		CapeError	

---

#### ISensitivityStorage::GetVarSensitivities

---

**Description** Gets the array of sensitivity values from the ESO

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out]	VarSen	CapeArrayDouble	The sensitivity values, beginning with every variable's sensitivity to the first parameter, etc. Total length of the array will be (length of $x$ ) $\times$ (number of parameters). Effect undefined if no prior call to <b>SetVarSensitivities</b> .
[return]		CapeError	



---

**ISensitivityStorage::SetVar2ndOrderSensitivities**


---

**Description** Saves an array of second order sensitivity values

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	VarSen	CapeArrayDouble	The second order sensitivity values, i.e. the sensitivity of $\frac{\partial x}{\partial p}$ to the second order parameters $q$ , in the order $\frac{\partial^2 x_1}{\partial p_1 \partial q_1} \cdots \frac{\partial^2 x_N}{\partial p_1 \partial q_1}, \frac{\partial^2 x_1}{\partial p_2 \partial q_1} \cdots \frac{\partial^2 x_N}{\partial p_n \partial q_1}, \dots \frac{\partial^2 x_1}{\partial p_1 \partial q_2} \cdots$ . Total length of the array must be (length of $x$ ) $\times$ (number of parameters) $\times$ (number of 2nd order parameters).
[return]		CapeError	

---

**ISensitivityStorage::GetVar2ndOrderSensitivities**


---

**Description** Gets the array of second order sensitivity values from the ESO

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out]	VarSen	CapeArrayDouble	The sensitivity values, as above. Effect undefined if no prior call to <code>SetVar2ndOrderSensitivities</code> .
[return]		CapeError	

---

**ISensitivityStorage::SetVar2ndOrderParamSensitivities**


---

**Description** Saves an array of sensitivities to the second order parameters

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	VarSen	CapeArrayDouble	The sensitivity values, i.e. the sensitivity of $x$ to the second order parameters $q$ , in the order $\frac{\partial x_1}{\partial q_1} \dots \frac{\partial x_N}{\partial q_1}, \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial q_2} \dots$ Total length of the array must be (length of $x$ ) $\times$ (number of 2nd order parameters).
[return]		CapeError	

---

**ISensitivityStorage::GetVar2ndOrderParamSensitivities**


---

**Description** Gets an array of sensitivities to the second order parameters

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out]	VarSen	CapeArrayDouble	The sensitivity values, i.e. the sensitivity of $x$ to the second order parameters $q$ , the order $\frac{\partial x_1}{\partial q_1} \dots \frac{\partial x_N}{\partial q_1}, \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial q_2} \dots$ . Total length of the array will be (length of $x$ ) $\times$ (number of 2nd order parameters). Effect undefined if no prior call to <b>SetVar2ndOrderParamSensitivities</b>
[return]		CapeError	

---

**ISensitivityStorage::SetDerivativesSensitivities**


---

**Description**     Saves an array of sensitivity values

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	VarSen	CapeArrayDouble	The sensitivity values, beginning with each time derivative's sensitivity to the first parameter, etc. Total length of the array must be (length of $x$ ) $\times$ (number of parameters).
[return]		CapeError	

---

**ISensitivityStorage::GetDerivativesSensitivities**


---

**Description**     Gets the array of sensitivity values from the ESO

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out]	VarSen	CapeArrayDouble	The sensitivity values, beginning with each time derivative's sensitivity to the first parameter, etc. Total length of the array will be (length of $x$ ) $\times$ (number of parameters). Effect undefined if no prior call to <b>SetDerivativesSensitivities</b> .
[return]		CapeError	

#### 6.4.4 Methods relating to the ESO equations

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##### IGPAlgESO::GetEqnNames

---

**Description** Gets the names of (a subset of) the equations in the ESO.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	EqnNums	CapeArrayLong	The indices of the equations whose names are required. Note: a zero-length list indicates <i>all</i> of the variables in the ESO.
[out] [return]	EqnNames	CapeArrayString CapeError	The names of the required equations.

---

##### IGPAlgESO::GetAllResiduals

---

**Description** Obtain the current values of the residuals of an ESO's equations. Note that this does not include any equations associated with the states in the state transition networks (if present).

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out]	Residuals	CapeArrayDouble	The residuals, <i>i.e.</i> the value of for each included in EqnIndices, at the current set of values of the variables $x$ .
[return]		CapeError	

---

**IGPAlgESO::GetResiduals**

---

**Description** Obtain the current values of the residuals of a subset of an ESO's equations. Note that this does not include any equations associated with the states in the state transition networks (if present).

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	EqnIndices	CapeArrayLong	The numbers of the equations whose residuals are required.
[out]	Residuals	CapeArrayDouble	The residuals, <i>i.e.</i> the value of for each included in EqnIndices, at the current set of values of the variables $x$ .
[return]		CapeError	

---

**IGPAlgESO::GetResidualsIS**

---

**Description** Obtain the current values of the residuals of a registered subset of an ESO's equations. Note that this does not include any equations associated with the states in the state transition networks (if present).

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	indSet	CapeLong	The “handle” of the set of equation numbers whose residuals are required, as returned by RegisterEquationIndexSet
[out]	Residuals	CapeArrayDouble	The residuals, <i>i.e.</i> the value of for each included in EqnIndices, at the current set of values of the variables $x$ .
[return]		CapeError	

---

**IGPAlgESO::RegisterEquationIndexSet**

---

**Description**     Records a set of equation numbers in order to permit use of GetResidualsIS

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	EqnNums	CapeLong	The indices of the residuals which we will require.
[return]		CapeLong	The “handle” to be used on subsequent calls to GetResidualsIS.

---

**IGPAlgESO::UnregisterEquationIndexSet**

---

**Description**     Informs the ESO that a registered set of equation numbers will no longer be required

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	indSet	CapeLong	The “handle” of the registered set.

### 6.4.5 Methods relating to the ESO STNs

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#### IGPAlgESO::GetSTNNames

---

**Description** Returns the names of the state transition networks in the ESO.  
**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out] [return]	Names	CapeArrayString CapeError	The names of all STNs in the ESO.

---

#### IGPAlgESO::GetAllSTNs

---

**Description** Returns a sequence of interfaces corresponding to all the STNs in the ESO.  
**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out] [return]	STNs	CapeArrayInterface (ICapeNumeric-STN) CapeError	Interfaces to each requested STN.

---

**IGPAlgESO::GetSTNs**


---

**Description** Returns a sequence of interfaces corresponding to requested STNs in the ESO.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	STNIndices	CapeArrayLong	The indices of the STNs whose interfaces are required. Interfaces to each requested STN. (ICapeNumeric-STN) CapeError
[out]	STNs	CapeArrayInterface	
[return]		CapeError	

#### 6.4.6 Methods relating to rectangular ESOs

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**IGPAlgESO::GetAllJacobianValues**


---

**Description** Gets the values of the structurally non-zero values of an ESO's Jacobian. Note that this does not include entries arising from any additional equations associated with the states in the state transition networks (if present).  
Note: for entries which were indicated by the GetJacobianStruct method as "unavailable", no error should arise, but the value returned will be undefined.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out]	Vals	CapeArrayDouble	The non-zero values of the requested sub-matrix of the Jacobian.
[return]		CapeError	



---

**IGPAlgESO::GetJacobianValues**

---

**Description** Gets the values of a subset of the structurally non-zero values of an ESO's Jacobian. Note that this does not include entries arising from any additional equations associated with the states in the state transition networks (if present).

Note: for entries which were indicated by the GetJacobianStruct method as “unavailable”, no error should arise, but the value returned will be undefined.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	EltIndices	CapeArrayLong	The indices of the elements of the complete structure which we require.
[out]	Vals	CapeArrayDouble	The non-zero values of the requested sub-matrix of the Jacobian.
[return]		CapeError	

---

**IGPAlgESO::GetJacobianValuesIS**

---

**Description** Gets the values of a registered subset of the structurally non-zero values of an ESO's Jacobian. Note that this does not include entries arising from any additional equations associated with the states in the state transition networks (if present).

Note: for entries which were indicated by the GetJacobianStruct method as “unavailable”, no error should arise, but the value returned will be undefined.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	indSet	CapeLong	The “handle” of the subset of elements requires (as returned by RegisterJacobianIndexSet).
[out]	Vals	CapeArrayDouble	The non-zero values of the requested sub-matrix of the Jacobian.
[return]		CapeError	

---

**IGPAlgESO::RegisterJacobianIndexSet**

---

**Description** Records a set of Jacobian element indices in order to permit use of GetJacobianValuesIS

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	EltNums	CapeLong	The indices of the elements of the complete structure which we will require.
[return]		CapeLong	The “handle” to be used on subsequent calls to GetJacobianValuesIS.

---

**IGPAlgESO::UnregisterJacobianIndexSet**


---

**Description**     Informs the ESO that a registered set of Jacobian indices will no longer be required

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	indSet	CapeLong	The “handle” of the registered set.

#### 6.4.7 General ESO methods

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**IGPAlgESO::Delete**


---

**Description**     Deletes the ESO.

### 6.5 IGPDiffAlgESO

*Inherits from:* IGPAlgESO

This is the interface of the Differential-Algebraic Equation Set Object which represents a (generally rectangular) set of differential-algebraic equations of the form:

$$f(x, \dot{x}, t),$$

where  $t$  is the independent variable and  $x(t)$  is a vector of dependent variables. Also  $\dot{x}$  denotes the derivatives  $df/dt$ . We note that, in general, the quantities will appear in the system for only a subset of the dependent variables  $x$ . This subset of  $x$  are often referred to as the “differential variables” while the rest are the “algebraic variables”. Of course, all these variables are functions of the independent variable  $t$ .

It is worth clarifying the semantic interpretation of the methods that are inherited by this interface from IGPAlgESO:

- GetNumVars must return the length of the vector  $x$ .
- GetBounds, SetVariables and GetVariables relate only to the vector  $x$ .

- All the methods associated with the Jacobian (GetNumNonZeroes, GetJacobianStruct and GetJacobianValues) relate to  $\partial f/\partial x$ .
- The equation residuals and Jacobian are evaluated at the current values of  $x$ ,  $\dot{x}$  and  $t$ .
- GetVariableSet returns an IVariableSet interface which can be narrowed to an IDifferentialVariableSet in order to access the additional methods for time derivatives (see below).

The methods defined in this section introduce equivalent functionality for accessing and altering information pertaining to  $\dot{x}$  (via the IDifferentialVariableSet interface). They also provide mechanisms for accessing and altering the value of the independent variable  $t$ .

### 6.5.1 Methods relating to the ESO structure

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**IGPDiffAlgESO::GetNumDiffVars**

---

**Description** Gets the number of differential variables in the ESO.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out] [return]	NumDiffVar	CapeLong CapeError	The number of differential variables.

---

**IGPDiffAlgESO::GetNumDiffNonZeroes**


---

**Description** Gets the number of non-zero entries in the Jacobian of the ESO with respect to  $\dot{x}$ . Note that this does *not* include entries arising from any equations associated with any state transition network within this ESO.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out]	NumNonZeroes	CapeLong	The number of non-zero elements of the Jacobian.
[return]		CapeError	

---

**IGPDiffAlgESO::GetDiffJacobianStruct**


---

**Description** Retrieves the sparsity pattern of the Jacobian. Note that this does not include entries arising from any equations associated with any state-transition network within this ESO.

Note: CanBeComputed(k) is used to indicate whether or not the ESO is able to compute particular entries of the Jacobian. A strictly positive value indicates that the ESO is able to compute this particular entry (see the GetDiffJacobianValue method).

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out]	NonZeroes	CapeLong	The number of (structural) non-zeroes in the matrix.
[out]	RowNums	CapeArrayLong	The list of row numbers for each non-zero.
[out]	ColNums	CapeArrayLong	The list of column numbers for each non-zero.
[out]	CanBe-Computed	CapeArrayLong	See note above.
[return]		CapeError	

## 6.5.2 Methods relating to the ESO variables

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### IGPDiffAlgESO::GetDiffVarIndices

---

**Description** Gets the indices of the differential variables in the ESO.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out] [return]	DiffVarIndices	CapeArrayLong CapeError	The indices of the differential variables.

---

### IGPDiffAlgESO::GetIndependentVariable

---

**Description** Gets the current value of the independent variable  $t$  in an ESO.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out] [return]	IndVarVal	CapeDouble CapeError	The current value of the independent variable.

---

**IGPDiffAlgESO::SetIndependentVariable**

---

**Description** Sets the current value of the independent variable  $t$  in an ESO.**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	IndVarVal	CapeDouble	The current value of the independent variable.
[return]		CapeError	

### 6.5.3 Methods relating to the ESO derivatives

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**IDifferentialVariableSet::SetDerivatives**

---

**Description** Sets the numerical values of (a subset of) an ESO's  $\dot{x}$  terms.  
Note: the ESO stores time derivatives for all variables, regardless of whether these occur in the equations explicitly.**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	VarNums	CapeArrayLong	The indices of the variables whose derivatives are to be set.
[in]	Vals	CapeArrayDouble	
[return]		CapeError	The values of the derivatives.

---

IDifferentialVariableSet::SetDerivativesIS

---

**Description** Sets the numerical values of a registered subset of an ESO's  $\dot{x}$  terms. Note: the ESO stores time derivatives for all variables, regardless of whether these occur in the equations explicitly.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	indSet	CapeLong	The “handle” to the set of variables whose derivatives are to be set (see IVariableSet::RegisterIndexSet)
[in] [return]	Vals	CapeArrayDouble CapeError	The values of the derivatives.

---

IDifferentialVariableSet::GetDerivatives

---

**Description** Gets the numerical values of (a subset of) an ESO's  $\dot{x}$  terms. Note however that passing index  $i$  to this method and **SetDerivatives** refers to the derivative of  $x_i$  w.r.t. the independent variable, and **not** to “the  $i$ th element of  $x$  which has an  $\dot{x}$  term appearing in the equations”. This in fact places a requirement on the ESO to store a time derivative for all elements of  $x$ .

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	VarNums	CapeArrayLong	The indices of the variables whose derivatives are required. Note: a zero-length list indicates that values should be returned for all entries.
[out] [return]	Vals	CapeArrayDouble CapeError	The values of the derivatives.



---

**IDifferentialVariableSet::GetDerivativesIS**


---

**Description** Gets the derivatives of a registered subset of an ESO's variables.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	indSet	CapeLong	The “handle” of the set of variables whose derivatives are required (see <code>IVariableSet::RegisterIndexSet</code> ).
[out] [return]	Vals	CapeArrayDouble CapeError	The values of the time derivatives.

---

**IGPDiffAlgESO::GetAllDiffJacobianValues**


---

**Description** Gets the values of the (structurally) non-zero elements of an ESO's Jacobian with respect to  $\dot{x}$ . Note that this does not include entries arising from any equations associated with any state transition network within this ESO.

Note: For entries which were indicated by the `GetDiffJacobianStruct` method as “unavailable”, no error should arise, but the value returned will be undefined.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out] [return]	Vals	CapeArrayDouble CapeError	The non-zero values of the requested sub-matrix of the Jacobian.

---

**IGPDiffAlgESO::GetDiffJacobianValues**

---

**Description** Gets the values of a subset of the (structurally) non-zero elements of an ESO's Jacobian with respect to  $\dot{x}$ . Note that this does not include entries arising from any equations associated with any state transition network within this ESO.

Note: For entries which were indicated by the GetDiffJacobianStruct method as “unavailable”, no error should arise, but the value returned will be undefined.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	EltNums	CapeArrayLong	The indices of the elements of the complete structure that is required.
[out]	Vals	CapeArrayDouble	The non-zero values of the requested sub-matrix of the Jacobian.
[return]		CapeError	

---

**IGPDiffAlgESO::GetDiffJacobianValuesIS**

---

**Description** Gets the values of a registered subset of the structurally non-zero values of an ESO's Jacobian wrt  $\dot{x}$ . Note that this does not include entries arising from any additional equations associated with the states in the state transition networks (if present).  
Note: for entries which were indicated by the GetDiffJacobianStruct method as “unavailable”, no error should arise, but the value returned will be undefined.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	indSet	CapeLong	The “handle” of the subset of elements requires (as returned by RegisterDiffJacobianIndexSet).
[out]	Vals	CapeArrayDouble	The non-zero values of the requested sub-matrix of the Jacobian.
[return]		CapeError	

---

**IGPAlgESO::RegisterDiffJacobianIndexSet**

---

**Description** Records a set of Jacobian element indices in order to permit use of GetDiffJacobianValuesIS

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	EltNums	CapeLong	The indices of the elements of the complete structure which we will require.
[return]		CapeLong	The “handle” to be used on subsequent calls to GetDiffJacobianValuesIS.

---

**IGPAlgESO::UnregisterDiffJacobianIndexSet**

---

**Description**     Informs the ESO that a registered set of differential Jacobian indices will no longer be required

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	indSet	CapeLong	The “handle” of the registered set.

## 6.6 ICapeNumericSTN

The concept of a State-Transition Network (STN) as a means of representing discontinuous process behaviour was introduced in section 6.2.3. The ICapeNumericSTN interface described in this section allows access to the information defining the structure of a certain STN, including:

- The names of all states in the STN.
- The transitions that are possible from each state.
- The logical conditions that trigger each transition.
- The subESO corresponding to a specific state.
- Indication of which transitions are active.

It also allows access to an ESO that contains the equations that are associated with each state. This access is provided by an appropriate ESO interface (see sections 6.4 and 6.5).

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**ICapeNumericSTN::GetStateList**

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**Description** Returns the names of all the distinct states in the network.**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out] [return]	StateList	CapeArrayString CapeError	The state names.

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**ICapeNumericSTN::GetCurrentState**

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**Description** Gets the active stated in the STN**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out] [return]	StateName	CapeString CapeError	The name of the active state.

---

**ICapeNumericSTN::SetCurrentState**

---

**Description** Sets the active stated in the STN**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in] [return]	StateName	CapeString CapeError	The name of the state to become active.

---

**ICapeNumericSTN::GetPossibleTransitions**

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**Description** Returns the names of the states which can be reached from a specified state of the network, together with the logical conditions which control each transition.  
The conditions are represented by sequences of CapeLong values: see Section 6.2 for an explanation of this representation.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	FromState	CapeString	The state name.
[out]	ToStates	CapeArrayString	The states that can be reached from FromState.
[out]	Condition-Structs	CapeArrayLong	For the <i>i</i> th entry in ToStates, Condition-Structs will contain a sequence of Long values defining the condition for transition to that state from FromState.
[return]		CapeError	

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**ICapeNumericSTN::GetActiveTransitions**


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**Description** Returns the names of the states which can be reached from the current state and for which with the current variable values, the condition for transition to that state is true. For each such state, it also returns an integer indication of the “strength” of the condition, and the logical condition itself.

The conditions are represented by sequences of CapeLong values: see Section 6.2 for an explanation of this representation.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out]	ToStates	CapeArrayString	The states for which the transition conditions are active.
FromState. [out]	Strengths	CapeArrayLong	If the condition for transition to the $i$ th entry in ToStates is $x_k \geq 0$ , the $i$ th entry of Strengths will be 1 if $x_k = 0$ (to machine precision), 2 if $0 < x_k < 10^{-6}$ or 4 if $x_k > 10^{-6}$ . For more complex conditions, the strength of the weakest element is given.
[out]	Condition-Structs	CapeArrayLong	For the $i$ th entry in ToStates, Condition-Structs will contain a sequence of Long values defining the condition for transition to that state from the current state.
[return]		CapeError	

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**ICapeNumericSTN::GetStateESO**

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**Description** Returns the ESO representing the equations which apply if a specified state is active.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	State	CapeString	The name of the state of interest.
[out]	ESO	CapeInterface (IGPAlgESO) <sup>a</sup>	The set of equations corresponding to this state.
[return]		CapeError	

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<sup>a</sup>The “expected type” is given here as AlgebraicESO, because the client software (most likely a solver) can be confident that the ESO will support this interface. It should check whether the returned ESO includes differential variables by:

- COM—calling `queryinterface(IGPDiffAlgESO)` on ESO.
- CORBA—calling `IGPDiffAlgESO::_narrow` on ESO.



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# The gPROMS Dynamic Optimisation Object

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## 7.1 The dynamic optimisation problem in gPROMS

Dynamic optimisation in gPROMS considers transient systems operating over a finite non-zero time horizon  $[0, T]$ . The latter is partitioned into  $K$  non-zero intervals  $[t^k, t^{k+1}]$ ,  $k = 0, \dots, K - 1$  such that  $t^0 \equiv 0$  and  $t^K \equiv T$ <sup>1</sup>.

The mathematical problem being solved by gPROMS is of the form:

$$\min_{T, v, \{\tau^k, \alpha^k, k=0, \dots, K-1\}} z_{i^*}(T) \quad (7.1)$$

subject to:

$$F(t, x(t), \dot{x}(t), y(t), u(t), v) = 0, \quad \forall t \in [0, T] \quad (7.2)$$

$$z_i(0) = z_i^0, \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{I} \quad (7.3)$$

$$z_i^{k, \min} \leq z_i(t^k) \leq z_i^{k, \max}, \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{C}, k = 0, \dots, K - 1 \quad (7.4)$$

$$z_i^{K, \min} \leq z_i(T) \leq z_i^{K, \max}, \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{E} \quad (7.5)$$

$$u(t) = \mathcal{U}(t, \alpha^k), \quad \forall t \in [t^k, t^{k+1}), k = 0, \dots, K - 1 \quad (7.6)$$

$$u^{k, \min} \leq u(t) \leq u^{k, \max}, \quad \forall t \in [t^k, t^{k+1}), k = 0, \dots, K - 1 \quad (7.7)$$

$$v^{\min} \leq v \leq v^{\max} \quad (7.8)$$

$$\tau^{k, \min} \leq \tau^k \leq \tau^{k, \max}, \quad \forall t \in [t^k, t^{k+1}), k = 0, \dots, K - 1 \quad (7.9)$$

$$T^{\min} \leq T \leq T^{\max} \quad (7.10)$$

where:

$$\tau^k \equiv t^{k+1} - t^k, \quad \forall k = 0, \dots, K - 1 \quad (7.11)$$

<sup>1</sup>In this section, subscripts generally denote elements of a vector while superscripts are used to denote symbols associated with a point in the time domain partition grid.

and therefore:

$$T = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \tau^k \quad (7.12)$$

The dynamic behaviour of the system is described by a system of differential and algebraic equations (DAEs) (*cf.* equation 7.2). These involve the independent variable  $t$ , differential variables  $x(t) \in \Omega_x \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n_x}$ , the algebraic variables  $y(t) \in \Omega_y \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n_y}$ , the control variables  $u(t) \in \Omega_u \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n_u}$ , the time-invariant parameters  $v \in \Omega_v \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n_v}$ , as well as the derivatives of  $x$  with respect to time,  $\dot{x}$ . The functions  $F$  are a vector of length  $n_x + n_y$ , *i.e.*  $F : [0, T] \times \Omega_x \times \mathbb{R}^{n_x} \times \Omega_y \times \Omega_u \times \Omega_v \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_x + n_y}$ .

The vector  $z$  simply denotes the combination of  $x$  and  $y$ , *i.e.*:

$$\{z\} \equiv \{x\} \cup \{y\} \quad (7.13)$$

The indices of the differential variables  $x$  and algebraic variables  $y$  within the vector  $z$  are given by the index sets  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  respectively, *i.e.*:

$$\mathcal{D} \cup \mathcal{A} = \{1, \dots, n_x + n_y\}; \quad \mathcal{D} \cap \mathcal{A} = \emptyset \quad (7.14)$$

The objective function to be minimised (or maximised) is the value of the  $i^*$ th element of  $z$  (*cf.* equation 7.1) at the final time  $T$ .

The initial condition of the system is specified in terms of given values  $z_i^0$  of a subset of the variables  $z$  defined by the index set  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \{1, \dots, n_x + n_y\}$ . It is assumed that the DAE system 7.2 is of index 1 and such that the matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial F}{\partial \dot{x}} & \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} \quad (7.15)$$

is non-singular. Therefore, the number of initial condition specifications is equal to the number of differential variables, *i.e.*:

$$|\mathcal{I}| = n_x \quad (7.16)$$

The optimisation may be subject to various interior point and end-point constraints (*cf.* equations 7.4 and 7.5 respectively). These two classes are expressed as lower and upper bounds imposed on subsets  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  of the variables  $z$ . Again,  $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E} \subseteq \{1, \dots, n_x + n_y\}$

The control variables  $u(t)$  in each interval  $k$  are restricted to parameterised functions  $\mathcal{U}$  of time  $t$  and a finite vector of parameters  $\alpha^k$  (*cf.* equation 7.6). Different types of

parameterisation may be used for different control variables<sup>2</sup>. The latter are restricted to lie between specified lower and upper bounds (*cf.* equation 7.7).

Lower and upper bounds are also imposed on the time-invariant parameters  $v$ , the lengths of the intervals  $\tau^k$  and the overall time horizon  $T$  (*cf.* equations 7.8, 7.9 and 7.10).

## 7.2 The gPROMS Dynamic Optimisation Object

A gPROMS Dynamic Optimisation Object (gDOO) contains information on:

- the specification of a nonlinear dynamic optimisation problem of the form described in section 7.1;
- the solution of the optimisation problem.

Thus a gDOO is the primary means of communication between gPROMS and dynamic optimisation solvers—both native and external. More specifically, a “typical” sequence of operations will be as follows:

1. User selects a **PROCESS** in the gPROMS ModelBuilder, and selects **Optimise...** from the **Activities** menu.
2. gPROMS constructs a new gDOO.
3. gPROMS places in the gDOO all the relevant information defining the optimisation problem.
4. gPROMS passes the gDOO to a dynamic optimisation solver.
5. The dynamic optimisation solver solves the problem described in the gDOO.
6. The dynamic optimisation solver places the problem solution in the gDOO.
7. gPROMS retrieves the solution from the gDOO and transmits the results to an appropriate Output Channel.

Steps 4–6 above involve the dynamic optimisation solver. The interface that allows gPROMS to communicate with this type of software is described in detail in chapter 9. In this section, we present an interface to the gDOO aimed at supporting the operations described above as well as other related ones.

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<sup>2</sup>At present, gPROMS supports only piecewise constant and piecewise linear parameterisations.

## 7.3 Functional specification of the gDOO

The gDOO comprises a set of data and operations that define the dynamic optimisation problem and allow various types of information about it to be obtained. These are described below.

### 7.3.1 The Equation Set Object

A key component of the gDOO is the set of variables and equations that describe the transient behaviour of the system to be optimised. This is described in terms of a differential-algebraic Equation Set Object (ESO) (see chapter 6 for details).

The ESO used in the gDOO describes a DAE system of the form:

$$F(\zeta, \dot{\zeta}, t) = 0, \quad (7.17)$$

where  $\zeta(t)$  is the set of *all* variables in the gPROMS PROCESS under consideration:

$$\{\zeta\} \equiv \{x\} \cup \{y\} \cup \{u\} \cup \{v\} \cup \{w\} \quad (7.18)$$

The set of variables  $w(t)$  comprises those that are *not* to be manipulated by the optimisation. Instead, they are given values of time (or constant). In gPROMS terms, these include the variables that are **ASSIGNED** but are neither control variables nor time-invariant parameters<sup>3</sup> The ESO internally contains values of the independent variable  $t$  and all dependent variables  $\zeta(t)$  as well as their time derivatives  $\dot{\zeta}(t)$ <sup>4</sup>. It also provides methods for accessing and changing these values, and for computing the corresponding values of the functions  $F$  and the partial derivatives  $\partial F/\partial \zeta$  and  $\partial F/\partial \dot{\zeta}$ . Other information available include:

- the system size in terms of the numbers of variables  $\zeta$  and equations  $F(\cdot)$ ;
- the lower and upper bounds for the variables as specified in the gPROMS **DECLARE** and **PRESET** sections;
- the sparsity structures of the  $\partial F/\partial \zeta$  and  $\partial F/\partial \dot{\zeta}$  matrices.

The ESO is a *fundamental* part of the gDOO. This means that the ESO to be used in a certain gDOO is specified at the time that the gDOO is created and cannot be replaced by another ESO at a later stage. This restriction is introduced because most

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<sup>3</sup>In some cases,  $w$  may also include control variables, the time variation of which is completely fixed in the optimisation entity by specifying identical lower and upper bounds on their parameterisations in each and every control interval.

<sup>4</sup>Note that ESOs created by gPROMS *never* involve directly the independent variable  $t$ .

other information in a gDOO refers to the ESO and is defined in relation to it<sup>5</sup>; consequently, permitting the replacement of the ESO in a gDOO by another ESO may create inconsistencies in existing data.

### 7.3.2 The initial conditions

The gDOO contains a number of initial condition specifications, each of which is generally characterised by:

- the index of the corresponding variable in the vector  $\zeta$  (*cf.* equation 7.18);
- its value of the corresponding variable at the start of the optimisation;
- its value of the corresponding variable at the end of the optimisation;
- its lower and upper bounds on the corresponding variable;
- the Lagrange multipliers associated with the lower and upper bound constraints at the end of the optimisation.

Clearly, some of the above information is not relevant if the initial condition involves fixing a particular element of vector  $\zeta$  at a specified value.

### 7.3.3 The time horizon and its partitioning

The gDOO is characterised by the number of control intervals,  $K$ . In addition, it contains the following information concerning the time horizon,  $T$ , and each of the control interval lengths  $\tau^k, k = 0\ldots, K - 1$ <sup>6</sup>:

- the value at the start of the optimisation;
- the value at the end of the optimisation<sup>7</sup>;
- the lower and upper bounds;
- the Lagrange multipliers associated with the lower and upper bound constraints at the end of the optimisation.

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<sup>5</sup>For example, all variables and constraints known to the optimisation, as well as the objective function itself, are defined in terms of their indices in the ESO variable vector.

<sup>6</sup>Obviously, information pertaining to the solution of an optimisation problem (*e.g.* the final values of variables, or the Lagrange multipliers associated with various constraints) will not be available before an optimisation calculation is actually attempted using the gDOO under consideration.

<sup>7</sup>A gDOO may be used for a sequence of optimisation calculations. In this chapter, the term “start (or end) of the optimisation” will always refer to the *last* optimisation calculation applied to the gDOO.

### 7.3.4 Partitioning of the ESO variables

The information described in section 7.3.1 is already made available by the ESO interface. Additionally, the gDOO contains information on the partitioning of the variable set  $\zeta$  into  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $u$ ,  $v$  and  $w$ . It also contains other relevant information on the variables in each of these categories and also supports appropriate operations pertaining to these variables:

#### 7.3.4.1 The control variables, $u$

For each control variable  $u$ , the gDOO contains the following information:

- the index of the corresponding variable in the vector  $\zeta$  (*cf.* equation 7.18);
- the type of parameterisation applied to this control variable;
- for the control parameters  $\alpha^k$  corresponding to this control variable in each control interval  $k = 0, \dots, K - 1$ :
  - their values at the start of the optimisation;
  - their values at the end of the optimisation;
  - their lower and upper bounds (*cf.* equation 7.7)
  - the Lagrange multipliers associated with the lower and upper bound constraints at the end of the optimisation.

The gDOO can also compute and provide the value of each control variable  $u$  at the current value of the independent variable  $t$  using the parameterisation given by equation (7.6), as well as the values of the partial derivatives  $\partial \mathcal{U} / \partial \alpha$  and  $\partial \mathcal{U} / \partial t$ .

#### 7.3.4.2 The time-invariant parameters, $v$

For each time-invariant parameter  $v$ , the gDOO contains the following information:

- the index of the corresponding variable in the vector  $\zeta$  (*cf.* equation 7.18);
- its value at the start of the optimisation;
- its value at the end of the optimisation;
- its lower and upper bounds (*cf.* equation 7.8);
- the Lagrange multipliers associated with the lower and upper bound constraints at the end of the optimisation.



#### 7.3.4.3 The fixed variables, $w$

The gDOO allows an external program to request that the values of the fixed variables  $w$  within the ESO are made consistent with the current value of the independent variable  $t$ .

#### 7.3.5 The objective function

The objective function is associated with the following information:

- the index of the corresponding variable in the vector  $\zeta$  (*cf.* equation 7.18);
- the value of the objective function at the start of the optimisation;
- the value of the objective function at the end of the optimisation.

#### 7.3.6 Interior point constraints

For each interior point constraint (*cf.* equation 7.4), the gDOO contains the following information:

- the index of the corresponding variable in the vector  $\zeta$  (*cf.* equation 7.18);
- the following information on the corresponding variable at each point  $k = 0, \dots, K - 1$ ,
  - its value at the start of the optimisation;
  - its value at the end of the optimisation;
  - its lower and upper bounds;
  - the Lagrange multipliers associated with the lower and upper bound constraints at the end of the optimisation.

#### 7.3.7 End-point constraints

For each end-point constraint (*cf.* equation 7.5), the gDOO contains the following information:

- the index of the corresponding variable in the vector  $\zeta$  (*cf.* equation 7.18);
- its value of the corresponding variable at the start of the optimisation;
- its value of the corresponding variable at the end of the optimisation;

- its lower and upper bounds on the corresponding variable;
- the Lagrange multipliers associated with the lower and upper bound constraints at the end of the optimisation.

### 7.3.8 The gDOO status

Most applications will employ the gDOO in a straightforward “linear” manner of the type described in the introduction to section 7.2. However, in some cases, it may be necessary to support a more complex pattern of usage whereby a gDOO is formed, then used to solve a problem, then modified in a certain way before being used to solve another problem, and so on.

In order to facilitate such applications, the gDOO is always aware of its current status. It also allows external software access to this status. Valid values of a gDOO’s status include:

- **EmptygDOO**: a newly created gDOO with no information other than the ESO used to create it (*cf.* section 7.3.1).
- **IncompletegDOO**: a gDOO that contains some information (beyond its ESO) but it is not yet complete (see below).
- **CompletegDOO**: a gDOO that contains sufficient information to define a complete dynamic optimisation problem, solution of which, however, has not yet been attempted. In practice, this information must, at a minimum, involve *all* of the following:
  - the objective function;
  - the time horizon information;
  - variable partitioning information such that:

$$\dim(x) + \dim(y) = \dim(F) \quad (7.19)$$

- at least one time-invariant parameter or control variable;
- **SolvedgDOO** This is a complete gDOO that has been solved successfully by a dynamic optimisation solver.
- **FailedgDOO** This is a complete gDOO, the attempted solution of which by a dynamic optimisation solver has failed.

Any modification of the information in a gDOO in whatever state changes its status to either **IncompletegDOO** or **CompletegDOO**.

## 7.4 Auxiliary interfaces

Much of the information contained within a gDOO shares common characteristics. For example, many quantities are restricted to lie between given lower and upper bounds; several other quantities are indexed over the number of intervals,  $k = 0, \dots, K - 1$ . The auxiliary interfaces defined in this section aim at facilitating the handling of such information in a uniform manner.

### 7.4.1 The IBoundedQuantity interface

As seen in section 7.3, a common type of information in gDOO is a quantity, typically corresponding either to an optimisation decision variable or a constraint, that is bounded between given lower and upper bounds. In addition to the values of these bounds, gDOO also generally contains the values of the quantity itself at the start and at the end of an optimisation calculation, as well as appropriate Lagrange multiplier information.

The `IBoundedQuantity` interface specifically aims at managing this frequently occurring type of information, providing a set of methods for both accessing and modifying it.

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#### `IBoundedQuantity::SetBounds`

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**Description**      Sets the values of the lower and upper bounds of the bounded quantity or modifies their existing values.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	lowerBound	double	The new value of the lower bound.
[in]	upperBound	double	The new value of the upper bound.

---

**IBoundedQuantity::Set ValueAtStart**

---

**Description**     Sets the value of the bounded quantity at the start of the optimisation calculation.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	startingValue	double	The new starting value.

---

**IBoundedQuantity::Set ValueAtEnd**

---

**Description**     Sets the value of the bounded quantity at the end of the last optimisation calculation.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	endValue	double	The new end value.

---

**IBoundedQuantity::SetLagrangeMultipliers**

---

**Description** Sets the values of the Lagrange multipliers corresponding to the lower and upper bounds at the end of the last optimisation calculation.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	LBLagrange	double	The new value of the Lagrange multiplier associated with the lower bound imposed on the bounded quantity.
[in]	UBLagrange	double	The new value of the Lagrange multiplier associated with the upper bound imposed on the bounded quantity.

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**IBoundedQuantity::GetBounds**

---

**Description** Obtains the current values of the lower and upper bounds of the bounded quantity.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out]	lowerBound	double	The current value of the lower bound.
[out]	upperBound	double	The current value of the upper bound.

---

**IBoundedQuantity::GetValueAtStart**

---

**Description** Gets the value of the bounded quantity at the start of the optimisation calculation.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	startingValue	double	The current starting value.

---

**IBoundedQuantity::GetValueAtEnd**

---

**Description** Gets the value of the bounded quantity at the end of the last optimisation calculation.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	endValue	double	The current end value.

---

**IBoundedQuantity::GetLagrangeMultipliers**

---

**Description** Gets the values of the Lagrange multipliers corresponding to the lower and upper bounds at the end of the last optimisation calculation.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out]	LBLagrange	double	The current value of the Lagrange multiplier associated with the lower bound imposed on the bounded quantity.
[out]	UBLagrange	double	The current value of the Lagrange multiplier associated with the upper bound imposed on the bounded quantity.

---

**IBoundedQuantity::IsFullySpecified**

---

**Description** Returns **TRUE** if both the lower and upper bounds of the bounded quantity, as well as its value at the start of the optimisation have been specified; otherwise it returns **FALSE**.

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**IBoundedQuantity::IsFixed**

---

**Description** Returns **TRUE** if the lower and upper bounds of the bounded quantity have both been specified and currently have the same value; otherwise it returns **FALSE**.

---

**IBoundedQuantity::Destroy**

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**Description** Destroys the IBoundedQuantity interface.

### 7.4.2 The IBoundedQuantityArray interface

Some information occurring in the gDOO involves ordered arrays of either single bounded quantities (*cf.* section 7.4.1) or vectors of bounded quantities. Such information includes the control interval lengths, the interior point constraints and the parameters that describe individual control variables.

The `IBoundedQuantityArray` interface aims at facilitating the handling of such information in a uniform manner. The array is empty on creation. Elements can then be created within it at specified positions; in general, each element can be a *vector* of bounded quantities. The length of this vector must be specified on creation. Specifying a length of 1 effectively results in the element of the list being a scalar.

---

#### `IBoundedQuantityArray::GetNumberOfElements`

---

**Description** Gets the number of bounded quantities in the bounded quantity array.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	numberOfElements	long	The number of elements in the bounded quantity array.

---

#### `IBoundedQuantityArray::IsFullySpecified`

---

**Description** Returns `TRUE` if both the lower and upper bounds of each and every element of the bounded quantity array, as well as their values at the start of the optimisation have been specified; otherwise it returns `FALSE`.

The following methods allow access to, and the manipulation of, individual elements of a bounded quantity array. Elements are specified by their position in the array, a number ranging from 0 to `numberOfElements - 1`.



---

**IBoundedQuantityArray::GetElement**

---

**Description** Gets the bounded quantity at a specified position in the bounded quantity array.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	pos	long	The position of the desired bounded quantity.
[return]	BQList	IBounded-QuantityList	The list of bounded quantities at the specified position.

---

**IBoundedQuantityArray::CreateElement**

---

**Description** Creates a new list of bounded quantities of specified length at a specified position in the bounded quantity array and returns an interface to it. If an element already exists at this position, an exception is thrown.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	pos	long	The position where the new bounded quantity should be inserted.
[in]	size	long	The size of the list.
[return]	BQList	IBounded-QuantityList	An interface to the newly created list of bounded quantities.

---

**IBoundedQuantityArray::CreateElementAtEnd**

---

**Description** Creates a new list of bounded quantities of specified length at the *end* the bounded quantity array and returns an interface to it.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	size	long	The size of the list.
[return]	BQList	IBounded-QuantityList	An interface to the newly created list of bounded quantities.

---

**IBoundedQuantityArray::DeleteElement**

---

**Description** Deletes the element at a specified position in the bounded quantity array. Any elements to the right of this element are shifted one position to the left. The number of elements in the array is decreased by 1.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	pos	long	The position of the element to be deleted.

---

**IBoundedQuantityArray::Destroy**

---

**Description** Destroys the IBoundedQuantityArray interface.

### 7.4.3 The IIndexedBoundedQuantity interface

Some information occurring in the gDOO can be described in terms of a single bounded quantity (*cf.* section 7.4.1) plus an index denoting a position in the global variable vector  $\zeta$  (*cf.* equation (7.18)). Information of this type includes the time-invariant parameters

and the end-point constraints, as well as the initial conditions.

The `IIndexedBoundedQuantity` interface aims at facilitating the handling of such information in a uniform manner. It inherits from interface `IBoundedQuantity` and extends it with methods allowing access to its index and its kind; the latter is of the enumerated type:

$$\text{IBQKind} = \{\text{IBQK\_UNDEFINED}, \text{IBQK\_TIME\_INVARIANT}, \text{IBQK\_ENDPOINT}, \\ \text{IBQK\_INTERIORPOINT}, \text{IBQK\_INITIAL\_CONDITION}\}$$

Both the index and the kind of an indexed bounded quantity are fundamental characteristics that are specified at the time of its creation and cannot be changed subsequently.

---

#### `IIndexedBoundedQuantity::GetIndex`

---

**Description** Gets the index of the indexed bounded quantity within the global variable vector  $\zeta$ .

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	Index	long	The indexed bounded quantity index.

---

#### `IIndexedBoundedQuantity::GetKind`

---

**Description** Gets the kind of the indexed bounded quantity.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	Kind	IBQKind	The indexed bounded quantity kind.

## 7.5 The IgDOO interface

To implement the functionality described in section 7.3, gDOO supports a number of methods. These are described in this section.

---

### IgDOO::GetProcessName

---

**Description** Returns the name of the process being optimised.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	name	string	The name of the process being optimised.

---

### IgDOO::Destroy

---

**Description** Deletes the gDOO.

#### 7.5.1 Methods relating to the ESO

---

### IgDOO::GetDynamicESO

---

**Description** Gets the ESO used for the construction of the gDOO.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	ESO	ICapeNumeric-Differential-AlgebraicESO	The ESO used for the construction of the gDOO.

---

**IgD00::GetInitialConditionESO**

---

**Description** Gets the ESO which represents the initial conditions.**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	ESO	ICapeNumeric-Differential-AlgebraicESO	The ESO representing the initial conditions.

---

**IgD00::SynchroniseTimeInvariantsWithESO**

---

**Description** Set the variables in the dynamic ESO which correspond to time invariant parameters to the current values of those parameters as held by the gD00.

---

**IgD00::SynchroniseControlsWithESO**

---

**Description** Get the current independent variable value from the dynamic ESO, and then set the variables in the dynamic ESO which correspond to controls to the current values of those controls as computed by the gD00.

### 7.5.2 Methods relating to the initial conditions

---

#### IgDOO::CreateInitialCondition

---

**Description** Creates a new initial condition specification imposed on the variable with a specified index within the global variable vector  $\zeta$ .

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	index	long	The index of the new time-invariant parameter.
[return]	IC	IIndexed-BoundedQuantity	An interface to the new initial condition.

---

#### IgDOO::DeleteInitialCondition

---

**Description** Remove a specified initial condition from the list of initial conditions.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	index	long	The index of the initial condition to be deleted.

---

**IgDOO::GetInitialConditions**

---

**Description** Gets the list of the initial conditions within the gDOO. In a newly created gDOO, this list is of zero length.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	ICs	IIndexed-Bounded-QuantityList	List of interfaces to the current initial conditions.

### 7.5.3 Methods relating to the time horizon and its partitioning

---

**IgDOO::GetTimeHorizon**

---

**Description** Gets an interface to a bounded quantity representing the optimisation time horizon.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	TimeHorizon	IBounded-Quantity	Interface to time horizon.

---

**IgDOO::GetControlIntervals**

---

**Description** Gets an interface to a bounded quantity vector representing the control intervals. In a newly created gDOO, this vector is of zero length.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	Control-Intervals	ITimeIntervalList	Interface to vector of control intervals.

---

**IgDOO::SetCurrentControlInterval**

---

**Description** Set which interval is the current one (first is 0).

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	interval	long	The interval number.

---

**IgDOO::GetCurrentControlInterval**

---

**Description** Return which interval is the current one (first is 0).

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	interval	long	The interval number.



## 7.5.4 Methods relating to the control variables

### 7.5.4.1 The IControlVariable interface

A control variable is a complex object that is characterised by several diverse items of information. Consequently, a separate interface, `IControlVariable` is introduced for a single control variable. We describe this interface here while the methods that the `gDOO` provides for the manipulation of the set of control variables with it are described in section [7.5.4.2](#).

Each control variable corresponds to a different variable in the global variable vector  $\zeta$ , as described by its index. The variation of the control variable over the time horizon is assumed to be piecewise polynomial where the “pieces” correspond to the control intervals into which the time horizon has been partitioned. The polynomials in each piece are assumed to be of a given degree (a non-negative integer) and may exhibit a certain continuity at the interval boundaries; the continuity is an integer of value -1 or higher and which cannot exceed the degree of the polynomial.

The index, degree and continuity of a control variable are fundamental characteristics that are specified at the time of its creation and cannot be changed subsequently.

---

#### `IControlVariable::GetIndex`

---

**Description** Gets the index of the control variable within the global variable vector  $\zeta$ .

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	index	long	The control variable index.

---

**IControlVariable::GetDegree**

---

**Description** Gets the polynomial degree of the control variable within each interval.  
**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	degree	long	The control variable degree.

---

**IControlVariable::GetContinuity**

---

**Description** Gets the order of continuity of the control variable at the control interval boundaries.  
**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	continuity	long	The control variable continuity.

Within each control interval, a control variable is described by a vector of parameters. The number of parameters in each interval depends on both the degree and the continuity of the variable, and is given by:

- Within the first interval,  $k = 1$ :

$$\text{Number of Parameters} = \text{Degree} + 1$$

- Within subsequent intervals,  $k = 2, \dots, K$ :

$$\text{Number of Parameters} = \text{Degree} - \text{Continuity}$$

Each parameter describing a control variable over each control interval generally corresponds to a separate Bounded Quantity (*cf.* section 7.4.1). As there are generally several parameters associated with each control interval, the complete set of parameters for a certain control variable form a bounded quantity array (*cf.* section 7.4.2). This array

is constructed upon the creation of the control variable and is empty. The following method allows access to it.

---

**IControlVariable::GetParameters**

---

**Description** Gets the parameters that are associated with the control variable.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	CVParameters	IBounded-QuantityArray	The control variable parameters.

---

**IControlVariable::GetControlValue**

---

**Description** Gets the value of the control variable computed at the current values of the parameters and time.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	CVValue	double	The control variable value.

---

**IControlVariable::GetControlDerivatives**

---

**Description** Gets the partial derivatives of the control variable with respect to all its parameters, computed at the current values of the parameters and time.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	CVDerivatives	DoubleList	The partial derivatives of the control variable with respect to the parameters, in the order in which the parameters appear in the corresponding IBoundedQuantityArray.

---

**IControlVariable::GetIntervalLengthDerivative**

---

**Description** Gets the partial derivative of the control variable with respect to the length of the interval, (on the assumption that the parameters remain fixed while the interval length is changed).

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	derivative	double	The partial derivatives of the control variable with respect to the interval length.

---

**IControlVariable::Destroy**

---

**Description** Deletes the IControlVariable interface.

#### 7.5.4.2 Methods for Manipulating the Control Variable List

---

##### IgDOO::CreateControlVariable

---

**Description** Creates a new control variable corresponding to a variable with a specified index within the global variable vector  $\zeta$ .

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	index	long	The index of the new control variable
[in]	degree	long	The polynomial degree of the new control variable
[in]	continuity	long	The degree of continuity of the control variable
[return]	CV	IControlVariable	An interface to the new control variable.

---

##### IgDOO::DeleteControlVariable

---

**Description** Removes a specified variable from the list of control variables.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	index	long	The index of the control variable to be deleted.

---

**IgDOO::GetControlVariables**

---

**Description** Gets the list of the control variables within the gDOO. In a newly created gDOO, this list is of zero length.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	CVs	IControlVariable- List	List of interfaces to the current control variables.

### 7.5.5 Methods relating to the time-invariant parameters

---

**IgDOO::CreateTimeInvariantParameter**

---

**Description** Creates a new time-invariant parameter corresponding to a variable with a specified index within the global variable vector  $\zeta$ .

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	index	long	The index of the new time-invariant parameter.
[return]	TIP	IIndexed- BoundedQuantity	An interface to the new time-invariant parameter.

---

**IgDOO::DeleteTimeInvariantParameter**

---

**Description**     Remove a specified variable from the list of time-invariant parameters.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	index	long	The index of the time-invariant parameter to be deleted.

---

**IgDOO::GetTimeInvariantParameters**

---

**Description**     Gets the list of the time-invariant parameters within the gDOO. In a newly created gDOO, this list is of zero length.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	TIPs	IIndexed-Bounded-QuantityList	List of interfaces to the current time-invariant parameters.

### 7.5.6 Methods relating to the fixed variables

---

#### IgDOO::CreateFixedVariable

---

**Description** Creates a new fixed variable corresponding to a variable with a specified index within the global variable vector  $\zeta$ , and fixes its value at a specified value.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	index	long	The index of the new fixed variable.
[in]	value	double	The value of the new fixed variable.

### 7.5.7 Methods relating to the objective function

---

#### IgDOO::SetObjectiveFunctionIndex

---

**Description** Sets the index of the objective function variable within the global variable vector  $\zeta$ .

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	index	long	The objective function index.



---

**IgDOO::SetObjectiveFunctionValueAtStart**

---

**Description**     Sets the value of the objective function at the start of the last optimisation calculation.  
**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	value	double	The start value of the objective function.

---

**IgDOO::SetObjectiveFunctionValueAtEnd**

---

**Description**     Sets the value of the objective function at the end of the last optimisation calculation.  
**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	value	double	The end value of the objective function.

---

**IgDOO::GetObjectiveFunctionIndex**

---

**Description**     Gets the index of the objective function variable within the global variable vector  $\zeta$ .  
**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	index	long	The objective function index.

---

**IgDOO::GetObjectiveFunctionValueAtStart**

---

**Description** Gets the value of the objective function at the start of the last optimisation calculation.  
**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	value	double	The start value of the objective function.

---

**IgDOO::GetObjectiveFunctionValueAtEnd**

---

**Description** Gets the value of the objective function at the end of the last optimisation calculation.  
**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	value	double	The end value of the objective function.

## 7.5.8 Methods relating to the interior point constraints

### 7.5.8.1 The IInteriorpointConstraint interface

Each interior-point constraint is described by its index in the global variable vector  $\zeta$  and the node for which it is valid. Consequently, the `IInteriorpointConstraint` interface inherits from `IIndexedBoundedQuantity`, extending it by the information pertaining to the node.

The index and the node of an interior point constraint is a fundamental characteristic that is specified at the time of its creation and cannot be changed subsequently.

---

**IInteriorpointConstraint::GetNode**

---

**Description** Gets the node of the interior point constraint for which the constraint holds.  
**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	node	long	The interior point constraint node.

#### 7.5.8.2 Methods for manipulating the interior point constraint list

---

**IgD00::CreateInteriorpointConstraint**

---

**Description** Creates a new interior point constraint corresponding to a variable with a specified index and an interval in the time horizon.  
**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	index	long	The index of the new interior-point constraint.
[in]	interval	long	The interval for which the constraint is valid.
[return]	IPC	IInteriorpoint-Constraint	An interface to the new interior point constraint.

---

**IgDOO::DeleteInteriorpointConstraint**

---

**Description** Remove a specified variable from the list of interior-point constraints.  
**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	index	long	The index of the interior-point constraint to be deleted.

---

**IgDOO::GetInteriorPointConstraints**

---

**Description** Gets the list of the interior point constraints within the gDOO. In a newly created gDOO, this list is of zero length.  
**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	index	long	Index of the variable for which the constraints are retrieved.
[return]	IPCs	IInteriorpoint-ConstraintList	List of interfaces to the current interior point constraints.

### 7.5.9 Methods relating to the end-point constraints

As with interior-point constraints, an interface is defined for end-point constraints. The `IEndpointConstraint` interface inherits from `IIndexedBoundedQuantity` but, unlike the `IInteriorpointConstraint` interface, adds no further methods (*i.e.* it is an alias). The `IEndpointConstraintList` interface is simply a sequence of `IEndpointConstraint` interfaces.

---

**IgDOO::CreateEndPointConstraint**

---

**Description**     Creates a new end-point constraint corresponding to a variable with a specified index within the global variable vector  $\zeta$ .

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	index	long	The index of the new end-point constraint.
[return]	EPC	IEndpoint-Constraint	An interface to the new end-point constraint.

---

**IgDOO::DeleteEndPointConstraint**

---

**Description**     Remove a specified variable from the list of end-point constraints.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	index	long	The index of the end-point constraint to be deleted.

---

**IgDOO::GetEndPointConstraints**

---

**Description** Gets the list of the end-point constraints within the gDOO. In a newly created gDOO, this list is of zero length.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	EPCs	IEndpoint-ConstraintList	List of interfaces to the current end-point constraints.

### 7.5.10 Methods relating to the gDOO status

The methods described in this section allow the modification of, and access to the gDOO status (*cf.* section 7.3.8). They make use of the following enumerated type:

`gDOOStatus = {S_EMPTY, S_INCOMPLETE, S_COMPLETE, S_SOLVED, S_FAILED}`

In general, the status of the gDOO is determined internally by the gDOO itself and cannot be changed by external software. The only relaxation to this rule is that external software (typically, a dynamic optimisation solver) can change the value of status from S\_COMPLETE to either S\_SOLVED or S\_FAILED.

---

**IgDOO::SetStatus**

---

**Description** Sets the current value of the gDOO Status.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	status	gDOOStatus	The new status of the gDOO.

---

**IgDOO::GetStatus**

---

**Description** Gets the current value of the gDOO Status.**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	status	gDOOStatus	Current status of the gDOO.

### 7.5.11 Methods relating to the optimisation type

Two methods allow the optimisation type to be set and retrieved. They make use of the following enumerated type:

```
gDOOOptimisationType = {OT_NONE, OT_MINIMISATION, OT_MAXIMISATION }
```

---

**IgDOO::SetOptimisationType**

---

**Description** Sets the current type of optimisation.**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	type	gDOOOptimisationType	The new type of optimisation for the gDOO.

---

**IgDOO::GetOptimisationType**

---

**Description** Gets the current type of the optimisation.**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	type	gDOOOptimisationType	Current type of optimisation.

### 7.5.12 Methods relating to the availability of lagrange multipliers

The following two methods set and retrieve a boolean attribute signifying the availability of Lagrange multipliers.

---

**IgDOO::SetLagrangeMultiplierAvailability**

---

**Description** Sets the availability of Lagrange multipliers.**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	available	boolean	The new value of the availability of Lagrange multipliers ( $\in \{\text{True}, \text{False}\}$ ).



---

**IgDOO::SetLagrangeMultiplierAvailability**

---

**Description** Returns the current availability of Lagrange multipliers.**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	available	boolean	The current value of the availability of Lagrange multipliers ( $\in \{\text{True}, \text{False}\}$ ).

## 7.6 CORBA Interface Definitions

This section records the CIDL implementations of the interfaces described in the previous sections.

### 7.6.1 gDOO.idl

This is the top level interface.

```

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*****/

#ifndef I_GDOO_IDL

```

```
#define I_GD00_IDL

#include "general.idl"
#include "ICapeNumericDiffAlgESO.idl"
#include "BoundedQuantity.idl"
#include "ControlVariable.idl"
#include "InteriorpointConstraint.idl"
#include "EndpointConstraint.idl"

module psenterprise
{
    module Optimisation
    {
        interface IgD00
        {
            enum gD00Status {
                S_EMPTY,
                S_INCOMPLETE,
                S_COMPLETE,
                S_SOLVED,
                S_FAILED
            };

            enum gD00OptimisationType {
                OT_NONE,
                OT_MINIMISATION,
                OT_MAXIMISATION
            };

            gD00Status                GetStatus();
            void                      SetStatus(in gD00Status status);
            gD00OptimisationType      GetOptimisationType();
            void                      SetOptimisationType(in gD00OptimisationType type);
            ICapeNumericDifferentialAlgebraicESO GetDynamicESO();
            ICapeNumericDifferentialAlgebraicESO GetInitialConditionESO();
            IIndexedBoundedQuantity    CreateInitialCondition(in long index);
            void                      DeleteInitialCondition(in long index);
            IIndexedBoundedQuantityList GetInitialConditions();
            IBoundedQuantity           GetTimeHorizon();
            ITimeIntervalList          GetControlIntervals();
            void                      SetCurrentControlInterval(in long interval);
            long                      GetCurrentControlInterval();
            void                      SynchroniseControlsWithESO();
            void                      SynchroniseTimeInvariantsWithESO();
            IInteriorpointConstraint    CreateInteriorpointConstraint(in long index,
```

```

                                                                    in long interval);
void DeleteInteriorpointConstraint(in long index);
IInteriorpointConstraintList GetInteriorpointConstraints(in long index);
IControlVariable CreateControlVariable(in long index,
                                        in long degree,
                                        in long continuity);
IEndpointConstraint CreateEndpointConstraint(in long index);
void DeleteEndpointConstraint(in long index);
IEndpointConstraintList GetEndpointConstraints();
void DeleteControlVariable(in long index);
IControlVariableList GetControlVariables();
IIndexedBoundedQuantity CreateTimeInvariantParameter(in long index);
void DeleteTimeInvariantParameter(in long index);
IIndexedBoundedQuantityList GetTimeInvariantParameters();
IIndexedBoundedQuantity CreateFixedVariable(in long index,
                                             in double value);
void SetObjectiveFunctionIndex(in long index);
void SetObjectiveFunctionValueAtStart(in double value);
void SetObjectiveFunctionValueAtEnd(in double value);
long GetObjectiveFunctionIndex();
double GetObjectiveFunctionValueAtStart();
double GetObjectiveFunctionValueAtEnd();
string GetProcessName();
boolean LagrangeMultipliersAvailable();
void SetLagrangeMultiplierAvailability(in boolean available);
void Destroy();
};

interface IgD00Factory
{
    IgD00 CreategD00(in ICapeNumericDifferentialAlgebraicESO theESO);
};

}; // module gD00
}; // module psenterprise

#endif // I_GD00_IDL
```

## 7.6.2 BoundedQuantity.idl

This file defines the BoundedQuantity, BoundedQuantityArray, TimeInterval and IndexBoundedQuantity interfaces used in the definition of the gD00.

```
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*****/

#ifndef I_BOUNDED_QUANTITY_IDL
#define I_BOUNDED_QUANTITY_IDL

#include "general.idl"

module psenterprise
{
    module Optimisation
    {
        interface IBoundedQuantity
        {
            void GetBounds(out double lowerBound, out double upperBound);
            void SetBounds(in double lowerDouble, in double upperBound);
            double GetValueAtStart();
            void SetValueAtStart(in double startingValue);
            double GetValueAtEnd();
            void SetValueAtEnd(in double endValue);
            void GetLagrangeMultipliers(out double LBLagrange, out double UBLagrange);
            void SetLagrangeMultipliers(in double LBLagrange, in double UBLagrange);
            boolean IsFullySpecified();
            boolean IsFixed();
            void Destroy();
        }; // BoundedQuantity
    }
}
```

```
typedef sequence<IBoundedQuantity> IBoundedQuantityList;

interface ITimeInterval : IBoundedQuantity
{
    double GetStartTimeAtStart();
    void SetStartTimeAtStart(in double STime);
    double GetStartTimeAtEnd();
    void SetStartTimeAtEnd(in double STime);
}; // TimeInterval

typedef sequence<ITimeInterval> ITimeIntervalList;

interface IBoundedQuantityArray
{
    long GetNumberOfElements();
    boolean IsFullySpecified();
    IBoundedQuantityList CreateElement(in long pos, in long size);
    IBoundedQuantityList CreateElementAtEnd(in long size);
    IBoundedQuantityList GetElement(in long pos);
    void DeleteElement(in long pos);
    void Destroy();
}; // BoundedQuantityArray

interface IIndexedBoundedQuantity : IBoundedQuantity
{
    enum IBQKind
    {
        IBQK_UNDEFINED,
        IBQK_TIME_INVARIANT,
        IBQK_ENDPOINT,
        IBQK_INTERIORPOINT,
        IBQK_INITIAL_CONDITION
    };
    long GetIndex();
    IBQKind GetKind();
};

typedef sequence<IIndexedBoundedQuantity> IIndexedBoundedQuantityList;

}; // module gD00
}; // module

#endif // _I_BOUNDED_QUANTITY_IDL
```



### 7.6.3 ControlVariable.idl

Detailed information on a control variable (across the whole time horizon).

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```

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```
*****/
```

```
#ifndef I_CONTROL_VARIABLE_IDL
#define I_CONTROL_VARIABLE_IDL
```

```
#include "general.idl"
#include "BoundedQuantity.idl"
```

```
module psenterprise {
```

```
    module Optimisation {
```

```
        interface IControlVariable {
```

```
            long GetIndex();
            long GetDegree();
            long GetContinuity();
            IBoundedQuantityArray GetParameters();
            double GetControlValue();
            DoubleList GetControlDerivatives();
            double GetTimeDerivative();
            void Destroy();
```

```
        };
```

```
        typedef sequence<IControlVariable> IControlVariableList;
```

```
    interface IPiecewiseConstant : IControlVariable {

    };

    interface IPiecewiseLinear : IControlVariable {

    };
}; // module gD00
}; // module psenterprise

#endif // I_CONTROL_VARIABLE_IDL
```

#### 7.6.4 InteriorPointConstraint.idl

An IPC is an indexed bounded quantity related to a particular node.

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*****/

#ifndef I_INTERIORPOINT_CONSTRAINT_IDL
#define I_INTERIORPOINT_CONSTRAINT_IDL

#include "general.idl"
#include "BoundedQuantity.idl"

module psenterprise
{
    module Optimisation
    {
```



```
interface IInteriorpointConstraint : IIndexedBoundedQuantity {

    long GetNode(); // time zero is node zero!
};

typedef sequence<IInteriorpointConstraint> IInteriorpointConstraintList;

}; // module gD00
}; // module

#endif // I_INTERIORPOINT_CONSTRAINT_IDL
```

### 7.6.5 EndpointConstraint.idl

Another specialisation on `IndexedBoundedQuantity`, although in this case nothing is added.

```

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*****/

#ifndef I_ENDIORPOINT_CONSTRAINT_IDL
#define I_ENDPOINT_CONSTRAINT_IDL

#include "general.idl"
#include "BoundedQuantity.idl"

module psenterprise
{
    module Optimisation
    {
        interface IEndpointConstraint : IIndexedBoundedQuantity {

        };

        typedef sequence<IEndpointConstraint> IEndpointConstraintList;

    }; // module gD00
}; // module

#endif // I_ENDPOINT_CONSTRAINT_IDL
```

### 7.6.6 general.idl

All the above files make use of “general” definitions provided in this file.

```
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*****/

#ifndef GENERAL_IDL
#define GENERAL_IDL

module psenterprise
{
    // Some general types
    typedef sequence<long>      LongSeq;
    typedef sequence<double>   DoubleSeq;
    typedef sequence<boolean> BooleanSeq;
    typedef sequence<string>   StringSeq;
    typedef sequence<long>     LongList;
    typedef sequence<double>   DoubleList;
    typedef sequence<boolean> BooleanList;
    typedef sequence<string>   StringList;

    //=====
    //
    // Common user exceptions
    //
    //=====

    // An object with a given name already exist in the scope
    exception ObjectAlreadyExistException {
    };
}
```

```
// An object with a given name not found in the scope
exception ObjectNotFoundException {
    string m_Reason;
};

// The given name is invalid
exception InvalidObjectNameException {
};

// The given kind is not acceptable
exception InvalidKindException {
};

};

#endif // GENERAL_IDL
```

## Chapter 8

# The gPROMS Numerical Solvers Interfaces

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## 8.1 Introduction

gPROMS provides capabilities and open interfaces for the solution of five different types of mathematical problem:

1. The solution of square systems of linear algebraic equations.
2. The solution of square systems of non-linear algebraic equations.
3. The solution of square systems of mixed ordinary differential and algebraic equations (DAEs) over time or another independent variable.
4. The solution of dynamic optimisation problems.
5. The solution of parameter estimation problems.

### 8.1.1 Systems

The above is achieved by introducing five different classes of object, each corresponding to one of the problems listed above. In the rest of this document, these objects are generally referred to as "Systems":

1. The Linear Algebraic System (*LASystem*) object.
2. The Non-Linear Algebraic System (*NLSystem*) object.
3. The Differential-Algebraic Equation System (*DASystem*) object.
4. The Dynamic Optimisation System (*DOSystem*) object.
5. The Parameter Estimation System (*PESystem*) object.

Each of these contains both the data that characterise the corresponding mathematical problem and the numerical algorithms that solve this problem.

### 8.1.2 System Factories

In addition to the five types of System defined above, five Factory classes are introduced. These are used to create instances of the corresponding Systems using information that defines the structure of each such instance.

1. The Linear Algebraic System Factory (*LASystemFactory*).
2. The Non-Linear Algebraic System Factory (*NLSystemFactory*).
3. The Differential-Algebraic Equation System Factory (*DASystemFactory*).

4. The Dynamic Optimisation System Factory (*DOSystemFactory*).
5. The Parameter Estimation System Factory (*PESystemFactory*).

### WARNING!

As the CAPE-OPEN standard is still in development, the current interface definition may change in line with any updates in the CAPE-OPEN standard.

## 8.2 Interface overview

We note the following key points:

1. All components must support<sup>1</sup> the basic *ICapeUtilityComponent* interface. This provides some basic functionality regarding the identification of components, their versioning and so on.
2. Two interfaces are inherited directly from *ICapeUtilityComponent*:
  - (a) *ICapeNumericSolverComponent* is the basic interface for all Systems and System Factories. Its main function is to provide a general and uniform way for configuring these via the setting of various algorithmic parameters (*e.g.* convergence tolerances *etc.*) to appropriate values.
  - (b) *ICapeNumericAlgebraicESO* is the basic interface to all Equation Set Objects. In particular, it provides the full functionality required to describe a set of non-linear algebraic equations.
3. Five different interfaces are inherited from *ICapeNumericSolverComponent*, namely:
  - (a) *ICapeNumericLAComponent*
  - (b) *ICapeNumericNLAComponent*
  - (c) *ICapeNumericDAEComponent*
  - (d) *IgDOSolverComponent*
  - (e) *IPESolverComponent*

Each of these corresponds to one of the five types of mathematical problem described in section 8.1. Their basic function is to provide ways in which algorithmic parameters that are associated with numerical codes of the corresponding type can be altered. These parameters will generally differ from one type of solver to another. For instance, non-linear equation solvers are characterised by

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<sup>1</sup>Via direct or indirect inheritance, in the case of CORBA.



a convergence tolerance while DAE integrators require absolute and relative error tolerances. However, it is assumed that any parameters defined at this level will be recognised by all solvers of a certain type.

4. Inherited methods are documented only under the parent interface which defines them.
5. All methods should return a `CapeError` value. One role of this value is to report a successful execution: the error conditions applicable to each method will have to be defined as part of the refinement of this interface definition.

### 8.2.1 Configurability of numerical solvers

It will be clear from the discussion in section 8.2 that algorithmic parameters are a major consideration as far as gPROMS is concerned. It is, therefore, important to understand the precise role of these parameters in the various classes that have been described:

- The values of the parameters in an instance of a certain class of System (*e.g.* `NLASystem`) configure the behaviour of this particular instance. For example, a parameter called `MaxIterations` could determine the maximum number of iterations that a given `NLASystem` would take towards its solution.
- The values of the parameters in an instance of a certain class of
- `SystemFactory` (*e.g.* `NLASystemFactory`) could serve two quite different roles:
  - A parameter could configure the behaviour of any System that is subsequently created by this `SystemFactory`. For example, a parameter called `MaxIterations` in an `NLASystemFactory` could determine the (initial) value of the parameter `MaxIterations` in any `NLASystem` created by it<sup>2</sup>.
  - A parameter could configure the behaviour of this particular `SystemFactory` instance itself. Such parameters could determine some aspect of the structure of the Systems generated by this factory that cannot be changed after these Systems are created. An example could be a `SystemFactory` that has access to two different versions of a particular linear solver; in this case, one of its parameters could be used to determine which of the two solvers will be incorporated in any System created by this factory<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>2</sup>Of course, the value of `MaxIterations` in this System instance can later be changed by making use of the `SetParameter` method associated with this System.

<sup>3</sup>Of course, a different approach in this case would be to have two different classes of `SystemFactory`, each corresponding to a different version of the solver.

### 8.3 Types and values of algorithmic parameters and statistics

The algorithmic parameters and statistics handled by the various interfaces presented in this chapter may contain single values or arrays of any one of the following types:

- `CapeString`
- `CapeLong`
- `CapeDouble`
- `CapeBoolean`
- `CapeInterface`
- “enumerated”.

For each type, a different derived class of `ICapeNumericAttribute` is provided.

It is particularly worth noting that some algorithmic parameters are of type `CapeInterface`. Consider, for example, a non-linear algebraic equation solver based on a Newton or quasi-Newton iterative scheme. An important parameter in this case would be the linear algebra solver that is used to solve the set of linear equations arising at each iteration. In our interfaces, such a parameter would be an interface to a `SystemFactory` (*e.g.* `ICapeNumericLASystemFactory` in the example just mentioned). Once this interface is made available, the non-linear solver may use it to create one or more `LASystems` as and when required.

### 8.4 `ICapeNumericSolverComponent`

*Inherits from:* `ICapeUtilityComponent`

This interface exists to provide facilities for identifying the various algorithmic parameters (*e.g.* convergence accuracy, integration error tolerances *etc.*) and statistics (*e.g.* number of times used, CPU consumption) that are recognised by a numerical solver, and for altering the values of parameters if necessary.

The following enumeration is used:

```
enum CapeSolverType
{
    CAPE_LA_SOLVER, CAPE_NLA_SOLVER, CAPE_DAE_SOLVER,
    CAPE_PE_SOLVER, CAPE_DO_SOLVER
};
```

---

**ICapeNumericSolverComponent::GetType**

---

**Description** Gets the type of a solver component.**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]		CapeSolverType	Type of the current solver — see above for possible values.

---

**ICapeNumericSolverComponent::GetParameters**

---

**Description** Gets the list of parameters with which a SolverComponent (*i.e.* a System or a SystemFactory) can be configured.**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]		CapeArrayInterface (ICapeNumeric- Parameter)	Interfaces allowing access to the parameters and their associated information

---

**ICapeNumericSolverComponent::GetParameterByName**

---

**Description**     Get the interface to a given known parameter with which a Solver-Component (*i.e.* a System or a SystemFactory) can be configured.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]		CapeInterface (ICapeNumeric- Parameter)	Interface allowing access to the parameter and its associated information: null CORBA pointer if wrong name.

---

**ICapeNumericSolverComponent::GetStatistics**

---

**Description**     Gets the list of statistics providing information on usage of a Solver-Component (*i.e.* a System or a SystemFactory).

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]		CapeArrayInterface (ICapeNumeric- Statistic)	Interfaces allowing access to the statistics and their associated information

---

**ICapeNumericSolverComponent::GetStatisticByName**

---

**Description**     Get the interface of the named statistic of a SolverComponent (*i.e.* a System or a SystemFactory).

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]		CapeInterface (ICapeNumeric- Statistic)	Interface allowing access to the statistic and its associated information: null CORBA pointer if wrong name.

## 8.5 ICapeNumericAttribute

This interface exists to provide a base class for individual Parameter and Statistic interfaces.

The following enumeration is used:

```
enum CapeNumericAttributeType { STRING_ATTRIBUTE,  
                                INTEGER_ATTRIBUTE,  
                                REAL_ATTRIBUTE,  
                                BOOLEAN_ATTRIBUTE,  
                                ENUMERATED_STRING_ATTRIBUTE,  
                                SOLVER_INTERFACE_ATTRIBUTE };
```

---

**ICapeNumericAttribute::GetName**

---

**Description**     Gets the name of the attribute.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]		CapeString	Name of the attribute.

---

**ICapeNumericAttribute::GetDescription**

---

**Description** Gets a description of the attribute. Implementors should ensure that parameters are described adequately for online documentation.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]		CapeString	Description of the attribute.

---

**ICapeNumericAttribute::GetType**

---

**Description** Gets the type of the attribute.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]		CapeNumeric- AttributeType	Type of the current attribute — see above for possible values.

---

**ICapeNumericAttribute::GetDimensionality**

---

**Description** Gets the “size” of the attribute as a multi-dimensional array of values. E.g. a 2-by-3-by-4 array would be described by the sequence {2,3,4}. For scalar values a zero length sequence or {1} should be returned.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]		CapeArrayLong	The list of sizes.

### 8.5.1 ICapeNumericStringAttribute

*Inherits from:* ICapeNumericAttribute

This interface extends ICapeNumericAttribute with a GetValue method appropriate for strings.

---

ICapeNumericStringAttribute::Get Value

---

**Description** Gets the value of (an element of) the attribute.  
**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	element	CapeArrayLong	Index of the element required (ignored for scalar attributes)
[return]		CapeString	Value of the element.

### 8.5.2 ICapeNumericIntegerAttribute

*Inherits from:* ICapeNumericAttribute

This interface extends ICapeNumericAttribute with a GetValue method appropriate for integers.

---

ICapeNumericIntegerAttribute::Get Value

---

**Description** Gets the value of (an element of) the attribute.  
**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	element	CapeArrayLong	Index of the element required (ignored for scalar attributes)
[return]		CapeLong	Value of the element.

### 8.5.3 ICapeNumericRealAttribute

*Inherits from:* ICapeNumericAttribute

This interface extends ICapeNumericAttribute with a GetValue method appropriate for reals.

---

ICapeNumericRealAttribute::Get Value

---

**Description** Gets the value of (an element of) the attribute.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	element	CapeArrayLong	Index of the element required (ignored for scalar attributes)
[return]		CapeDouble	Value of the element.

### 8.5.4 ICapeNumericBooleanAttribute

*Inherits from:* ICapeNumericAttribute

This interface extends ICapeNumericAttribute with a GetValue method appropriate for booleans.

---

ICapeNumericBooleanAttribute::Get Value

---

**Description** Gets the value of (an element of) the attribute.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	element	CapeArrayLong	Index of the element required (ignored for scalar attributes)
[return]		CapeBoolean	Value of the element.



### 8.5.5 ICapeNumericEnumeratedAttribute

*Inherits from:* ICapeNumericAttribute

This interface extends ICapeNumericAttribute with methods appropriate for DIY enumerations, i.e. strings from a restricted set of values.

---

#### ICapeNumericEnumeratedAttribute::GetPossibleValues

---

**Description** Returns the set of possible values this attribute may take. In the case of array attributes, this set of possible values applies to all elements.  
**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]		CapeArrayString	The values.

---

#### ICapeNumericEnumeratedAttribute::GetValue

---

**Description** Gets the value of (an element of) the attribute.  
**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	element	CapeArrayLong	Index of the element required (ignored for scalar attributes)
[return]		CapeString	Value of the element.

### 8.5.6 ICapeNumericInterfaceAttribute

*Inherits from:* ICapeNumericAttribute

This interface extends ICapeNumericAttribute with a GetValue method appropriate for CORBA interfaces, together with a utility method to determine the solver type to which the interface refers.

---

**ICapeNumericInterfaceAttribute::GetSolverType**

---

**Description** Returns the type of solver required for this attribute — see section 8.4 for possible values. In the case of array attributes, this set of possible values applies to all elements.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]		CapeSolverType	The type.

---

**ICapeNumericInterfaceAttribute::GetValue**

---

**Description** Gets the value of (an element of) the attribute.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	element	CapeArrayLong	Index of the element required (ignored for scalar attributes)
[return]		CapeInterface	Value of the element.

## 8.6 The solver parameter interfaces

This set of six interfaces inherit from the corresponding numeric component attribute interfaces, as described below:

### 8.6.1 ICapeNumericStringParameter

*Inherits from:* ICapeNumericStringAttribute

This interface extends ICapeNumericStringAttribute with a SetValue method appropriate for strings.

---

**ICapeNumericStringParameter::SetValue**


---

**Description** Sets the value of (an element of) the parameter.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	element	CapeArrayLong	Index of the element to be set (ignored for scalar parameters)
[in]		CapeString	New value of the element.

### 8.6.2 ICapeNumericIntegerParameter

*Inherits from:* ICapeNumericIntegerAttribute

This interface extends ICapeNumericIntegerAttribute with a SetValue method appropriate for integers, and with bounds checking methods.

---

**ICapeNumericIntegerParameter::SetValue**


---

**Description** Sets the value of (an element of) the parameter.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	element	CapeArrayLong	Index of the element to be set (ignored for scalar parameters)
[return]		CapeLong	Value of the element.

---

**ICapeNumericIntegerParameter::GetLowerBound**

---

**Description** Gets the lowest permitted value of (an element of) the parameter.**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	element	CapeArrayLong	Index of the element required (ignored for scalar parameters)
[return]		CapeLong	The lower bound.

---

**ICapeNumericIntegerParameter::GetUpperBound**

---

**Description** Gets the highest permitted value of (an element of) the parameter.**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	element	CapeArrayLong	Index of the element required (ignored for scalar parameters)
[return]		CapeLong	The upper bound.

### 8.6.3 ICapeNumericRealParameter

*Inherits from:* ICapeNumericRealAttribute

This interface extends ICapeNumericRealAttribute with a SetValue method appropriate for reals, and with bounds checking methods.

---

**ICapeNumericRealParameter::SetValue**

---

**Description** Sets the value of (an element of) the parameter.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	element	CapeArrayLong	Index of the element to be set (ignored for scalar parameters)
[in]		CapeDouble	New value of the element.

---

**ICapeNumericRealParameter::GetLowerBound**

---

**Description** Gets the lowest permitted value of (an element of) the parameter.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	element	CapeArrayLong	Index of the element required (ignored for scalar parameters)
[return]		CapeDouble	The lower bound.

---

**ICapeNumericRealParameter::GetUpperBound**


---

**Description** Gets the highest permitted value of (an element of) the parameter.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	element	CapeArrayLong	Index of the element required (ignored for scalar parameters)
[return]		CapeDouble	The upper bound.

#### 8.6.4 ICapeNumericBooleanParameter

*Inherits from:* ICapeNumericBooleanAttribute

This interface extends ICapeNumericBooleanAttribute with a SetValue method appropriate for booleans.

---

**ICapeNumericBooleanParameter::SetValue**


---

**Description** Sets the value of (an element of) the parameter.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	element	CapeArrayLong	Index of the element to be set (ignored for scalar parameters)
[in]		CapeBoolean	New value of the element.

#### 8.6.5 ICapeNumericEnumeratedParameter

*Inherits from:* ICapeNumericEnumeratedAttribute

This interface extends ICapeNumericEnumeratedAttribute with a SetValue method appropriate for this type.

---

**ICapeNumericEnumeratedParameter::SetValue**


---

**Description** Sets the value of (an element of) the parameter.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	element	CapeArrayLong	Index of the element to be set (ignored for scalar parameters)
[in]		CapeString	New value of the element.

### 8.6.6 ICapeNumericInterfaceParameter

*Inherits from:* ICapeNumericInterfaceAttribute

This interface extends ICapeNumericInterfaceAttribute with a SetValue method appropriate for CORBA interfaces.

---

**ICapeNumericInterfaceParameter::SetValue**


---

**Description** Sets the value of (an element of) the parameter.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	element	CapeArrayLong	Index of the element to be set (ignored for scalar parameters)
[in]		CapeInterface	New value of the element.

## 8.7 Linear-Algebra components

This section describes the collection of interfaces used for linear algebra solvers. These are concerned with the definition and solution of square, linear systems of algebraic

equations of the form:

$$Ax = b.$$

Here  $A$  and  $b$  are a (known)  $n \times n$  real matrix and a (known) real vector of length  $n$  respectively, while  $x$  is an (unknown) real vector of length  $n$  to be computed as the solution of the linear system.

In the interests of efficiency in computation and memory utilisation, a sparse format is used for the matrix  $A$ . This stores only the  $NZ$  non-zero elements in this matrix<sup>4</sup>. The position of each of these elements is defined in terms of the indices of the row and column in which it occurs.

The size of the system, together with the number and position of the non-zero elements in the matrix  $A$ , define the *structure* of a linear system.

### 8.7.1 ICapeNumericLAComponent

*Inherits from:* ICapeNumericComponent

This interface defines methods for the identification and setting of parameters that will occur in all CAPE-OPEN compliant linear algebra components. Thus far, no such generic parameters have been identified.

### 8.7.2 ICapeNumericLASystemFactory

*Inherits from:* ICapeNumericLAComponent

This is the interface of the LASystemFactory which creates and configures LASystems given the matrix structure which defines them.

---

<sup>4</sup>Usually, but not always, the number of non-zero elements,  $NZ$ , will be much smaller than  $n^2$ .



---

**ICapeNumericLASystemFactory::CreateLASystem**


---

**Description**     Creates an LASystem with a given sparsity structure.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	N	CapeLong	The number of rows and columns of the matrix.
[in]	NonZeroes	CapeLong	The number of non-zero elements in the matrix structure.
[in]	RowNums	CapeArrayLong	The row positions of the non-zero elements.
[in]	ColNums	CapeArrayLong	The column positions of the non-zero elements.
[out]	TheLASystem	CapeInterface (ICapeNumeric- LASystem) <sup>a</sup>	The LASystem created by the factory.
[return]		CapeError	

---

<sup>a</sup>This notation is used throughout this document to indicate the *expected* type of interface for each method argument of type CapeInterface.

### 8.7.3 ICapeNumericLASystem

*Inherits from:* ICapeNumericLAComponent

This interface permits operations on LASystems created via the ICapeNumericLASystemFactory interface. In particular, it allows the specification of numerical values for the non-zero elements of the matrix  $A$  and the right hand side vector  $b$ , as well as obtaining the solution  $x$  of the linear system thus defined.

Note that it is *not* possible to alter the structure of an LASystem after its creation by an LASystemFactory.

---

**ICapeNumericLASystem::SetMatrixVals**

---

**Description**     Sets the numerical values of the non-zero elements of an LASystem's matrix.  
**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	MatrixVals	CapeArrayDouble	The values of the non-zero matrix elements.
[return]		CapeError	

---

**ICapeNumericLASystem::GetMatrixVals**

---

**Description**     Gets the numerical values of the non-zero elements of an LASystem's matrix.  
**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out]	MatrixVals	CapeArrayDouble	The values of the non-zero matrix elements.
[return]		CapeError	

---

**ICapeNumericLASystem::SetRHS**


---

**Description** Sets the numerical values of an LASystem's right hand side.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in] [return]	RHSVals	CapeArrayDouble CapeError	The values of the right hand side vector.

---

**ICapeNumericLASystem::GetRHS**


---

**Description** Gets the numerical values of an LASystem's right hand side.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out] [return]	RHSVals	CapeArrayDouble CapeError	The values of the right hand side vector.

---

**ICapeNumericLASystem::GetSolution**


---

**Description** Gets the solution of the current linear system.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out] [return]	X	CapeArrayDouble CapeError	The solution of the current linear algebra problem.

## 8.8 Non-linear algebra components

In this section we define the interfaces related to the solution of sets of non-linear algebraic equations.

### 8.8.1 ICapeNumericNLAComponent

*Inherits from:* ICapeNumericSolverComponent

This interface defines methods for the identification and setting of parameters that will occur in *all* CAPE-OPEN compliant non-linear algebra components. A small number of such generic parameters have been identified; separate methods are defined for obtaining information on, and changing the value of each such parameter.

---

**ICapeNumericNLAComponent::SetConvergenceTolerance**

---

**Description** Sets the convergence tolerance to be used in solving a non-linear system. The precise interpretation of this parameter will depend on individual implementations; the nature of the convergence criterion used by non-linear solvers is not defined by CAPE-OPEN.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in] [return]	ConvTolValue	CapeDouble CapeError	The convergence tolerance value.

---

**ICapeNumericNLAComponent::GetConvergenceTolerance**

---

**Description** Gets information on the convergence tolerance to be used in solving a non-linear system, as well as its current value. The precise interpretation of this parameter will depend on individual implementations; the nature of the convergence criterion used by non-linear solvers is not defined by CAPE-OPEN.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out] [return]	ConvTol	ICapeNumeric- RealParameter CapeError	Information on the convergence tolerance parameter (see section 8.2.1).

---

**ICapeNumericNLAComponent::SetMaxIterations**

---

**Description** Sets the maximum number of iterations to be used in solving a non-linear system. The precise interpretation of this parameter will depend on individual implementations; the nature of what constitutes an “iteration” used by non-linear solvers is not defined by CAPE-OPEN.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in] [return]	MaxItsValue	CapeLong CapeError	The maximum number of iterations to be performed.

---

**ICapeNumericNLAComponent::GetMaxIterations**

---

**Description** Gets information on the maximum number of iterations to be used in solving a non-linear system, as well as its current value. The precise interpretation of this parameter will depend on individual implementations; the nature of what constitutes an “iteration” used by non-linear solvers is not defined by CAPE-OPEN.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out] [return]	MaxIts	ICapeNumeric-IntegerParameter CapeError	Information on the maximum iterations parameter.

---

**ICapeNumericNLAComponent::SetLASystemFactory**

---

**Description** Specifies an LASystemFactory that an NLAComponent may use to create one or more LASystems, the solution of which occurs as a sub-problem in the solution of the non-linear algebraic system.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in] [return]	LASystemF	CapeInterface (ICapeNumericLASystemFactory) CapeError	An LASystemFactory that the NLAComponent may use for creating any LASystems that it may need.

---

**ICapeNumericNLAComponent::GetLASystemFactory**


---

**Description** Gets the LASystemFactory that an NLAComponent is using to create one or more LASystems, the solution of which occurs as a sub-problem in the solution of the non-linear algebraic system.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out] [return]	LASystemF	ICapeNumeric- Interface- Parameter CapeError	Information on the LASystemFactory which the NLAComponent is currently using.

### 8.8.2 ICapeNumericNLASystemFactory

*Inherits from:* ICapeNumericNLAComponent

This is the interface of the Non-Linear Algebraic System Factory, which creates and configures Non-linear Algebraic Systems given the algebraic ESOs which define them.

---

**ICapeNumericNLASystemFactory::CreateNLASystem**


---

**Description** Creates an NLASystem with a given set of algebraic equations.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	TheESO	CapeInterface (ICapeNumericAlgebraicESO)	The algebraic ESO which defines this system.
[out] [return]	TheNLASystem	CapeInterface (ICapeNumericNLASystem) CapeError	The NLASystem instance created by the factory.

### 8.8.3 ICapeNumericNLASystem

*Inherits from:* ICapeNumericNLAComponent

This is the interface of the Non-Linear Algebra Object, which solves systems of equations of the form:

$$f(x) = 0.$$

---

#### ICapeNumericNLASystem::GetESO

---

**Description** Gets the ESO with which an NLASystem was constructed.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out]  [return]	ESO	CapeInterface (ICapeNumeri- cAlgebraicESO) CapeError	The ESO with which the NLASystem was constructed.

---

#### ICapeNumericNLASystem::Solve

---

**Description** Attempt to solve the non-linear algebra problem. Note: the initial guesses for this solution will be the ESO's current variable values.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]		CapeError	



---

**ICapeNumericNLASystem::DoOneIteration**

---

**Description**     Perform a single iteration on the non-linear algebra problem. Note: the nature of what constitutes an “iteration” used by non-linear solvers is not defined by CAPE-OPEN.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]		CapeError	

## 8.9 Differential algebraic equation components

In this section, we describe the interfaces related to the solution of differential-algebraic equation systems.

### 8.9.1 ICapeNumericDAEComponent

*Inherits from:* ICapeNumericSolverComponent

This interface defines methods for the identification and setting of parameters that will occur in *all* CAPE-OPEN compliant differential-algebraic components. A small number of such generic parameters have been identified; separate methods are defined for obtaining information on, and changing the value of each such parameter.

---

**ICapeNumericDAEComponent::SetAbsoluteTolerance**

---

**Description** Sets the absolute tolerance to be used in performing local error tests while solving the DAE system. The precise interpretation of this parameter will depend on individual implementations; the exact nature of the error measure used (*e.g.* local truncation error, local error *etc.*) and the way in which this is estimated are not defined by CAPE-OPEN.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in] [return]	ATolValue	CapeDouble CapeError	The absolute tolerance value.

---

**ICapeNumericDAEComponent::GetAbsoluteTolerance**

---

**Description** Gets information on the absolute tolerance to be used in performing local error tests while solving a DAE system, as well as the current value of this parameter. The precise interpretation of this parameter will depend on individual implementations; the exact nature of the error measure used (*e.g.* local truncation error, local error *etc.*) and the way in which this is estimated are not defined by CAPE-OPEN.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out] [return]	ATol	ICapeNumeric- RealParameter CapeError	Information on the absolute tolerance parameter (see section <a href="#">8.2.1</a> ).

---

`ICapeNumericDAEComponent::`

---

**Description****Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]		CapeError	

---

`ICapeNumericDAEComponent::SetRelativeTolerance`

---

**Description**     Sets the relative tolerance to be used in performing local error tests while solving the DAE system. The precise interpretation of this parameter will depend on individual implementations; the exact nature of the error measure used (*e.g.* local truncation error, local error *etc.*) and the way in which this is estimated are not defined by CAPE-OPEN.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in] [return]	RTolValue	CapeDouble CapeError	The relative tolerance value.

---

**ICapeNumericDAEComponent::GetRelativeTolerance**

---

**Description** Gets information on the relative tolerance to be used in performing local error tests while solving a DAE system, as well as the current value of this parameter. The precise interpretation of this parameter will depend on individual implementations; the exact nature of the error measure used (*e.g.* local truncation error, local error *etc.*) and the way in which this is estimated are not defined by CAPE-OPEN.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out] [return]	RTol	ICapeNumeric- RealParameter CapeError	Information on the relative tolerance parameter (see section 8.2.1).

### 8.9.2 ICapeNumericDAESystemFactory

*Inherits from:* ICapeNumericDAEComponent

This is the interface of the Differential-Algebraic Equation System Factory which creates and configures DAE Systems given the DifferentialAlgebraicESO which defines them.

---

**ICapeNumericDAESystemFactory::CreateDAESystem**


---

**Description** Uses a given ESO to create a DAESystem. Note — this should be the ESO of the dynamic model only: the initial conditions are provided by alternative mechanisms, see below.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	TheESO	CapeInterface (ICapeNumericDifferentialAlgebraicESO)	The differential-algebraic ESO which defines this system.
[out]	DAESystem	CapeInterface (ICapeNumericDAESystem)	The DAESystem instance created by the factory.

**8.9.3 ICapeNumericDAESystem**

*Inherits from:* ICapeNumericDAEComponent

This is the interface of the Differential-Algebraic Equation System, which solves systems of equations of the form:

$$f(x, \dot{x}, u, t)$$

over some range of values of the independent variable  $t$ .

---

**ICapeNumericDAESystem::GetDynamicESO**

---

**Description** Gets the ESO with which a DAESystem was constructed.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[out]	TheESO	CapeInterface (ICapeNumericD- ifferentialAlge- braicESO)	The differential-algebraic ESO which de- fines this system.

---

**ICapeNumericDAESystem::Initialise**

---

**Description** Combine the dynamic ESO with a set of initial conditions and solve for  $x$  and  $\dot{x}$ . The result is left in the defining ESO.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	ICESO	CapeInterface (ICapeNumericD- ifferentialAlge- braicESO)	The initial condition ESO.

---

**ICapeNumericDAESystem::SimpleInitialise**

---

**Description**     Requiring specified elements of the dynamic ESO to remain fixed, solve for remaining  $x$  and  $\dot{x}$  entries. The result is left in the defining ESO.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	ISpec	CapeArrayLong	The indices of variables which are to remain fixed. Negative indicates that the $\dot{x}$ value is fixed.

---

**ICapeNumericDAESystem::AdvanceTime**

---

**Description**     Move the solution forward to a specified time. The result is left in the defining ESO.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	t	CapeDouble	The target independent variable value.
[in]	allowOvershoot	CapeBoolean	If true, the integrator may internally overshoot the requested time (in which case interpolation will be used to leave the correct results in the ESO).
[out]	flag	CapeLong	Zero for success, a number of other values for failure.

---

**ICapeNumericDAESystem::SimpleInitialise**

---

**Description**     Requiring the differential variables of the dynamic ESO (i.e. those members of  $x$  with  $\dot{x}$  terms occurring in the dynamic equations) to remain fixed, solve for remaining  $x$  entries and  $\dot{x}$ . The result is left in the defining ESO.

No arguments.

---

**ICapeNumericDAESystem::SetSensitivityFlag**

---

**Description**     Set a boolean flag to indicate that sensitivities should be computed on the next integration. A call to this routine which actually changes the flag value should be followed a call to either **Initialise** or **SimpleInitialise**. If an integration (i.e. a series of calls to **AdvanceTime** and **SimpleReinitialise**) is carried out with this flag true, accumulated sensitivity values will be present in the ESO at the end of the integration.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	flag	CapeBoolean	New value for the flag.



## 8.10 CORBA interface definitions

This section records the CIDL implementations of the interfaces described in the previous sections. All files for the interface definitions can be found in the sub-directory `src/examples/eso_idl` of the gPROMS distribution.

The header file `ICapeUtilityDefinitions.idl` defines the standard CAPE-OPEN types in terms of the basic CORBA types, as follows:

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*****/  
  
#ifndef __CAPETYPES__  
#define __CAPETYPES__  
typedef long CapeError;  
typedef long CapeLong;  
typedef double CapeDouble;  
typedef boolean CapeBoolean;  
typedef string CapeString;  
typedef any CapeVariant;  
typedef Object CapeInterface;  
typedef sequence<CapeLong> CapeArrayLong;  
typedef sequence<CapeArrayLong> CapeArrayArrayLong;  
typedef sequence<CapeDouble> CapeArrayDouble;  
typedef sequence<CapeString> CapeArrayString;  
typedef sequence<CapeInterface> CapeArrayInterface;  
#endif
```

### 8.10.1 ICapeUtilityComponent.idl

This interface defines basic identification methods.

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#ifndef I_CAPE_UTILITY_COMPONENT_IDL
#define I_CAPE_UTILITY_COMPONENT_IDL

#include "ICapeUtilityDefinitions.idl"
interface ICapeUtilityComponent {
    CapeString GetVersionNumber();
    CapeString GetComponentName();
    CapeString GetComponentDescription();
};

#endif // I_CAPE_UTILITY_COMPONENT_IDL
```

### 8.10.2 ICapeNumericSolverComponent.idl

The base interface for all types of solvers.

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*****/  
  
#include "ICapeUtilityDefinitions.idl"  
#include "ICapeUtilityComponent.idl"  
  
enum CapeSolverType  
{  
    CAPE_LA_SOLVER, CAPE_NLA_SOLVER, CAPE_DAE_SOLVER,  
    CAPE_PE_SOLVER, CAPE_DO_SOLVER  
};  
  
interface ICapeNumericSolverComponent : ICapeUtilityComponent  
{  
    CapeSolverType GetType();  
    void SelfDestruct();  
    CapeArrayInterface GetParameters();  
    CapeInterface GetParameterByName(in CapeString name);  
    CapeArrayInterface GetStatistics();  
    CapeInterface GetStatisticByName(in CapeString name);  
};
```

### 8.10.3 ICapeNumericAttribute.idl

The base class for solver parameter and statistic specifications. Note: includes ICape-NumericSolverComponent.idl for the CapeSolverType enumeration.

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*****/  
  
#include "ICapeUtilityDefinitions.idl"  
#include "ICapeNumericSolverComponent.idl"  
  
enum CapeNumericAttributeType { STRING_ATTRIBUTE,  
                                INTEGER_ATTRIBUTE,  
                                REAL_ATTRIBUTE,  
                                BOOLEAN_ATTRIBUTE,  
                                ENUMERATED_STRING_ATTRIBUTE,  
                                SOLVER_INTERFACE_ATTRIBUTE };  
  
interface ICapeNumericAttribute  
{  
    CapeString GetName();  
    CapeString GetDescription();  
    CapeNumericAttributeType GetType();  
    CapeArrayLong GetDimensionality();  
};  
  
interface ICapeNumericStringAttribute : ICapeNumericAttribute  
{  
    CapeString GetValue(in CapeArrayLong element);  
};
```

```
interface ICapeNumericIntegerAttribute : ICapeNumericAttribute
{
    CapeLong GetValue(in CapeArrayLong element);
};

interface ICapeNumericRealAttribute : ICapeNumericAttribute
{
    CapeDouble GetValue(in CapeArrayLong element);
};

interface ICapeNumericBooleanAttribute : ICapeNumericAttribute
{
    CapeBoolean GetValue(in CapeArrayLong element);
};

interface ICapeNumericEnumeratedAttribute : ICapeNumericAttribute
{
    CapeArrayString GetPossibleValues();
    CapeString GetValue(in CapeArrayLong element);
};

interface ICapeNumericInterfaceAttribute : ICapeNumericAttribute
{
    CapeSolverType GetSolverType();
    CapeInterface GetValue(in CapeArrayLong element);
    CapeString GetDefaultName();
};
```

#### 8.10.4 ICapeNumericParameter.idl

The interface for solution parameters, i.e. user-settable information items affecting aspects of the solution process.

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```

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```
*****/
```

```
#include "ICapeUtilityDefinitions.idl"
#include "ICapeNumericAttribute.idl"
```

```
interface ICapeNumericStringParameter : ICapeNumericStringAttribute
{
    void SetValue(in CapeArrayLong element, in CapeString value);
};
```

```
interface ICapeNumericIntegerParameter : ICapeNumericIntegerAttribute
{
    CapeLong GetLowerBound(in CapeArrayLong element);
    CapeLong GetUpperBound(in CapeArrayLong element);
    void SetValue(in CapeArrayLong element, in CapeLong value);
};
```

```
interface ICapeNumericRealParameter : ICapeNumericRealAttribute
{
    CapeDouble GetLowerBound(in CapeArrayLong element);
    CapeDouble GetUpperBound(in CapeArrayLong element);
    void SetValue(in CapeArrayLong element, in CapeDouble value);
};
```

```
interface ICapeNumericBooleanParameter : ICapeNumericBooleanAttribute
```

```
{
    void SetValue(in CapeArrayLong element, in CapeBoolean value);
};

interface ICapeNumericEnumeratedParameter : ICapeNumericEnumeratedAttribute
{
    void SetValue(in CapeArrayLong element, in CapeString value);
};

interface ICapeNumericInterfaceParameter : ICapeNumericInterfaceAttribute
{
    void SetValue(in CapeArrayLong element, in CapeInterface value);
};
```

### 8.10.5 ICapeNumericStatistic.idl

The interface for solver statistics, i.e. read-only information on aspects of the solution process.

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*****/  
  
#include "ICapeUtilityDefinitions.idl"  
#include "ICapeNumericAttribute.idl"  
  
interface ICapeNumericStringStatistic : ICapeNumericStringAttribute  
{  
};  
  
interface ICapeNumericIntegerStatistic : ICapeNumericIntegerAttribute  
{  
};  
  
interface ICapeNumericRealStatistic : ICapeNumericRealAttribute  
{  
};  
  
interface ICapeNumericBooleanStatistic : ICapeNumericBooleanAttribute  
{  
};  
  
interface ICapeNumericEnumeratedStatistic : ICapeNumericEnumeratedAttribute  
{  
};
```



```
interface ICapeNumericInterfaceStatistic : ICapeNumericInterfaceAttribute
{
};
```

### 8.10.6 ICapeNumericLAComponent.idl

The base class for linear algebra solver and system.

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*****/  
  
#include "ICapeUtilityDefinitions.idl"  
#include "ICapeNumericSolverComponent.idl"  
interface ICapeNumericLAComponent : ICapeNumericSolverComponent {  
};
```

### 8.10.7 ICapeNumericLASystem.idl

The following file contains the definitions of both LASystem and LASystemFactory.

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#include "ICapeUtilityDefinitions.idl"
#include "ICapeNumericLAComponent.idl"

interface ICapeNumericLASystem : ICapeNumericLAComponent {
    exception WrongLength{};
    exception NoMatrixValues{};
    CapeError SetMatrixVals(in CapeArrayDouble MatrixVals)
raises (WrongLength);
    exception NoRHSValues{};
    CapeError GetMatrixVals(out CapeArrayDouble MatrixVals)
raises (NoRHSValues);
    CapeError SetRHS(in CapeArrayDouble RHSVals) raises (WrongLength);
    CapeError GetRHS(out CapeArrayDouble RHSVals) raises (NoRHSValues);
    exception Singular{};
    CapeError GetSolution(out CapeArrayDouble X)
raises (Singular, NoMatrixValues, NoRHSValues);
};

interface ICapeNumericLASystemFactory : ICapeNumericLAComponent {
    CapeError CreateLASystem(in CapeLong N, in CapeLong NonZeroes,
in CapeArrayLong RowNums, in CapeArrayLong ColumnNums,
out CapeInterface TheLASystem);
};
```

### 8.10.8 ICapeNumericNLAComponent.idl

The base class for nonlinear algebra solver and system.

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*****/  
  
#include "ICapeUtilityDefinitions.idl"  
#include "ICapeNumericSolverComponent.idl"  
interface ICapeNumericNLAComponent : ICapeNumericSolverComponent {  
    CapeError SetConvergenceTolerance(in CapeDouble ConvTolValue);  
    CapeError GetConvergenceTolerance(out CapeDouble ConvTolValue);  
    CapeError SetMaxIterations(in CapeLong MaxItsValue);  
    CapeError GetMaxIterations(out CapeLong MaxItsValue);  
    CapeError SetLASystemFactory(in CapeInterface LASystemF);  
    CapeError GetLASystemFactory(out CapeInterface LASystemF);  
};
```

### 8.10.9 ICapeNumericNLASystem.idl

Again, both the definitions of System and SystemFactory are included in this file.

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```
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```

```
#include "ICapeUtilityDefinitions.idl"
#include "ICapeNumericNLAComponent.idl"
interface ICapeNumericNLASystem : ICapeNumericNLAComponent {
    CapeError GetESO(out CapeInterface ESO);
    CapeError Solve();
    CapeError DoOneIteration();

    CapeError SetTestESO(in CapeInterface theESO);
    CapeError SetPresetVarNums(in CapeArrayLong varNums);
};

interface ICapeNumericNLASystemFactory : ICapeNumericNLAComponent {
    CapeError CreateNLASystem(in CapeInterface TheESO,
out CapeInterface TheNLASystem);
};
```

The base class for differential-algebraic solver and system.

### 8.10.10 ICapeNumericDAEComponent.idl

```
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```

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```
*****/
```

```
#include "ICapeUtilityDefinitions.idl"
#include "ICapeNumericSolverComponent.idl"
interface ICapeNumericDAEComponent : ICapeNumericSolverComponent {
    CapeError SetAbsoluteTolerance(in CapeDouble absTolValue);
    CapeError GetAbsoluteTolerance(out CapeDouble absTolValue);
    CapeError SetRelativeTolerance(in CapeDouble relTolValue);
    CapeError GetRelativeTolerance(out CapeDouble relTolValue);
    CapeError SetEventTolerance(in CapeDouble eveTolValue);
    CapeError GetEventTolerance(out CapeDouble eveTolValue);
    CapeError SetLASystemFactory(in CapeInterface laSysFact);
    CapeError GetLASystemFactory(out CapeInterface laSysFact);
    CapeError SetInitialisationNLASystemFactory(in CapeInterface initNLASysFact);
    CapeError GetInitialisationNLASystemFactory(out CapeInterface initNLASysFact);
    CapeError SetReinitialisationNLASystemFactory(in CapeInterface reinitNLASysFact);
    CapeError GetReinitialisationNLASystemFactory(out CapeInterface reinitNLASysFact);
};
```

Again, both the definitions of System and SystemFactory are included in this interface.

### 8.10.11 ICapeNumericDAESystem.idl

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#include "ICapeUtilityDefinitions.idl"
#include "ICapeNumericDAEComponent.idl"
interface ICapeNumericDAESystem : ICapeNumericDAEComponent {
    CapeError GetDynamicESO(out CapeInterface eso);
    CapeLong Initialise(in CapeInterface icESO);
    CapeLong SimpleInitialise(in CapeArrayLong ispec);
    void AdvanceTime(in CapeDouble t, in CapeBoolean allowOvershoot,
                     out CapeLong flag);
    CapeLong SimpleReinitialise();
    void SetSensitivityFlag(in CapeBoolean flag);
};

interface ICapeNumericDAESystemFactory : ICapeNumericDAEComponent {
    CapeError CreateDAESystem(in CapeInterface dynESO,
                              out CapeInterface theDAESystem);
};
```

## Chapter 9

# The gPROMS Dynamic Optimisation Solver Interfaces

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The solution of a dynamic optimisation problem described by a gPROMS Dynamic Optimisation Object (see chapter 7) requires an appropriate numerical solver that can extract the necessary information from the gDOO, formulate the necessary mathematical problem and solve it. Finally, it has to place the solution back into the gDOO from where it can be accessed by other clients (*e.g.* for output display purposes).

## 9.1 General principles

The gPROMS Dynamic Optimisation Solver (gDOS) concept provides a general mechanism that allows diverse solvers to perform the above functions in a manner transparent to gPROMS itself. Its basic design principles are described below<sup>1</sup>:

### 9.1.1 Solver managers and systems

The implementation of each gDOS must provide a means of creating gPROMS Dynamic Optimisation Solver Manager (gDOSolverManager) objects.

The gDOSolverManager object has one major method that, given the description of a dynamic optimisation problem in the form of a gDOO, creates a gPROMS Dynamic Optimisation System (gDOSystem) object. The latter is a combination of the problem to be solved (*i.e.* the gDOO) and the numerical solver to be used for its solution.

Each gDOSystem provides a `Solve` method that, when invoked, effects the solution of the dynamic optimisation problem.

### 9.1.2 Numeric-solver parameters

The behaviour of the numerical solver can be configured by using the solver parameters according to the principals described in section 8.3.

## 9.2 The IgDONumericSolverComponent Interface

This interface describes a component (solver manager or system) associated with a dynamic optimisation solver. It inherits from the general `ICapeNumericSolverComponent`.

At present, `IgDONumericSolverComponent` does not provide any functionality beyond that already provided by `ICapeNumericSolverComponent`. In the future, it may provide a means of specifying certain minimal functionality that must be supported by *all* dynamic optimisation solvers in gPROMS.

---

<sup>1</sup>These are generally consistent with the design of CAPE-OPEN numerical solvers as described in chapter 8.

### 9.3 The IgDOSolverManager interface

The main function of the `IgDOSystemFactory` interface is to provide a means of creating a `gDOSystem` from a given `gDOO`. It inherits from the `IgDONumericSolverComponent` interface and extends it with the following method:

---

`IgDOSystemFactory::CreateDOSystem`

---

**Description**     Creates a `gDOSystem` from a given `gDOO`.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[in]	<code>gDOO</code>	<code>IgDOO</code>	The <code>gDOO</code> that forms the basis of the new <code>gDOSystem</code> .
[return]	<code>gDOSystem</code>	<code>IgDOSystem</code>	The newly created <code>gDOSystem</code> .

### 9.4 The IgDOSystem interface

The main function of the `IgDOSystem` interface is to provide a means of solving the dynamic optimisation problem described by the `gDOO` that forms the basis of the corresponding `gDOSystem` object. It inherits from the `IgDONumericSolverComponent` interface and extends it with the following method:

---

`IgDOSystem::Solve`

---

**Description**     Solves the `gDOSystem` and returns the system status.

**Arguments**

In/Out	Name	Type	Description
[return]	<code>status</code>	<code>gDOSystemStatus</code>	Returns one of the system-status constants as defined below.

```
gDOSystemStatus = { GDOSS_OK, GDOSS_NOT_COMPLETE, GDOSS_ALREADY_SOLVED,  
                    GDOSS_SOLUTION_FAILED }
```

## 9.5 CORBA interface definitions

This section records the CIDL implementations of the interfaces described in the previous sections. All files for the interface definitions can be found in the sub-directory `src/examples/gdoo_idl` of the gPROMS distribution.

### 9.5.1 gNumericSolver.idl

This file defines all the interfaces referred to above.

```
/*****
```

```
=====
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=====
```

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```
*****/
```

```
#ifndef I_GNUMERIC_SOLVER_COMPONENT_IDL  
#define I_GNUMERIC_SOLVER_COMPONENT_IDL
```

```
#include "general.idl"  
#include "ICapeNumericSolverComponent.idl"  
#include "gD00.idl"
```

```
module psenterprise {
```

```
    module Optimisation {
```

```
        interface IgDOSolverComponent : ICapeNumericSolverComponent {
```

```
};

interface IgDOSystem : IgDOSolverComponent {

    enum gDOSystemStatus {
        GDOSS_OK,
        GDOSS_NOT_COMPLETE,
        GDOSS_ALREADY_SOLVED,
        GDOSS_SOLUTION_FAILED
    };

    gDOSystemStatus Solve();
};

interface IgDOSolverManager : IgDOSolverComponent {

    IgDOSystem CreategDOSystem(in IgD00 gD00);
};

}; // module Optimisation

}; // module psenterprise

#endif // I_GNUMERIC_SOLVER_COMPONENT_IDL
```

## Appendix A

# Creating Shared Object Libraries Under UNIX

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This appendix provides information on how you can construct shared object libraries for Foreign Objects and Foreign Processes Interfaces under the various UNIX platforms that are currently supported by gPROMS.

We assume that the starting point for the creation of shared object library is the Foreign Object or Foreign Process Interface code written in either FORTRAN 77, C or C++. By way of an example, we will refer to three code files, **Thermo.f**, **Thermo.c** and **Thermo.cxx** written in these three languages respectively. The objective in all three cases is to create a shared object library (called ThermoPack.so on most platforms).

## A.1 Shared object libraries for DIGITAL UNIX v4.0 and later

### A.1.1 Foreign Object code written in FORTRAN 77

```
f77 -c -O -i8 Thermo.f
ld -shared -all -o ThermoPack.so Thermo.o -lfor -lots -lm -lc
```

### A.1.2 Foreign Object code written in C

```
cc -c -O Thermo.c
ld -shared -all -o ThermoPack.so Thermo.o -lm -lc
```

### A.1.3 Foreign Object code written in C++

```
cxx -x -O Thermo.c

ld -shared -all -o Thermopack.so Thermo.o -lcxxstd -lcxx -lm -lc
```

## A.2 Shared object libraries for IBM AIX v4.2 and later

Using IBM C Set 3.6 and IBM XL Fortran 5.1.1.

### A.2.1 Foreign Object code written in FORTRAN 77

```
xlf_r -c -O2 -qextname Thermo.f  
makeC++SharedLib_r -o Thermopack.so -lxlf90_r -p 100
```

### A.2.2 Foreign Object code written in C

```
xlC_r -c -O2 Thermo.c  
makeC++SharedLib_r -o Thermopack.so -p 100
```

### A.2.3 Foreign Object code written in C++

```
xlC_r -c -O2 Thermo.cxx  
makeC++SharedLib_r -o Thermopack.so -p 100
```



## A.3 Shared object libraries for Linux

Shared objects for use with the Linux version of gPROMS must be linked with `glibc` (`libc.so.6`) rather than `libc.so.5`.

We recommend using `egcs 1.1.2` or later for compiling shared objects on Linux.

### A.3.1 Foreign Object code written in FORTRAN 77

We recommend that you do not use any code optimisation when using `g77` as there appear to be some bugs in the compiler that lead to incorrect code being generated.

```
g77 -c -fPIC Thermo.f
g77 -shared -o ThermoPack.so Thermo.o -lg2c -lm
```

### A.3.2 Foreign Object code written in C

```
gcc -c -O -fPIC Thermo.c
gcc -shared -o ThermoPack.so Thermo.o -lm -lc
```

### A.3.3 Foreign Object code written in C++

```
g++ -c -O -fPIC Thermo.cxx
g++ -shared -o ThermoPack.so Thermo.o -lm -lc
```

## A.4 Shared object libraries for SGI IRIX64 v6.2 and later

### A.4.1 Foreign Object code written in FORTRAN 77

```
f77 -c -n32 -mips4 -O2 -KPIC Thermo.f
ld -shared -n32 -mips4 -o ThermoPack.so Thermo.o -lftn -lm
```

### A.4.2 Foreign Object code written in C

```
cc -c -n32 -mips4 -O2 -KPIC Thermo.c
ld -shared -n32 -mips4 -o ThermoPack.so Thermo.o -lm
```

### A.4.3 Foreign Object code written in C++

```
CC -c -n32 -mips4 -O2 -KPIC Thermo.cxx
ld -shared -n32 -mips4 -o ThermoPack.so Thermo.o -lC -lm
```

## A.5 Shared Object libraries for SUN Solaris v2.5 and later

Using the SUN workshop 4.2 FORTRAN, C and C++ compilers.

### A.5.1 Foreign Object code written in FORTRAN 77

```
f77 -c -O -KPIC Thermo.f
ld -dy -G -z text -o ThermoPack.so Thermo.o -lF77 -lM77 \
    -lsunmath -lm
```

### A.5.2 Foreign Object code written in C

```
cc -c -O -KPIC Thermo.c
ld -dy -G -z text -o ThermoPack.so Thermo.o -lm -lc
```

### A.5.3 Foreign Object code written in C++

```
CC -c -O -KPIC Thermo.cxx
ld -dy -G -z text -o ThermoPack.so Thermo.o -lm -lc -lC
```

## Appendix B

# Creating Dynamic Link Libraries under Windows

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This appendix explains how you can create dynamic link libraries (“DLLs”) for use with the gPROMS Foreign Object and Foreign Process Interface protocols.

We assume that the starting point for the creation of these DLLs is the Foreign Object or FPI code written in either FORTRAN, C or C++, as described in sections 2.3 and 4.4 of this manual.

## B.1 Dynamic link libraries with DIGITAL FORTRAN 5.0

To create gPROMS-compatible DLLs from source code written in FORTRAN, you need to use the DIGITAL FORTRAN 5.0 compiler. This integrates with the Microsoft Developers Studio.

The creation of the DLL involves the following steps:

1. Make your FORTRAN files suitable for communication between gPROMS and DIGITAL FORTRAN 5.0.

To do this, you need to use the ATTRIBUTES compiler directive<sup>1</sup> to specify additional properties for each of the subroutines in the DLL that will be called by gPROMS. These are:

- the `gfoi`, `gfocm`, `gfocmi`, `gfom`, `gfomd` and `gfot` subroutines for Foreign Objects;
- the `gfpi`, `gfppause`, `gfpgget`, `gfpsend`, `gfpsendm` and `gfpt` subroutines for Foreign Processes;
- the `goci`, `gocrdd`, `gocrv`, `gocfin`, `goctime`, `gocvalue`, `gocreset` and `gocct` subroutines for Output Channels.

*Do not do this with any other subroutine in your FORTRAN source!*

An example is shown in figure B.1 for the `gfocmi` subroutine of Foreign Objects (see section 2.2). The compiler directives are the lines starting with the string:

`!DEC$ ATTRIBUTES`

immediately following the initial subroutine statement.

Note that:

- All these lines start in the first column of the FORTRAN input file.

---

<sup>1</sup>The ATTRIBUTES compiler directive is explained in section 14.2.1.3 of the “DIGITAL FORTRAN 5.0 Language Reference”.

```
      subroutine gfocmi(foid, fohandle, methodname,  
+                      noinputs, inputnames, inputlengths,  
+                      inputtypes, inputderivsavailable,  
+                      inputdimsnum, inputdimsden,  
+                      inputoffsets, inputmultipliers,  
+                      status)  
!DEC$ ATTRIBUTES C, ALIAS:'gfocmi_', DLLEXPORT :: gfocmi  
!DEC$ ATTRIBUTES REFERENCE :: foid, fohandle, methodname, noinputs  
!DEC$ ATTRIBUTES REFERENCE :: inputnames, inputlengths, inputtypes  
!DEC$ ATTRIBUTES REFERENCE :: inputderivsavailable, inputdimsnum  
!DEC$ ATTRIBUTES REFERENCE :: inputdimsden, inputoffsets  
!DEC$ ATTRIBUTES REFERENCE :: inputmultipliers, status  
  
      character*256    foid, methodname, inputnames(noinputs)  
      integer          fohandle, noinputs, inputlengths(noinputs),  
+                      inputtypes(noinputs),  
+                      inputderivsavailable(noinputs),  
+                      inputdimsnum(noinputs*10),  
+                      inputdimsden(noinputs*10),  
+                      status  
      double precision inputoffsets(noinputs),  
+                      inputmultipliers(noinputs)  
  
c      *** Body of gfocmi goes here ***  
  
      return  
      end
```

Figure B.1: Example of the use of ATTRIBUTES compiler directives in DIGITAL FORTRAN 5.0.

- The first line is of the form:

```
!DEC$ ATTRIBUTES C, ALIAS:'gfocmi_', DLLEXPORT :: gfocmi
```

Note that the name of the subroutine (`gfocmi`, in this case) appears *twice*, and that, the first time, it is followed by an underscore symbol.

- The remaining lines involve the string:

```
!DEC$ ATTRIBUTES REFERENCE ::
```

followed by a list of one or more arguments of the subroutine. For instance:

```
!DEC$ ATTRIBUTES REFERENCE :: foid, fohandle, methodname, noinputs
```

It does not matter how many arguments are listed in each line provided that the line does not extend beyond column 72. However, you must ensure that each and every argument of the subroutine appears in one such line.

Examples can be found in the sample files `fo/source/fo_win32.f` and `fpi/source/fpi_win32.f` provided with the gPROMS distribution. You may wish simply to copy the relevant lines from those files into your own FORTRAN source.

2. Start up the Microsoft Developer Studio.
3. From within the **File** menu, select **New... Projects**, and choose **Win32 Dynamic Link Library** from the list of available project types. In the same dialog, provide a suitable name for your DLL as the project name. We suggest that you place the project directory under your personal gPROMS `fo` (or `fpi`) directory.
4. Using the **Project... Add to Project... Files** menu item, insert the FORTRAN file(s) defining your Foreign Object or Foreign Process Interface into the project.
5. Using the **Build... Build filename.dll** menu item, build the project and copy the resulting DLL under your `fo` (or `fpi` or `oc`) directory.

## B.2 Dynamic link libraries with Microsoft Visual C++ 5.0

To create gPROMS-compatible DLLs from source code written in C or C++, you need to use the Microsoft Visual C++ 5.0 compiler. This forms part of the Microsoft Developers Studio.

The creation of the DLL involves the following steps:

1. Start up the Microsoft Developer Studio.
2. From the **File** menu, select **New... Projects**, and choose **Win32 Dynamic Link Library** from the list of available project types. In the same dialog, provide a suitable name for your DLL as the project name. We suggest that you place the project directory under your personal gPROMS **fo** (or **fpi**) directory.
3. Using the **File... Project... Add to Project** menu item, insert the C/C++ file(s) defining your Foreign Object or Foreign Process Interface into the project.
4. We recommend that you **#include** the header files **fo/source/gFOInterface.h** (for Foreign Objects) or **fpi/source/gFPIInterface.h** (for Foreign Process Interfaces) into your project. Both of these are included in the gPROMS distribution.

If you do *not* wish to do this, then the definition of each of the procedures in the DLL that will be called by gPROMS must be “decorated” by introducing the string **\_declspec(dllexport)** between the **void** designator and the name of the procedure. The procedures that need to be modified in this way are:

- the **gfoi**, **gfocm**, **gfocmi**, **gfom**, **gfomd** and **gfot** procedures for Foreign Objects;
- the **gstart**, **gpause**, **gget**, **gsend**, **gsendm** and **gend** procedures for Foreign Processes;
- the **goci**, **gocrdd**, **gocrv**, **gocfin**, **goctime**, **gocvalue**, **gocreset** and **gocct** subroutines for Output Channels.

An example is shown in figure [B.2](#)

5. Using the **Build... Build filename.dll** menu item, build the project and copy the resulting DLL into your **fo** (or **fpi** or **oc**) directory.



```
void __declspec(dllexport) gfocmi_(  
    CHAR *FOName, INTEGER *FOHandle, CHAR *MethodName,  
    INTEGER *NoInputs, GSTRING *Names, INTEGER *Lengths,  
    INTEGER *Types, INTEGER *DerivAvail, INTEGER *InputDimensionsNum,  
    INTEGER *InputDimensionsDen, DOUBLE *InputOffsets,  
    DOUBLE *InputMultipliers, INTEGER *Status)  
{  
    /* Body of gfocmi goes here */  
}
```

Figure B.2: Example of the use of `__declspec(dllexport)` “decoration” in Microsoft Visual C++ 5.0.