

The C Routines of the Omegahat R-Java Interface

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1 Stand-alone C Routines for Java

Table 1 provides a description of some of the basic routines and macros.

<code>MUST_GET_METHOD_ID()</code>	locates the Java method identifier given a class, method name and signature.
<code>get_method_id()</code>	find the handle for the Java method identified by name and signature in one of the specified classes.
<code>get_object_class_name()</code>	invoke the equivalent of the Java expression <code>obj.getClass().getName()</code> for the specified object.
<code>get_java_class_name()</code>	invokes the <code>getName()</code> on the specified class.
<code>RS_JAVA(getSystemProperty)()</code>	C version of <code>System.getProperty(name)</code>
<code>create_Java_vm()</code>	start the JVM.
<code>RS_JAVA(terminateJava)()</code>	shutdown the JVM.
<code>getJNIEnv()</code>	get the default JNI environment (<i>JNIEnv</i>) object.
<code>getThreadJNIEnv()</code>	get the JNI environment (<i>JNIEnv</i>) object for the thread in which this C code is executing.
<code>releaseThreadJNIEnv()</code>	detach the JNI environment for this thread.
<code>getJavaVM()</code>	get the global Java Virtual Machine pointer.
<code>exists_Java_vm()</code>	has the JVM been initialized and is it still running.

Initialization

<code>initReferenceClasses()</code>	caches references to the basic reference classes used in the interface to exchange objects to and from R and OmegaHat.
<code>initializeOmegaHatManagerMethods()</code>	cache methods used to invoke calls to the <i>OmegaInterfaceManager</i> such as the method, constructor execution, etc.
<code>VMNewStringArray()</code>	create an (empty) array of strings.

Exceptions

<code>RSJava(makeExceptionMessage)()</code>	concat the specified string with a general message announcing a Java error/exception.
<code>get_Java_exception()</code>	Determines whether an exception has occurred and is pending and clears it if there is one, returning the error message associated with that, generated from <code>get_Java_exception_message()</code> .
<code>java_method_exception()</code>	create a message indicating that a method of the specified name could not found.
<code>get_Java_exception_class()</code>	compute the class of an exception
<code>get_Java_exception_message()</code>	extract the message from a Java exception and create a version that has the general announcement about a Java exception/error.
<code>throw_Java_exception()</code>	throw a java exception of the specified class (or by default Exception) with the given message. This is equivalent to <code>throw new Exception(msg)</code> or some other class of exception.
<code>clear_Java_exception()</code>	removes and discards the pending exception.

Invocation via OmegaHat

<code>callConstructorMethod()</code>	have OmegaHat invoke a constructor, given the class-name and array of arguments and other information.
<code>callGenericOmegaMethod()</code>	have OmegaHat invoke a Java method given the target object or class, method name, arguments and other information such as method signature, etc.
<code>evalOmegaExpression()</code>	have the OmegaHat interpreter evaluate the specified string, optionally given a collection of named objects to substitute into the expression.
<code>getInterfaceManager()</code>	retrieve the single <i>OmegaInterfaceManager</i> which is the OmegaHat interpreter, evaluator and reference manager.

<i>MetaForeignReferenceClass</i>	C-level handle for the Java class <i>org.omegahat.Interfaces.NativeInterface.MetaForeignReference</i>
<i>NullObject</i>	The Java null object.
<i>OmegaAnonymousReferenceClass</i>	C-level handle for the Java class <i>org.omegahat.Interfaces.NativeInterface.AnonymousReference</i>
<i>OmegaNamedReferenceClass</i>	C-level handle for the Java class <i>org.omegahat.Interfaces.NativeInterface.NamedReference</i>
<i>OmegahatInterfaceManagerClass</i>	C-level handle for the class of the Omegahat interpreter/evaluator. (The actual class can be specified by the user.)
<i>ReferenceClassNameMethodID</i>	the <code>getClassName()</code> identifier for the <i>InterfaceReference</i> class.
<i>ReferenceNameMethodID</i>	handle for the <code>key()</code> method of the class <i>InterfaceReference</i> class.

Table 2: Constants & Global Variables

2 Routines From Within R

IS()	equivalent to the R function <i>inherits()</i> , checking whether an R object's list of classes contains a specific class name (string).
JavaObjectArray()	create an empty Java array of objects.
JavaStringArray()	create an empty Java array of String objects.
ManagerFindClass()	Calls the Omegahat evaluator's <i>findClass()</i> method to retrieve a <i>Class</i> object using the different class lists it manages (i.e. including dynamically generated classes, locally added classpath elements, etc.) and using partial name matching.
RJava_createCall()	internal routine that creates a R function call object that can then be evaluated. It takes a list of arguments and the function object that is to be called.
RJava_defaultHandlerFunction()	returns the R object (not a copy of it) that is registered as the foreign reference manager that brokers the calls to functions on the foreign references.
RJava_setDefaultHandlerFunction()	sets the object that is to be considered the foreign reference manager and to which method requests on the foreign references should be sent.
RJava_invokeRReferenceMethod()	passes the given list of arguments to the currently registered foreign reference manager which then extracts the reference identifier, method name and arguments and calls that function.
RS_ConstructorJavaCall()	R/S entry point called from <i>.JavaConstructor()</i> to dispatch a call to the Omegahat interpreter to create a Java object, passing the class name or reference to the object and a list of arguments.
RS_JAVA(MethodConverter)()	converter routine that translates a Java <code>java.lang.reflect.Method</code> or <code>java.lang.reflect.Constructor</code> to an R object.
RS_JAVA(PropertyConverter)()	this converts a Java <i>Properties</i> object into an R named character vector.
RS_JAVA(RealVariableConverter)()	an example of how to write a C-level converter from Java to R, this one converting an Omegahat <i>RealVariable</i> to an R numeric vector.
RS_JAVA(ReferenceClassMatch)()	a built-in converter matching routine that returns true if the specified Java object is an Omegahat reference object.
RS_JAVA(ReferenceConverter)()	converts an Omegahat reference object (to a Java object stored in one of the Anonymous or Named databases) to an R object.
RS_JAVA(functionConverterMatch)()	calls the R function registered to determine whether the other function registered with it is capable of converting the particular Java object.
RS_JAVA(RfunctionConverter)()	calls the R function registered to perform conversion from Java to R.
RS_JAVA(callRConverterFunction)()	routine called by the previous two to invoke the call to the R function, giving it the java object reference and class name.
RS_JAVA(addStringValue)()	inserts an R character vector of length 1 created by copying a Java <i>String</i> into a specified element of an R list.
RS_JAVA(addStringValues)()	inserts an R character vector created by copying a Java array of <i>Strings</i> into a specified element of an R list.
RS_JAVA(isJVMInitialized)()	query whether the JVM has been started and is still running.
RS_OmegahatExpression()	R/S entry point called from <i>.OmegahatExpression()</i> to evaluate an Omegahat expression represented as a

<i>FOREIGN REFERENCE CLASSNAME SLOT</i>	index of the <code>className</code> field of an R foreign reference object
<i>FOREIGN REFERENCE CLASS SLOT</i>	index of the <code>target classes</code> field of an R foreign reference object
<i>FOREIGN REFERENCE ID SLOT</i>	index of the <code>name</code> or <code>key</code> field of an R foreign reference object
<i>ManagerAssignMethodID</i>	Java method handle for the <code>assign()</code> method which puts a Java object into an Omegahat database, either anonymous or named depending on the arguments.
<i>FromJavaConverters</i>	the linked list of elements for converting from Java objects to R objects.
<i>ToJavaConverters</i>	the linked list of elements for converting from R objects to Java objects.
<i>BaseOmegahatReferenceClass</i>	name of the R class representing a generic (i.e. neither anonymous or named) Omegahat reference object
<i>AnonymousOmegahatReferenceClass</i>	name of the R class representing an anonymous Omegahat reference
<i>AnonymousRReferenceClass</i>	name of the R class representing an anonymous R foreign reference C-level class identifier for the Java <code>AnonymousRReference</code>
<i>NamedOmegahatReferenceClass</i>	name of the R class representing a named Omegahat reference
<i>NamedRReferenceClass</i>	name of the R class representing a named (non-anonymous) R foreign reference

Table 3: R-Java Constants

<code>Java_org_omegahat_R_Java_RForeignReference_eval()</code>	the primary routine that performs the callbacks to R functions. This is usually called by the methods of classes dynamically generated via the <i>ForeignClass-InterfaceGenerator</i> to implement a Java interface using an R object and its functions.
<code>Java_org_omegahat_R_Java_RManualFunctionActionListener_actionPerformed()</code>	a manually created example of calling an R function to implement a Java method.
<code>getREventCommand()</code>	

Table 4: JNI Native Methods