

# INTELLIGENT QUERY SYSTEM

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## Part I

## 1 Context

This document is the Technical Reference manual of the Intelligent Query Subsystem (IQS) of the SOUR software system.

It describes the most important implementation issues concerning IQS as well as providing enough information for those in charge with maintenance of the IQS module.

This text has a bottom-up style of presentation. It starts by describing certain lowlevel implementation aspects, and proceeds towards interface issues. However, the interface details covered in this document are only the ones sitting below the Visual Basic/C frontier, that is, only those C implemented functionalities directly callable by Visual Basic will be discussed.

This bottom-up approach is a convenient way of matching the various implementation phases of the IQS module, reflecting many of the decisions taken and even some of the constraints found along the development. Therefore, it serves also as a guideline through the implementation process.

Whenever considered convenient, a little refreshing on some design and architectural aspects will be provided for a better understanding of the implementation decision being described.

IQS *Functional Specifications & Architecture* document [IQS-2.1] should be carefully read in order to better understand many details of this text.

## 1.1 Document Layout

The first implementation issues to be discussed are those related to the parsing mechanism for the Interface Query Language  $(IQL)^1$ . It seems logical that before starting with the implementation of the software layer in charge with retrieving information from the repository, a way to recognize and handle query sentences be provided.

Once the parsing problems are solved (at least in what concerns to low-level C code; note that interface issues are deferred to later treatment, reflecting our bottom-up approach) it is time to think on the data structures<sup>2</sup> which keep and handle the information retrieved. A set of functions well suited to manipulate each particular data structures will also be presented.

After that, the IQS API is described. The IQS API is a set of functions built around the SOURLIB and exclusively concerned with seeking for the objects on the repository obeying to the present query.

Having the parsing details solved, and the necessary functionalities to access repository, the Semantic Actions can then be presented.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>refer to **5 Interface Query Language** on [IQS-2.1].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>recall **7 IQS data structure design** on [IQS-2.1].

Some implementation details intimately connected with the interaction Visual Basic Layer/C Layer will then be discussed. In particular, the way in which the Visual Basic Layer and the C Layer exchange information). Again, a set of specialized data structures and functions will be put forward.

Finally, a global cross reference for all the IQS module functions will be presented. This cross reference shows the dependences between the IQS Module functions and any other SOURLIB Modules.

#### 1.2 IQS source files

Before introducing the IQS Software Layers, it is perhaps convenient to offer a brief perspective on the relations between the source files implementing those layers. In a way this disagrees with the above established bottom-up approach, because the tasks these files implement are, for the moment, unknown. On the other hand, it will help to better understand the integration and cooperation of the Software parts of the IQS module.

The below diagram shows the major dependences between the most important files specific to the IQS module. A full arrow means the source file is included in the target file and a dashed one means that the target is generated using the source description. No relation with files from other modules of the SOUR project, as well as with Visual C++ 1.5 libraries is shown.

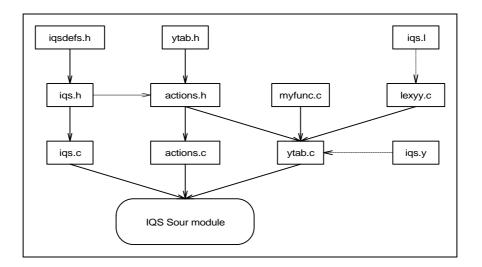


Figure 1 - Relevant dependencies between files of the IQS module

A brief description of each file follows:

- iqsdefs.h is a header file defining almost every IQS specific constants;
- **ytab.h** is a header file automatically generated by Yacc; Yacc is a tool that accepts a grammar description and generates C parsing code for that grammar<sup>3</sup>;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>see **2.2 The iqs.y file (using Yacc)** for more details about this subject.

a full description of **ytab.h** is postponed until section **2.3 Lexer-Parser** communication;

- **iqs.l** is the source file used by Lex to generate **lexyy.c**; Lex is a tool that accepts pattern descriptions and generates C code implementing a scanner for those patterns<sup>4</sup>;
- **iqs.h** is the header file of the IQS API<sup>5</sup>, defining all the necessary macros, data types, global variables and function prototypes, in order to retrieve information from the repository and exchanging it with the *interface* layer;
- **actions.h** is the header file containing all the definitions needed to implement the semantic actions<sup>6</sup> for the grammar described in **iqs.y**;
- **myfunc.c**<sup>7</sup>, contains basic (re)definitions helping the lexical scanning process to work over a string instead of a file;
- **lexyy.c** is the lexical analyzer automatically generated by Lex using the **iqs.l** description;
- **iqs.c** is the file implementing the IQS API.
- actions.c contains the semantic actions code for the grammar described in iqs.y;
- **ytab.c** is the parser automatically generated by Yacc based on the **iqs.y** description;
- **iqs.y** is the source file used by Yacc to produce **ytab.c** and **ytab.h**.

<sup>5</sup>see also section **5** The IQS API (iqs.c) for a complete description.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>refer to section **2.1 The iqs.l file (using Lex)**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>see section 6 The IQS Semantic Actions API (actions.c).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>refer to **3.3 The myfunc.c redefinitions file**.

## Part II

## 2 IQL Parsing

During the IQS design phase, two basic operation modes<sup>8</sup> evolved, reflecting two distinct ways of querying the repository:

- the **Assisted Mode**, providing for a permanent syntactic and semantic assistance as well as an exclusively interactive way of query building;
- the **Batch Mode**, less user-friendly but best suited to those users wishing to solve large sets of queries at once and possessing a comprehensive knowledge of the repository structure.

These two operation modes imply two Interface Query Languages<sup>9</sup>, designed to cope with the specific demands of each mode, but, at the same time, preserving a minimal degree of compatibility between them.

The formal description of each IQLs is naturally provided by defining its grammar. One advantage of this kind of description is the possibility of using tools allowing for the automatic generation of C code which implements the parsing mechanism for "sentences" obeying to that grammar.

Having two grammars (each one for a specific operation mode, and so for a specific IQL) does not necessarily means of the need for two parsers. It is advantageous to bring together, if possible, both grammars into a single one in order to generate a unique parser: one should not forget that the generated C parsing code must be converted to a WINDOWS 3.1 DLL and therefore it is much easier to deal with only one parser than with two distinct ones, probably sharing many data structures and functions (both parsers would have been generated by the same tool) and rising conflicts hard to solve in automatic generated code environments (to modify generated code can be hard and error prone).

The tools used to generate the C code in charge with syntactical recognition of queries made in both the Assisted and Batch IQL flavors were **Lex & Yacc**. Therefore, the next sections describe the procedure followed in order to have those tools to produce the parsing code for both IQLs (for a matter of convenience we will refer from now on to just one IQL: the one resulting from joining the Batch Mode and the Assisted Mode variants).

Before that, it should be remembered the role of the so-called *Templates*<sup>4</sup> (see Figure 2): these *minimal efficient queries* provide (in design terms) for the basic description of the set of valid tokens Lex must recognize and the set of valid combinations Yacc must deal with. These combinations match already the IQL Batch Mode grammar branch. The IQL Assisted Mode grammar flavor appends to those combinations only the ones enough to deal with the problems of redundancy and incompleteness.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>refer to **4 IQS operation modes** from [IQS-2.1].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>refer to **5 Interface Query Language** in [IQS-2.1].

```
// Interface Query Language Kernel Templates
NUMBER TEMPLATE1 GET ALL CLASS="class" <AttributeDescription1>*
NUMBER TEMPLATE2 GET ALL CLASS="class" <AttributeDescription2>*
NUMBER TEMPLATE3 GET ALL CLASS="class" <AttributeDescription1>*
                              [ AND IS COMPOUND
                              <CompoundDescription>* ]
NUMBER TEMPLATE4 GET ALL CLASS="class" <AttributeDescription1>*
                              [ AND BELONG TO COMPOUND
                              <CompoundDescription>* ]
// Interface Query Language non-Kernel Templates
NUMBER TEMPLATE5 <Query> [ LINKED BY "relation" [ WITH <Query> ] ]
NUMBER TEMPLATE6 <Query> [ LINKED TO <Query> [ BY "relation" ] ]
NUMBER TEMPLATE7 <Query> [ OR <Query> ]
NUMBER TEMPLATE8 <Query> [ RESTRICTED TO <AttributeDescription1>+ ]
// common definitions
<AttributeDescription1> = AND ( <GenDescp> | <FacDescp> | <AttDescp> )
<GenDescp> = GENNAME="genname" AND GENVALUE="genvalue"
<FacDescp> = FACNAME="facname" AND FACVALUE="facvalue" AND CONCEPTDIST>=<Dist>
<AttDescp> = ATTNAME="attname" AND ATTVALUE="attvalue"
<AttributeDescription1>* (AND <PhaDescp>)* )*
                         [ AND <SlcDescp> <AttributeDescription1>* ]
<SlcDescp> = SLCNAME="slcname"
<PhaDescp> = PHANAME="phaname"
<CompoundDescription> = <AttributeDescription1>* (AND <CrlDescp>)*
                       <AttributeDescription1>*
<CrlDescp> = CRLNAME="crlname"
<Dist> = NUMBER%
<Query> = #NUMBER
NUMBER = [0-9] +
```

Figure 2 - The Templates

## 2.1 The iqs.I file (using Lex)

The contents of **iqs.l** describing to Lex the acceptable tokens for the unified IQL grammar Yacc will handle, are:

```
8{
/* definition section */
int yylook();
int yyback(int *, int);
8}
/* some "macros" */
                 [Tt][Ee][Mm][Pp][L1][Aa][Tt][Ee][1]
Tpl1
Tpl2
                 [Tt][Ee][Mm][Pp][L1][Aa][Tt][Ee][2]
Tpl3
                 [Tt][Ee][Mm][Pp][L1][Aa][Tt][Ee][3]
                 [Tt][Ee][Mm][Pp][L1][Aa][Tt][Ee][4]
Tpl4
Tp15
                 [Tt][Ee][Mm][Pp][L1][Aa][Tt][Ee][5]
Tpl6
                [Tt][Ee][Mm][Pp][L1][Aa][Tt][Ee][6]
Tpl7
                [Tt][Ee][Mm][Pp][L1][Aa][Tt][Ee][7]
                 [Tt][Ee][Mm][Pp][L1][Aa][Tt][Ee][8]
Tp18
GetAllClass
                [Gg][Ee][Tt][ ]+[Aa][L1][L1][ ]+[Cc][L1][Aa][Ss][Ss]
And
                 [Aa][Nn][Dd]
GenName
                [Gg][Ee][Nn][Nn][Aa][Mm][Ee]
FacName
                [Ff][Aa][Cc][Nn][Aa][Mm][Ee]
AttName
                [Aa][Tt][Tt][Nn][Aa][Mm][Ee]
GenValue
                [Gg][Ee][Nn][Vv][Aa][L1][Uu][Ee]
                [Ff][Aa][Cc][Vv][Aa][L1][Uu][Ee]
FacValue
AttValue
                 [Aa][Tt][Tt][Vv][Aa][L1][Uu][Ee]
IsCompound
                 [Ii][Ss][]+[Cc][Oo][Mm][Pp][Oo][Uu][nN][dD]
BelongToCompound [Bb][Ee][L1][Oo][Nn][Gg][ ]+[Tt][Oo][ ]+
[Cc][Oo][Mm][Pp][Oo][Uu][nN][dD]
CrlName
                [Cc][Rr][L1][Nn][Aa][Mm][Ee]
                [Rr][Ee][Ss][Tt][Rr][Ii][Cc][Tt][Ee][Dd][ ]+[Tt][Oo]
RestrictedTo
Тd
                [\.\+\/\*\@\;\:\\\(\)\_\-0-9a-zA-Z]+
                 #[0-9]+
CardNumber
%s LISTOFIDENT
                /* specific state to handle lists of identifiers interleaved by
white space */
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/* rules section: pattern { action } */
<LISTOFIDENT>{Id} {strcpy(yylval.STR,yytext);return(IDENT);}
/* tokens marking the unsuccessful or successful end of a query; */
/\,{}^{\star} they are not kept in the final query string {}^{\star}/
[Aa][Bb][Oo][Rr][Tt] {return(ABORT);}
[Cc][Hh][Ee][Cc][Kk]
                       {return(CHECK);}
/* building blocks of any Template */
{Tpl1}
                 {yylval.INT = TEMPLATE1;return(TEMPLATE1);}
{Tp12}
                 {yylval.INT = TEMPLATE2;return(TEMPLATE2);}
                 {yylval.INT = TEMPLATE3;return(TEMPLATE3);}
{Tpl3}
{Tpl4}
                 {yylval.INT = TEMPLATE4;return(TEMPLATE4);}
{Tpl5}
                 {yylval.INT = TEMPLATE5;return(TEMPLATE5);}
                 {yylval.INT = TEMPLATE6;return(TEMPLATE6);}
{Tpl6}
                  {yylval.INT = TEMPLATE7;return(TEMPLATE7);}
{Tp17}
{Tpl8}
                  {yylval.INT = TEMPLATE8;return(TEMPLATE8);}
{GetAllClass}
                 {return(GETALLCLASS);}
```

```
{And}
                 {return(AND);}
{GenName}
                 {yylval.INT = GENNAME;return(GENNAME);}
{FacName}
                {yylval.INT = FACNAME;return(FACNAME);}
{AttName}
                {yylval.INT = ATTNAME; return(ATTNAME); }
{GenValue}
               {yylval.INT = GENVALUE;return(GENVALUE);}
{FacValue}
               {yylval.INT = FACVALUE;return(FACVALUE);}
{AttValue}
                {yylval.INT = ATTVALUE;return(ATTVALUE);}
{IsCompound} {return(ISCOMPOUND);}
{BelongToCompound} {return(BELONGTOCOMPOUND);}
{CrlName} {yylval.INT = CRLNAME;return(CRLNAME);}
[Oo][Rr]
                {return(OR);}
{RestrictedTo} {return(RESTRICTEDTO);}
[L1][Ii][Nn][Kk][Ee][Dd][ ]+[Bb][Yy] {return(LINKEDBY);}
[Ww][Ii][Tt][Hh] {return(WITH);}
[L1][Ii][Nn][Kk][Ee][Dd][ ]+[Tt][Oo] {return(LINKEDTO);}
[Bb][Yy]
          {return(BY);}
[Pp][Hh][Aa][Nn][Aa][Mm][Ee] {yylval.INT = PHANAME; return(PHANAME); }
[Ss][L1][Cc][Nn][Aa][Mm][Ee] {yylval.INT = SLCNAME; return(SLCNAME); }
[Cc][Oo][Nn][Cc][Ee][Pp][Tt][Dd][Ii][Ss][Tt] {return (CONDIST);}
{CardNumber} {yylval.INT = atoi(yytext+1); return(NUMBER);}
[0-9]+[%]
                 {yytext[yyleng-1]='\0'; yylval.INT = atoi(yytext); return
(NUMBER); }
{Id}
                 {strcpy(yylval.STR,yytext);return(IDENT);}
" = "
                {return(yytext[0]);}
" > "
                {return(yytext[0]);}
";"
                {return(yytext[0]);}
","
                {return(yytext[0]);}
"\|"
               {return(yytext[0]);}
...
                 {return(yytext[0]);}
<LISTOFIDENT>"\"" {BEGIN INITIAL;return(yytext[0]);}
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                 {BEGIN LISTOFIDENT; return(yytext[0]); }
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/* no main; Yacc generated code will call yylex */
```

As it will be seen, the Lexical Analyzer which can be generated from this file does not work alone, but cooperatively with a Yacc generated parser.

#### 2.2 The iqs.y file (using Yacc)

The unified grammar for both the Assisted Mode and Batch Mode IQLs is obtained by moving up the root of both grammars to a common level. This is feasible because the set of valid tokens for both grammars is exactly the same. Only the possible valid sequences are different.

Every function implementing a semantic action has the prefix iqsSA, that is, IQS Semantic Action<sup>10</sup>.

The contents of file **iqs.y**, with a description of the unified IQL grammar acceptable by Yacc, follow:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>to know more about the Semantic Actions refer to chapter **6** The IQS Semantic Actions API (actions.c).

```
8{
/* definition section */
#include "actions.h" /* semantic actions module header */
8}
/* possible types for yylval (the token recognized by Lex) */
%union {
   int INT;
   char STR[255];
}
/* type definition for each grammar token */
%token <INT> TEMPLATE1 TEMPLATE2 TEMPLATE3 TEMPLATE4 TEMPLATE5 TEMPLATE6
            TEMPLATE7 TEMPLATE8
%token <INT> GENNAME ATTNAME FACNAME GENVALUE ATTVALUE FACVALUE SLCNAME PHANAME
            CRLNAME NUMBER
%token <STR> IDENT
%token ABORT CHECK
%token GETALLCLASS AND CONDIST ISCOMPOUND BELONGTOCOMPOUND OR RESTRICTEDTO
%token LINKEDBY WITH LINKEDTO BY
/* type for the non-terminal ListOfIdent */
%type <STR> ListOfIDENT
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/* rules section */
/* ROOT of the unified grammar */
    : batchIqs
Iqs
       assistIqs
       :
/* BATCH mode branch */
             batchIqs batchTemplate1 { iqsSAcheck(); }
batchIqs :
             batchIqs batchTemplate2 { iqsSAcheck(); }
             batchIqs batchTemplate3 { iqsSAcheck(); }
             batchIqs batchTemplate4 { iqsSAcheck(); }
             batchIqs batchTemplate5 { iqsSAcheck(); }
             batchIqs batchTemplate6 { iqsSAcheck(); }
             batchIqs batchTemplate7 { iqsSAcheck(); }
             batchIqs batchTemplate8 { iqsSAcheck(); }
              batchTemplate1 { iqsSAcheck(); }
             batchTemplate2 { iqsSAcheck(); }
             batchTemplate3 { iqsSAcheck(); }
             batchTemplate4 { iqsSAcheck(); }
             batchTemplate5 { iqsSAcheck(); }
             batchTemplate6 { iqsSAcheck(); }
             batchTemplate7 { iqsSAcheck(); }
             batchTemplate8 { iqsSAcheck(); }
```

```
/* ASSIST mode branch */
assistIqs: assistTemplate1
        assistTemplate2
        assistTemplate3
            assistTemplate4
        assistTemplate5
        assistTemplate6
            assistTemplate7
            assistTemplate8
            CHECK { iqsSAcheck(); }
        ABORT { iqsSAabort(); }
        ;
/* COMMON rules */
ListOfIDENT : IDENT {strcpy($$,$1);}
         ListOfIDENT IDENT {strcat($1," ");strcat($1,$2);strcpy($$,$1);}
           ;
/*----Template1 BATCH mode rule-----*/
batchTemplate1 : NUMBER { batchIqsSAcheckIndex($1); } TEMPLATE1
                     { iqsSAinitGetAllClass($3); } GETALLCLASS '=' '\"'
                     ListOfIDENT '\"' { iqsSAgetAoidsBellowClass($8); }
                     batchTemplate11
                ;
batchTemplate11 :
                AND batchAttrDesc
                ;
batchAttrDesc : batchGenDesc batchTemplate11
               batchFacDesc batchTemplate11
                  batchAttDesc batchTemplate11
               ;
             : GENNAME { iqsSAafterAttrTypeChoice($1); } '=' '\"'
batchGenDesc
                   ListOfIDENT '\"' { iqsSAgetAttrValues($1,$5); } AND
                   GENVALUE '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"'
                   { iqsSAgetAoidsByValue($9, $5, $12, -1); }
              ;
batchFacDesc
                   FACNAME { iqsSAafterAttrTypeChoice($1); } '=' '\"'
              :
                   ListOfIDENT '\"' { iqsSAgetAttrValues($1,$5); } AND
                   FACVALUE '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"'
                   AND CONDIST '>''=' NUMBER
                   { iqsSAgetAoidsByValue($9, $5, $12, $18); }
               ;
             : ATTNAME { iqsSAafterAttrTypeChoice($1); } '=' '\"'
batchAttDesc
                   ListOfIDENT '\"' { iqsSAgetAttrValues($1,$5); } AND
                   ATTVALUE '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"'
                   { iqsSAgetAoidsByValue($9, $5, $12, -1); }
               ;
```

/\*-----Templatel ASSISTED mode rule-----\*/ assistTemplate1 : TEMPLATE1 { iqsSAinitGetAllClass(\$1); } TEMPLATE1 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' { iqsSAgetAoidsBellowClass(\$5); } TEMPLATE1 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND AttrDesc ; AttrDesc : AttrName AttrNameAnd AttrDesc AttrNameEqId AttrNameEgIdAnd AttrDesc AttrNameEqIdAndAttrValueEqId AttrNameEqIdAndAttrValueEqIdAnd AttrDesc ; GENNAME { iqsSAafterAttrTypeChoice(\$1); } AttrName : FACNAME { iqsSAafterAttrTypeChoice(\$1); } ATTNAME { iqsSAafterAttrTypeChoice(\$1); } ; AttrNameAnd : GENNAME AND FACNAME AND ATTNAME AND ; AttrNameEqId: GENNAME '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' {iqsSAgetAttrValues(\$1,\$4); } FACNAME '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' {iqsSAgetAttrValues(\$1,\$4); } ATTNAME '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' {iqsSAgetAttrValues(\$1,\$4); } ; AttrNameEqIdAnd: GENNAME '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND FACNAME '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND ATTNAME '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND ; GENNAME '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND GENVALUE AttrNameEqIdAndAttrValueEqId: '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' { iqsSAgetAoidsByValue(\$7, \$4, \$10, -1); } FACNAME '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND FACVALUE Т '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND CONDIST '>''=' NUMBER { iqsSAgetAoidsByValue(\$7, \$4, \$10, -1);} ATTNAME '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND ATTVALUE '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' { iqsSAgetAoidsByValue(\$7, \$4, \$10, -1); } ; GENNAME '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND AttrNameEgIdAndAttrValueEgIdAnd: GENVALUE '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND FACNAME '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND FACVALUE '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND CONDIST '>''=' NUMBER AND ATTNAME '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND ATTVALUE '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND ;

/*	Template2 BATCH mode rule*/
batchTemplate2	<pre>NUMBER { batchIqsSAcheckIndex(\$1); } TEMPLATE2     { iqsSAinitGetAllClass(\$3); } GETALLCLASS '=' '\"'     ListOfIDENT '\"' { iqsSAgetAoidsBellowClass(\$8); }     batchTemplate22 ;</pre>
batchTemplate22	:   AND batcht2AttrDesc ;
batcht2AttrDesc	<pre>batchGenDesc batchTemplate22 batchFacDesc batchTemplate22 batchAttDesc batchTemplate22 batchSlcDesc batchTemplate11 batchPhaDesc batchTemplate22;</pre>
batchSlcDesc	<pre>SLCNAME { iqsSAafterAttrTypeChoice(\$1); } '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' { iqsSAgetAoidsBySlc(\$5); } ;</pre>
batchPhaDesc	<pre>PHANAME { iqsSAafterAttrTypeChoice(\$1); } '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' { iqsSAgetSlcsAndAoidsByPha(\$5); } ;</pre>
/*	Template2 ASSISTED mode rule*/
assistTemplate2	<pre>: TEMPLATE2 { iqsSAinitGetAllClass(\$1); }   TEMPLATE2 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"'     { iqsSAgetAoidsBellowClass(\$5); }   TEMPLATE2 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND     t2AttrDesc ;</pre>
t2AttrDesc :             ;	AttrName AttrNameAnd t2AttrDesc AttrNameEqId AttrNameEqIdAnd t2AttrDesc AttrNameEqIdAndAttrValueEqId AttrNameEqIdAndAttrValueEqIdAnd t2AttrDesc SlcDesc PhaDesc
SlcDesc :       ;	<pre>SLCNAME { iqsSAafterAttrTypeChoice(\$1); } SLCNAME AND t2AttrDesc SLCNAME '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' { iqsSAgetAoidsBySlc(\$4); } SLCNAME '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND t2AttrDesc</pre>
PhaDesc :     ;	<pre>PHANAME { iqsSAafterAttrTypeChoice(\$1); } PHANAME AND t2AttrDesc PHANAME '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' { iqsSAgetSlcsAndAoidsByPha(\$4); } PHANAME '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND t2AttrDesc</pre>

/*	Template3 BATCH mode rule*/
batchTemplate3	<pre>NUMBER { batchlqsSAcheckIndex(\$1); } TEMPLATE3 { iqsSAinitGetAllClass(\$3); } GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' { iqsSAgetAoidsBellowClass(\$8); } batchTemplate33 ;</pre>
batchTemplate33	<pre>: AND batchAttrDesc batchTemplate333 ANDISCOMPOUND { iqsSAafterIsCompoundPressed();} batchTemplate3333;</pre>
batchTemplate333	<pre>:    ANDISCOMPOUND { iqsSAafterIsCompoundPressed();}    batchTemplate3333 ;</pre>
batchTemplate3333	:   AND batchCAttrDesc ;
batchCAttrDesc	<pre>: batchGenDesc batchTemplate3333   batchFacDesc batchTemplate3333   batchAttDesc batchTemplate3333   batchCrlDesc batchTemplate3333</pre>
<pre>batchCrlDesc : ;</pre>	CRLNAME { iqsSAafterAttrTypeChoice(\$1); } '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' { iqsSAgetAoidsByCaractRel(\$5); }
/*	Template3 ASSISTED mode rule*/
assistTemplate3	<pre>: TEMPLATE3 { iqsSAinitGetAllClass(\$1); }   TEMPLATE3 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"'     { iqsSAgetAoidsBellowClass(\$5); }   TEMPLATE3 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND     AttrDesc   TEMPLATE3 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND     AttrDescBeforeC ISCOMPOUND     { iqsSAafterIsCompoundPressed(); }   TEMPLATE3 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND     AttrDescBeforeC ISCOMPOUND AND CAttrDesc   TEMPLATE3 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND     AttrDescBeforeC ISCOMPOUND AND CAttrDesc   TEMPLATE3 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND     ISCOMPOUND { iqsSAafterIsCompoundPressed(); }   TEMPLATE3 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND     ISCOMPOUND { iqsSAafterIsCompoundPressed(); }   TEMPLATE3 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND     ISCOMPOUND AND CAttrDesc ; </pre>
AttrDescBeforeC	<pre>: AttrNameAnd   AttrNameAnd AttrDescBeforeC   AttrNameEqIdAnd   AttrNameEqIdAnd AttrDescBeforeC   AttrNameEqIdAndAttrValueEqIdAnd   AttrNameEqIdAndAttrValueEqIdAnd AttrDescBeforeC ;</pre>

CAttrDesc :                 ;	AttrName AttrNameAnd CAttrDesc AttrNameEqId AttrNameEqIdAnd CAttrDesc AttrNameEqIdAndAttrValueEqId AttrNameEqIdAndAttrValueEqIdAnd CAttrDesc CRLNAME { iqsSAafterAttrTypeChoice(\$1); } CRLNAME AND CAttrDesc CRLNAME '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' { iqsSAgetAoidsByCaractRel(\$4); } CRLNAME '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND CAttrDesc
/*	Template4 BATCH mode rule*/
batchTemplate4	<pre>: NUMBER { batchIqsSAcheckIndex(\$1); } TEMPLATE4     { iqsSAinitGetAllClass(\$3); } GETALLCLASS '=' '\"'     ListOfIDENT '\"' { iqsSAgetAoidsBellowClass(\$8); }     batchTemplate44 ;</pre>
batchTemplate44	<pre>:     AND batchAttrDesc batchTemplate444     ANDBELONGTOCOMPOUND     { iqsSAafterBelongToCompoundPressed(); }     batchTemplate3333 ;</pre>
batchTemplate444	<pre>:     ANDBELONGTOCOMPOUND     { iqsSAafterBelongToCompoundPressed(); }     batchTemplate3333 ;</pre>
/*	Template4 ASSISTED mode rule*/
assistTemplate4	<pre>: TEMPLATE4 { iqsSAinitGetAllClass(\$1); } ! TEMPLATE4 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"'     { iqsSAgetAoidsBellowClass(\$5); } ! TEMPLATE4 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND     AttrDesc ! TEMPLATE4 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND     AttrDesc BeforeC BELONGTOCOMPOUND     { iqsSAafterBelongToCompoundPressed(); } ! TEMPLATE4 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND     AttrDescBeforeC BELONGTOCOMPOUND AND CAttrDesc ! TEMPLATE4 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"'     BELONGTOCOMPOUND     { iqsSAafterBelongToCompoundPressed(); } ! TEMPLATE4 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"'     BELONGTOCOMPOUND     { iqsSAafterBelongToCompoundPressed(); } ! TEMPLATE4 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"'     BELONGTOCOMPOUND     { iqsSAafterBelongToCompoundPressed(); } ! TEMPLATE4 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"'     BELONGTOCOMPOUND     { iqsSAafterBelongToCompoundPressed(); } ! TEMPLATE4 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"'     BELONGTOCOMPOUND     { iqsSAafterBelongToCompoundPressed(); } ! TEMPLATE4 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"'     BELONGTOCOMPOUND     { iqsSAafterBelongToCompoundPressed(); } ! TEMPLATE4 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"'     BELONGTOCOMPOUND AND CAttrDesc ; </pre>

/\*-----Template5 BATCH mode rule-----\*/ batchTemplate5 : NUMBER { batchIqsSAcheckIndex(\$1); } TEMPLATE5 { iqsSAinitQuery(\$3); } NUMBER { iqsSAgetAoidsFromQuery(\$5); } batchTemplate55 ; batchTemplate55 : LINKEDBY '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' { iqsSAgetSourcesByLink(\$3); } batchTemplate555 ; batchTemplate555 : WITH NUMBER { #ifdef \_\_DOS\_\_ iqsSAgetSourcesByLinkAndSinks(iqsState.iqsLNKNames.names,\$2); #endif } ; /\*-----Template5 ASSISTED mode rule-----\*/ assistTemplate5 : TEMPLATE5 { iqsSAinitQuery(\$1); } TEMPLATE5 NUMBER { iqsSAgetAoidsFromQuery(\$2); } TEMPLATE5 NUMBER LINKEDBY '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' { iqsSAgetSourcesByLink(\$5); } TEMPLATE5 NUMBER LINKEDBY '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' WITH NUMBER { iqsSAgetSourcesByLinkAndSinks(\$5,\$8); } ; /\*-----Template6 BATCH mode rule-----\*/ batchTemplate6 : NUMBER { batchIqsSAcheckIndex(\$1); } TEMPLATE6 { iqsSAinitQuery(\$3); } NUMBER { iqsSAgetAoidsFromQuery(\$5); } batchTemplate66 ; batchTemplate66 : LINKEDTO NUMBER { iqsSAgetSourcesAndLinksBySinks(\$2); } batchTemplate666 ; batchTemplate666 : BY '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' { iqsSAgetSourcesByLink(\$3); } /\*-----Template6 ASSISTED mode rule-----\*/ assistTemplate6 : TEMPLATE6 { iqsSAinitQuery(\$1); } TEMPLATE6 NUMBER { iqsSAgetAoidsFromQuery(\$2); } TEMPLATE6 NUMBER LINKEDTO NUMBER { iqsSAgetSourcesAndLinksBySinks(\$4); } TEMPLATE6 NUMBER LINKEDTO NUMBER BY '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' { iqsSAgetSourcesByLink(\$7); } ;

```
/*-----Template7 BATCH mode rule-----*/
batchTemplate7 : NUMBER { batchIqsSAcheckIndex($1); } TEMPLATE7
                   { iqsSAinitQuery($3); } NUMBER
                   { iqsSAgetAoidsFromQuery($5); } batchTemplate77
               ;
batchTemplate77
              :
               OR NUMBER { iqsSAqueryUnion($2); }
               ;
/*-----Template7 ASSISTED mode rule-----*/
assistTemplate7 :
                  TEMPLATE7 { iqsSAinitQuery($1); }
               TEMPLATE7 NUMBER { iqsSAgetAoidsFromQuery($2); }
               TEMPLATE7 NUMBER OR NUMBER { iqsSAqueryUnion($4); }
               ;
/*-----Template8 BATCH mode rule-----*/
batchTemplate8 : NUMBER { batchIqsSAcheckIndex($1); }
                  TEMPLATE8 { iqsSAinitQuery($3); } NUMBER
                  { iqsSAgetAoidsFromQuery($5); } batchTemplate88
               ;
batchTemplate88 :
               RESTRICTEDTO batchAttrDesc
               ;
/*-----Template8 ASSISTED mode rule-----*/
assistTemplate8 : TEMPLATE8 { iqsSAinitQuery($1); }
               TEMPLATE8 NUMBER { iqsSAgetAoidsFromQuery($2); }
               TEMPLATE8 NUMBER RESTRICTEDTO AttrDesc
               ;
응응
#include "myfunc.c" /* mygetc, myputc, yyerror and yywrap (re)definitions; */
/* joining the Lex generated code at the end of the Yacc generated code */
/\,^{\star} and producing a unique module containing the scanner and the parser \,^{\star}/
#ifdef __DOS__
#include "lexyy.c"
#else
#include "lex.yy.c"
#endif
```

#### 2.3 Lexer - Parser communication

When a Lex scanner and a Yacc parser are used in a cooperative way, the Lex scanner main routine, **yylex**, acts as a subroutine of **yyparse**, the main routine of the Yacc parser.

The Lexer scans the input string for the character patterns specified in his rule's section. Whenever a valid pattern (or token), is found it returns a token specific integer code to Yacc, and optionally the token itself via one of the fields (token data type dependent) of the **yylval** union, defined in **iqs.y**. Then, Yacc manages to match the token code within one of his grammar rules. If the matching is successful, the eventual semantic action is executed.

The token specific integer codes (which must be known by both the Lexer and the Parser) are only generated for those tokens specified in the %token declarations in the /\* definition section \*/ of **iqs.y**.

The file **ytab.h**, containing that (and eventually other) information that must be shared by the Lexer and the Parser, is shown next:

#ifdef \_\_DOS\_ # define TEMPLATE1 257 # define TEMPLATE2 258 # define TEMPLATE3 259 # define TEMPLATE4 260 # define TEMPLATE5 261 # define TEMPLATE6 262 # define TEMPLATE7 263 # define TEMPLATE8 264 # define GENNAME 265 # define ATTNAME 266 # define FACNAME 267 # define GENVALUE 268 # define ATTVALUE 269 # define FACVALUE 270 # define SLCNAME 271 # define PHANAME 272 # define CRLNAME 273 # define NUMBER 274 # define IDENT 275 # define ABORT 276 # define CHECK 277 # define GETALLCLASS 278 # define AND 279 # define CONDIST 280 # define ISCOMPOUND 281 # define BELONGTOCOMPOUND 282 # define OR 283 # define RESTRICTEDTO 284 # define LINKEDBY 285 # define WITH 286 # define LINKEDTO 287 # define BY 288 #endif

#### 2.4 Structure of the IQL grammar

The Assisted Mode branch and the Batch Mode branch of the unified IQL grammar, as depicted in the **iqs.y** file, despite sharing the tokens (and thus based on the same Lexer), deeply differ in their structure. They were tailored to fulfill two different (although complementary) modes of operation: batch or interactive query resolution.

Both grammars are left-recursive in order to let the parsing process to be a little more efficient.

#### 2.4.1 Assisted Mode IQL sub-grammar issues

Being interface-event dependent, the Assisted Mode sub-grammar has to deal with a few specific issues:

• **redundancy**: a sequence of repeated tokens (for instance originated by repeated mouse clicks in the same button) should produce the same result as one instance of the same token. Redundancy is a very often situation in the Interface layer, but it is not handled there; instead, it must be recognized by the Parser layer which, via semantic actions, will have to prevent it from remaining in the query text and so providing for compatibility with Batch Mode;

• **incompleteness**: a sequence of one or more tokens may not imply any object filtering; instead, they could stand for a valid sequence of interface actions not producing any refinement of the present query solution. Again, and for compatibility with Batch Mode, incompleteness is not allowed to stay in the final query text. Only those tokens whose recognition implied object filtering will remain.

• alternation between Interface Layer and Parser Layer control over the Iqs module. This feature reflects an implementation constraint: it would be desirable to have the Lexer in background, in an endless loop, waiting for tokens to be recognized, while the Interface Layer would provide for feeding it. In fact, Lex & Yacc were tailored for this kind of behaviour, but, in the cooperative multitasking environment of WINDOWS 3.1, which lacks the notion of process (or preemptive multitasking), this introduces communication and synchronization problems between the two Layers in the case we want them to work concurrently<sup>11</sup>. An easier way is to let the control alternate between the Interface Layer and the Parser Layer. Every time an Interface event produces a token (or a small set of tokens, not semantically dividable), the sentence so far built is added that token and again submitted to the Parser Layer. The IQL Assisted Mode sub-grammar will be highly partitioned because it must predict every valid situation in which the query phrase can grow. Also,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>Threads could have been a valid solution to this problem; however, in WINDOWS 3.1, threads are hard to code and to maintain.

the semantic actions will be terminal, that is, they will refer only to the token (or small set of tokens) last added to the query text. Therefore, the rules of the IQL Assisted Mode sub-grammar assume a **stair-fashion**, reflecting this behaviour.

A piece of **iqs.y**, with an Assisted Mode rule, will help to make these details clear:

/\*-----Template1 ASSISTED mode rule-----\*/ /\* Note the terminal semantic actions ... \*/ assistTemplate1 : TEMPLATE1 { iqsSAinitGetAllClass(\$1); } TEMPLATE1 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' { iqsSAgetAoidsBellowClass(\$5); } TEMPLATE1 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND AttrDesc ; /\* Note the stair fashion; every valid growing possibilities for a sentence \*/ /\* which at least matched TEMPLATE1 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' AND\*/ /\* are considered \*/ AttrDesc : AttrName AttrNameAnd AttrDesc AttrNameEqId AttrNameEqIdAnd AttrDesc AttrNameEqIdAndAttrValueEqId AttrNameEqIdAndAttrValueEqIdAnd AttrDesc ; /\* To exemplify redundancy and incompleteness take a look at the next two \* / /\* rules: \*/ AttrName : GENNAME { iqsSAafterAttrTypeChoice(\$1); } FACNAME { iqsSAafterAttrTypeChoice(\$1); } ATTNAME { iqsSAafterAttrTypeChoice(\$1); } ; AttrNameAnd : GENNAME AND FACNAME AND ATTNAME AND ; /\* It is then possible to have TEMPLATE1 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"'\*/ /\* AND GENNAME AND GENAME ... etc; this introduces: \*/ /\* redundancy: the effect is the same of having just one GENNAME token; \* / /\* the semantic action { iqsSAafterAttrTypeChoice(\$1); } is \*/ \*/ /\* executed twice; /\* incompleteness: the semantic action { iqsSAafterAttrTypeChoice(\$1); } \*/ /\* executed every time GENNAME is recognized, does not refine \*/ /\* the present query solution; \* / /\* The Minimal Efficient Form<sup>12</sup>, resulting from eliminating redundancy and \*/ /\* incompleteness would be TEMPLATE1 GETALLCLASS '=' '\"' ListOfIDENT '\"' \*/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> refer to **5 Interface Query Language** at [IQS-2.1].

### 2.4.2 Batch Mode IQL sub-grammar issues

This branch of the unified IQL grammar can be directly derived from the Templates specification. This sub-grammar is simpler and smaller than the Assisted Mode one, because:

• since it handles only Minimal Efficient Forms, it does not have to deal with redundancy and incompleteness;

• the Batch Mode is a kind of "silent" operation mode: the Interface Layer gives the control of the execution flow to the Parser Layer every time a batch of queries has to be recognized and solved; then, it waits patiently until all the queries in the batch are solved or an error occurs. There's no alternation between the Interface Layer and the Parser Layer, therefore semantic actions can alternate with tokens within the grammar rules.

For instance, consider the three rules for the non-terminal assistTemplate1 in the previous example with Template1 ASSISTED mode rule against the equivalent rule in Batch Mode:

## 3 Importing the generated code to a Windows DLL

The automatically generated code for the Lexer and the Parser is not ready to be directly used in a WINDOWS 3.1 DLL. This chapter describes the necessary modifications.

## 3.1 Redirecting the Lexer input

This section is based on the work described at [GF93].

By default, the lexical analyzer input() macro scans through the standard input using the call getc(yyin). In the **lexyy.c** file, both the input() macro and the yyin declarations are:

```
# define input() (((yytchar=yysptr>yysbuf?U(*--y ysptr):getc(yyin)==10?
(yylineno++,yytchar):yytchar)==EOF?0:yytchar)
FILE *yyin = {stdin};
```

Instead of scanning *stdin*, what we really want is the Lexer to check for the tokens in a memory string; this string will be the query synthesized in Assisted Mode or one of a batch of queries in the Batch Mode.

In order to redirect the Lexer input from the *stdin* to a memory string, the automatically generated **yylex.c** file must suffer a few modifications:

• substitute the FILE \*yyin = {stdin}; declaration by char \*yyin;

• in the macro definition of input() substitute getc(yyin) by mygetc(yyin++) and EOF by 0.

That is, the input() macro and the yyin declaration should be:

```
# define input() (((yytchar=yysptr>yysbuf?U(*--yysptr):mygetc(yyin++))==10?
(yylineno++,yytchar):yytchar)==0?0:yytchar)
```

char \*yyin;

The mygetc function is:

```
int mygetc(char * strin)
{
    int c;
    return(c=*strin);
}
```

It is defined in the **myfunc.c** file, which has some other useful redefinitions<sup>13</sup>.

All that is necessary now is to make yyin point to our string in memory before yylex() starts the Lexer. Once the yyparse() function calls yylex(), that can be done in the Parser file generated by Yacc: **ytab.c**. All we need is:

• to modify the yyparse function from int yyparse(void)

to int yyparse(char \*str)

in order to let yyparse receive the string to be scanned as a parameter;

• to add yyin=str; to the body of the yyparse function, but before yylex is invoked.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup>refer to **3.3 The myfunc.c redefinitions file** 

Figure 3.1 and 3.2 show *yyparse* as generated by Yacc and after these modifications, respectively.

```
/* yyparse AS GENERATED BY YACC */
/*
** yyparse - return 0 if worked, 1 if syntax error not recovered from
*/
int
yyparse()
{
    register YYSTYPE *yypvt; /* top of value stack for $vars */
    unsigned yymaxdepth = YYMAXDEPTH;
    /*
    ** Initialize externals - yyparse may be called more than once
    */
    yyv = (YYSTYPE*)malloc(yymaxdepth*sizeof(YYSTYPE));
    yys = (int*)malloc(yymaxdepth*sizeof(int));
            /* REMAINING yyparse CODE */
}
```

Figure 3.1 - yyparse as generated by Yacc

```
/* yyparse AFTER MODIFICATIONS */
/*
** yyparse - return 0 if worked, 1 if syntax error not recovered from
*/
int
yyparse(char *str) /* HEADER REDEFINITION */
{
    register YYSTYPE *yypvt; /* top of value stack for $vars */
    unsigned yymaxdepth = YYMAXDEPTH;
    /*
    ** Initialize externals - yyparse may be called more than once
    */
    yyv = (YYSTYPE*)malloc(yymaxdepth*sizeof(YYSTYPE));
    yys = (int*)malloc(yymaxdepth*sizeof(int));
    yyin = str; /* yyin REDIRECTION */
           /* REMAINING yyparse CODE */
}
```



#### 3.2 Output in the Lexer and in the Parser

Output in the **lexyy.c** and in the **ytab.c** generated files must be also carefully controlled. By default, *stdout* is used. Once that is unacceptable in a WINDOWS 3.1 DLL, we must avoid *stdout* based output.

In the Parser generated file, **ytab.c**, all the code that writes to the *stdout* is isolated between the #if YYDEBUG and #endif pre-processor directives. Therefore, compiling the file without defining YYDEBUG solves the problem (there's an exception concerning the function yyerror; see section 3.3 for more details).

In the Lexer generated file, **lexyy.c**, the **#**if LEXDEBUG and **#**endif pre-processor directives define almost every code that writes in the *stdout*, and like in **ytab.c**, not defining LEXDEBUG during compilation prevents access to *stdout*. However, there are also three other situations that must be handled:

1. the output macro must be redefined:

from # define output(c) putc(c,yyout)
to # define output(c) myputc(c)

because yyout is declared as FILE \*yyout = {stdout};
The myputc function is:

```
int myputc()
{
  return(1);
}
```

and like mygetc is defined in the myfun.c file<sup>14</sup>

- 2. the ECHO macro, defined as # define ECHO fprintf(yyout, "%s",yytext), should not be used anywhere in the **lexyy.c** file (it's enough not to use it in the action C code for a pattern in the **iqs.l** file);
- **3**. the last four lines of the function yylex are:

```
default:
fprintf(yyout,"bad switch yylook %d",nstr);
} return(0); }
/* end of yylex */
```

and so the call to fprintf must be avoided by nesting that line in a comment, for instance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup>refer to **3.3 The myfunc.c redefinitions file** 

#### 3.3 The myfunc.c redefinition file

The file **myfunc.c** contains the definition of the mygetc and myputc functions as well as the redefinition of the yyerror function used by **ytab.c** and the redefinition of the yywrap function used by **lexyy.c**.

By default, the yyerror function, called in some error situations during lexical analysis, prints a message in the *stdout*. Because we must avoid that in the DLL environment, we redefined the function using a pre-processor directive to code the environment in which it is being executed.

The yywrap function tells what to do when encountering the end of the string (or the end of file when yyin is a FILE\* pointing to *stdin*) being scanned. Returning **1** makes the scanner returns a zero token to report the end of the string. This is the default behaviour but this redefinition makes sure that happens.

The contents of the file **myfunc.c** follow:

```
int mygetc(char * strin)
{
int c;
return(c=*strin);
}
int myputc()
{
return(1);
}
int yyerror(char *s)
{
#ifdef __DOS__
 return 1;
#else
    (void)printf("Error: %s\n",s);
#endif
}
int yywrap()
{
   return 1;
}
```

#### 3.4 Importing malloc and realloc

The first line of code of the file **ytab.c** is:

```
extern char *malloc(), *realloc();
```

and it must be nested inside a comment if we want to successfully compile **ytab.c** because

#include "actions.h"

already includes the libraries for those functions and being that include directive in the definition section of **iqs.y**, is copied verbatim to the beginning of **ytab.c**.

#### 3.5 The #define \_\_DOS\_\_ directive

The automatic code generation using Lex & Yacc took place in a UNIX environment (although DOS versions of these tools can also be found).

Developing the Parser Layer in UNIX allowed for a quick and easy automation of all the previously discussed modifications one needed to perform in order to use the generated code in a DLL: a simple script using common UNIX tools (as **head** and **sed**) was enough. It even was possible to test the parser, checking for grammar construction errors as well as scanning problems.

Although the semantic actions were not implemented at this phase, their prototypes were more or less stable since the design phase and so we could have calls to semantic actions executing nothing. After all, we just wanted to simulate the behaviour of the parser. Their prototypes, however, already reflected some details of the DLL C code style, namely the use of FAR pointers as parameters.

Because FAR pointers were unknown in the UNIX world (or any other environment not defining that variant), we ended with two prototype definitions for each semantic action: one with FAR type pointers (to be compiled when building the DLL in the DOS world) and other with "simple" pointers (UNIX compatible).

The #define \_\_DOS\_\_ and #endif directives allowed for this "double identity" for the semantic actions. Later, when the body of the semantic actions was fully implemented, we could still test just the parsing mechanism because this method could also be used to deactivate the code we didn't want to be compiled (and therefore executed).

In fact, everything we wanted not to be accessible on the UNIX side or in the DOS side could be under this kind of control: to compile the code nested between the #define \_\_DOS\_\_ and #endif, it would be enough to make the \_\_DOS\_\_ symbol a C preprocessor parameter.

The files **actions.h** and **actions.c**, the header file and the implementation file of the semantic actions, respectively, make full use of the #define \_\_DOS\_\_ directive. For instance, consider the Figure 4.1 and Figure 4.2, with extracts from **actions.h** and **actions.c**.

```
#ifdef __DOS___
void iqsSAgetAoidsBellowClass(char FAR *);
#else
void iqsSAgetAoidsBellowClass(char *);
#endif
```

Figure 4.1 - a "double identity" semantic action prototype

```
#ifdef __DOS__
void iqsSAgetAoidsBellowClass(char FAR * class)
#else
void iqsSAgetAoidsBellowClass(char * class)
#endif
{
    #ifdef __DOS__
        if (iqsState.iqsBatchOn && batchIqsSemanticError()) return;
        /* REMAINING OF iqsSAgetAoidsBellowClass */
#endif
}
```

Figure 4.2 - a "double identity" semantic action body

### 3.6 The Large model of compilation

The modifications performed over the code generated from Lex & Yacc still aren't enough to make sure the code will execute in a DLL environment. The code will compile, but probably will hang the system with a *General Fault Protection Error* due to bad memory access. DLLs have strict rules concerning memory references and operations, namely:

- external, global or static variables reside in the DLL Data Segment; by default, if not explicitly FAR, a memory reference in a DLL is considered to be made relatively to the beginning of his Data Segment, and so taking the address of those type of variables and using it is peaceful;
- function parameters and local variables use the Stack Segment of the caller of the DLL (the DLL has no Stack Segment).

As we saw, the code automatically generated by Lex & Yacc (UNIX or DOS versions) does not use FAR pointers. Therefore, if somewhere in that code the address of a function parameter or a local variable is taken, the Stack Segment reference will be lost, only remaining the Offset part, which will be assumed to be relative to the beginning of the DLL Data Segment! This will almost certainly bring problems.

Very often, the compiler will detect these situations and so one could think of modifying *in situ* the code generated by Lex & Yacc. Generated code, however, should not be modified unless there is no alternative.

A simple and effective way to solve the problem is to compile with the Large model. Therefore, all pointers are FAR by default, and we don't need to care about the possibility of having the generated code to violate the DLL strict memory access philosophy.

Using the Large memory model does not mean that the code implementing the Semantic actions and the IQs API no longer should follow the DLL rules. In fact, if we compromise with those rules while coding is taking place we can think of using another Parser in the future, perhaps already respecting those rules; therefore, we would have the other modules ready to be plugged, without the effort of converting them into DLL conforming code.

## Part III

## 4 IQS main data structures (iqs.h)

The data types, constants, macros and variables of the IQS module can be divided in two complementary subsets:

- the one automatically generated by Lex & Yacc, scattered among **lexyy.c**, **ytab.h** and **ytab.c** files (this set is exclusively related with the Lexical Analysis and Parsing functionalities);
- the other, supporting the search and retrieval of information from the repository, as well as the information exchange between the Visual Basic Interface Layer and the C Layer.

Concerning the Lex & Yacc related subset, all the relevant issues were previously discussed in **2 IQL Parsing** and **3 Importing the generated code to a Windows DLL**.

The focus will now be on the main implementation issues of the second sub-set, whose data type definitions mainly lie at the **iqs.h** header file.

## 4.1 Handling the repository information (the Set approach)

Basically, the repository search functions being part of the IQs API (yet to be discussed) will try to recover *Sets* of objects which obey to some common properties. Therefore, an implementation of the *Set* Abstract Data Type is opportune.

Such an implementation should provide for:

- *Convenience* easy access and management of the the physical layout;
- *Efficiency* when performing basic operations over instances of the Set data type, such as creating a set, writing on it, reading it, destroying it, etc.

These are inherently conflicting issues, inevitably introducing some implementation compromises. The next two sections will turn on some light over these subjects.

## 4.1.1 Dynamic Arrays implementing Sets

Dynamic Arrays are one possible layout for the Set Abstract Data Type. In the C programing language, implementation of the Dynamic Array concept is straightforward<sup>15</sup>:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup>This type definition conforms to the Dynamic Array abstract concept established in **7 IQS data structures design** on [IQS-2.1].

Thus, the array field is discarded whenever the index field  $\leq$  -1, that is, the pointer is assumed no to be tight with an allocated memory block.

Instead of using the Dynamic\_Array data type as the unique type for all Sets used by IQS, it was decided to define as much data types as different kinds of Sets one could need (in the IQS context, naturally). This was intended to increase code readability, not only during implementation but also whenever maintenance is needed.

The next is an extract from the **iqs.h** file, with the type definition for all kinds of Sets used by IQS:

```
// a set of ObjIDs
typedef struct {
   long int index;
   ObjID FAR *objids;
} ObjID_list;
// a set of AOIDs
typedef struct {
   long int index;
   AOID FAR *aoids;
} AOID_list;
// a set of names (of attributes, facets, links, etc)
typedef struct {
   long int index;
   char FAR *names;
} Name_list;
// a set of sets of names (of attributes, facets, links, etc)
typedef struct {
   long int index;
   Name_list FAR *list;
} Name_list_list;
// a set of values (of attributes, facets, links, etc);
// main diference between Name_list is the conceptual distance field
typedef struct {
   long int index;
   int distance;
   char FAR *info;
} Array_list;
```

```
// a resolved query is a pair (querytext, queryaoids) with
// queryaoids being a set of type AOID_list
typedef struct {
    char FAR * querytext;
    AOID_list queryaoids;
} ResolvedQuery;
// an History is a set of resolved queries
typedef struct {
    long int index;
    ResolvedQuery FAR * queries;
} Query_list;
```

Dynamic Arrays implemented this way have pros and cons:

• **main advantage**: provide for a clean and easy implementation of the IQs API (*convenience*); remember that accessing the information field is the same as accessing a static array: a direct access can be made; no tricky linked-list (or even more complex data types) access and maintenance operations are involved;

• main disadvantage: whenever the information field needs to be expanded, all the field must be reallocated; this can be a serious drawback if reallocation is an often operation (poor *efficiency*); memory fragmentation could also be an obstacle to reallocation: there could simply do not exist a contiguous memory block big enough to support the reallocation, but the sum of all the tiny free blocks scattered in memory could provide the amount of space needed (linked-lists are a more robust implementation in these circumstances).

Trying to avoid the overhead resulting from repeatedly reallocating a memory block by small pieces, the IQS API used some trivial solutions: in many circumstances a block known to be big enough to cope with all the demands is allocated; other times, if reallocation is really necessary, a big block is requested, trying to delay the next reallocation.

## 4.1.2 A basic Set API

Given the Dynamic Array based type definitions for all kinds of *Sets* IQs can use, one can easily set up a small package of functions implementing the most common set operations.

Every function should be able to work over different Sets, that is, it should provide for a basic level of *polymorphism*. In C, a possible way to achieve it is to receive parameters void\* (or char\*) typed and then, based on a special parameter, a set\_type integer code, to make the appropriate casts. Every function in the Set API is based in this principle, and therefore has the next basic internal structure:

Not every set operations are defined for all of the *Set* types in **iqs.h**, because some of them never needed those operations during the IQs implementation process (in fact, all operations emerged as they were needed and to extend -if necessary- the actual functionalities to other Set types should be a trivial task). Therefore, in the Set API description the "type possible values" item will show the Set types for which the operation being described is defined (in that context, the Set types are integer constants defined in **iqs.h**).

The "secondary effects" item explains what happens to the in-out parameters when the function does not return IQS\_SUCCESS.

The Set API follows:

void iqsCleanSet(void FAR \*set, int type)

This function inspects the index field to check if is greater than -1. If so, it deallocates the information field and resets index to -1. Otherwise, leaves the set structure intact.

type possible values:

- IQS\_OBJIDLIST
- IQS\_AOIDLIST
- IQS\_ARRAYLIST
- IQS\_NAMELIST
- IQS\_NAMELISTLIST
- IQS\_QUERYLIST

This function makes destiny a copy of source. Primitive contents of destiny are always cleaned and source left intact.

type possible values:

- IQS\_AOIDLIST
- IQS\_ARRAYLIST
- IQS\_NAMELIST

Return values:

- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

Secondary effects:

• IQS\_NOMEMORY - cleans destiny.

Perform the set difference between a and b, placing the final result in a, that is, a=a-b.

type possible values:

- IQS\_AOIDLIST
- IQS\_ARRAYLIST
- IQS\_NAMELIST

Return values:

- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

Secondary effects:

• IQS\_NOMEMORY - cleans a.

Makes a the intersection set between a and b. The intersection is made at the cost of igsSetDifference because aCb=a-(a-b).

type possible values:

- IQS\_AOIDLIST
- IQS\_NAMELIST

Return values:

- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

Secondary effects:

• IQS\_NOMEMORY - cleans a.

int iqsSetUnion(void FAR \*a, void FAR \*b, int type)

Performs a=aÈb.

type possible values:

- IQS\_AOIDLIST
- IQS\_NAMELIST

Return values:

- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

Secondary effects:

• IQS\_NOMEMORY - cleans a.

Makes set a copy of bag but without repeated objects.

type possible values:

- IQS\_AOIDLIST
- IQS\_ARRAYLIST
- IQS\_NAMELIST
- IQS\_NAMELISTLIST

Return values:

- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

Secondary effects:

• IQS\_NOMEMORY - cleans set.

## 4.2 The ParserState data type

All the relevant data structures defining, at a precise moment, the state of the IQs querying process, are kept in a record<sup>16</sup>. Gathering that information into a unique, well known, C structure, allows for a better control over the IQs state because when the state changes, one expects to see the changes reflected only in that structure. To verify the present IQs state it is enough to check the data contained in that structure.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup>see also **7 IQS data structures design** at [IQS-2.1].

The ParserState data type implements this view and the variable iqsState is a (unique) global instance of that type. This structure encompasses Interface related items as well as Parser related ones. However, nor the Interface neither the Parser is exclusively controlled by its contents:

- Visual Basic Interface control and management details do not cross the Visual Basic/C frontier; ParserState only has some fields with the contents of some Interface objects (as list panes, for instance); it also keeps the enable-disable values for the majority of the buttons of the Interface. The semantic actions of the Parser are responsible for keeping these fields with the right contents, conforming the deterministic automata embedded in the Parser; the only thing Visual Basic has to do when Parser Layer returns control, is to call appropriate functions to recover the values of some critical fields and to refresh the Interface accordingly.
- obviously, Lex & Yacc generated data structures controlling Lexical Analysis and Parsing activities are left intact among the generated code; in fact, none of the fields of ParserState controls the parsing activity, being instead a direct reflection of the semantic actions; in that sense, the very internal state of the (Lexer, Parser) pair is ignored; only the "external" state, resulting from the internal operations is kept in ParserState.

Figure 5 depicts the ParserState data type declaration, extracted from **iqs.h**. The meaning of each field follows:

- AOID\_list iqsQs: query state (the set of objects presently solving the query);
- AOID\_list iqsQSC: compounds state (a set of objects being compounds);
- Array\_list iqsQsv: a set of generic attribute values, or class attributes<sup>17</sup> values, or facet values; in Assisted Mode, these will be the contents of the interface list-pane presenting the available values to chose from, depending on having previously selected a generic attribute or a class attribute or a facet, respectively in another list-pane (refer to iqsAOGAttribs, iqsCLAAttribs and iqsFACAttribs fields description);
- Name\_list\_list iqsListList: a set in which each element is himself another set; to fully understand the need for this field refer to the IQS API description of the iqsGetClassAttributes, iqsGetSourcesAndLinks and iqsGetSourcesAndLinksBySinks functions, on section 5 The IQS API.
- char FAR \* iqsQuery: this field matches, at every moment, the part of the query text already parsed (and thus solved); in Batch Mode, both this field and the complete query phrase being solved will be the same<sup>18</sup> at the end of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup>also called class attributes

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup>except that iqsQuery will always have IQL tokens uppercased (this does not refer to identifiers, however); also, in the case of the query being derived from a non-kernel template, references to other queries may have been converted from local to global ones (recall **6** The History at [IQS-2.1]).

```
typedef struct {
   AOID_list iqsQS;
   AOID_list iqsQSC;
   Array_list iqsQSV
   Name_list_list iqsListList;
   char FAR * iqsQuery;
   Query_list iqsQueryHistory;
   VBState iqsVBState;
   Name_list iqsAOGAttribs;
   Name_list iqsAOGAttribsPrevious;
   Name_list iqsFACAttribs;
   Name_list iqsFACAttribsPrevious;
   Name_list iqsCLAAttribs;
   Name_list iqsCLAAttribsPrevious;
   Name_list iqsSLCNames;
   Name_list iqsPHANames;
   Name_list iqsPHANamesPrevious;
   Name_list iqsCRLNames;
   Name_list iqsCRLNamesPrevious;
   Name_list iqsLNKNames;
   bool AOGExplored;
   bool FACExplored;
   bool CLAExplored;
   bool SLCExplored;
   bool PHAExplored;
   bool IsCompoundPressed;
   bool CRLExplored;
   bool BelongToCompoundPressed;
   AOID_list iqsRM;
   BOOL iqsBatchOn;
   long int iqsNextLocalHIndex;
} ParserState;
```

Figure 5 -- the ParserState data type declaration

resolution process; also, at the end of the query solving, in Assisted Mode,  $i_{qsQuery}$  will contain the submitted query phrase after redundancy and incompleteness<sup>19</sup>have been purged; so, whatever mode of operation considered, an internal synthesized query will be kept at  $i_{qsQuery}$  and, in the case of a successful resolution, it will be added to the History, together with the objects which were the query solution, contained by the  $i_{qsQs}$  field;

- Query\_list iqsQueryHistory: this field stands for the History of the present IQS session; refer to section **4.2.1** for a complete description of all the related implementation details;
- VBState igsVBState: this field keeps the enable/disable state of all the Visual Basic layer buttons (as well as some list boxes and menus) under the control of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup>recall **2.4.1 Aided Mode IQL sub-grammar issues**.

the deterministic automata of the IQL grammar; to get a more detailed description of these field, refer to section **4.2.2**;

- Name\_list iqsAOGAttribs, Name\_list iqsFACAttribs, Name\_list iqsCLAAttribs, Name\_list iqsSLCNames, Name\_list iqsPHANames, Name\_list iqsCRLNames, Name\_list iqsLNKNames: these fields are the sets of generic attributes, facets, class attributes, software life cycles, phases, characteristic relations and links, respectively, available to be chosen from a dedicated list-pane<sup>20</sup>;
- bool AOGExplored, bool FACExplored, bool CLAExplored, bool SLCExplored, bool PHAExplored, bool CRLExplored: these flags are enabled when the refinement by generic attributes, facets, class attributes, software life cycles, phases or characteristic relations, respectively, is found to be finished; in this situation, preventing further attempts to refine by these paths is done by inspecting the respective flags;
- bool IsCompoundPressed, bool BelongToCompoundPressed: these are flags enabled whenever the respective buttons are pressed; when that happens, those buttons will not ever be allowed to be enabled again because the associated action can be performed only once.
- AOID\_list iqsRM: the only purpose of this field is to receive a copy of a temporary or final query solution, kept by iqsQs, in order to let appropriate functions<sup>21</sup> handle those results and submitting them to the Result Manager;
- BOOL iqsBatchon: this is a flag activated when IQS enters the Batch Mode; mainly, this flag allows for flow control inside the semantic actions shared code, preventing Assisted Mode specific code to be executed.
- long int igsNextLocalHIndex: this field keeps track of the next available local index during some History operations; his usefulness is fully explained at section **4.2.1**

Having specific fields to keep objects that are compounds (iqsQSC) or to be used by Result Manager related operations (iqsRM), does not necessarily mean that during every query resolution, their contents are meaningful. That depends on the *Template* format of the query presently being solved. This also applies to the flags AOGExplored, FACExplored, CLAExplored, SLCExplored, PHAExplored, CRLExplored, IsCompoundPressed and BelongToCompoundPressed, essentially related with visual features used only at some specific *Templates*.

### 4.2.1 Implementation details of the History

The C data types implementing the History abstract definition provided at chapter **6** of [IQS-2.1] are<sup>22</sup>:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup>see also section **4.2.2 The VBState data type**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup>see section **7** The IQS Visual Basic related API.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup>see also section **4.1.1 Dynamic Arrays implementing Sets**.

```
// a solved query is a pair (querytext, queryaoids) with
// queryaoids being a set of type AOID_list
typedef struct {
    char FAR * querytext;
    AOID_list queryaoids;
} ResolvedQuery;
// an History is a set of resolved queries
typedef struct {
    long int index;
    ResolvedQuery FAR * queries;
} Query_list;
```

As section 4.1.1 already referred, these data types are extensions to the Dynamic\_Array basic Set data type. Also, as 4.2 showed, the field iqsQueryHistory of the ParserState structure implements the IQS History.

One important issue concerning the management of the present IQS History is the one related with adding to it previously solved queries, kept in a saved History. This possibility has been envisioned at the chapter **6** of [IQS-2.1], which even described what had to be done in order to have the local references made by non-kernel queries, at the imported History, to become global ones, at the global<sup>23</sup> History.

On the basis of that intended behaviour, the next three macros are used to maintain the local and global references aside:

• #define iqsGetNextGlobalHIndex() (iqsState.iqsQueryHistory.index+1)

This macro retrieves the next valid global index (or reference), that is, the next "vacancy" on the History. Every time a query is successfully solved, it is added to the History, and his text will have been prefixed with #NUMBER where NUMBER will be the next global index value, as given by the macro. This is true even for those queries coming from an imported History (his text already contained a local prefix, which however will only be used in local references).

• #define iqsSetNextLocalHIndex(index) iqsState.iqsNextLocalHIndex=index

This macro is called to set the iqsNextLocalHIndex field of iqsState to zero, every time a batch resolution is started. The Batch Mode always defines a local context, no matter the state of the global History and thus needs the proper index prefix on every query phrase. On the opposite side, the Assisted Mode always operates, by default, on a global context because it does not require the users to provide for an index to the query being interactively solved, instead choosing the next global valid one.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup>that is, the History resulting from joining the loaded and the present one.

• #define iqsGetNextLocalHIndex() (iqsState.iqsNextLocalHIndex)

In Batch Mode, every time a query phrase recognition starts, the mandatory index prefix<sup>24</sup> is checked to see if it matches the one expected in that local context, given by this macro.

#### 4.2.2 The VBState data type

In Assisted Mode, besides providing for the contents of the various Visual Basic objects presented at the interface layer, the underlying C layer also must enable and disable them. In fact, that is how the C code implementing the IQL grammar parsing mechanism, manages to control, in a deterministic way, the interface.

Figure 6 presents the C data type definition of the VBState structure, containing the necessary fields to control all the relevant *interface* objects on Assisted Mode. The meaning of each field is also explained.

```
typedef struct {
   BOOL outClasses; /* enable/disable the class hierarchy tree
                                                                   */
   BOOL cmdGEN; /* enable/disable the generic attributes button */
   BOOL cmdFAC;
                   /* enable/disable the facets button
                                                                  */
   BOOL cmdATT; /* enable/disable the class attributes button
                                                                  */
   BOOL lstAttrName; /* enable/disable the list-pane showing generic */
                    /* attributes, facets, class attributes, software*/
                    /* life cycles, phases, characteristic relations,*/
                    /* and link names
                                                                  * /
   BOOL lstAttrValue;/* enable/disable the list-pane showing generic */
                    /* attributes, facets or class attributes values */
   BOOL cmdCRL; /* enable/disable the characteristic relations button */
   BOOL cmdISC;
                  /* enable/disable the is-compound button */
   BOOL cmdBLC;
                  /* enable/disable the belong-to-compound button */
   BOOL cmdCHECK; /* enable/disable the check button
                                                                  */
   BOOL cmdABORT;
                    /* enable/disable the abort button
                                                                  */
                    /* the next eight buttons enable/disable the
                                                                  */
                    /* access to a specific template */
   BOOL cmdT1;
   BOOL cmdT2;
   BOOL cmdT3;
   BOOL cmdT4;
   BOOL cmdT5;
   BOOL cmdT6;
   BOOL cmdT7;
   BOOL cmdT8;
   BOOL lstHistory; /* enable/disable access to history visualization*/
   BOOL cmdSLC;
                  /* enable/disable the software life cycles button*/
   BOOL cmdPHA;
                  /* enable/disable the phases button */
   BOOL spnFAC; /* enable/disable the conceptual distance scrollbar */
   BOOL mnuHST; /* enable/disbale access to the History menu */
                  /* enable/disbale access to the Display menu
   BOOL mnuDSP;
                                                                   * /
VBState;
```

#### Figure 6 - The VBState data type

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup>of the format #NUMBER.

Note that the enabling and disabling of the VBState items takes place at the body of the semantic actions code, because being embedded in the IQL grammar, these ones are context sensitive and thus know exactly which visual items to enable or to disable, at any step of the query recognition process.

## 5 The IQS API (iqs.c)

Until now, we have refered to the IQS API as the set of functions callable from the semantic actions code and exclusively concerned with retrieving objects from the repository, by invoking the appropriate functionalities of the SOURLIB software layer, during query resolution.

However, in practical terms, the C code file implementing the IQS API, **iqs.c**, includes also other sets of functions, some of them offering services to the IQs API functions, and others making possible to the objects collected from the repository by the IQs API to access the interface upper layer and even to control its behaviour. These other functionalities group themselves into three distinct small sets, inside the **iqs.c** file:

- a basic *Set* API, already presented at **4.1.2**;
- an Auxiliary IQS API, to be discussed at **5.1**;
- an IQS Visual Basic related API, whose description is postponed until chapter 7;

The following is a description of the IQS API, similar to the one provided at **Appendix B** of [IQS-2.1]. Note the "Secondary effects" field, which explains what happens to the in-out parameters when the function returns some specific values (generally all but  $IQS\_SUCCESS^{25}$ ).

Given a class name, this function puts in aoid\_list all the AOIDs of the class sub-hierarchy starting at class. Based on eraGetObj calls for each class bellow the one provided, iqsGetHierarchyAoids will remove, from aoid\_list, the *system-object* TUTTO (used by Comparator-Modifier as a upper-bound to close the lattice - see [CM-1.4 1993]), if found during the search.

Return values:

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND no objects found for the selected class hierarchy;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup>as already defined at **4.1.2 A basic Set API**.

```
Secondary effects:
• IQS_PARAMERR, IQS_NOMEMORY, IQS_ERROR, IQS_NOTFOUND: cleans
aoid_list
```

iqsGetAOGAttribs will search the generic attributes for whom the objects in aoid\_list define a value, that is, for each object in aoid\_list, the "AOG" class is inspected via eraGetObject in order to check if each generic attribute has a well-defined non-empty value. As soon as a value has been found for all the generic attributes, the search is stopped (this could happen at the very first object of aoid\_list if this object defines a non-empty value for all of the generic attributes). The defined generic attributes (except "AOID") are returned via the *in/out* parameter aog\_attrs.

Return values:

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND no generic attributes defined (except "AOID");
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

Secondary effects:

• IQS\_PARAMERR, IQS\_NOMEMORY, IQS\_ERROR, IQS\_NOTFOUND: cleans aog\_attrs.

For each object in aoid\_list, iqsGetAOGValues inspects the "AOG" class via eraGetObject, checking for the value the generic attribute passed in attr\_values->info assumes. The goal is to make attr\_values the set of those values.

Return values:

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND generic attribute attr\_values->info unknown;
- IQS\_NOVALUES generic attribute attr\_values->info undefined;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

Secondary effects:

```
• IQS_PARAMERR, IQS_NOMEMORY, IQS_ERROR, IQS_NOTFOUND, IQS_NOVALUES: cleans attr_values.
```

iqsGetFacets will search the facets for whom the objects in aoid\_list define a value, that is, for each object in aoid\_list, the "FACETS" class is inspected via eraGetObject in order to check if each facet has a well-defined non-empty value. As soon as a value has been found for all the facets, the search is stopped (this could happen at the very first object of aoid\_list if this object defines a non-empty value for all of the facets). The defined facets are returned via the *in/out* parameter facets.

Return values:

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND no facets defined;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

Secondary effects:

• IQS\_PARAMERR, IQS\_NOMEMORY, IQS\_ERROR, IQS\_NOTFOUND: cleans facets.

For each object in aoid\_list, iqsGetFacetsValues inspects the "FACETS" class via eraGetObject, checking for the value the facet in facet\_values->info assumes. The goal is to make facet\_values the set of those values.

Return values:

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND facet facet\_values->info unknown;
- IQS\_NOVALUES facet facet\_values->info undefined;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful;

Secondary effects:

• IQS\_PARAMERR, IQS\_NOMEMORY, IQS\_ERROR, IQS\_NOTFOUND, IQS\_NOVALUES: cleans facet\_values.

iqsGetClassAttributes will search the class attributes for whom the objects in aoid\_list define a value, that is, for each object in aoid\_list, the "AOG" class is inspected via eraGetObject in order to retrieve the value of the "CLASS" generic attribute; the class whose name is given by that value is then inspected, once again using eraGetObject, and all its attributes, having a well-defined non-empty value, are retrieved into a set of names; this set is object specific and so this task must always be done for every object of aoid\_list. Since a set of class attributes is eventually needed for each object, the *in/out* parameter, class\_atts\_list, is a set of set of names.

Return values:

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND no class attributes defined;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful;

Secondary effects:

• IQS\_PARAMERR, IQS\_NOMEMORY, IQS\_ERROR, IQS\_NOTFOUND: cleans class\_atts\_list.

For each object in aoid\_list, iqsGetAttribsValues inspects the "AOG" class via eraGetObject, checking for the value of the "CLASS" generic attribute; the class whose name is given by that value is then inspected, once again using eraGetObject, in order to retrieve the value of the class attribute originally contained in attr\_values->info. The goal is to make attr\_values the set of the values obtained that way.

Return values:

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND class attribute attr\_values->info unknown;
- IQS\_NOVALUES class attribute attr\_values->info undefined;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful;

Secondary effects:

```
• IQS_PARAMERR, IQS_NOMEMORY, IQS_ERROR, IQS_NOTFOUND, IQS_NOVALUES: cleans attr_values.
```

For each object in aoid\_list, iqsGetSLCs inspects the "PRJ" class via eraGetObject, checking for a well-defined non-empty value of the "SLC" (Software Life Cycle) attribute. At the end, slcs will contain the Software Life Cycles retrieved that way.

Return values:

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND no software life cycles defined;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful;

Secondary effects:

```
• IQS_PARAMERR, IQS_NOMEMORY, IQS_ERROR, IQS_NOTFOUND: cleans slcs.
```

Firstly, iqsGetSLCs is called in order to get into slcs the Software Life Cycles of the aoid\_list objects. After that, iqsGetPHAsBySLC will check, for each Software Life Cycle, his specific Software Life Cycle Phases. At the end, phas will contain the Software Life Cycles Phases retrieved that way.

Return values:

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND no software life cycles or no phases defined;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful;

Secondary effects:

• IQS\_PARAMERR, IQS\_NOMEMORY, IQS\_ERROR, IQS\_NOTFOUND: cleans phas and slcs.

Given a Software Life Cycle slc, conGetSLCPHA is invoked in order to retrieve all the Software Life Cycle Phases of that Software Life Cycle into phas\_list.

Return values:

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND no phases found for the software life cycle slc;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful;

Secondary effects:

```
• IQS_PARAMERR, IQS_NOMEMORY, IQS_ERROR, IQS_NOTFOUND: cleans phas_list;
```

For each object in aoid\_list, iqsGetAoidsBySLC inspects the "PRJ" class via eraGetObject, checking for the value of the "SLC" (Software Life Cycle) attribute. At the end, aoid\_list will keep only the objects for whom the value of the "SLC" attribute equals the slc parameter.

Return values:

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOAOIDSSLCS no objects found with any software life cycle;
- IQS\_NOAOIDSSLC no objects found with slc;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful;

Secondary effects:

```
• IQS_PARAMERR, IQS_NOMEMORY, IQS_ERROR, IQS_NOAOIDSSLCS, IQS_NOAOIDSSLC: cleans aoid_list.
```

For each Software Life Cycle in slcs\_list, calls iqsGetPHAsBySLC retrieving all its Phases. Then, it checks if pha is among those Phases. At the end, slcs\_list will keep only those Software Life Cycle *containing* pha.

Return values:

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND no software life cycles found with pha;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful;

Secondary effects:

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• IQS_PARAMERR, IQS_NOMEMORY, IQS_ERROR, IQS_NOTFOUND: cleans slcs_list;
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int iqsGetCompounds(AOID\_list FAR \*aoid\_list)

For each object in aoid\_list, iqsGetCompounds calls conGetMbr once, verifying if it returns A\_SUCCESS, in wich case the object is assumed to be a compound object. At the end, aoid\_list will keep only those objects which passed the previous test, that is, those objects being compounds.

Return values:

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND no compounds found;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful;

Secondary effects:

• IQS\_NOMEMORY, IQS\_ERROR, IQS\_NOTFOUND: cleans aoid\_list.

For each object in aoid\_list, iqsGetCaractRel calls conGetMbrLnk in order to retrieve a set of ObjIDs, each one standing for a Characteristic Relation. conGetLnk will then allow for each one of those ObjIDs to be maped into a string: the name of the Characteristic Relation. In the end, crls will contain the set of Characteristic Relation names retrieved as described.

Return values:

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND no characteristic relations found;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful;

Secondary effects:

• IQS\_PARAMERR, IQS\_NOMEMORY, IQS\_ERROR, IQS\_NOTFOUND: cleans crls.

For each object in aoid\_list, iqsGetClustersByCaractRel calls conGetMbrLnk in order to retrieve a set of ObjIDs, each one standing for a Characteristic Relation. conGetLnk will then allow for each one of those ObjIDs to be maped into the name of the respective Characteristic Relation. If the parameter crl matches at least one of these Characteristic Relations, then the object currently under survey is considered to be a Cluster (being crl one of his Characteristic Relation). In the end, aoid\_list will keep only the objects being Clusters.

Return values:

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND no clusters found with any Characteristic Relation;
- IQS\_NOVALUES no clusters found with the Characteristic Relation crl;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful;

Secondary effects:

• IQS\_PARAMERR, IQS\_NOMEMORY, IQS\_ERROR, IQS\_NOTFOUND, IQS\_NOVALUES: cleans aoid\_list.

int iqsGetClaoByMember(AOID\_list FAR \*aoid\_list)

The objects that aggregate the ones in aoid\_list, are retrieved and placed there. conGetMbr is the low-level functionality on which iqsGetClaoByMember mainly relies for that purpose.

Return values:

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or uknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND no compounds found;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

Secondary effects:

• IQS\_NOMEMORY, IQS\_ERROR, IQS\_NOTFOUND: cleans aoid\_list.

int iqsGetMemberByClao(AOID\_list FAR \*aoid\_list)

For each object in aoid\_list, iqsGetMemberByClao calls conGetMbr, retrieving all his members. At the end, aoid\_list will be the set of all the objects contained by the ones initialy there.

Return values:

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND no compounds found;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful;

Secondary effects:

• IQS\_NOMEMORY, IQS\_ERROR, IQS\_NOTFOUND: cleans aoid\_list.

int iqsGetSources(AOID\_list FAR \*aoid\_list)

For each object in aoid\_list, iqsGetSources calls conGetLnk, in order to check if the current object is source of some link. At the end, aoid\_list will keep only the source objects.

Return values:

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND no sources found;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful;

Secondary effects:

• IQS\_NOMEMORY, IQS\_ERROR, IQS\_NOTFOUND: cleans aoid\_list.

int iqsGetSourcesAndLinks(AOID\_list FAR \*aoid\_list

#### Name\_list\_list FAR \*links\_set\_list)

For each object in aoid\_list, iqsGetSourcesAndLinks calls conGetLnk, in order to check if the current object is source of a link. If so, the set of all the outgoing links from that object is retrieved. At the end, aoid\_list will keep only the source objects and links\_set\_list will contain the respective sets of outgoing links.

Return values:

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND no sources found;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful;

Secondary effects:

- IQS\_PARAMERR: cleans links\_set\_list;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY, IQS\_ERROR, IQS\_NOTFOUND: cleans aoid\_list and links\_set\_list.

For each object in aoid\_list, iqsGetSources calls conGetLnk, in order to check if the current object is source of link to at least one sink in sinks. At the end, aoid\_list will keep only the objects founded to be sources in this way.

Return values:

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND no sources found;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful;

Secondary effects:

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• IQS_PARAMERR, IQS_NOMEMORY, IQS_ERROR, IQS_NOTFOUND: cleans aoid_list and sinks.
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For each object in aoid\_list, iqsGetSources calls conGetLnk, in order to check if the current object is source of some link to some sink in sinks. If so, the set of all the outgoing links from that object to all the sinks is retrieved. At the end, aoid\_list will keep only the source objects and links\_set\_list will contain the respective sets of outgoing links to at least one of the sinks.

Return values:

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND no sources found;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful;

Secondary effects:

• IQS\_PARAMERR, IQS\_NOMEMORY, IQS\_ERROR, IQS\_NOTFOUND: cleans aoid\_list and sinks.

### 5.1 An Auxiliary IQS API

This section describes auxiliary functions developed to handle some low-level implementation aspects (otherwise, IQS API functions would have, internally, to deal with them), namely:

- safe memory reallocation (mostly done to expand sets of objects);
- token retrieving from token strings based on the separator ', '.

These details should be hided from the majority of the IQS API functions to take care of them. Besides encapsulation, having functions to perform very common low-level tasks allowed a faster implementation of the IQS API.

The next is a description of the Auxiliary IQs API:

This function reallocates a memory block. It receives the address of a void FAR \* pointer, - memptr -, the new intended size (in bytes) of the memory block tight with memptr, - memsize -, and an integer - ptrtype -, coding the pointer type in order to make appropriate internal casts. iqsFrealloc is based on a call to

void FAR \* \_frealloc (void FAR \* memblock, size\_t size)

of the malloc.h, Microsoft Visual C++ 1.5 library, and intends to avoid the loosing of the pointer in reallocation, if \_frealloc returns NULL and a backup of the previous contents of the pointer has not been made.

ptrtype possible values:

- IQS\_AOIDFARPTR
- IQS\_CHARFARPTR
- IQS\_NAMELISTFARPTR
- IQS\_OBJIDFARPTR
- IQS\_RESOLVEDQUERYFARPTR

Return values:

• IQS\_NOMEMORY - not enough memory; operation aborted (\*memptr remains intact);

• IQS\_SUCCESS - operation successful (\*memptr now points to the reallocated memory block);

char FAR \* iqsStrtok (char FAR \*str)

Enhance the functionality of the \_fstrtok function of the string.h Microsoft Visual C++ 1.5 library:

• returns, one by one, the tokens in str even if it contains empty tokens; remember that \_fstrtok would simple ignore them; however, <u>only</u> the character ', ' (coma) is considered to be a token delimiter;

• does not destroy the contents of str because it operates on an internal copy, while \_fstrtok overwrites the token delimiter with a '0' character every time it finds a token.

iqsStrtok follows the same invocation policy as \_fstrtok: at the first call, the str parameter must not be a NULL pointer, and the first token found is returned; next calls will have to be made precisely with a NULL pointer in order to retrieve the rest of the tokens; the function returns tokens, one by one, on successive calls; once it does not find more tokens it will always return NULL.

Note that an empty token returned is a (char FAR \*)"", that is, an empty string. This is not the same as a (char FAR \*)NULL which means that the function cannot find more tokens in the string. For instance, the strings "" (empty string), "," and "hello," would make iqsStrtok to return, respectively, "" and NULL, "" and " and NULL, "Hello" and " " and NULL.

This function is based on calls to iqsStrtok, providing different functionalities, accordingly with the parameter mode. It has been specifically implemented to extend iqsStrtok capabilities in handling token retrieving over strings where the delimiter is the character ', ' (coma).

mode possible values:

• IQS\_WORD: get the index<sup>th</sup> token in list and return it via word;

• IQS\_STARTINDEX: search for the first occurrence of word in list and get its relative position into index; if word does not exist, then, after iqsCheckWordInList returns, the total number of tokens contained within list (including empty tokens - " "-) will be equal to index+1;

• IQS\_NEXTINDEX: like IQS\_STARTINDEX, but used to retrieve the indexes of word beyond the first occurrence in list; it can only be used after first invoking iqsCheckWordInList with the IQS\_STARTINDEX mode.

Return values:

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND no more tokens found at list;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful;

This function is based on calls to iqsCheckWordInList and it searches for the index<sup>26</sup> of name in names and then for the correspondent value in values (the correspondent value is the one with a relative position within values equal to the relative position of name in names). iqsGetAttrValue is almost exclusively used to make the "projection" of the AttrName field (of the eraAttrName ERA structure data type), over the correspondent AttrValue list, in order to get a specific pair (*name, value*). If the retrieved value is a whitespace character string, it is converted into an empty string.

Return values:

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND name or value could not be found in names or values, respectively;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

# 6 The IQS Semantic Actions API (actions.c)

This chapter presents the C functions implementing the Semantic Actions in the **iqs.y** IQL grammar description. Besides the Semantic Actions code, the file **actions.c** also contains a set of Semantic Actions related Auxiliary functions, which will be described at **6.1**.

Remember that the Semantic Actions will be the primary functions responsible for query resolution and indirect interface control. They are based on calls to the IQS API (in charge with getting from the SOURLIB functionalities the desired repository objects) as well as to their auxiliary functions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup>or relative position.

All Semantic Actions are void functions, using a global int variable, rIQS<sup>27</sup> to "return" their results. This has to do with the need of testing the result from the yyparse parsing function independently of the result of the semantic action just executed. Therefore, it was decided to keep the return value of yyparse to reflect the success or failure of the lexical analysis and parsing activities, and to rely on rIQS to know how the semantic actions terminated. This avoids changing the generated code which implements yyparse, in order to introduce return(rIQS) statements at the proper places<sup>28</sup>.

Therefore, instead of having a topic named "Return values:", the IQS Semantic Actions API description that follows, uses, alternatively the "Return values (rIQS):" item. Also, the behaviour of a certain function may vary slightly from Assisted Mode to Batch Mode and so two descriptions are given, one for each operation mode<sup>29</sup>. Note that in the Assisted Mode description, the mentioned tokens of a query phrase enter that phrase as a result of an interface event but in Batch Mode a complete textual description (containing those tokens) is assumed to be provided at once.

void iqsSAcheck()

Assisted Mode behaviour:

This function is called whenever the query phrase recognition is considered to be terminated. In Assisted Mode this will happen only explicitly by pressing the CHECK interface button and thus introducing the token CHECK into the query phrase. iqsSAauxAddQueryToHistory is invoked in order to add the query phrase (presently in iqsState.iqsQuery) to the History. However, before that, in the case of a query phrase of the TEMPLATE4 variant, iqsSAcheck must check first for the AOIDs previously retrieved (kept in iqsState.iqsQSC); this will involve calling the functions iqsGetMemberByClao and iqsSetIntersection.

Batch Mode behaviour:

In Batch Mode, every time a complete query phrase from the batch is recognized, iqsSAcheck is called. The log file of the batch session will be appended with the results of the query just solved and VBiqsResetParser will be invoked before processing the next query.

Return values (rIQS):

- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup>declared at **iqs.h**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup>see also **7** The IQS Visual Basic related API.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup>remember that the semantic actions are shared between these two modes, and necessarily certain details will be handled differently inside the same semantic action implementation code.

void iqsSAabort()

Assisted Mode behaviour:

This function is callable by pressing the ABORT button (and thus making the ABORT token to enter the query phrase). VBiqsResetParser is invoked in order to abort the query and prepare for the next query solving.

Batch Mode behaviour:

Not callable because a batch resolution terminates only when the last query has been solved or an error occurred.

Return values (rIQS): • IQS\_SUCCESS - operation (always) successful.

void batchIqsSAcheckIndex(int index)

Assisted Mode behaviour:

Not callable. In Assisted Mode the index of a query is automatically associated with that query as soon as the query text begins to be synthesized.

Batch Mode behaviour:

batchIqsSAcheckIndex is called every time a token of the format #index (where index is an integer) is recognized during a batch solving of a query of any *Template* variant. This function checks if the parameter index matches the next expected History index in the local context of the present Batch session.

Return values (rIQS): • IQS\_BATCHINDEXNOTVALID - unexpected index; operation aborted; only in Batch Mode;

• IQS\_SUCCESS - operation successful.

void iqsSAinitGetAllClass (int template)

Assisted Mode behaviour:

This function is called every time one of the interface buttons #1 to #4 is pressed (making one of the tokens of the format TEMPLATEx<sup>30</sup> to be joined to the query text). iqsSAinitGetAllClass will start the internal query phrase synthesis with the text "#index TEMPLATEx GET ALL CLASS=", where index is returned by iqsGetNextGlobalHIndex, and x, depending on the template parameter, will assume a value among 1 and 4; iqsSAauxSetVBState will set next interface state.

Batch Mode behaviour:

 $<sup>^{30}</sup>$ x varying from 1 to 4.

Except that iqsSAauxSetVBState is not called, the rest of the function acts as in Assisted Mode.

Return values (rIQS):

- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

Secondary effects:

• IQS\_NOMEMORY - cleans iqsState.iqsQuery;

void iqsSAgetAoidsBellowClass(char FAR \* class)

Assisted Mode behaviour:

This function is called after choosing a class in the hierarchy presented at interface level, while making *Template1* to Template4 query synthesis. iqsSAqetAoidsBellowClass will iqsGetHierarchyAoids call with iqsState.iqsQS and class parameters in order to receive as in iqsState.iqsQS all the AOIDs below class. The class string will be added to the internal query phrase being synthesized and the next interface state will be set via iqsSAauxSetVBState.

Batch Mode behaviour:

Except that iqsSAauxSetVBState is not called, the rest of the function behaves as in Assisted Mode.

Return values (rIQS):

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND no objects found for the selected class hierarchy;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

void iqsSAafterAttrTypeChoice(int type)

Assisted Mode behaviour:

In Assisted Mode, iqsSAafterAttrTypeChoice will be called after pressing one of the buttons (coded in the type parameter) standing for the generic or class attributes, facets, software life cycles, phases or characteristic relations. The tokens AOGNAME, ATTNAME, FACNAME, SLCNAME, PHANAME and CRLNAME will reflect, at the query phrase, the pressed button. If the refinement is still possible by the way just chosen, then the respective set in iqsState, may have to be updated<sup>31</sup>, by calling iqsSAauxInitAttrLists, in order to provide semantic assistance when choosing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup>this will only happen if there was a previous refinement and the set has not been updated yet.

later a name or value from that set. iqsSAauxSetVBState will set the next interface state.

Batch Mode behaviour:

Always successful because there's no need to assure semantic assistance.

Return values (rIQS):

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND no objects found with defined generic attributes, or class attributes, or facets, or software life cycles or phases or characteristic relations;

• IQS\_SUCCESS - operation successful.

Assisted Mode behaviour:

This function is called in the case of a Template1 to Template4 and Template8 query variants, after choosing one of the possible generic attributes, facets or class attributes (coded in attrtype), from an interface list pane with their names. iqsSAgetAttrValues will then call iqsGetAOGValues, igsGetFacetsValues or igsGetAttribsValues, respectively, in order to fill with the values specific those iqsState.iqsQSV to names. igsSAauxSetVBState will set the next interface state.

Batch Mode behaviour:

In Batch Mode, iqsSAgetAttrValues will immediately return if the provided attribute or facet (attrname ) is unknown or no values were found for it. iqsSAauxSetVBState is not called; the rest of the function works as in Assisted Mode.

Return values (rIQS):

- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_BATCHNOGENATTR generic attribute unknown; operation aborted; only in Batch Mode;
- IQS\_BATCHNOGENVAL generic attribute without values; operation aborted; only in Batch Mode;
- IQS\_BATCHNOFACATTR facet unknown; operation aborted; only in Batch Mode;
- IQS\_BATCHNOFACVAL facet without values; operation aborted; only in Batch Mode;
- IQS\_BATCHNOATTATTR class attribute unknown; operation aborted; only in Batch Mode;

- IQS\_BATCHNOATTVAL class attribute without values; operation aborted; only in Batch Mode;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

Assisted Mode behaviour:

This function is called in the case of a *Template1* to *Template4* and *Template8* query variants, after choosing one of the possible values of a generic attribute, facet or class attribute from the appropriate interface list pane. iqsSAgetAoidsByValue starts by updating iqsState.iqsQSV.distance with the value of the parameter condist (which stands for *conceptual distance*) to be considered if attrtype means that one is refining by facets. Then, iqsSAauxSelectAoidsByValue is invoked with the attrvalue parameter, so that in igsState.igsQS (or possibly in iqsState.iqsQSC) will only remain those objects having the value attrvalue for the attribute or facet whose name is attrname. If the later task is successful, attrname is joined to appropriate (depending on attrtype) set of previous chosen names (this will prevent users from choosing later the same generic attribute, facet or class attribute). Also, if attrname was the last item of his list, then the attrtype refinement path is considered explored, becoming inaccessible. Once filtering of iqsState.iqsQS (or iqsState.iqsQSC) has successfully occurred, the lists of available generic attributes, facets, class attributes (and possibly software life cycles, phases and characteristic relations) are cleaned, in order to enforce their update if, later, one decides to make a refinement of the same kind. Finally iqsSAauxSetVBState and iqsSAauxAddToQuery are called to update iqsState.iqsVBState and iqsState.iqsQuery, respectively.

Batch Mode behaviour:

Except that updating the set of previous chosen items, cleaning the current lists, checking if attrname was the last chosen (class)attribute or facet and calling iqsSAauxSetVBState do not occur, the Assisted Mode description applies to the Batch Mode.

Return values (rIQS):

- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_BATCHNOAOIDGENVAL no objects found with the generic attribute attrname having the value attrvalue; operation aborted; only in Batch Mode;
- IQS\_BATCHNOAOIDFACVAL no objects found with the facet attrname having the value attrvalue; operation aborted; only in Batch Mode;

- IQS\_BATCHNOAOIDATTVAL no objects found with the class attribute attrname having the value attrvalue; operation aborted; only in Batch Mode;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

void iqsSAgetAoidsBySlc (char FAR \*slc)

Assisted Mode behaviour:

This function is *Template2* specific. It is invoked after having chosen a software life cycle from an appropriate interface list pane (whose contents are preserved in iqsState.iqsSLCNames). iqsSAgetAoidsBySlc will invoke iqsGetAoidsBySLC in order to filter the query solution, presently in iqsState.iqsQS, leaving only the objects associated with the software life cycle given by slc. Once filtering of iqsState.iqsQS has successfully occurred, the refinement by software life cycle and phases is considered finished, becoming inaccessible, and the lists of available generic attributes, facets and class attributes are cleaned, in order to enforce their update if, later, one decides to make a refinement of that kind. Also, iqsSAauxAddToQuery and iqsState.iqsVBState.iqsVBState.

Batch Mode behaviour:

If none of the objects in iqsState.iqsQS is associated with slc or with any other software life cycle, iqsSAgetAoidsBySlc will immediately return, ending the batch solving of the present query. Except that cleaning the current lists of choosable items and calling iqsSAauxSetVBState aren't both performed, the Assisted Mode description applies to the Batch Mode.

Return values (rIQS):

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_BATCHNOSLC no objects found associated with the software life slc; operation aborted; only in Batch Mode;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful;

void iqsSAgetSlcsAndAoidsByPha (char FAR \*pha)

Assisted Mode behaviour:

This function is *Template2* specific. It is invoked after having chosen a software life cycle phase from an appropriate interface list pane (whose contents are preserved in iqsState.iqsPHANames). iqsSAgetSlcsAndAoidsByPha will invoke iqsGetSLCsByPHA in order to know every software life cycles containing the phase

pha. Then, for each one of these software life cycles, iqsGetAoidsBySLC is called so that the current query solution (presently in iqsState.iqsQS) is filtered, keeping only the objects associated with the software life cycles actually containing pha. If there was a unique software life cycle containing the provided phase (pha), then both the refinements by phases and software life cycles are considered finished, becoming inaccessible. Otherwise, the phase pha is added to the set igsState.igsPHANamesPrevious, so that no longer it will be possible to specialize the query by that phase. Also, the lists of available generic attributes, facets, class attributes, software life cycles and phases are cleaned, to enforce their update in case later one decides to make a refinement (if possible) of that kind. iqsSAauxAddToQuery and iqsSAauxSetVBState are both called to properly update iqsState.iqsQuery and iqsState.iqsVBState.

Batch Mode behaviour:

If none of the objects in iqsState.iqsQS is associated with the phase pha or with a known software life cycle, iqsSAgetSlcsAndAoidsByPha will immediately return, ending the batch solving of the present query. Except that cleaning the current lists of choosable items and calling iqsSAauxSetVBState aren't both performed, the Assisted Mode description applies to the Batch Mode.

Return values (rIQS):

- IQS\_PARAMERR -bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_BATCHNOPHA no objects found associated with the software life phase pha; operation aborted; only in Batch Mode;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful;

void iqsSAafterIsCompoundPressed()

Assisted Mode behaviour:

This function is called only in the case of a *Template3* query variant, immediately after the IsCompound button has been pressed, making the AND IS COMPOUND tokens to be joined to the query phrase. The flag iqsState.IsCompoundPressed is then enabled and iqsState.iqsQS is filtered by iqsGetCompounds. This will leave in iqsState.iqsQS only the compound objects from the primitive iqsState.iqsQS content. Once this filtering has been successfully done, the lists of available generic attributes, facets and class attributes are cleaned, in order to enforce their update if, later, one decides to make a refinement of the same kind (this time over compound objects). Finally iqsState.iqsVBState and iqsState.iqsQuery, respectively.

Batch Mode behaviour:

If none of the objects in iqsState.iqsQS is compound, iqsSAafterIsCompoundPressed immediately returns, ending the batch solving

of the present query. The flag iqsState.IsCompoundPressed is left unchanged, cleaning the current lists of choosable items doesn't take place and iqsSAauxSetVBState is not called. The remain of the Assisted Mode description applies to the Batch Mode.

Return values (rIQS):

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND no compounds found; only in Assisted Mode;
- IQS\_BATCHISCOMPOUNDNOCLAOS no compounds were found; operation aborted; only in Batch Mode;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful;

void iqsSAgetAoidsByCaractRel(char FAR \*crlname)

Assisted Mode behaviour:

This function is called during a Template3 or Template4 query variant, after choosing, in the appropriate interface list pane, one of the available characteristic relations (received in the crlname parameter). iqsSAgetAoidsByCaractRel will call iqsGetClustersByCaractRel in order to obtain from iqsState.QS (or igsState.QSC, in the Template4 query variant) only the objects being clusters and having the crlname characteristic relation. If this is successfully accomplished, crlname is joined to set of previous characteristic chosen relations (iqsState.iqsCRLNamesPrevious), preventing users from choosing later the characteristic. Also. if crlname was the last item same ofigsState.igsCRLNames, then this refinement path is considered explored, becoming inaccessible, and the lists of available generic attributes, facets and class attributes are cleaned, in order to enforce their update if, later, one decides to make a refinement of that kind. Finally iqsSAauxSetVBState and iqsSAauxAddToQuery are called to update iqsState.iqsVBState and igsState.igsQuery, respectively.

Batch Mode behaviour:

Except that updating, the set of previously chosen characteristic relations, cleaning the current lists, checking if crlname was the last chosen characteristic relation and calling iqsSAauxSetVBState do not occur, the Assisted Mode description applies to the Batch Mode.

Return values (rIQS):

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_BATCHNOCRLS no clusters found with the characteristic relation crl;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful;

void iqsSAafterBelongToCompoundPressed()

Assisted Mode behaviour:

This function is called only in the case of a Template4 query variant and immediately after the BelongToCompound button has been pressed, making the AND BELONG TO COMPOUND tokens to be added to the query phrase. The flag igsState.BelongToCompoundPressed enabled and is a copy of iqsState.iqsQS is made to iqsState.iqsOSC so that iqsGetClaoByMember is invoked over it, leaving there the compound objects containing the ones presently in igsState.igsQS. Once this has been done, the lists of available generic attributes, facets and class attributes are cleaned, in order to enforce their update if, later, one decides to make a refinement of the same kind (this time, however, over the compound objects kept by iqsState.iqsQSC). Finally iqsSAauxAddToQuery and iqsSAauxSetVBState are called to update iqsState.iqsQuery and iqsState.iqsVBState, accordingly.

Batch Mode behaviour:

If none of the objects in iqsState.iqsQS is member of a compound, iqsSAafterBelongToCompoundPressed immediately returns, ending the batch solving of the present query. The flag iqsState.BelongToCompoundPressed is left unchanged, cleaning the current lists of choosable items doesn't take place and iqsSAauxSetVBState is not called. The remain of the Assisted Mode description applies to the Batch Mode.

Return values (rIQS):

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or uknown error; operation aborted;

• IQS\_NOTFOUND - no compounds found containing the present query solution; only in Assisted Mode;

- IQS\_BATCHBELONGTOCOMPOUNDNOCLAOS no compounds were found containing the present query solution; operation aborted; only in Batch Mode;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

void iqsSAinitQuery(int template)

Assisted Mode behaviour:

This function is called every time one of the interface buttons #5 to #8 is pressed (making one of the tokens of the format TEMPLATEx<sup>32</sup> to be added to the query text). iqsSAinitQuery will start the internal query phrase synthesis with the text "#index TEMPLATEx ", where index is returned by iqsGetNextGlobalHIndex, and x (depending on the template parameter),

 $<sup>^{32}</sup>$ x varying from 5 to 8.

will assume a value between 5 and 8; iqsSAauxSetVBState will set the next interface state.

Batch Mode behaviour:

Except that iqsSAauxSetVBState is not called, the rest of the function behaves like in Assisted Mode.

Return values (rIQS):

- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

void iqsSAgetAoidsFromQuery(int query)

Assisted Mode behaviour:

This function is called during a non-kernel query synthesis (Template5 to Template8 variants). It starts by puting into iqsState.iqsQS the objects of a previously solved query, whose History index is given by the query parameter (after validated and converted from a local to a global reference on the History). In the case of a Template5 and Template6 query variants, iqsSAgetAoidsFromQuery will filter iqsState.iqsQS, by calling iqsGetSourcesAndLinks and igsGetSources, respectively, so that only source objects will remain there. Additionally, the outgoing links are also retrieved in a *Template5* query, allowing for the initialized iqsState.iqsLNKNames set to be for later use iqsSAauxAddToQuery and iqsSAauxSetVBState are also called to update iqsState.iqsQuery and iqsState.iqsVBState, accordingly.

Batch Mode behaviour:

Except that iqsSAauxSetVBState is not called, the rest of the function behaves as in Assisted Mode.

Return values (rIQS):

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOSOURCES no sources found; only in Assisted Mode;

• IQS\_BATCHINDEXNOTVALID - unexpected index; operation aborted; only in Batch Mode;

• IQS\_BATCHNOSOURCES - no sources found; only in Batch Mode;

• IQS\_SUCCESS - operation successful;

void iqsSAgetSourcesByLink(char FAR \* link)

Assisted Mode behaviour:

This function is called both in *Template5* and *Template6* variants, after choosing a link from an interface list pane, whose contents are preserved by

iqsState.iqsLNKNames. It intends to leave in iqsState.iqsQS only the objects being sources of the specified link. Therefore, for each source in iqsState.iqsQS, the list of his links is searched for the presence of link (the set of these lists of links is kept by iqsState.iqsListList<sup>1</sup>, initialized during iqsSAgetAoidsFromQuery for the *Template5* queries and initialized during iqsSAgetSourcesAndLinksBySinks for the *Template6* queries). If the link is found there, then the current object is assumed to be a source for that link. iqsSAauxAddToQuery and iqsState.iqsVBState, accordingly.

Batch Mode behaviour:

Except that iqsSAauxSetVBState is not called, the rest of the function acts as in Assisted Mode.

Return values (rIQS):

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;

• IQS\_BATCHNOLINK - no source found for link; operation aborted; only in Batch Mode;

• IQS\_SUCCESS - operation successful.

This function is *Template5* specific and it is invoked after choosing (for the second time during the query synthesis), a History query, of index query (which is validated and converted from a local to a global reference). The objects associated with this previously solved query are submited, with iqsState.iqsQS and link, to iqsGetSourcesByLinkAndSinks, so that every object in iqsState.iqsQS is checked to see if it is a source of the relation link, to at least one sink in the set of objects of the History query. Only the sources obtained that way will remain in iqsState.iqsQS. iqsSAauxAddToQuery and iqsState.iqsVBState are also called to update iqsState.iqsQuery and iqsState.iqsVBState, accordingly.

Batch Mode behaviour:

Except that iqsSAauxSetVBState is not called, the rest of the function acts as in Assisted Mode.

Return values (rIQS):

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOSINKS no sinks were found in the History query for the link outgoing from iqsState.iqsQS; operation aborted; only in Assisted Mode;

• IQS\_BATCHNOSINKS - no sinks were found in the History query for the link outgoing from iqsState.iqsQS; operation aborted; only in Batch Mode;

• IQS\_BATCHINDEXNOTVALID - unexpected index; operation aborted; only in Batch Mode;

• IQS\_SUCCESS - operation successful;

void iqsSAgetSourcesAndLinksBySinks(int query)

iqsSAgetSourcesAndLinksBySinks is Template6 specific and it is invoked after choosing a History query (for the second time during the query synthesis), of index query (which is validated and converted from a local to a global reference). Both the objects currently in iqsState.iqsQS and the ones associated with this History query, plus the iqsState.iqsListList, are submited to iqsGetSourcesAndLinksBySinks, so that in iqsState.iqsQS will only remain the sources of at least one link to at least one sink in the History query (igsState.igsListList will have, in turn, a specific list of outgoing links for each source found). If this filtering ends successfully, iqsMakeSet will be called to initialize iqsState.iqsLNKNames based on the contents of iqsState.iqsListList.iqsSAauxAddToQuery and iqsSAauxSetVBState are called to update iqsState.iqsQuery and iqsState.iqsVBState, accordingly.

Batch Mode behaviour:

Except that iqsSAauxSetVBState is not called, the rest of the function acts as in Assisted Mode.

Return values (rIQS):

- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOSOURCE no links found between iqsState.iqsQS and the History query; operation aborted; only in Assisted Mode;

• IQS\_BATCHNOSOURCE - no links found between iqsState.iqsQS and the History query; operation aborted; only in Batch Mode;

• IQS\_BATCHINDEXNOTVALID - unexpected index; operation aborted; only in Batch Mode;

• IQS\_SUCCESS - operation successful;

void iqsSAqueryUnion(int query2)

This function is *Template7* specific and it is invoked after choosing a History query (for the second time during the query synthesis), of index query2 (which is validated and converted from a local to a global reference). The objects associated with this query2 are joined, via iqsSetUnion, with the ones presently in

iqsState.iqsQS. iqsSAauxAddToQuery and iqsSAauxSetVBState are also called to update iqsState.iqsQuery and iqsState.iqsVBState, accordingly.

Batch Mode behaviour:

Except that iqsSAauxSetVBState is not called, the rest of the function acts as in Assisted Mode.

Return values (rIQS):

• IQS\_NOMEMORY - not enough memory; operation aborted;

• IQS\_BATCHINDEXNOTVALID - unexpected index; operation aborted; only in Batch Mode;

• IQS\_SUCCESS - operation successful.

### 6.1 The IQS Semantic Actions Auxiliary API

void iqsSAauxSetVBState(bool b1, ..., bool b25)

This procedure receives the logical values (enable/disable) that iqsState.iqsVBState structure fields must assume in order to reflect the state of the query synthesis. Recall to section **4.2.2** for a brief description of those fields. iqsSAauxSetVBState is specific to Assisted Mode.

int iqsSAauxAddToQuery(char FAR \*string)

This function is responsible for appending the string parameter (a set of syntactically and semantically valid tokens), to the query phrase, iqsState.iqsQuery, presently under construction.

Return values:

- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

Secondary effects:

• IQS\_NOMEMORY - cleans iqsState.iqsQuery.

int iqsSAauxAddQueryToHistory()

The operation of adding a solved query to the History is performed after a successful query resolution. iqsSAauxAddQueryToHistory first adds the query

text, presently in iqsState.iqsQuery, and then the respective objects, in iqsState.iqsQS.

Return values:

- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

int iqsSAauxInitAttrLists()

This function is called by iqsSAafterAttrTypeChoice every time a refinement by generic attributes, facets, class attributes, software life cycles, phases or characteristic relations is initiated by pressing the respective interface button. The goal is to initialize or update the iqsState fields iqsState.iqsAOGAttribs (through iqsGetAOGAttribs), iqsState.iqsFACAttribs (through iqsGetFacets), iqsState.iqsCLAAttribs (through iqsGetClassAttributes), iqsState.iqsSLCNames (through iqsGetSLCs), iqsState.iqsPHANames iqsGetPHAs) and iqsState.iqsCRLNames (through (through iqsGetCaractRel) only with the semantically valid tokens in the context of the current query solution, that is, only the generic attributes, facets, etc, defined by the objects in iqsState.iqsQS will be of interest and become available to the user. Also, in each case, the respective set of previously chosen tokens is removed from the one here obtained, in order to prevent the users to re-enter old (and so redundant) refinement paths. iqsSAauxInitAttrLists is specific to Assisted Mode.

Return values (rIQS):

- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;

• IQS\_NOTFOUND - no generic attributes, facets, class attributes, software life cycles, phases or characteristic relations available;

• IQS\_SUCCESS - operation successful.

int iqsSAauxSelectAoidsByValue(char FAR \*value)

iqsSAauxSelectAoidsByValue is called by iqsSAgetAoidsByValue to project iqsState.iqsQSV over iqsState.iqsQS (iqsState.iqsQSC in the case of a Template4 query variant). That is, only the objects whose values in iqsState.iqsQSV are equal to value shall remain in iqsState.iqsQS (or iqsState.iqsOSC in the of *Template4*). However, if case iqsState.iqsQSV.distance is greater than -1. this means that iqsState.iqsQSV is a set of facets values and so, the conceptual distance field, iqsState.iqsQSV.distance, should be considered during iqsState.iqsQS filtering, that is, only the objects whose facets values in iqsState.iqsQSV have a conceptual distance, from the of parameter value, at least

iqsState.iqsQSV.distance, will remain in iqsState.iqsQS (or iqsState.iqsQSC in the case of *Template4*). This special case is handled by calling the ctsSearchArc function.

Note that if value is an empty string, iqsState.iqsQSV.distance will be ignored, and a simple projection takes place.

If value is not an empty string and iqsState.iqsQSV.distance is greater than -1, then ctsSearchArc will not be called every time the value retrieved from from iqsState.iqsQSV.info is an empty string.

Return values:

- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND unknown value (not found in iqsState.iqsQSV.info); operation aborted;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

Secondary effects:

• IQS\_NOMEMORY, IQS\_ERROR, IQS\_NOTFOUND - cleans iqsState.iqsQS(iqsState.iqsQSC);

## 7 The IQS Visual Basic related API

The next state of the Visual Basic interface layer is kept at iqsState.iqsVBstate. Aditionaly, the contents of some list-pannes are also maintained by some specific fields of the iqsState global variable<sup>33</sup>. These structures are updated, in a deterministic way, every time a semantic actions is executed. In order to let the Visual Basic interface layer to reflect the contents of these variables, a set of exportable functions, allowing for the retrieval of that information, must be provided. Also, functions to reset the iqsState fields when starting (or during or terminating) an IQS session, are needed. Finaly, a way must be provided to invoke the IQL Parser, with the query (or batch of querys) text.

The following functions take care of the previous subjects; they can be found at **iqs.c** file.

int WINAPI \_\_\_\_export VBiqsResetParser(int mode)

Depending on the mode parameter, the VBiqsResetParser function will initialize (or deallocate) some specific iqsState fields, namely some sets of names and values, flags, the iqsVBstate structure, etc<sup>37</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup>recall **4.2** The *ParserState* data type. The History is handled separately because there are circumstances in which VBiqsResetParser is called but the History must be left intact.

mode possible values:

- IQS\_START, IQS\_STARTBATCH immediatly after entering an IQS session or changing the IQS operation mode;
- IQS\_NEXT immediatly before a query synthesis (in Aided Mode) or immediatly before processing the next query of a batch (in Batch Mode);
- IQS\_END immediatly before leaving an IQS session or changing the IQS operation mode;

Return values:

• IQS\_SUCCESS - operation (always) successful.

int WINAPI \_\_\_export VBiqsInitHistory()

This function exclusively initializes the iqsState.iqsQueryHistory field.

Return values: • IQS\_SUCCESS - operation (always) successful.

int WINAPI \_\_\_export VBiqsClearHistory()

VBiqsClearHistory will call iqsCleanSet in order to deallocate and reinitialize the History structure, iqsState.iqsQueryHistory. iqsSAauxSetVBState is also called so that the Template buttons (in the Assisted Mode) and the History and Display menus (in both operation Modes) reflect the empty state of the History structure.

Return values: • IQS\_SUCCESS - operation (always) successful.

int WINAPI \_\_\_export VBiqsSaveHistory(LPSTR VBfile)

This function will save, at the file specified by VBfile, the text of the querys kept by the History.

Return values:

- IQS\_BATCHIOERROR open error or write error over VBfile file;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

int WINAPI \_\_\_export VBiqsGetVBState(VBState \*state)

This function will make a copy, field by field, of the iqsState.iqsVBState structure into the state parameter. The state parameter should be a pointer to a Visual Basic structure of the type VBiqsState. VBiqsGetVBState allows the information concerning the enable/disable state of the interface buttons and list panes to access to the Visual Basic layer.

Return values: • IQS\_SUCCESS - operation (always) successful.

int WINAPI \_\_\_\_export VBiqsGetQuery(HLSTR query)

VBiqsGetQuery will call VBSetHlstr so that a copy of iqsState.iqsQuery is made to query. This is how a copy of the query, as synthesised by the semantic actions, can access the Visual Basic layer.

Return values: • IQS\_SUCCESS - operation (always) successful.

This function will return, on successive calls (first call with mode=IQS\_START and the following ones with mode=IQS\_NEXT), all the names contained in the set of names coded in the namelist integer parameter. VBiqsGetNameFromNameList will call VBSetHlstr to make VBname a copy of the present name of the list of names being scanned. By invoking VBiqsGetNameFromNameList until receiving IQS\_NOTFOUND, the Visual Basic layer expects to receive the contents, one by one, of a list of names (most of the times, to be displayed at an interface list pane). The parameter namelist is checked only if mode=IQS\_START.

namelist possible values:

- IQS\_AOGNAMELIST iqsState.iqsAOGAttribs will be scanned;
- IQS\_FACNAMELIST iqsState.iqsFACAttribs will be scanned;
- IQS\_CLANAMELIST iqsState.iqsCLAAttribs will be scanned;
- IQS\_SLCNAMELIST iqsState.iqsSLCNames will be scanned;
- IQS\_PHANAMELIST iqsState.iqsPHANames will be scanned;
- IQS\_CRLNAMELIST iqsState.iqsCRLNames will be scanned;
- IQS\_LNKNAMELIST iqsState.iqsLNKNames will be scanned.

mode possible values:

- IQS\_START get the first name;
- IQS\_NEXT get the next name.

Return values:

- IQS\_NOTFOUND no (more) names available at the list of names specified by namelist;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

VBiqsGetValuesFromQSV will return, on successive calls (first call with mode=IQS\_START and the following ones with mode=IQS\_NEXT), all the values contained in the iqsState.iqsQSV. VBiqsGetValuesFromQSV will call VBSetHlstr to make VBvalue a copy of the present value retrieved from the iqsState.iqsQSV list. By invoking VBiqsGetValuesFromQSV until receiving IQS\_NOTFOUND, the Visual Basic layer expects to receive the contents of iqsState.iqsQSV, one by one and without redundant or empty values.

mode possible values:

- IQS\_START get the first iqsState.iqsQSV value;
- IQS\_NEXT get the next iqsState.iqsQSV value.

Return values:

- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND no (more) values available at iqsState.iqsQSV;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

This function will return, on successive calls (first call with mode=IQS\_START and the following ones with mode=IQS\_NEXT), the text of all the queries contained at the History. VBiqsGetHistory will call VBSetHlstr to make VBquery a copy of the present query text retrieved from iqsState.iqsQueryHistory.

mode possible values:

- IQS\_START get the text of the first query kept by the History (iqsState.iqsQueryHistory.querys[0].querytext);
- IQS\_NEXT get the text of the next query of the History.

Return values:

- IQS\_NOTFOUND no (more) queries available at iqsState.iqsQueryHistory;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

VBiqsGetAoidsFromHistory will make iqsState.iqsQS a copy of the AOIDs of the query<sup>th</sup> query of the History. That copy will be mostly used by some Result Manager facilities.

Return values:

- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_INDEXNOTVALID invalid index; operation aborted
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

int WINAPI \_\_\_export VBiqsGetResult( LPAOENTRYGEN aoGen, int mode)

This function will return, on successive calls (first call with mode=IQS\_START and the following ones with mode=IQS\_NEXT), some of the genneric information (via aoGen) of every AOID of iqsState.iqsQS. This data will be depicted in a table, just after having pressed the CHECK button (during the query synthesis), in Aided Mode.

mode possible values:

- IQS\_START gets the generic data for the first AOID in iqsState.iqsQS;
- IQS\_NEXT gets the generic data for the next AOID in iqsState.iqsQS;

Return values:

- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOTFOUND no (more) objects available at iqsState.iqsQS;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

int WINAPI \_\_\_export VBiqsShowFAC(void)
int WINAPI \_\_\_export VBiqsShowLNK(void)
int WINAPI \_\_\_export VBiqsShowMBR(void)

These three functions are in charged of initializing the Result Manager appropriate data structures in order to display facets, links or members related information, concerning the objects kept in iqsState.iqsRM. These objects are a copy of iqsState.iqsQS (or iqsState.iqsQSC), which has the temporary or final solution of the query being made, or from a specific query of the History.

Return values:

- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

int WINAPI \_\_\_export VBiqsParser(LPSTR VBstring)

In <u>Assisted Mode</u>, the Visual Basic layer will call VBiqsParser whenever it wants the query phrase VBstring to be recognized and solved. VBiqsParser will, in turn, call yyparse with a local copy of VBstring.

Return values:

- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_PARSERROR parser internal error; operation aborted;
- every other possible integer code returnable in Assisted Mode

int WINAPI \_\_\_export VBiqsBatchParser(LPSTR VBfile)

In <u>Batch Mode</u>, the Visual Basic layer will call VBiqsBatchParser whenever it wants a batch of queries to be solved. This set of query phrases is presumed to be kept in a file whose path name is given by the VBfile parameter. After the file has been loaded into memory, and iqsSetNextLocalHIndex has been called with 0 (zero) (in order to start a new local context of references on History), VBiqsBatchParser will invoke yyparse with the batch (in memory) to be solved. During this process, every time a query is successfully terminated, iqsSAcheck is called in order to refresh a log file, logfile.iqs, with the contents of iqsState.iqsQS and the suffix SUCCESS. However, if an error occurs during the parsing process or inside a semantic action, the remaining queries of the batch are ignored (not solved). In this case, the log file will contain only the text of the query text managed to be solved just before the error took place (this late text and a suffix indicating the error is provided by VBiqsBatchParser as soon as yyparse returns).

Return values (appearing also as suffix tokens):

- IQS\_PARSERROR parser internal error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_NOMEMORY not enough memory; operation aborted;
- IQS\_PARAMERR bad parameters; operation aborted;
- IQS\_ERROR internal or unknown error; operation aborted;
- IQS\_BATCHIOERROR I/O error over logfile.iqs or VBfile; operation aborted;
- IQS\_BATCHNOMEMORY- not enough memory to load VBfile; operation aborted;
- IQS\_BATCHNOOBJS no objects available for the specified class; operation aborted;
- IQS\_BATCHNOGENATTR unknown generic attribute; operation aborted;
- IQS\_BATCHNOFACATTR unknown facet; operation aborted;
- IQS\_BATCHNOATTATTR unknown class attribute; operation aborted;
- IQS\_BATCHNOGENVAL no values found for the specified generic attribute; operation aborted;

- IQS\_BATCHNOFACVAL no values found for the specified facet; operation aborted;
- IQS\_BATCHNOATTVAL no values found for the specified class attribute; operation aborted;
- IQS\_BATCHNOAOIDGENVAL no objects found with the specified generic attribute; operation aborted;
- IQS\_BATCHNOAOIDFACVAL no objects found with the specified facet; operation aborted;
- IQS\_BATCHNOAOIDATTVAL no objects found with the specified class attribute; operation aborted;
- IQS\_BATCHNOSLC no objects found with the specified software life cycle; operation aborted;
- IQS\_BATCHNOPHA no objects found with the specified software life cycle phase; operation aborted;
- IQS\_BATCHISCOMPOUNDNOCLAOS no compounds available in the previous selected objects; operation aborted;
- IQS\_BATCHNOCRLS no objects found with the specified characteristic relation; operation aborted;
- IQS\_BATCHBELONGTOCOMPOUNDNOCLAOS no compounds found containing the previous selected objects; operation aborted;
- IQS\_BATCHINDEXNOTVALID invalid History index; operation aborted;
- IQS\_BATCHNOSOURCES no sources available in the previous selected objects; operation aborted;
- IQS\_BATCHNOLINK no source available for the specified link, in the previous selected object; operation aborted;
- IQS\_BATCHNOSINKS no sinks available for the specified link, in the last selected objects; operation aborted;
- IQS\_BATCHNOSOURCE no source for the specified sinks, in the previous selected sources; operation aborted;
- IQS\_SUCCESS operation successful.

# 8 IQS module cross reference

This chapter shows the global cross reference for all of the functions of the IQS module. The IQS module functions make internal calls<sup>34</sup> as well as external calls to the ERA, CON, RM and CTS modules. Thus, the provided description will be based on a field for the name of the caller IQS function and, whenever necessary, specific fields for the called functions on other modules.

This cross reference distinguishes between functions implemented in the **iqs.c** and **actions.c** files. For each file, the functions are gathered in groups reflecting their main functionalities.

### 8.1 Cross reference for the iqs.c file

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup>that is, they also call functions of their own module

# 8.1.1 IQS API Auxiliary functions

IQS function	IQS calls
iqsFrealloc	
iqsStrtok	
iqsCheckWordInList	iqsStrtok
iqsGetAttrValue	iqsCheckWordInList

# 8.1.2 Set API functions

IQS function	IQS calls
iqsCleanSet	iqsCleanSet
iqsCopySet	iqsCleanSet
iqsSetDifference	iqsCopySet
	iqsCleanSet
	iqsCheckWordInList
iqsSetIntersection	iqsCopySet
	iqsSetDifference
	iqsCleanSet
iqsSetUnion	iqsCopySet
	iqsCleanSet
	iqsFrealloc
	iqsMakeSet
iqsMakeSet	iqsCleanSet
	iqsFrealloc
	iqsCheckWordInList
	iqsMakeSet
	iqsCopySet

# 8.1.3 IQS API functions

IQS function	IQS calls	ERA calls	CON calls
iqsGetHierarchyAoids	iqsCleanSet	eraGet0bj	
	iqsFrealloc		
	iqsGetAttrValue		
	iqsCopySet		
	iqsSetDifference		
iqsGetAOGAttribs	iqsCleanSet	eraGet0bj	
	iqsCheckWordInList		
	iqsSetDifference		
	iqsGetAttrValue		
	iqsFrealloc		
iqsGetAOGValues	iqsCleanSet	eraGet0bj	
	iqsGetAttrValue		
	iqsFrealloc		
iqsGetFacets	iqsCleanSet	eraGet0bj	
	iqsFrealloc		
	iqsCheckWordInList		
	iqsGetAttrValue		
	iqsSetDifference		
iqsGetFacetsValues	iqsCleanSet	eraGet0bj	

	iqsGetAttrValue		
	iqsFrealloc		
iqsGetClassAttributes	iqsCleanSet	eraGet0bj	
	iqsGetAttrValue		
	iqsCheckWordInList		
	iqsSetUnion		
iqsGetAttribsValues	iqsCleanSet	eraGet0bj	
	iqsGetAttrValue		
	iqsFrealloc		
iqsGetSLCs	iqsCleanSet	eraGet0bj	
	iqsGetAttrValue		
	iqsCopySet		
	iqsMakeSet		
iqsGetPHAs	iqsCleanSet		
	iqsGetSLCs		
	iqsCheckWordInList		
	iqsGetPHAsBySLC		
	iqsSetUnion		
	iqsMakeSet		
iqsGetPHAsBySLC	iqsCleanSet		CONGEtSLCPHA
	iqsFrealloc		
iqsGetAoidsBySLC	iqsCleanSet	eraGet0bj	
	iqsGetAttrValue		
	iqsCopySet		
iqsGetSLCsByPHA	iqsCleanSet		
	iqsCheckWordInList		
	iqsGetPHAsBySLC		
	iqsCopySet		
iqsGetCompounds	iqsCleanSet		conGetMbr
	iqsCopySet		

#### Note: iqsGetHierarchyAoids calls also VCsrvGetClasses at the SRV module.

iqsGetCaractRel	iqsCleanSet	conGetMbrLnk
	iqsFrealloc	conGetLnk
	iqsSetUnion	
iqsGetClustersByCaractRel	iqsCleanSet	conGetMbrLnk
	iqsFrealloc	conGetLnk
	iqsSetUnion	
	iqsCopySet	
iqsGetClaoByMember	iqsCleanSet	conGetMbr
	iqsFrealloc	
	iqsMakeSet	
iqsGetMemberByClao	iqsCleanSet	conGetMbr
	iqsFrealloc	
	iqsMakeSet	
iqsGetSources	iqsCleanSet	conGetLnk
	iqsCopySet	
iqsGetSourcesAndLinks	iqsCleanSet	conGetLnk
	iqsFrealloct	
	iqsCopySet	
iqsGetSourcesByLinkAndSinks	iqsCleanSet	conGetLnk
	iqsCopySet	
iqsGetSourcesAndLinksBySinks	iqsCleanSet	conGetLnk
	iqsFrealloc	

iqsCopySet	

IQS function	IQS calls	RM calls
VBiqsResetParser	iqsSAauxSetVBState	
	iqsCleanSet	
VBiqsInitHistory		
VBiqsClearHistory	iqsCleanSet	
	iqsSAauxSetVBState	
VBiqsSaveHistory		
VbiqsGetVBState		
VbiqsGetQuery		
VbiqsGetNameFromNameList	iqsCheckWordInList	
VbiqsGetValuesFromQSV	iqsMakeSet	
	iqsSetDifference	
	iqsCleanSet	
	iqsCheckWordInList	
VBiqsGetHistory		
VBiqsGetAoidsFromHistory	iqsCopySet	
VBiqsGetResult		
VBiqsShowFAC	iqsCopySet	rmReset
	iqsGetMemberByClao	rmAddVertex
	iqsSetIntersection	rmAddArc
VBiqsShowLNK	iqsCopySet	rmReset
	iqsGetMemberByClao	rmAddVertex
	iqsSetIntersection	rmAddArc
VBiqsShowMBR	iqsCopySet	rmReset
	iqsGetMemberByClao	rmAddVertex
	iqsSetIntersection	rmAddArc
VBiqsParser		
VBiqsBatchParser	iqsSAauxSetVBState	

# 8.1.4 IQS Visual Basic related API functions

### 8.2 Cross reference for the actions.c file

## 8.2.1 IQS Semantic Actions Auxiliary API functions

IQS function	IQS calls	CTS calls
iqsSAauxSetVBState		
iqsSAauxAddToQuery	iqsFrealloc	
iqsSAauxAddQueryToHistory	iqsFrealloc	
	iqsCopySet	
iqsSAauxInitAttrLists	iqsGetAOGAttribs	
	iqsSetDifference	
	iqsGetFacets	
	iqsGetClassAttributes	
	iqsMakeSet	
	iqsGetSLCs	
	iqsGetPHAs	
	iqsGetCaractRel	
iqsSAauxSelectAoidsByValue	iqsCheckWordInList	ctsSearchArc

iqsSetUnion	
iqsCleanSet	
iqsCopySet	

# 8.2.2 IQS Semantic Actions API functions

IQS function	IQS calls	
iqsSAcheck	iqsSAauxAddQueryToHistory	
	iqsGetMemberByClao	
	iqsSetIntersection	
	VBiqsResetParser	
iqsSAabort	VBiqsResetParser	
batchIqsSAcheckIndex		
iqsSAinitGetAllClass	iqsSAauxAddToQuery	
	iqsSAauxSetVBState	
iqsSAgetAoidsBellowClass	iqsGetHierarchyAoids	
	iqsSAauxInitAttrLists	
	iqsSAauxAddToQuery	
	iqsSAauxSetVBState	
iqsSAafterAttrTypeChoice	iqsSAauxInitAttrLists	
	iqsSAauxSetVBState	
iqsSAgetAttrValues	iqsCleanSet	
	iqsGetAOGValues	
	iqsGetFacetsValues	
	iqsGetAttribsValues	
	iqsSAauxSetVBState	
iqsSAgetAoidsByValue	iqsSAauxSelectAoidsByValue	
	iqsSetUnion	
	iqsSetDifference	
	igsCleanSet	
	iqsSAauxSetVBState	
	iqsSAauxAddToQuery	
iqsSAgetAoidsBySlc	iqsGetAoidsBySLC	
	iqsSAauxAddToQuery	
	iqsCleanSet	
	iqsSAauxSetVBState	
iqsSAgetSlcsAndAoidsByPha	iqsGetSLCs	
	iqsGetSLCsByPHA	
	iqsCheckWordInList	
	iqsClopySet	
	iqsGetAoidsBySLC	
	iqsSetUnion	
	iqsMakeSet	
	iqsSAauxAddToQuery	
	iqsSAauxSetVBState	
	iqsCleanSet	
iqsSAafterIsCompoundPressed	iqsCopySet	
	iqsGetCompounds	
	iqsSAauxSetVBState	
	iqsCleanSet	
	iqsSAauxAddToQuery	
iqsSAgetAoidsByCaractRel	iqsGetClustersByCaractRel	
	iqsSetUnion	

	iqsSetDifference
	iqsCleanSet
	iqsSAauxSetVBState
	iqsSAauxAddToQuery
iqsSAafterBelongToCompoundPressed	iqsCopySet
	iqsGetClaoByMember
	iqsCleanSet
	iqsSAauxSetVBState
	iqsSAauxAddToQuery
iqsSAinitQuery	iqsSAauxAddToQuery
	iqsSAauxSetVBState
iqsSAgetAoidsFromQuery	iqsCopySet
	iqsGetSourcesAndLinks
	iqsMakeSet
	iqsSAauxSetVBState
	iqsGetSources
	iqsSAauxAddToQuery
iqsSAgetSourcesByLink	iqsCheckWordInList
	iqsSetUnion
	iqsCleanSet
	iqsCopySet
	iqsSAauxSetVBState
	iqsSAauxAddToQuery
iqsSAgetSourcesByLinkAndSinks	iqsCopySet
	iqsGetSourcesByLinkAndSinks
	iqsCleanSet
	iqsSAauxSetVBState
	iqsSAauxAddToQuery
iqsSAgetSourcesAndLinksBySinks	iqsCopySet
	iqsGetSourcesAndLinksBySinks
	iqsCleanSet
	iqsMakeSet
	iqsSAauxSetVBState
	iqsSAauxAddToQuery
iqsSAqueryUnion	iqsSetUnion
	iqsSAauxAddToQuery
	iqsSAauxSetVBState

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