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Preface

Welcome to the *JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Tools Development Standards for Business Function Programming Guide*.

Audience

This guide is intended for developers and technical consultants who are responsible for creating and modifying business functions.

This guide assumes you have a working knowledge of the following:

- The principles and customary practices of your business area.
- C++ programming.

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This guide contains references to server configuration settings that JD Edwards EnterpriseOne stores in configuration files (such as `jde.ini`, `jas.ini`, `jdbj.ini`, `jdelog.properties`, and so on). Beginning with the JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Tools Release 8.97, it is highly recommended that you only access and manage these settings

for the supported server types using the Server Manager program. See the *Server Manager Guide*.

Conventions

The following text conventions are used in this document:

Convention	Meaning
Bold	Indicates field values.
<i>Italics</i>	Indicates emphasis and JD Edwards EnterpriseOne or other book-length publication titles.
Monospace	Indicates a JD Edwards EnterpriseOne program, other code example, or URL.

Introduction to JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Tools Development Standards for Business Function Programming

This chapter contains the following topics:

- [Section 1.1, "Development Standards for Business Function Programming Overview"](#)
- [Section 1.2, "Development Standards for Business Function Programming Implementation"](#)

1.1 Development Standards for Business Function Programming Overview

Business Function Programming is an integral part of Oracle's JD Edwards EnterpriseOne tool set. Application developers can attach custom functionality to application and batch processing events by using business functions. You program business functions are programmed in C code, discussed in this guide, or as Named Event Rules.

1.2 Development Standards for Business Function Programming Implementation

This section provides an overview of the steps that are required to implement Development Standards for Business Function Programming.

In the planning phase of your implementation, take advantage of all JD Edwards EnterpriseOne sources of information, including the installation guides and troubleshooting information.

1.2.1 Business Function Programming Implementation Steps

This table lists the steps for JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Tools Business Function Programming implementation.

- Set up default project in OMW.
See "Understanding JD Edwards EnterpriseOne OMW Configuration" in the *JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Tools Object Management Workbench Guide*.
- Configure OMW transfer activity rules and allowed actions.

See "Understanding JD Edwards EnterpriseOne OMW Configuration" in the *JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Tools Object Management Workbench Guide*.

- Set up default location and printers.

See *JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Tools Report Printing Administration Technologies Guide*.

Understanding Naming Conventions

This chapter contains the following topics:

- [Section 2.1, "Source and Header File Names"](#)
- [Section 2.2, "Function Names"](#)
- [Section 2.3, "Variable Names"](#)
- [Section 2.4, "Business Function Data Structure Names"](#)

2.1 Source and Header File Names

Source and header file names can be a maximum of 8 characters and should be formatted as bxyyyyy, where:

- b = BSFN object
- xx (second two digits) = The system code, such as:
 - 01 = Address Book
 - 04 = Accounts Payable
- yyyyy (the last five digits) = A sequential number for the system code, such as:
 - 00001 = The first source or header file for the system code
 - 00002 = The second source or header file for the system code

Both the C source and the accompanying header file should have the same name.

This table shows examples of this naming convention:

System	System Code	Source Number	Source File	Header File
Address Book	01	10	b0100010.c	b0100010.h
Accounts Receivable	04	58	b0400058.c	b0400058.h
General Ledger	09	2457	b0902457.c	b0902457.h

2.2 Function Names

An internal function can be a maximum of 42 characters and should be formatted as Ixxxxxx_a, where:

- I = An internal function
- xxxxxx = The source file name

- a = The function description

Function descriptions can be up to 32 characters in length, and must not contain spaces. Be as descriptive as possible and capitalize the first letter of each word, such as `ValidateTransactionCurrencyCode`. When possible use the major table name or purpose of the function.

An example of a Function Name is `I4100040_CompareDate`

Note: Do not use an underscore after I.

2.3 Variable Names

Variables are storage places in a program and can contain numbers and strings. Variables are stored in the computer's memory. Variables are used with keywords and functions, such as `char` and `MATH_NUMERIC`, and must be declared at the beginning of the program.

A variable name can be up to 32 characters in length. Be as descriptive as possible and capitalize the first letter of each word.

You must use Hungarian prefix notation for all variable names, as shown in this table:

Prefix	Description
c	JCHAR
sz	NULL-terminated JCHAR string
z	ZCHAR
zz	NULL-terminated ZCHAR string
n	short
l	long
b	Boolean
mn	MATH_NUMERIC
jd	JDEDATE
lp	long pointer
i	integer
by	byte
ul	unsigned long (identifier)
us	unsigned Short
ds	data structures
h	handle
e	enumerated types
id	id long integer, JDE data type for returns
ut	JDEUTIME
sz	VARCHAR

2.3.1 Example: Hungarian Notation for Variable Names

These variable names use Hungarian notation:

Variable	Description
JCHAR	cPaymentRecieved;
JCHAR []	szCompanyNumber = _J(00000);
short	nLoopCounter;
long int	lTaxConstant;
BOOL	bIsDateValid;
MATH_NUMERIC	mnAddressNumber;
JDEDATE	jdGLDate;
LPMATH_NUMERIC	lpAddressNumber;
int	iCounter;
byte	byOffsetValue;
unsigned long	ulFunctionStatus;
D0500575A	dsInputParameters;
JDEDB_RESULT	idJDEDBResult;

2.4 Business Function Data Structure Names

The data structure for business function event rules and business functions should be formatted as DxxyyyyA, where:

- D = Data structure
- xx (second two digits) = The system code, such as
 - 01 = Address Book
 - 02 = Accounts Payable
- yyyy = A next number (the numbering assignments follow current procedures in the respective application groups)
- A = An alphabetical character (such as A, B, C and so on) placed at the end of the data structure name to indicate that a function has multiple data structures

Even if a function has only one data structure, you should include the A in the name.

An example of a Business Function Data Structure Name is D050575A.

Ensuring Readability

This chapter contains the following topics:

- [Section 3.1, "Understanding Readability"](#)
- [Section 3.2, "Maintaining the Source and Header Code Change Log"](#)
- [Section 3.3, "Inserting Comments"](#)
- [Section 3.4, "Indenting Code"](#)
- [Section 3.5, "Formatting Compound Statements"](#)

3.1 Understanding Readability

Readable code is easier to debug and maintain. You can make code more readable by maintaining the change log, inserting comments, indenting code, and formatting compound statements.

3.2 Maintaining the Source and Header Code Change Log

You must note any code changes that you make to the standard source and header for a business function. Include this information:

- SAR - the SAR number
- Date - the date of the change
- Initials - the programmer's initials
- Comment - the reason for the change

3.3 Inserting Comments

Insert comments that describe the purpose of the business function and your intended approach. Using comments will make future maintenance and enhancement of the function easier.

Use this checklist for inserting comments:

- Always use the `/*comment*/` style. The use of `//` comments is not portable.
- Precede and align comments with the statements they describe.
- Comments should never be more than 80 characters wide.

3.3.1 Example: Inserting Comments

This example shows the correct way to insert block and inline comments into code:

```

/*-----
 * Comment blocks need to have separating lines between
 * the text description. The separator can be a
 * dash '-' or an asterisk '*'
 *-----*/
if ( statement )
{
    statements
} /* inline comments indicate the meaning of one statement */
/*-----
 * Comments should be used in all segments of the source
 * code. The original programmer may not be the programmer
 * maintaining the code in the future which makes this a
 * crucial step in the development process.
 *-----*/
/*****
 * Function Clean Up
 *****/

```

3.4 Indenting Code

Any statements executed inside a block of code should be indented within that block of code. Standard indentation is three spaces.

Note: Set up the environment for the editor you are using to set tab stops at 3 and turn the tab character display off. Then, each time you press the Tab key, three spaces are inserted rather than the tab character. Select auto-indentation.

3.4.1 Example: Indenting Code

This the standard method to indent code:

```

function block
{
    if ( nJDEDBReturn == JDEDB_PASSED )
    {
        CallSomeFunction( nParameter1, szParameter2 );
        CallAnotherFunction( lSomeNumber );
        while( FunctionWithBooleanReturn() )
        {
            CallYetAnotherFunction( cStatusCode );
        }
    }
}

```

3.5 Formatting Compound Statements

Compound statements are statements followed by one or more statements enclosed with braces. A function block is an obvious example of a compound statement. Control statements (while, for) and selection statements (if, switch) are also examples of compound statements.

Omitting braces is a common C coding practice when only one statement follows a control or selection statement. However, you must use braces for all compound statements for these reasons:

- The absence of braces can cause errors.
- Braces ensure that all compound statements are treated the same way.
- In the case of nested compound statements, the use of braces clarifies the statements that belong to a particular code block.
- Braces make subsequent modifications easier.

Refer to these guidelines when formatting compound statements:

- Always have one statement per line within a compound statement.
- Always use braces to contain the statements that follow a control statement or a selection statement.
- Braces should be aligned with the initial control or selection statement.
- Logical expressions evaluated within a control or selection statement should be broken up across multiple lines if they do not fit on one line. When breaking up multiple logical expressions, do not begin a new line with the logical operator; the logical operator must remain on the preceding line.
- When evaluating multiple logical expressions, use parentheses to explicitly indicate precedence.
- Never declare variables within a compound statement, except function blocks.
- Use braces for all compound statements.
- Place each opening or closing brace, { or }, on a separate line.

3.5.1 Example: Formatting Compound Statements

This example shows how to format compound statements for ease of use and to prevent mistakes:

```

/*
 * Do the Issues Edit Line if the process edits is either
 * blank or set to SKIP_COMPLETIONS. The process edits is
 * set to SKIP_COMPLETIONS if Hours and Quantities is in
 * interactive mode and Completions is Blind in P31123.
 */
if ((dsWorkCache.PO_cIssuesBlindExecution == _J('1')) &&
    ((dsCache.cPayPointCode == _J('M'))      ||
     (dsCache.cPayPointCode == _J('B')))    &&
    (lpDS->cProcessEdits != ONLY_COMPLETIONS))
{
    /* Process the Pay Point line for Material Issues */
    idReturnCode = I3101060_BlindIssuesEditLine(&dsInternal,
                                                &dsCache,
                                                &dsWorkCache);
}

```

3.5.2 Example: Using Braces to Clarify Flow

This example shows the use of braces to clarify the flow and prevent mistakes:

```

if(idJDBReturn != JDEDB_PASSED)

```

```

{
    /* If not add mode, record must exist */
    if ((lpdsInternal->cActionCode != ADD_MODE) &&
        (lpdsInternal->cActionCode != ATTACH_MODE))
    {
        /* Issue Error 0002 - Work Order number invalid */
        jdeStrncpy((JCHAR*) (lpdsInternal->szErrorMessageID),
                  (const JCHAR*)_J(0002),
                  DIM(lpdsInternal->szErrorMessageID)-1);
        lpdsInternal->idFieldID = IDERRmnOrderNumber_15;
        idReturnCode = ER_ERROR;
    }
}
else
{
    /* If in add mode and the record exists, issue error and exit */
    if (lpdsInternal->cActionCode == ADD_MODE)
    {
        /* Issue Error 0002 - Work Order number invalid */
        jdeStrncpy((JCHAR*) (lpdsInternal->szErrorMessageID),
                  (const JCHAR*)_J(0002),
                  DIM(lpdsInternal->szErrorMessageID)-1);
        lpdsInternal->idFieldID = IDERRmnOrderNumber_15;
        idReturnCode = ER_ERROR;
    }
    else
    {
        /*
         * Set flag used in determining if the F4801 record should be sent
         * in to the modules
         */
        lpdsInternal->cF4801Retrieved = _J('1');
    }
}
}

```

3.5.3 Example: Using Braces for Ease in Subsequent Modifications

The use of braces prevents mistakes when the code is later modified. Consider this example. The original code contains a test to see if the number of lines is less than a predefined limit. As intended, the return value is assigned a certain value if the number of lines is greater than the maximum. Later, someone decides that an error message should be issued in addition to assigning a certain return value. The intent is for both statements to be executed only if the number of lines is greater than the maximum. Instead, **idReturn** will be set to **ER_ERROR** regardless of the value of **nLines**. If braces were used originally, this mistake would have been avoided.

ORIGINAL

```

if (nLines > MAX_LINES)
    idReturn = ER_ERROR;

```

MODIFIED

```

if (nLines > MAX_LINES)
    jdeErrorSet (lpBhvrCom, lpVoid,
                (ID) 0, _J(4353), (LPVOID) NULL);
    idReturn = ER_ERROR;

```

STANDARD ORIGINAL

```
if (nLines > MAX_LINES)
{
    idReturn = ER_ERROR;
}

STANDARD MODIFIED

if (nLines > MAX_LINES)
{
    jdeErrorSet (lpBhvrCom, lpVoid,
                (ID) 0, _J(4363), (LPVOID) NULL);
    idReturn = ER_ERROR;
}
```

3.5.4 Example: Handling Multiple Logical Expressions

This example shows how to handle multiple logical expressions:

```
while ( (lWorkArray[elWorkX] < lWorkArray[elWorkMAX]) &&
        (lWorkArray[elWorkX] < lWorkArray[elWorkCDAYS]) &&
        (idReturnCode == ER_SUCCESS))

{
    statements
}
```

Declaring and Initializing Variables and Data Structures

This chapter contains the following topics:

- Section 4.1, "Understanding Variables and Data Structures"
- Section 4.2, "Using Define Statements"
- Section 4.3, "Using Typedef Statements"
- Section 4.4, "Creating Function Prototypes"
- Section 4.5, "Initializing Variables"
- Section 4.6, "Initializing Data Structures"
- Section 4.7, "Using Standard Variables"

4.1 Understanding Variables and Data Structures

Variables and data structures must be defined and initialized before they can be used to store data. This chapter describes how to declare and initialize them. It includes topics on using define statements, using **typedef**, creating function prototypes, initializing variables, initializing data structures, and using standard variables.

4.2 Using Define Statements

A define statement is a directive that sets up constants at the beginning of the program. A define statement always begins with a pound sign (#). All business functions include the system header file: `jde.h`. System-wide define statements are included in the system header file.

If you need define statements for a specific function, include the define statement in uppercase letters within the source file for the function whenever possible. The statement should directly follow the header file inclusion statement.

Usually, you should place define statements in the source file, not the header file. When placed in the header file, you can redefine the same constant with different values, causing unexpected results. However, rare cases exist when it is necessary to place a define statement in the function header file. In these cases, precede the definition name with the business function name to ensure uniqueness.

4.2.1 Example: #define in Source File

This example includes define statements within a business function source file:

```

/*****
* Notes
*****/

#include <bxxxxxxx.h>

/*****
* Global Definitions
*****/
#define CACHE_GET          '1'
#define CACHE_ADD          '2'
#define CACHE_UPDATE       '3'
#define CACHE_DELETE       '4'

```

4.2.2 Example: #define in Header File

This example includes define statements within a business function header:

```

/*****
* External Business Function Header Inclusions
*****/

#include <bxxxxxxx.h>

/*****
* Global definitions
*****/
#define BXXXXXXX_CACHE_GET      '1'
#define BXXXXXXX_CACHE_ADD     '2'
#define BXXXXXXX_CACHE_UPDATE  '3'
#define BXXXXXXX_CACHE_DELETE  '4'

```

4.3 Using Typedef Statements

When using **typedef** statements, always name the object of the **typedef** statement using a descriptive, uppercase format. If you are using a **typedef** statement for data structures, remember to include the name of the business function in the name of the **typedef** to make it unique. See the example for using a **typedef** statement for a data structure.

4.3.1 Example: Using Typedef for a User-Defined Data Structure

This is an example of a user-defined data structure:

```

/*****
* Structure Definitions
*****/

typedef struct
{
    HUSER          hUser;          /** User handle **/
    HREQUEST       hRequestF0901; /** File Pointer to the
                                   * Account Master **/
    DSD0051        dsData;         /** X0051 - F0902 Retrieval **/
    int            iFromYear;      /** Internal Variables **/
    BOOL           bProcessed;
    MATH_NUMERIC   mnCalculatedAmount;

```

```

JCHAR          szSummaryJob[13];
JDEDATE       jdStartPeriodDate;
} DSX51013_INFO, *LPDSX51013_INFO;

```

4.4 Creating Function Prototypes

Refer to these guidelines when defining function prototypes:

- Always place function prototypes in the header file of the business function in the appropriate prototype section.
- Include function definitions in the source file of the business function, preceded by a function header.
- Ensure that function names follow the naming convention defined in this guide.
- Ensure that variable names in the parameter list follow the naming convention defined in this guide.
- List the variable names of the parameters along with the data types in the function prototype.
- List one parameter per line so that the parameters are aligned in a single column.
- Do not allow the parameter list to extend beyond 80 characters in the function definition. If the parameter list must be broken up, the data type and variable name must stay together. Align multiple-line parameter lists with the first parameter.
- Include a return type for every function. If a function does not return a value, use the keyword **void** as the return type.
- Use the keyword **void** in place of the parameter list if nothing is passed to the function.

4.4.1 Example: Creating a Business Function Prototype

This is an example of a standard business function prototype:

```

/*****
 * Business Function: BusinessFunctionName
 *
 *   Description: Business Function Name
 *
 *   Parameters:
 *     LPBHVRCOM  lpBhvrCom Business Function Communications
 *     LPVOID     lpVoid   Void Parameter - DO NOT USE!
 *     LPDSD51013 lpDS     Parameter Data Structure Pointer
 *
 *****/

JDEBFRTN (ID) JDEBFWINAPI BusinessFunctionName (LPBHVRCOM  lpBhvrCom,
                                                LPVOID       lpVoid,
                                                LPDSXXXXXX  lpDS)

```

4.4.2 Example: Creating an Internal Function Prototype

This is an example of a standard internal function prototype:

```
Type XXXXXXXX_AAAAAAA( parameter list ... );
```

```

type      : Function return value
XXXXXXXXX : Unique source file name
AAAAA    : Function Name

```

4.4.3 Example: Creating an External Business Function Definition

This is an example of a standard external business function definition:

```

/*
 * see sample source for standard business function heading
 */
JDEBFRN (ID) JDEBFWINAPI GetAddressBookDescription(LPBHVRCOM lpBhvrCom,
                                                    LPVOID lpVoid,
                                                    LPDSNNNNNN lpDS)

{
    ID idReturn = ER_SUCCESS;
    /*-----
     * business function code
     */
    return idReturn;
}

```

4.4.4 Example: Creating an Internal Function Definition

This is an example of a standard internal function definition:

```

/*-----
 * see sample source for standard function header
 */
void I4100040_GetSupervisorManagerDefault( LPBHVRCOM lpBhvrCom,
                                           LPSTR lpszCostCenterIn,
                                           LPSTR lpszManagerOut,
                                           LPSTR lpszSupervisorOut )

/*-----
 * Note: b4100040 is the source file name
 */
{
    /*
     * internal function code
     */
}

```

4.5 Initializing Variables

Variables store information in memory that is used by the program. Variables can store strings of text and numbers.

When you declare a variable, you should also initialize it. Two types of variable initialization exist: explicit and implicit. Variables are explicitly initialized if they are assigned a value in the declaration statement. Implicit initialization occurs when variables are assigned a value during processing.

This information covers standards for declaring and initializing variables in business functions and includes an example of standard formats.

Use these guidelines when declaring and initializing variables:

- Declare variables using this format:

```
datatype variable name = initial value; /* descriptive comment*/
```
- Declare all variables used within business functions and internal functions at the beginning of the function. Although C allows you to declare variables within compound statement blocks, this standard requires all variables used within a function to be declared at the beginning of the function block.
- Declare only one variable per line, even if multiple variables of the same type exist. Indent each line three spaces and left align the data type of each declaration with all other variable declarations. Align the first character of each variable name (**variable name** in the preceding format example) with variable names in all other declarations.
- Use the naming conventions set forth in this guide. When initializing variables, the initial value is optional depending on the data type of the variable. Generally, all variables should be explicitly initialized in their declaration.
- The descriptive comment is optional. In most cases, variable names are descriptive enough to indicate the use of the variable. However, provide a comment if further description is appropriate or if an initial value is unusual.
- Left align all comments.
- Data structures should be initialized to zero using the **memset** function immediately after the declaration section.
- Some Application Program Interfaces (APIs), such as the JDB ODBC API, provide initialization routines. In this case, the variables intended for use with the API should be initialized with the API routines.
- Always initialize pointers to NULL and include an appropriate type call at the declaration line.
- Initialize all variables, except data structures, in the declaration.
- Initialize all declared data structures, **MATH_NUMERIC**, and **JDEDATE** to NULL.
- Ensure that the byte size of the variable matches the size of the data structure you want to store.

4.5.1 Example: Initializing Variables

This example shows how to initialize variables:

```
JDEBFRTN (ID) JDEBFWINAPI F0902GLDateSensitiveRetrieval
                                (LPBHVRCOM  lpBhvrCom,
                                LPVOID      lpVoid,
                                LPDSD0051  lpDS)
/*****
 * Variable declarations
 *****/
ID          idReturn      = ER_SUCCESS;
JDEDB_RESULT eJDEDBResult = JDEDB_PASSED;
long        lDateDiff    = 0L;
BOOL        bAddF0911Flag = TRUE;
MATH_NUMERIC mnPeriod     = {0};

/*****
 * Declare structures
 *****/
```

```

HUSER          hUser          = (HUSER) NULL;
HREQUEST       hRequestF0901 = (HREQUEST) NULL;
DSD5100016    dsDate         = {0};
JDEDATE       jdMidDate      = {0};

/*****
 * Pointers
 *****/
LPX0051_DSTABLES lpdsTables = (LPX0051_DSTABLES) 0L;

/*****
 * Check for NULL pointers
 *****/
if ((lpBhvrCom == (LPBHVRCOM) NULL) ||
    (lpVoid == (LPVOID) NULL) ||
    (lpDS == (LPDSD0051) NULL))
{
    jdeErrorSet (lpBhvrCom, lpVoid, (ID) 0,
                _J(4363), (LPVOID) NULL);
    return ER_ERROR;
}

/*****
 * Main Processing
 *****/
eJDEDBResult = JDB_InitBhvr ((void*)lpBhvrCom,
                             &hUser,
                             (JCHAR *) NULL,
                             JDEDB_COMMIT_AUTO);

memcpy ((void*) &dsDate.jdPeriodEndDate,
        (const void*) &lpDS->jdGLDate, sizeof(JDEDATE));

```

4.6 Initializing Data Structures

When writing to the table, the table recognizes these default values:

- Space-NULL if string is blank
- 0 value if math numeric is 0
- 0 JDEDATE if date is blank
- Space if character is blank

Always **memset** to NULL on the data structure that is passed to another business function to update a table or fetch a table.

4.6.1 Example: Using Memset to Reset the Data Structure to Null

This example resets the data structure to NULL when initializing the data structure:

```

bOpenTable = B5100001_F5108Setup( lpBhvrCom, lpVoid,
                                  lpUser, &hRequestF5108);

if ( bOpenTable )
{
    memset( (void *)(&dsF5108Key), 0x00, sizeof(KEY1_F5108) );
    jdeStrcpy( (JCHAR*) dsF5108Key.mdmcu,
              (const JCHAR*) lpDS->szBusinessUnit );
}

```

```

memset( (void *)&dsF5108, 0x00, sizeof(F5108) );

jdeStrcpy( (JCHAR*) dsF5108.mdmcu,
           (const JCHAR*) lpDS->szBusinessUnit );
MathCopy(&dsF5108.mdbstct, &mnCentury);
MathCopy(&dsF5108.mdbsfy, &mnYear);
MathCopy(&dsF5108.mdbtct, &mnCentury);
MathCopy(&dsF5108.mdbtfy, &mnYear);
eJDEDBResult = JDB_InsertTable( hRequestF5108,
                               ID_F5108,
                               (ID) 0,
                               (void *) (&dsF5108) );
}

```

4.7 Using Standard Variables

This section discusses how to:

- Use flag variables.
- Use input and output parameters.
- Use fetch variables.

4.7.1 Using Flag Variables

When creating flag variables, use these guidelines:

- Any true-or-false flag used must be a Boolean type (**BOOL**).
- Name the flag variable to answer a question of TRUE or FALSE.

These are examples of flag variables, with a brief description of how each is used:

Flag Variable	Description
bIsMemoryAllocated	Apply to memory allocation
bIsLinkListEmpty	Link List

4.7.2 Using Input and Output Parameters

Business functions frequently return error codes and pointers. The input and output parameters in the business function data structure should be named as follows:

Input and Output Parameter	Description
cReturnPointer	When allocating memory and returning GENLNG .
cErrorCode	Based on cCallType, cErrorCode returns a 1 when it fails or a 0 when it succeeds.
cSuppressErrorMessage	If the value is 1, do not display error message using jdeErrorSet(...) . If the value is 0, display the error.
szErrorMessageId	If an error occurs, return an error message ID (value). Otherwise, return four spaces.

4.7.3 Using Fetch Variables

Use fetch variables to retrieve and return specific information, such as a result; to define the table ID; and to specify the number of keys to use in a fetch.

Fetch Variable	Description
idJDEDBResult	APIs or JD Edwards EnterpriseOne functions, such as JDEDB_RESULT
idReturnValue	Business function return value, such as ER_WARNING or ER_ERROR
idTableXXXXID	Where XXXX is the table name, such as F4101 and F41021, the variable used to define the Table ID.
idIndexXXXXID	Where XXXX is the table name, such as F4101 or F41021, the variable used to define the Index ID of a table.
usXXXXNumColToFetch	Where XXXX is the table name, such as F4101 and F41021, the number of the column to fetch. <i>Do not</i> put the literal value in the API functions as the parameter.
usXXXXNumOfKeys	Where XXXX is the table name, such as F4101 and F41021, the number of keys to use in the fetch.

4.7.3.1 Example: Using Standard Variables

This example illustrates the use of standard variables:

```

/*****
 * Variable declarations
 *****/
ID      idJDEDBResult = JDEDB_PASSED;
ID      idTableF0901  = ID_F0901;
ID      idIndexF0901  = ID_F0901_ACCOUNT_ID;
ID      idFetchCol[]  = { ID_CO, ID_AID, ID_MCU, ID_OBJ,
                        ID_SUB, ID_LDA, ID_CCT };
ushort  usNumColToFetch = 7;
ushort  usNumOfKeys    = 1;

/*****
 * Structure declarations
 *****/
KEY3_F0901    dsF0901Key = {0}
DSX51013_F0901 dsF0901 = {0}

/*****
 * Main Processing
 *****/
/** Open the table, if it is not open */
if ((*lpdsInfo->lphRequestF0901) == (HREQUEST) NULL)
{
    if ( (*lpdsInfo->lphUser) == (HUSER) 0L )
    {
        idJDEDBResult = JDB_InitBhvr ((void*)lpBhvrCom,
                                     &lpdsInfo->lphUser,
                                     (JCHAR *) NULL,
                                     JDEDB_COMMIT_AUTO);
    }
}

```

```
if (idJDEDBResult == JDEDB_PASSED)
{
    idJDEDBResult = JDB_OpenTable( (*lpdsInfo->lphUser),
                                   idTableF0901,
                                   idIndexF0901,
                                   (LPID) (idFetchCol),
                                   (ushort) (usNumColFetch),
                                   (JCHAR *) NULL,
                                   &lpdsInfo->hRequestF0901 );
}
}
/** Retrieve Account Master - AID only sent **/
if (idJDEDBResult == JDEDB_PASSED)
{
    /** Set Key and Fetch Record **/
    memset( (void *) (&dsF0901Key),
            (int) _J('\0'), sizeof(KEY3_F0901) );
    jdeStrcpy ((char *) dsF0901Key.gmaid,
              (const JCHAR*) lpDS->szAccountID );
    idJDEDBResult = JDB_FetchKeyed ( lpdsInfo->hRequestF0901,
                                     idIndexF0901,
                                     (void *) (&dsF0901Key),
                                     (short) (1),
                                     (void *) (&dsF0901),
                                     (int) (FALSE) );

    /** Check for F0901 Record **/
    if (eJDEDBResult == JDEDB_PASSED)
    {
        statement
    }
}
}
```

Applying General Coding Guidelines

This chapter contains the following topics:

- Section 5.1, "Using Function Calls"
- Section 5.2, "Passing Pointers between Business Functions"
- Section 5.3, "Allocating and Releasing Memory"
- Section 5.4, "Using hRequest and hUser"
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- Section 5.7, "Copying Strings with `jdeStrcpy` or `jdeStrncpy`"
- Section 5.8, "Using the Function Clean Up Area"
- Section 5.9, "Inserting Function Exit Points"
- Section 5.10, "Terminating a Function"

5.1 Using Function Calls

Reuse of existing functions through a function call prevents duplicate code. Refer to these guidelines when using function calls:

- Always put a comma between each parameter. Optionally, you can add a space for readability.
- If the function has a return value, always check the return of the function for errors or a valid value.
- Use `jdeCallObject` to call another business function.
- When calling functions with long parameter lists, the function call should not be wider than 80 characters.

Break the parameter list into one or more lines, aligning the first parameter of proceeding lines with the first parameter in the parameter list.

- Make sure the data types of the parameters match the function prototype.

When intentionally passing variables with data types that do not match the prototype, explicitly cast the parameters to the correct data type.

5.1.1 Calling an External Business Function

Use `jdeCallObject` to call an external business function defined in the Object Management Workbench. Include the header file for the external business function

that contains the prototype and data structure definition. It is good practice to check the value of the return code.

5.1.1.1 Example: Calling an External Business Function

This example calls an external business function:

```
/*-----
 *
 * Retrieve account master information
 *
 *-----*/
    idReturnCode = jdeCallObject(_J("ValidateAccountNumber),
                                NULL,
                                lpBhvrCom,
                                lpVoid,
                                (void*) &dsValidateAccount,
                                (CALLMAP*) NULL,
                                (int) 0,
                                (JCHAR*) NULL,
                                (JCHAR*) NULL,
                                (int) 0 );

    if ( idReturnCode == ER_SUCCESS )
    {
        statement;
    }
}
```

5.1.2 Calling an Internal Business Function

You can access internal business functions (internal C functions) within the same source file.

You may create modular subroutines that can be accessed from multiple source files. Use `CALLIBF (fcn (parm1, parm2))` and `CALLIBFRET (ret, fcn (parm1, parm2))` to access internal business functions within a different source file but within the same DLL. Use **CALLIBF** to call an internal business function with no return value. Use **CALLIBFRET** to call an internal business function with a return value. Both **CALLIBF** and **CALLIBFRET** can call internal business functions with any type or number of parameters.

CALLIBF and **CALLIBFRET** can only call internal functions within the same business function DLL. They cannot call functions in other business function DLLs. For example, if the internal function `intFcn123()` is in `B550001.C`, which is in the `CALLBSFN.DLL`, you cannot call it with **CALLIBF** or **CALLIBFRET** from a business function in `CDIST.DLL`.

To use **CALLIBF** or **CALLIBFRET** for an internal business function, the business function must have its prototype in the business function header. If you do not want other modules calling the internal business function, place the prototype in the C file, not the header file.

Calling internal business functions has several advantages over external business functions. First, they do not have the `jdeCallObject` performance overhead of checking OCM mapping and possibly executing the function remotely. A called function always executes in the same process from where it was called. Second, the parameters are not restricted to JD Edwards EnterpriseOne data dictionary data types. Any valid C data type, including pointers, may be passed in and out of internal functions.

5.1.2.1 Example: Calling an Internal Business Function with No Return Value

This example calls an internal business function that has no return value.

This portion is an example of b550001.h:

```
/* normal business function header pieces */
...
/* The internal business function prototype must be in the header for other
modules to call it */
void i550001(int *a, int b);
```

This portion is an example of b550001.c:

```
/* normal business function code pieces */
#include <b550001.h>
JDEBFRTN(ID) JDEBFWINAPI TestBSFN(LPBHVRCOM lpVhvrCom,
                                  LPVOID lpVoid,
                                  LPDSB550001 lpDS)
{
  ...
}
void i550001(int *a, int b)
{
  *a = *a + b;
  return;
}
```

This portion is an example of b550002.c:

```
/* normal business function code pieces */
#include <b550002.h>
#include <b550001.h>

JDEBFRTN(ID) JDEBFWINAPI TestBSFN(LPBHVRCOM lpBhvrCom,
                                  LPVOID lpVoid,
                                  LPDSB550001 lpDS)
{
  int total = 3;
  int adder = 7;

  CALLIBF(i550001(&total, adder));
}
```

5.1.2.2 Example: Calling an Internal Business Function with a Return Value

This example calls an internal business function that has a return value.

This portion is an example of b550001.h:

```
/* normal business function header pieces */
...
/* The internal business function prototype must be in the header for
other modules to call it */

int i550001(int a, int b);
```

This portion is an example of b550001.c:

```
/* normal business function code pieces */
#include <b550001.h>

JDEBFRTN(ID) JDEBFWINAPI TestBSFN(LPBHVRCOM lpBhvrCom,
```

```

                                LPVOID      lpVoid,
                                LPDSB550001 lpDS)
{
...
}
int i550001(int a, int b)
{
    a = a + b;
    return;
}

```

This portion is an example of b550002.c:

```

/* normal business function code pieces */
#include <b550002.h>
#include <b550001.h>

JDEBFRTN(ID) JDEBFWINAPI TestBSFN(LPBHVRCOM lpBhvrCom,
                                LPVOID      lpVoid,
                                LPDSB550001 lpDS)
{
    int total = 0;
    int adder1 = 6;
    int adder2 = 7;
    CALLIBFRET(total, i550001(adder1, adder2));
}

```

5.2 Passing Pointers between Business Functions

Never pass pointers directly in or out of business functions. A pointer memory address should not be greater than 32 bits. If you pass a pointer address that exceeds 32 bits across the platform to a client that supports just 32 bits, the significant digit might be truncated and invalidate the address.

The correct way to share pointers between business functions is to store the address in an array. This array is located on the server platform specified in the Object Configuration Manager (OCM). The array allows up to 100 memory locations to be allocated and stored, and it is maintained by JD Edwards EnterpriseOne tools. The index to a position in the array is a long integer type or ID. Use the **GENLNG** data dictionary object in the business function data structure to pass this index in or out of the business function.

5.2.1 Storing an Address in an Array

Use **jdeStoreDataPtr** to store an allocated memory pointer in an array for later retrieval. The index to the position in the array is returned. This index should be passed out through the business function data structure (**lpDS**).

5.2.1.1 Example: Storing an Address in an Array

This example illustrates how to store an address in an array:

```

If (lpDS->cReturnF4301PtrFlag == _J('1'))
{
    lpDS->idF4301RowPtr = jdeStoreDataPtr(hUser, (void *)lpdsF4301);
}

```

5.2.2 Retrieving an Address from an Array

Use `jdeRetrieveDataPtr` to retrieve an address outside the current business function. The index to the position in the array should be passed in through the business function data structure (`lpDS`). When you use `jdeRetrieveDataPtr`, the address remains in the array and can be retrieved again later.

5.2.2.1 Example: Retrieving an Address from an Array

This example retrieves an address from an array:

```
lpdsF43199 = (LPF43199) jdeRetrieveDataPtr
            (hUser, lpDS->idF43199Pointer);
```

5.2.3 Removing an Address from an Array

Use `jdeRemoveDataPtr` to remove the address from the array cell and release the array cell. The index to the position in the array should be passed in through the business function data structure (`lpDS`). A corresponding call to `jdeRemoveDataPtr` must exist for every `jdeStoreDataPtr`. If you use `jdeAlloc` to allocate memory, use `jdeFree` to free the memory.

5.2.3.1 Example: Removing an Address from an Array

This example removes an address from an array:

```
if (lpDS->idGenericLong != (ID) 0)
{
    lpGenericPtr = (void *)jdeRemoveDataPtr(hUser, lpDS->idGenericLong);
    if (lpGenericPtr != (void *) NULL)
    {
        jdeFree((void *)lpGenericPtr);
        lpDS->idGenericLong = (ID) 0;
        lpGenericPtr = (void *) NULL;
    }
}
```

5.3 Allocating and Releasing Memory

Use `jdeAlloc` to allocate memory. Because `jdeAlloc` affects performance, use it sparingly.

Use `jdeFree` to release memory within a business function. For every `jdeAlloc`, a `jdeFree` should exist to release the memory.

Note: Use the business function `FreePtrToDataStructure`, B4000640, to release memory through event rule logic.

5.3.1 Example: Allocating and Releasing Memory within a Business Function

This example uses `jdeAlloc` to allocate memory, and then, in the function cleanup section, `jdeFree` to release memory:

```
statement
lpdsF4301 = (LPF4301)jdeAlloc( COMMON_POOL, sizeof(F4301), MEM_ZEROINIT );
statement
```

```
/* *****  
 * Function Clean Up Section  
***** */  
if (lpdsF4301 != (LPF4301) NULL)  
{  
    jdeFree( lpdsF4301 );  
}
```

5.4 Using hRequest and hUser

Some API calls require either **anhUser** or **anhRequest** variable, or both. To get the **hUser**, use **JDBInitBhvr**. To get the **hRequest**, use **JDBOpenTable**. Initialize **hUser** and **hRequest** to NULL in the variable declaration line. All **hRequest** and **hUser** declarations should have **JDB_CloseTable()** and **JDB_FreeBhvr()** in the function cleanup section.

5.5 Typecasting

Typecasting is also known as type conversion. Use typecasting when the function requires a certain type of value, when defining function parameters, and when allocating memory with **jdeAlloc()**.

Note: This standard is for all function calls as well as function prototypes.

5.6 Comparison Testing

Always use explicit tests for comparisons. Do not embed assignments in comparison tests. Assign a value or result to a variable and use the variable in the comparison test.

Always test floating point variables using **<=** or **>=**. Do not use **==** or **!=** since some floating point numbers cannot be represented exactly.

5.6.1 Example: Comparison Test

This example shows how to create C code for comparison tests.

```
eJDEDBResult = JDB_InitBhvr ((void*)lpBhvrCom,  
                             &hUser,  
                             (JCHAR *) NULL,  
                             JDEDB_COMMIT_AUTO);  
  
/** Check for Valid hUser **/  
if (eJDEDBResult == JDEDB_PASSED)  
{  
    statement;  
}
```

5.6.2 Example: Creating TRUE or FALSE Test Comparison that Uses Boolean Logic

This example is a TRUE or FALSE test comparison that uses Boolean logic:

```
/* IsStringBlank has a BOOL return type. It will always return either  
 * TRUE or FALSE */  
if ( IsStringBlank( szString) )
```

```

{
    statement;
}

```

5.7 Copying Strings with `jdeStrcpy` or `jdeStrncpy`

When copying strings of the same length, such as business unit, you may use the `jdeStrcpy` ANSI API. If the strings differ in length-as with a description-use the `jdeStrncpy` ANSI API with the number of characters you need returned, not counting the trailing NULL character.

```

/*****
 * Variable Definitions
 *****/
JCHAR      szToBusinessUnit(13);
JCHAR      szFromBusinessUnit(13);
JCHAR      szToDescription(31);
JCHAR      szFromDescription(41);
/*****
 * Main Processing
 *****/
    jdeStrcpy((JCHAR *) szToBusinessUnit,
              (const JCHAR *) szFromBusinessUnit );

    jdeStrncpy((JCHAR *) szToDescription,
              (const JCHAR *) szFromDescription,
              DIM(szToDescription)-1 );

```

5.8 Using the Function Clean Up Area

Use the function clean up area to release any allocated memory, including `hRequest` and `hUser`.

5.8.1 Example: Using the Function Clean Up Area to Release Memory

This example shows how to release memory in the function clean up area:

```

lpdsF4301 = (LPF4301)jdeAlloc( COMMON_POOL,
                             sizeof(F4301),MEM_ZEROINIT ) ;
/*****
 * Function Clean Up Section
 *****/
if (lpdsF4301 != (LPF4301 ) NULL)
{
    jdeFree( lpdsF4301 );
}

if (hRequestF4301 != (HREQUEST) NULL)
{
    JDB_CloseTable( hRequestF4301 );
}

JDB_FreeBhvr( hUser );

return ( idReturnValue );

```

5.9 Inserting Function Exit Points

Where possible, use a single exit point (return) from the function. The code is more structured when a business function has a single exit point. The use of a single exit point also enables the programmer to perform cleanup, such as freeing memory and terminating ODBC requests, immediately before the return. In more complex functions, this action might be difficult or unreasonable. Include the necessary cleanup logic, such as freeing memory and terminating ODBC requests, when programming an exit point in the middle of a function.

Use the return value of the function to control statement execution. Business functions can have one of two return values: **ER_SUCCESS** or **ER_ERROR**. By initializing the return value for the function to **ER_SUCCESS**, the return value can be used to determine the processing flow.

5.9.1 Example: Inserting an Exit Point in a Function

This example illustrates the use of a return value for the function to control statement execution:

```

    ID          idReturn          = ER_SUCCESS;
/*****
 * Main Processing
 *****/
    memset( (void *)&dsInfo, 0x00, sizeof(DSX51013_INFO) );
    idReturn = X51013_VerifyAndRetrieveInformation( lpBhvrCom,
                                                    lpVoid,
                                                    lpDS,
                                                    &dsInfo );
    /** Check for Errors and Company or Job Level Projections */
    if ( (idReturn == ER_SUCCESS) &&
        (lpDS->cJobCostProjections == _J('Y')) )
    {
        /** Process All Periods between the From and Thru Dates */
        while ( (!dsInfo.bProcessed) &&
                (idReturn == ER_SUCCESS) )
        {
            /** Retrieve Calculation Information */
            if ((dsInfo.bRetrieveBalance) && (idReturn == ER_SUCCESS))
            {
                idReturn = X51013_RetrieveAccountBalances( lpBhvrCom,
                                                            lpVoid,
                                                            lpDS,
                                                            &dsInfo );
            }
            if (idReturn == ER_SUCCESS)
            {
                statement;
            }
        } /* End Processing */
    }
/*****
 * Function Clean Up
 *****/
    if ( (dsInfo.hUser) != (HUSER) NULL )
    {
        statement;
    }

```

```
return idReturn;
```

5.10 Terminating a Function

Always return a value with the termination of a function.

Coding for Portability

This chapter contains the following topics:

- [Section 6.1, "Portability Concepts"](#)
- [Section 6.2, "Portability Guidelines"](#)
- [Section 6.3, "Preventing Common Server Build Errors and Warnings"](#)

6.1 Portability Concepts

Portability is the ability to run a program on more than one system platform without modifying it. JD Edwards EnterpriseOne is a portable environment. This chapter presents considerations and guidelines for porting objects between systems.

Standards that affect the development of relational database systems are determined by:

- ANSI (American National Standards Institute) standard
- X/OPEN (European body) standard
- ISO SQL standard

Ideally, industry standards enable users to work identically with different relational database systems. Each major vendor supports industry standards but also offers extensions to enhance the functionality of the SQL language. In addition, vendors constantly release upgrades and new versions of their products.

These extensions and upgrades affect portability. Due to the effect of software development on the industry, applications need a standard interface to databases—an interface that will not be affected by differences among database vendors. When vendors provide a new release, the effect on existing applications needs to be minimal. To solve portability issues, many organizations have moved to standard database interfaces, called open database connectivity (ODBC).

6.2 Portability Guidelines

Refer to these guidelines to develop business functions that comply with portability standards:

- Business functions must be ANSI-compatible for portability.

Since different computer platforms might present limitations, exceptions to this rule do exist. However, do not use a non-ANSI exception without approval from the Business Function Standards Committee.

- Do not create a program that depends on data alignment, because each system aligns data differently by allocating bytes or words.
For example: for a one-character field that is one byte. Some systems allocate only one byte for that field, while other systems allocate the entire word for the field.
- Keep in mind that vendor libraries and function calls are system-dependent and exclusive to that vendor.
This means that if the program is compiled using a different compiler, that particular function will fail.
- Use caution when using pointer arithmetic because it is system-dependent and is based on the data alignment.
- Do not assume that all systems will initialize a variable the same way.
Always explicitly initialize variables.
- Use caution when using an offset to explicitly retrieve a value within the data structure.
This guideline also relates to data alignment. Use offset to define cache index.
- Always typecast if your parameter does not match the function parameter.

Note: `JCHAR szArray[13]` is not the same as `(JCHAR *)` in the function declaration. Therefore, typecast of `(JCHAR *)` is required for `szArray` for that particular function.

- Never typecast on the left-hand side of the assignment statement, as it can result in a loss of data.
For example, in the statement `(short)nValue = (long) lValue` will lose the value of the long integer if it is too large to fit into a short integer data type.
- Do not use C++ comments (C++ comments begin with two forward slashes).

6.3 Preventing Common Server Build Errors and Warnings

JD Edwards EnterpriseOne business functions must be ANSI-compatible for portability. Since different computer platforms and servers have their own limitations, our business functions must comply with all server standards. This topic presents guidelines for coding business functions that correctly build on different servers.

6.3.1 Comments within Comments

Never use comments that are included in other comments. Each `"/**` should be followed by subsequent `*/`. Refer to these examples.

6.3.1.1 Example: C Comments that Comply with the ANSI Standard

Use this C standard comment block:

```
/*
*****
* Correct Method of C Comments
*****
*/
/* SAR 1234567 Begin*/
/* Populate the lpDS->OrderedPlacedBy value from the userID only in
the ADD mode */
if ( lpDS->cHeaderActionCode == _J('1'))
```

```

{
  if (IsStringBlank(lpDS->szOrderedPlacedBy))
  .{
    jdeStrcpy((JCHAR *) (lpDS->szOrderedPlacedBy),
              (const JCHAR *) (lpDS->szUserID));
  }/* End of defaulting in the user id into Order placed by
     if the later was left blank */
}/* SAR 1234567 End */

```

6.3.1.2 Example: C Comments that Comply with the ANSI Standard

Use this C standard comment block:

```

/*****
* Correct Method of C Comments
*****/
/* SAR 1234567 Begin*/
/* Populate the lpDS->OrderedPlacedBy value from the userID only in
the ADD mode */
if ( lpDS->cHeaderActionCode == _J('1'))
{
  if (IsStringBlank(lpDS->szOrderedPlacedBy))
  .{
    jdeStrcpy((JCHAR *) (lpDS->szOrderedPlacedBy),
              (const JCHAR *) (lpDS->szUserID));
  }/* End of defaulting in the user id into Order placed by
     if the later was left blank */
}/* SAR 1234567 End */

```

6.3.1.3 Example: Comments within Comments Cause Problems on Different Servers

This example shows that comments within comments can cause problem on different servers:

```

/*****
C Comments within Comments Causing Server Build Errors and Warnings
*****/
/* SAR 1234567 Begin
/* Populate the lpDS->OrderedPlacedBy value from the userID only in
the ADD mode */
*/
if ( lpDS->cHeaderActionCode == _J('1'))
{
  if (IsStringBlank(lpDS->szOrderedPlacedBy))
  {
    jdeStrcpy((JCHAR *) (lpDS->szOrderedPlacedBy),
              (const JCHAR *) (lpDS->szUserID));
  }/* End of defaulting in the user id into the Order placed by
     /* if the later was left blank */
}/* SAR 1234567 End */

```

6.3.2 New Line Character at the End of a Business Function

Some servers need a new line character at the end of the source and header file in order to build correctly. It is a best practice to ensure that a new line character is added at the end of each business function. Press the Enter key at the end of the code to add a new line character.

6.3.3 Use of Null Character

Be careful when using NULL character '\0'. This character starts with a back slash. Using '/0' is an error that is not reported by the compiler.

6.3.3.1 Example: Use of NULL Character

This example shows an incorrect and a correct use of the NULL character:

```
/******Initialize Data Structures******/
/*Error Code*/
/* '/0' is used assuming it to be a NULL character*/
/* memset((void *)(&dsVerifyActivityRulesStatusCodeParms),
          (int)('/0'), sizeof(DSD4000260A));*/

/*Correct Use of NULL Character*/
memset((void *)(&dsVerifyActivityRulesStatusCodeParms),
       (int)('\0'), sizeof(DSD4000260A));
```

6.3.4 Lowercase Letters in Include Statements

When an external business function or table is included in the header file, use lowercase letters in the include statement. Uppercase letters cause build errors.

6.3.4.1 Example: Use of Lowercase Letters in Include Statements

This example shows the incorrect and correct use of lowercase letters in the include statement:

```
/******
* External Business Function Header Inclusions
******/
/*Incorrect method of including external business function header*/
/*Include Statement Causing Build Warnings on Various Servers*/
#include <B0000130.h>
/*Correct method of including external business function header*/
#include <b0000130.h>
```

6.3.5 Initialized Variables that are Not Referenced

Each variable that is declared and initialized under the Variables Declaration section in the business function must be used in the program. For example: if the variable idReturnValue is initialized, then it must be used somewhere in the program.

Understanding JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Defined Structures

This chapter contains the following topics:

- [Section 7.1, "MATH_NUMERIC Data Type"](#)
- [Section 7.2, "JDEDATE Data Type"](#)

Oracle's JD Edwards EnterpriseOne provides two data types that should concern you when you create business functions: **MATH_NUMERIC** and **JDEDATE**. Since these data types might change, use the Common Library APIs provided by JD Edwards EnterpriseOne to manipulate them. Do not access the members of these data types directly.

7.1 MATH_NUMERIC Data Type

The **MATH_NUMERIC** data type is commonly used to represent numeric values in JD Edwards EnterpriseOne software. This data type is defined as follows:

```
struct tag MATH_NUMERIC

{
    ZCHAR String [MAXLEN_MATH_NUMERIC + 1];
    BYTE Sign;
    ZCHAR EditCode;
    short nDecimalPosition;
    short nLength;
    WORD wFlags;
    ZCHAR szCurrency [4];
    Short nCurrencyDecimals;
    short nPrecision;
};

typedef struct tag MATH_NUMERIC MATH_NUMERIC, FAR *LPMATH_NUMERIC;
```

This table shows math-numeric elements and their descriptions:

MATH_NUMERIC Element	Description
String	The digits without separators
Sign	A minus sign indicates the number is negative. Otherwise, the value is 0x00.
EditCode	The data dictionary edit code used to format the number for display

MATH_NUMERIC Element	Description
nDecimalPosition	The number of digits from the right to place the decimal
nLength	The number of digits in the String
wFlags	Processing flags
szCurrency	Currency code
nCurrencyDecimals	The number of currency decimals
nPrecision	The data dictionary size

When assigning **MATH_NUMERIC** variables, use the MathCopy API. MathCopy copies the information, including Currency, into the location of the pointer. This API prevents any lost data in the assignment.

Initialize local **MATH_NUMERIC** variables with the ZeroMathNumeric API. If a **MATH_NUMERIC** is not initialized, invalid information, especially currency information, might be in the data structure, which can result in unexpected results at runtime.

```

/*****
 * Variable Definitions
 *****/
    MATH_NUMERIC    mnVariable = {0};

/*****
 * Main Processing
 *****/
    ZeroMathNumeric( &mnVariable );
    MathCopy( &mnVariable,
              &lpDS->mnVariable );

```

7.2 JDEDATE Data Type

The **JDEDATE** data type is commonly used to represent dates in JD Edwards EnterpriseOne. The data type is defined as follows:

```

struct tag JDEDATE
{
    short nYear;
    short nMonth;
    short nDay;
};

typedef struct tag JDEDATE JDEDATE, FAR *LPJDEDATE;

```

JDEDATE Element	Description
nYear	The year
nMonth	The month
nDay	The day

7.2.1 UsingMemcpy to Assign JDEDATE Variables

When assigning **JDEDATE** variables, use the **memcpy** function. The **memcpy** function copies the information into the location of the pointer. If you use a flat assignment, you might lose the scope of the local variable in the assignment, which could result in a lost data assignment.

```

/*****
 * Variable Definitions
 *****/
    JDEDATE    jdToDate;
/*****
 * Main Processing
 *****/
    memcpy((void*) &jdToDate,
           (const void *) &lpDS->jdFromDate,
           sizeof(JDEDATE) );

```

7.2.2 JDEDATECopy

You can use **JDEDATECopy**, as well as **memcpy**, to assign **JDEDATE** variables. The syntax is as follows:

```

#define JDEDATECopy(pDest, pSource)
    memcpy(pDest, pSource, sizeof(JDEDATE))

```

Implementing Error Messages

This chapter contains the following topics:

- [Section 8.1, "Understanding Error Messages"](#)
- [Section 8.2, "Inserting Parameters for Error Messages in IpDS"](#)
- [Section 8.3, "Initializing Behavior Errors"](#)
- [Section 8.4, "Using Text Substitution to Display Specific Error Messages"](#)
- [Section 8.5, "Mapping Data Structure Errors with jdeCallObject"](#)

8.1 Understanding Error Messages

Messages provide an effective and usable method of communicating information to end-users. You can use simple messages or text substitution messages.

Text substitution messages provide specific information to the user. At runtime, the system replaces variables in the message with substitution values. Two types of text substitution messages exist:

- Error messages (glossary group E)
- Workflow messages (glossary group Y)

The return code from all JDB and JDE Cache APIs must be checked and an appropriate error message set, returned, or both to the calling function. The standard error messages for JDB and JDE Cache errors are shown in these tables.

The JDB errors are:

Error ID	Description
078D	Open Table Failed
078E	Close Table Failed
078F	Insert to Table Failed
078G	Delete from Table Failed
078H	Update to Table Failed
078I	Fetch from Table Failed
078J	Select from Table Failed
078K	Set Sequence of Table Failed
078S *	Initialization of Behavior Failed

* 078S does not use text substitution

The JDE Cache errors are:

Error ID	Description
078L	Initialization of Cache Failed
078M	Open Cursor Failed
078N	Fetch from Cache Failed
078O	Add to Cache Failed
078P	Update to Cache Failed
078Q	Delete from Cache Failed
078R	Terminate of Cache Failed

8.2 Inserting Parameters for Error Messages in IpDS

Include the parameters `cSuppressErrorMessage` and `szErrorMessageID` in **IpDS** for error message processing. The functionality for each is as follows:

- `cSuppressErrorMessage` (SUPPS)

Valid data is either 1 or 0. This parameter is required if `jdeErrorSet(...)` is used in the business function. When `cSuppressErrorMessage` is set to 1, do not set an error because `jdeErrorSet` will automatically display an error message.
- `szErrorMessageID` (DTAI)

This 4-character string contains the error message ID value that is passed back by the business function. If an error occurs in the business function, `szErrorMessageID` contains that error number ID.

Note: You must initialize `szErrorMessageID` to 4 spaces at the beginning of the function. Failure to initialize can cause memory errors.

8.2.1 Example: Parameters in IpDS for an Error Message

This example includes the **IpDS** parameters, `cSuppressErrorMessage`, and `szErrorMessageID`:

```

if ((!IsStringBlank(lpDS->szErrorMessageID)) &&
    (lpDS->cSuppressErrorMessage != _J('1')))
{
    jdeStrcpy ((JCHAR*) (lpDS->szErrorMessageID),
              (const JCHAR*) (_J("0653")));
    jdeErrorSet (lpBhvrCom, lpVoid, (ID) IDERRCMethodofComputation_1,
                lpDS->szErrorMessageID, (LPVOID) NULL);
    idReturnValue = ER_ERROR;
}

/*****
 * Function Clean Up
 *****/
return idReturnValue;

```

8.3 Initializing Behavior Errors

Business functions that use the JD Edwards EnterpriseOne database API are required to call the Initialize Behavior function before calling any of the database functions. Set error 078S if the Initialize Behavior function does not complete successfully.

8.3.1 Example: Initialize Behavior Error

This example illustrates an initialize behavior error:

```

/*****
 * Initialize Behavior
 *****/
idJDBReturn = JDB_InitBhvr(lpBhvrCom,
                          &hUser,
                          (JCHAR *) NULL,
                          JDEDB_COMMIT_AUTO);
if (idJDBReturn != JDEDB_PASSED)
{
    jdeStrcpy (lpDS->szErrorMessageID, _J("078S"));
    if (lpDS->cSuppressErrorMessage != _J('1'))
    {
        jdeErrorSet(lpBhvrCom, lpVoid, (ID)0, _J(078S), (LPVOID) NULL);
    }
    return ER_ERROR;
}

```

8.4 Using Text Substitution to Display Specific Error Messages

You can use the JD Edwards EnterpriseOne text substitution APIs for returning error messages within a business function. Text substitution is a flexible method for displaying a specific error message.

Text substitution is accomplished through the data dictionary. To use text substitution, you first must set up a data dictionary item that defines text substitution for the specific error message. A selection of error messages for JDB and JDE Cache have already been created and are listed in this chapter.

Error messages for cache and tables are critical in a configurable network computing (CNC) architecture. C programmers must set the appropriate error message when working with tables or cache APIs.

JDB API errors should substitute the name of the file against which the API failed. JDE cache API errors should substitute the name of the cache for which the API failed.

When calling errors that use text substitution, you must:

- Load a data structure with the information you want to substitute in the error message.
- Call `jdeErrorSet` to set the error.

8.4.1 Example: Text Substitution in an Error Message

This example uses text substitution in `JDB_OpenTable`:

```

/*****
 * Open the General Ledger Table F0911
 *****/
eJDBReturn = JDB_OpenTable( hUser,

```

```

        ID_F0911,
        ID_F0911_DOC_TYPE_NUMBER___B,
        idColF0911,
        nNumColsF0911,
        (JCHAR *)NULL,
        &hRequestF0911);

if (eJDBReturn != JDEDB_PASSED)
{
    memset((void *)&dsDE0022, 0x00, sizeof(dsDE0022));
    jdeStrncpy((JCHAR *)dsDE0022.szDescription,
               (const JCHAR *)_J("F0911"),
               DIM(dsDE0022.szDescription)-1);
    jdeErrorSet (lpBhvrCom, lpVoid, (ID)0, _J("078D"), &dsDE0022);
}

```

8.5 Mapping Data Structure Errors with jdeCallObject

Any Business Function calling an external Business Function must use `jdeCallObject`. When using `jdeCallObject`, be sure to match the Error IDs correctly.

You need to match the Ids from the original Business Function with the Error Ids of the Business Function in `jdeCallObject`. A data structure is used in the `jdeCallObject` to accomplish this task.

```

/*****
 * Variable declarations
 *****/
CALLMAP   cm_D0000026[2] = {{IDERRmnDisplayExchgRate_62,
                           IDERRmnExchangeRate_2}};
ID        idReturnCode = ER_SUCCESS; /* Return Code */
/*****
 * Business Function structures
 *****/
DSD0000026 dsD0000026 = {0}; /* Edit Tolerance */

idReturnCode = jdeCallObject(_J("EditExchanbeRateTolerance"),
                             NULL,
                             lpBhvrCom,
                             lpVoid,
                             (void *)&dsD0000026,
                             (CALLMAP *)&cm_D0000026,
                             ND0000026,
                             (JCHAR *)NULL,
                             (JCHAR *)NULL,
                             (int)0);

```

Understanding Data Dictionary Triggers

This chapter contains the following topic:

- [Section 9.1, "Data Dictionary Triggers"](#)

9.1 Data Dictionary Triggers

Data dictionary triggers are used to attach edit-and-display logic to data dictionary items. The application runtime engine executes the trigger associated with a data dictionary item at the time that the item is accessed in a form.

Custom data dictionary triggers are written in C or Named Event Rule (NER), and require a specific data structure in order to execute correctly. The custom trigger data structure is composed of three predefined members and one variable member. The predefined members are the same for every custom trigger. The variable member is different for each trigger, and it is created using the specific data element associated with the data dictionary item.

This table shows the order of the members in the data structure along with the alias and a description of each member.

Structure Member Name	Alias	Description
idBhvrErrorId	BHVRERRID	Used by the trigger function to return the error status (ER_ERROR or ER_SUCCESS) to the application.
szBehaviorEditString	BHVREDTST	Used by the application runtime engine to pass the value for the data dictionary field to the trigger function.
szDescription001	DL01	Used by the trigger function to return the description for the value to the application.
szHomeCompany, mnAddressNumber	HMCO, AN8	Used by the trigger function to set errors (CALLMAP field).

Understanding Unicode Compliance Standards

This chapter contains the following topics:

- [Section 10.1, "Unicode Compliance Standards"](#)
- [Section 10.2, "Unicode String Functions"](#)
- [Section 10.3, "Unicode Memory Functions"](#)
- [Section 10.4, "Pointer Arithmetic"](#)
- [Section 10.5, "Offsets"](#)
- [Section 10.6, "MATH_NUMERIC APIs"](#)
- [Section 10.7, "Third-Party APIs"](#)
- [Section 10.8, "Flat-File APIs"](#)

10.1 Unicode Compliance Standards

The Unicode Standard is the universal character-encoding scheme for written characters and text. It defines a consistent way of way of encoding multilingual text that enables the exchange of text data internationally and creates the foundation for global software.

Facts about Unicode:

- Unicode is a very large character set containing the characters of virtually every written language.
- Unicode uses two bytes per character.

Up to 64,000 characters can be supported using two bytes. Unicode also has a mechanism called "surrogates," which uses pairs of two bytes to describe an additional one million characters.

- 0x00 is a valid byte in a character.

For example, the character "A" is described as 0x00 0x41, which means that normal string functions, such as **strlen()** and **strcpy**, do not work with Unicode data.

Do not use the data type **char**. Instead, use **JCHAR** for Unicode characters and **ZCHAR** for non-Unicode characters. Use **ZCHAR** instead of **char** in a code that needs to interface with non-Unicode APIs.

Old Syntax No Longer Available	New Syntax Non-Unicode	New Syntax Unicode
Char	ZCHAR	JCHAR
char *, PSTR	ZCHAR*, PZSTR	JCHAR*, PJSTR
'A'	_Z('A')	_J('A')
"string"	_Z("string")	_J("string")

10.2 Unicode String Functions

Two versions of all string functions exist: one for Unicode and one for non-Unicode. Naming standards for Unicode and non-Unicode string functions are:

- **jdeSxxxxx()** indicates a Unicode string function
- **jdeZSxxxx()** indicates a non-Unicode string function

Some of the replacement functions include:

Old String Functions	New String Functions Non-Unicode	New String Functions Unicode
strcpy()	jdeZstrcpy()	jdestrcpy()
strlen()	jdeZstrlen()	jdestrlen()
strstr()	jdeZstrstr()	jdestrstr()
sprintf()	jdeZsprintf()	jdesprintf()
strncpy()	jdeZstrncpy()	jdestrncpy()

Note: The function **jdestrcpy()** was in use before the migration to Unicode. The Unicode slimer changed existing **jdestrcpy()** to **jdeStrncpyTerminate()**. Going forward, developers need to use **jdeStrncpyTerminate()** where they previously used **jdestrcpy()**.

Do not use traditional string functions, such as **strcpy**, **strlen**, and **printf**. All the **jdeStrxxxxx** functions explicitly handle strings, so use character length instead of the **sizeof()** operator, which returns a byte count.

When using **jdeStrncpy()**, the third parameter is the number of characters, not the number of bytes.

The **DIM()** macro gives the number of characters of an array. Given `"JCHAR a[10];"`, `DIM(a)` returns 10, while `sizeof(a)` returns 20. `"strncpy (a, b, sizeof (a));"` needs to become `"jdeStrncpy (a, b, DIM (a));"`.

10.2.1 Example: Using Unicode String Functions

This example shows how to use Unicode string functions:

```

/*****
In this example jdeStrncpy replaces strncpy. Also sizeof is
replaced by DIM.
*****/
/* Set key to F38112 */

```



```

/*Unicode Compliant*/
jdeStrncpy(dsKey1F38112.dxdcto,
           (const JCHAR *) (dsF4311ZDetail->pwdcto),
           DIM(dsKey1F38112.dxdcto) - 1);

```

10.3 Unicode Memory Functions

The `memset()` function changes memory byte by byte. For example, `memset (buf, ' ', sizeof (buf));` sets the 10 bytes pointed to by the first argument, `buf`, to the value `0x20`, the space character. Since a Unicode character is 2 bytes, each character is set to `0x2020`, which is the dagger character (†) in Unicode.

A new function, `jdeMemset()` sets memory character by character rather than byte by byte. This function takes a void pointer, a `JCHAR`, and the number of bytes to set. Use `jdeMemset (buf, _J (' '), sizeof (buf));` to set the Unicode string `buf` so that each character is `0x0020`. When using `jdeMemset()`, the third parameter, `sizeof(buf)`, is the number of bytes, not characters.

Note: You can use `memset` when filling a memory block with `NULL`. For all other characters, use `jdeMemset`. You also can use `jdeMemset` for a `NULL` character.

10.3.1 Example: Using `jdeMemset` when Setting Characters to Values other than `NULL`

This example shows how to use `jdeMemset` when setting characters to values other than `NULL`:

```

/*****
In this example memset is replaced by jdeMemset. We need to change
memset to jdeMemset because we are setting each character of the
string to a value other than NULL. Also, because jdeMemset works in
bytes, we cannot just subtract 1 from sizeof(szSubsidiaryBlank) to
prevent the last character from being set to ' '. We must multiply
1 by sizeof(JCHAR).
*****/

/*Unicode Compliant*/
jdeMemset((void *) (szSubsidiaryBlank), _J(' '),
          (sizeof(szSubsidiaryBlank) - (1*sizeof(JCHAR))));

```

10.4 Pointer Arithmetic

When advancing a `JCHAR` pointer, it is important to advance the pointer by the correct number. In the example, the intent is to initialize each member of an array consisting of `JCHAR` strings to blank. Inside the "For" loop, the pointer is advanced to point to the next member of the array of `JCHAR` strings after assigning a value to one of the members of the array. This is achieved by adding the maximum length of the string to the pointer. Since `pStringPtr` has been defined as a pointer to a `JCHAR`, adding `MAXSTRLENGTH` to `pStringPtr` results in `pStringPtr` pointing to the next member of the array of strings.

```

#define MAXSTRLENGTH 10
JCHAR          *pStringPtr;
LPMATH_NUMERIC pmnPointerToF3007;
for (i=(iDayOfTheWeek+iNumberOfDaysInMonth); i<CALENDAR_DAYS; i++)

```

```
{
  FormatMathNumeric(pStringPtr, &pmnPointerToF3007[i]);
  pStringPtr = pStringPtr + MAXSTRENGTH;
}
```

These illustrations show the effect of adding **MAXSTRENGTH** to **pStringPtr**. The top row in both tables contains memory locations; the bottom rows contain the contents of those memory locations.

The arrow indicates the memory location that **pStringPtr** points to before **MAXSTRENGTH** is added to **pStringPtr**.

Figure 10–1 Example 1 of Unicode Pointer Arithmetic

∇	na	na																	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
00	49	00	52	00	20	00	20	00	20	00	20	00	20	00	20	00	20	00	20

Figure 10–2 Example 2 of Unicode Pointer Arithmetic

21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
00	49	00	52	00	20	00	20	00	20	00	20	00	20	00	20	00	20	00	20

The arrow indicates the memory location that **pStringPtr** points to after **MAXSTRENGTH** is added to **pStringPtr**. Adding 10 to **pStringPtr** makes it move 20 bytes, as it has been declared of type **JCHAR**.

Figure 10–3 Example 3 of Pointer Arithmetic

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
00	52	00	53	00	54	00	20	00	20	00	20	00	20	00	20	00	20	00	20

∇	na	na																	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
00	49	00	52	00	20	00	20	00	20	00	20	00	20	00	20	00	20	00	20

If **pStringPtr** is advanced by the value **MAXSTRENGTH * sizeof(JCHAR)**, then **pStringPtr** advances twice as much as intended and results in memory corruption.

10.5 Offsets

When adding an offset to a pointer to derive the location of another variable or entity, it is important to determine the method in which the offset was initially created.

In this example, `lpKeyStruct->CacheKey[n].nOffset` is added to **lpData** to arrive at the location of a Cache Key segment. This offset was for the segment created using the ANSI C function `offsetof`, which returns the number of bytes. Therefore, to arrive at the location of Cache Key segment, cast the data structure pointer to type `BYTE`.

```
lpTemp1 = (BYTE *)lpData + lpKeyStruct->CacheKey[n].nOffset;
lpTemp2 = (BYTE *)lpKey + lpKeyStruct->CacheKey[n].nOffset;
```

In a non-Unicode environment, **lpData** could have been cast to be of type `CHAR *` as character size is one Byte in a non-Unicode environment. In a Unicode environment, however, **lpData** has to be explicitly cast to be of type `(JCHAR *)` since size of a `JCHAR` is 2 bytes.

10.6 MATH_NUMERIC APIs

The string members of the `MATH_NUMERIC` data structure are in `ZCHAR` (non-Unicode) format. The JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Common Library API includes several functions that retrieve and manipulate these strings in both `JCHAR` (Unicode) and `ZCHAR` (non-Unicode) formats.

To retrieve the string value of a `MATH_NUMERIC` data type in `JCHAR` format, use the `FormatMathNumeric` API function. This example illustrates the use of this function:

```
/* Declare variables */
JCHAR      szJobNumber[MAXLEN_MATH_NUMERIC+1] = _J("\0");
/* Retrieve the string value of the job number */
FormatMathNumeric(szJobNumber, &lpDS->mnJobnumber);
```

To retrieve the string value of a `MATH_NUMERIC` data type in `ZCHAR` format, use the `jdeMathGetRawString` API function. This example illustrates the use of this function:

```
/* Declare variables */
ZCHAR      zzJobNumber[MAXLEN_MATH_NUMERIC+1] = _Z("\0");
/* Retrieve the string value of the job number */
zzJobNumber = jdeMathGetRawString(&lpDS->mnJobnumber);
```

Another commonly used `MATH_NUMERIC` API function is `jdeMathSetCurrencyCode`. This function is used to update the currency code member of a `MATH_NUMERIC` data structure. Two versions of this function exist: `jdeMathCurrencyCode` and `jdeMathCurrencyCodeUNI`. The `jdeMathCurrencyCode` function is used to update the currency code with a `ZCHAR` value, and `jdeMathCurrencyCodeUNI` is used to update the currency code with a `JCHAR` value. This example illustrates the use of these two functions:

```
/* Declare variables */
ZCHAR      zzCurrencyCode[4] = _Z("USD");
JCHAR      szCurrencyCode[4] = _J("USD");
/* Set the currency code using a ZCHAR value */
jdeMathSetCurrencyCode(&lpDs->mnAmount, (ZCHAR *) zzCurrencyCode);
/* Set the currency code using a JCHAR value */
jdeMathSetCurrencyCodeUNI(&lpDS->mnAmount, (JCHAR *) szCurrencyCode);
```

10.7 Third-Party APIs

Some third-party program interfaces (APIs) do not support Unicode character strings. In these cases, you must convert character strings to non-Unicode format before calling the API, and convert them back to Unicode format for storage in JD Edwards EnterpriseOne. Use these guidelines when programming for a non-Unicode API:

- Declare a Unicode and a non-Unicode variable for each API string parameter.
- Convert the Unicode strings to non-Unicode strings before calling the API.
- Call the API passing the non-Unicode strings in the parameter list.
- Convert the returned non-Unicode strings to Unicode strings for storage in JD Edwards EnterpriseOne.

10.7.1 Example: Third-Party API

This example calls a third-party API named **GetStateName** that accepts a two-character state code and returns a 30-character state name:

```
/* Declare variables */
JCHAR  szStateCode[3] = _J("CO"); /* Unicode state code */
JCHAR  szStateName[31] = _J("\0"); /* Unicode state name */
ZCHAR  zzStateCode[3] = _Z("\0"); /* Non-Unicode state code */
ZCHAR  zzStateName[31] = _Z("\0"); /* Non-Unicode state name */
BOOL   bReturnStatus = FALSE; /* API return flag */
/* Convert unicode strings to non-unicode strings */
jdeFromUnicode(zzStateCode, szStateCode, DIM(zzStateCode), NULL);
/* Call API */
bReturnStatus = GetStateName(zzStateCode, zzStateName);
/* Convert non-unicode strings to unicode strings for storage in
 * JD Edwards EnterpriseOne */
jdeToUnicode(szStateName, zzStateName, DIM(szStateName), NULL);
```

10.8 Flat-File APIs

JD Edwards EnterpriseOne APIs such as **jdeFprintf()** convert data. This means that the default flat file I/O for character data is in Unicode. If the users of JD Edwards EnterpriseOne-generated flat files are not Unicode enabled, they will not be able to read the flat file correctly. Therefore, use an additional set of APIs.

An interactive application allows users to configure flat file encoding based on attributes such as application name, application version name, user name, and environment name. The API set includes these file I/O functions: **fwrite/fread**, **fprintf/fscanf**, **fputs/fgets**, and **fputc/fgetc**. The API converts the data using the code page specified in the configuration application. One additional parameter, **lpBhvrCom**, must be passed to the functions so that the conversion function can find the configuration for that application or version.

These new APIs only need to be called if a process outside of JD Edwards EnterpriseOne is writing or reading the flat file data. If the file is simply a work file or a debugging file and will be written and read by JD Edwards EnterpriseOne, use the non-converting APIs (for example, **jdeFprintf()**).

10.8.1 Example: Flat-File APIs

This example writes text to a flat file that would only be read by JD Edwards EnterpriseOne. Encoding in the file will be Unicode.

```
FILE *fp;
fp = jdeFopen(_J( c:/testBSFNZ.txt), _J(w+));
jdeFprintf(fp, _J("%s%d\n"), _J("Line "), 1);
jdeFclose(fp);
```

This example writes text to a flat file that would be read by third-party systems. Encoding in the file will be based on the encoding configured.

```
FILE *fp;
fp = jdeFopen(_J( c:/testBSFNZ.txt), _J(w+));
jdeFprintfConvert(lpBhvrCom, fp, _J("%s%d\n"), _J("Line "), 1);
jdeFclose(fp);
```

See Also:

- "Using Flat Files" in the *JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Tools Interoperability Guide*.

Understanding Standard Header and Source Files

This chapter contains the following topics:

- [Section 11.1, "Standard Header"](#)
- [Section 11.2, "Standard Source"](#)

11.1 Standard Header

Header files help the compiler properly create a business function. The C language contains 33 keywords. Everything else, such as **printf** and **getchar**, is a function. Functions are defined in header files that you include at the beginning of a business function. Without header files, the compiler does not recognize the functions and might return error messages.

This example shows the standard header for a business function source file:

```

/*****
 * Header File: BXXXXXXX.h
 * Description: Generic Business Function Header File
 * History:
 *   Date      Programmer SAR# - Description
 *   -----
 * Author 03/15/2006          - Created
 *
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 * techniques described herein are considered trade secrets
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 * or in part, is forbidden except by express written permission
 * of Oracle.
 *****/
#ifndef __BXXXXXXX_H
#define __BXXXXXXX_H
/*****
 * Table Header Inclusions
 *****/

/*****
 * External Business Function Header Inclusions
 *****/

/*****

```

```
* Global Definitions
*****/

/*****
* Structure Definitions
*****/

/*****
* DS Template Type Definitions
*****/

/*****
* Source Preprocessor Definitions
*****/
#if defined (JDEBFRTN)
    #undef JDEBFRTN
#endif

#if defined (WIN32)
    #if defined (WIN32)
        #define JDEBFRTN(r) __declspec(dllexport) r
    #else
        #define JDEBFRTN(r) __declspec(dllimport) r
    #endif
#else
    #define JDEBFRTN(r) r
#endif
/*****
* Business Function Prototypes
*****/
JDEBFRTN (ID) JDEBFWINAPI GenericBusinessFunction
                (LPBHVRCOM      lpBhvrCom,
                 LPVOID          lpVoid,
                 LPDSDXXXXXXXXX lpDS);

/*****
* Internal Function Prototypes
*****/
#endif /* __BXXXXXXXX_H */
```

11.1.1 Business Function Name and Description

Use the Business Function Name and Description section to define the name of the business function, describe the business function, and maintain the modification log.

11.1.2 Copyright Notice

The Copyright section contains the Oracle copyright notice and must be included in each source file. Do not change this section.

11.1.3 Header Definition for a Business Function

The Header Definition section for a Business Function contains the "#define" of the business function. It is generated by the tool. Do not change this section.

11.1.4 Table Header Inclusions

The Table Header Inclusions section contains the include statements for the table headers associated with tables directly accessed by the business function.

See [Lowercase Letters in Include Statements](#).

11.1.5 External Business Function Header Inclusions

The External Business Function Header Inclusions section contains the include statements for the business function headers associated with externally defined business functions that are directly accessed by the business function.

See [Lowercase Letters in Include Statements](#).

11.1.6 Global Definitions

Use the Global Definitions section to define global constants used by the business function. Enter names in uppercase, separated by an underscore.

See [Using Define Statements](#).

11.1.7 Structure Definitions

Define structures used by the business function in the Structure Definitions section. Structure names should be prefixed by the Source File Name to prevent conflicts with structures of the same name in other business functions.

See [Understanding Naming ConventionsUsing Typedef Statements](#).

11.1.8 DS Template Type Definitions

The DS Template Type Definitions section defines the business functions contained in the source that correspond to the header. You generate the structure from the business function or data structure design window in Object Management Workbench. After you generate the structure, copy and paste it into this section.

11.1.9 Source Preprocessing Definitions

The Source Preprocessing Definitions section defines the entry point of the business function and includes the opening bracket required by C functions. Do not change this section.

11.1.10 Business Function Prototypes

Use the Business Function Prototypes section to prototype the functions defined in the source file.

See [Creating Function Prototypes](#).

11.1.11 Internal Function Prototypes

The Internal Function Prototypes section contains a description and parameters of the function.

See [Understanding Naming ConventionsCreating Function Prototypes](#).

11.2 Standard Source

The source file contains instructions for the business function. These sections describe the sections of a standard source file.

A template generated for a standard source file when you create a JD Edwards EnterpriseOne business function appears in the following pages:

```
#include <jde.h>
#define bxxxxxxx_c
/*****
 * Source File: bxxxxxxx
 *
 * Description: Generic Business Function Source File
 *
 * History:
 *   Date      Programmer SAR# - Description
 *   -----
 *   Author 06/06/2005          - Created
 *
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 * forbidden except by express written permission of
 * Oracle.
 *****/
/*****
 * Notes:
 *
 *****/

#include <bxxxxxxx.h>
/*****
 * Global Definitions
 *****/

/*****
 * Business Function: GenericBusinessFunction
 *
 * Description: Generic Business Function
 *
 * Parameters:
 * LPBHVRCOM lpBhvrCom Business Function Communications
 * LPVOID lpVoid Void Parameter - DO NOT USE!
 * LPDSDXXXXXXX lpDS Parameter Data Structure Pointer
 *
 *****/
JDEBFRTN (ID) JDEBFWINAPI GenericBusinessFunction
          (LPBHVRCOM lpBhvrCom,
           LPVOID lpVoid,
           LPDSDXXXXXXX lpDS)
{
  /*****
   * Variable declarations
   *****/
  /*****
 *****/
```

```

* Declare structures
*****/

/*****
* Declare pointers
*****/

/*****
* Check for NULL pointers
*****/
if ((lpBhvrCom == (LPBHVRCOM) NULL) ||
    (lpVoid == (LPVOID) NULL) ||
    (lpDS == (LPDSDXXXXXXX) NULL))
{
    jdeErrorSet (lpBhvrCom, lpVoid, (ID) 0,
                4363, (LPVOID) NULL);
    return ER_ERROR;
}
/*****
* Set pointers
*****/

/*****
* Main Processing
*****/

/*****
* Function Clean Up
*****/

return (ER_SUCCESS);
}
/* Internal function comment block */
/*****
* Function: Ixxxxxxx_a // Replace xxxxxxx with source file
*           // number
*           // and a with the function name
* Notes:
*
* Returns:
*
* Parameters:
*****/

```

11.2.1 Business Function Name and Description

Use this section to maintain the name and description of the business function. Also use this section to maintain the modification log.

11.2.2 Copyright Notice

The Copyright section contains the Oracle copyright notice and must be included in each source file. Do not make any changes to this section.

11.2.3 Notes

Use the Notes section to include information for anyone who might review the code in the future. For example, describe any peculiarities associated with the business function or any special logic.

11.2.4 Global Definitions

Use the Global Definitions section to define global constants used by the business function.

See [Initializing Variables](#).

11.2.5 Header File for Associated Business Function

In the Header File for Associated Business Function section, include the header file associated with the business function using `#include`. If you need to include additional header files in the source, place them here.

11.2.6 Business Function Header

The Business Function Header section contains a description of each of the parameters used by the business function. Do not make any changes to this section.

11.2.7 Variable Declarations

The Variable Declarations section defines all required function variables. For ease of use, define the variables sequentially by type.

See [Understanding Naming Conventions](#)[Initializing Variables](#).

11.2.8 Declare Structures

Define any structures that are required by the function in the Declare Structures section.

See [Creating Function Prototypes](#).

11.2.9 Pointers

If any pointers are required by the function, define them in the Pointers section. Name the pointer so that it reflects the structure to which it is pointing. For example, `lpDS1100` is pointing to the structure `DS1100`.

11.2.10 Check for NULL Pointers

The Check for NULL Pointers section checks for parameter pointers that are NULL. Do not change this section.

11.2.11 Set Pointers

Use the Set Pointers section if you did not initialize the variables when declaring them. You must assign values to all pointers that you define.

See [Creating Function Prototypes](#).

11.2.12 Main Processing

Use the Main Processing section to write the code.

11.2.13 Function Clean Up

Use the Function Clean Up section to release any allocated memory.

See [Using the Function Clean Up Area](#).

11.2.14 Internal Function Comment Block

The Internal Function Comment Block section contains a description and parameters of the function.

See [Understanding Naming Conventions](#).

Glossary

add mode

A condition of a form that enables users to input data.

business function

A named set of user-created, reusable business rules and logs that can be called through event rules. Business functions can run a transaction or a subset of a transaction (check inventory, issue work orders, and so on). Business functions also contain the application programming interfaces (APIs) that enable them to be called from a form, a database trigger, or a non-JD Edwards EnterpriseOne application. Business functions can be combined with other business functions, forms, event rules, and other components to make up an application. Business functions can be created through event rules or third-generation languages, such as C. Examples of business functions include Credit Check and Item Availability.

compound statement

A statement followed by one or more statements enclosed with braces. A function block is an obvious example of a compound statement. Control statements (while, for) and selection statements (if, switch) are also examples of compound statements.

define statement

A statement that is a directive that sets up constants at the beginning of the program. A define statement always begins with a pound sign (#).

edit mode

A condition of a form that enables users to change data.

error message

A message that provides an effective and usable method of communicating information to end-users. Developers can create simple messages or text substitution messages.

event rule

A logic statement that instructs the system to perform one or more operations based on an activity that can occur in a specific application, such as entering a form or exiting a field.

named event rule (NER)

Encapsulated, reusable business logic created using event rules, rather than C programming. NERs are also called business function event rules. NERs can be reused

in multiple places by multiple programs. This modularity lends itself to streamlining, reusability of code, and less work.

portability

The ability to run a program on more than one system platform without modifying it. JD Edwards EnterpriseOne is a portable environment.

trigger

One of several events specific to data dictionary items. You can attach logic to a data dictionary item that the system processes automatically when the event occurs.

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