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# Introduction

This book provides a detailed discussion of Siebel Portal Framework. It provides overview information, tasks for integrating external content into the Siebel user interface, and reference information about the XML Web interface used to deliver content to external applications.

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## **Revision History**

*Siebel Portal Framework Guide, MidMarket Edition, Version 7.5*

# What's New for 7.5

New Portal Framework features for version 7.5 are described in [Table 1](#).

**Table 1. 7.5 Portal Framework Features**

Feature	Description
Session Management and Session Re-Use	Allows the Siebel application to manage sessions that are integrated with third-party application servers, and recognizes when these sessions can be re-used, retaining the user's session context, and preventing the buildup of session overhead on the third-party application server. As these sessions time-out due to inactivity, the Siebel server automatically re-authenticates with the third-party application server, requiring no further entry of user credentials on the part of the user.
Personalized Content Displayed Inline	Prior to version 7.5, external content delivered to a specific user (after authentication) had to be displayed in a new window. In version 7.5, the Portal Framework has been enhanced to support the display of personalized external content adjacent to other applets in the Siebel user interface.
Profile attributes sent in the HTTP request	You can configure Portal Agents to retrieve data from the Personalization business component and send it as part of the HTTP request. This allows the Portal Agent to send the external application user-specific preferences, such as the user's time zone, or preferred language.
Support for server redirects	The Siebel Web Engine now has the ability to recognize when a request sent to an external host is redirected to another host (the one that actually conducts the session). This includes handling cascaded redirects, redirects across domains, and redirects invoked by JavaScript. It allows session management to continue after a redirect occurs.
Displaying external content outside of an applet	You can now display external content outside of an applet, such as in the banner frame, using Web Page Items. Web Page Items can now be associated with a symbolic URL. Note that this feature does not apply to administering Page Items in the Portal Administration screen.

## Introduction

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*What's New for 7.5*

# About Siebel Portal Framework

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This chapter provides an overview of the Siebel Portal Framework and summarizes the technologies that make up the Portal Framework.

# Portal Framework Overview

Enterprises are often composed of many different information technology resources, such as:

- Shared network directories.
- Department intranet sites.
- Legacy applications.
- Applications developed in-house.
- Purchased Web applications.

With many disparate applications and technologies, IT resources are difficult to maintain and difficult to use. For example, applications:

- Follow different user interface guidelines.
- Are rendered with different themes.
- Track profile attributes differently.
- Vary in the quality of online assistance.
- Have separate login and password credentials.
- Have different search functionality.

One solution to this problem is to integrate the various applications and content sources used in an enterprise and present them in a single user interface, called a portal. The Siebel Portal Framework allows you to do this. The Portal Framework provides you with the tools and supporting technologies that allow you to:

- Aggregate external data with Siebel data and present it in the Siebel user interface.
- Deliver Siebel data to external applications.
- Integrate external application business logic and data with Siebel applications.

# Portal Framework Architecture

The portal framework includes the following framework components:

- Enterprise Application Integration
- Portal Agents that integrate external content into the Siebel user interface
- XML Web interface for delivery of Siebel content to external applications

## Enterprise Application Integration

Siebel EAI provides mechanisms for sharing data and business logic with other applications, including:

- Integration Objects
- Virtual Business Objects
- Programming APIs
- Predefined adapters and connectors

For more information about Siebel EAI, see *Overview: Siebel eBusiness Application Integration Volume I, MidMarket Edition* and other EAI titles on the *Siebel Bookshelf*.

## Portal Agents

Portal Agents provide you with a mechanism to retrieve content from a non-Siebel source and display it in the Siebel user interface. The Portal Agent retrieves content on behalf of the user, logging on to the external application using the user's credentials and retrieving only the content that is targeted for the user. Portal Agents provide single sign-on capability and a profile tracking mechanism.

See “[Understanding Portal Agents](#)” on page 16 for more information about Portal Agents.

## XML Web Interface

In enterprises where a non-Siebel portal framework is already established, you need to be able to deliver Siebel content to other applications and frameworks. The XML Web interfaces provides you with a mechanism to deliver Siebel data to external applications as XML documents. This provides the external application with a flexible format for integrating Siebel data into its user interface.

See [Chapter 3, “Delivering Content to External Web Applications,”](#) for more information.

# Integrating External Content

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This chapter provides an overview of Portal Agents. It covers the configuration and administration tasks necessary to display external content in the Siebel user interface. It also includes a reference section that lists all the commands available for use with Portal Agents.

# Understanding Portal Agents

Portal Agents allow you to integrate external data into the Siebel user interface. Portal Agents retrieve data by sending HTTP requests to external applications, and then display the HTML results in a Siebel applet or on some other portion of a Siebel Web page.

Portal Agents combine a set of features and technologies that allow you to integrate external content at the user interface layer, including:

**Single Sign-On technology (SSO).** For applications who are participating in a single sign-on framework, this feature eliminates the need for the user to enter login credentials, such as username and password, more than once per work session.

**Session Management and Session Re-Use.** Allows the Siebel application and the external application to maintain a user's session context, without re-authenticating for subsequent requests. This minimizes session resource overhead on the external application, and allows the user to retain session context, such as Shopping Cart contents.

**Time-out Handling.** The Siebel server automatically re-authenticates when a request is submitted after the external application's timeout period has passed.

**Symbolic URLs, with multiple disposition types.** Allows content to be displayed in different ways, such as in a new browser window, inline with the other content, in an `<iframe>` tag, or as an ActiveX object embedded in the Siebel application Web page. See [“About Disposition Types” on page 18](#) for more information.

**Session Proxy.** For content integrated using a disposition type of Inline, the Siebel server manages the interactions with external applications on behalf of the user. For more information about the Inline disposition type, see [“Inline” on page 18](#).

**Symbolic URL Commands.** Commands that direct the Portal Agent to assemble the URL for the external application in a number of ways. These include dynamically referencing the user's login and password, retrieving stored login and password values, retrieving data from the user's personalization profile, establishing the size of an `<iframe>` tag, and determining whether to set the browser cookies from the application server's login page. For a complete list of commands, see “[Portal Agent Command Reference](#)” on page 48.

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**NOTE:** Portal Agents do not integrate data at the data layer or integrate business logic. Other mechanisms in the Siebel Portal Framework, such as Integration Objects and Virtual Business Components, are designed to meet those types of integration needs. See *Overview: Siebel eBusiness Application Integration Volume I, MidMarket Edition* for more information about EAI.

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## Portal Agents and Authentication Strategies

Portal Agents can be configured to support different authentication strategies:

- **Simple Portal Agents.** External application does not require any authentication parameters.
- **Single Sign-On Portal Agents.** External application requires authentication parameters.
  - NCSA-basic Portal Agents send a username and password as part of the URL in plain text. NCSA is no longer widely used as an authentication mechanism.
  - Form-based Portal Agents send authentication parameters as part of the body portion of the HTTP request.

## About Disposition Types

One of the steps in setting up a Portal Agent is creating a Symbolic URL. The Symbolic URL specifies the information necessary to construct the HTTP request to send to the external application. Symbolic URLs can be one of several disposition types. The disposition type determines:

- The interaction between the browser, the Siebel Server, and the external application.
- How external content is displayed in the user interface.

It is important to understand these disposition types and determine the one that suits your integration needs. Each disposition type is discussed in one of the following sections:

- [“Inline” on page 18](#)
- [“IFrame” on page 19](#)
- [“Web Control” on page 20](#)
- [“Form Redirect” on page 20](#)

The procedure for defining Symbolic URLs is covered in [“Defining Symbolic URLs” on page 33](#).

### Inline

With a symbolic URL disposition type of Inline, the Siebel server receives content sent by an external application. It combines the external content with Siebel-produced content and composes a single HTML page, which it then sends to the client browser for display to the user. Optionally, links in the aggregated content are rewritten so they reference the Siebel server (proxy), rather than referencing the external application server directly. This allows the Siebel server to handle links in the aggregated content so that from the user’s perspective the content comes from one integrated application rather than from different application servers.

The inline disposition type supports Session Management. Session Management is a feature that allows the Siebel Server to manage session cookies and allows it to automatically re-login to an external application after a time out occurs.

Although the Inline disposition type is the preferred disposition type, it will only work in rare cases. The inline disposition type is a good option when the page you trying to integrate is a simple HTML page with simple JavaScript. If the page you are trying to integrate has complex JavaScript or references frames, then the Inline disposition type will not work and you should try the IFrame disposition type. The Inline disposition type supports the GET method only. Also, the number of characters that can appear in the URL is limited to 2048 characters.

## IFrame

Use this disposition type when aspects of the external application do not allow content to be aggregated with other Siebel content. See [“Portal Agent Restrictions” on page 22](#) for more information about when this may occur.

The IFrame disposition type uses the `<iframe>` tag to create an Internal Frame as part of the page generated by the Siebel server. It allows the Portal Agent to retrieve content to populate the Internal Frame. This content does not pass through the Siebel server, but is directly requested by the client and sent by the application server to the user's browser. Although this disposition type is not as preferable as the Inline disposition type, in most cases, it is the method that works.

The IFrame disposition type supports JavaScript and Frames. Therefore, if the Inline disposition type does not work, the IFrame option is the best option. The IFrame disposition type also supports the Session Keep Alive feature. However, it does not support Session Management.

The IFrame disposition type will work in many cases. However, it does not work when frames displayed within the `<iframe>` tag refer to top-level JavaScript objects. If frames in the page you are trying to integrate refer to top-level JavaScript objects, then try the Web Control disposition type.

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**NOTE:** The IFrame disposition type is supported on Internet Explorer 5.5 and above.

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## Web Control

Use the Web control disposition type when IFrame or Inline disposition types do not work. Typically this is because of hardcoded references to specific frame names in the external application's HTML. See [“Portal Agent Restrictions” on page 22](#) for more information.

The Web Control disposition type embeds an Internet Explorer ActiveX object in the Siebel page and provides it to the external application. In the Web Control disposition type, similar to the IFrame type, the external application sends content directly to the user's browser, bypassing the Siebel server. The external application then behaves as if the ActiveX IE instance is an independent Web browser.

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**NOTE:** The Web Control disposition type is supported for Internet Explorer 4.0 and above.

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## Form Redirect

The Form Redirect disposition type is not commonly used with Siebel eBusiness applications, version 7.5.

In the Form Redirect scenario, the Siebel Web client submits a request to the Siebel server. The Siebel server creates a form with the necessary authentication information in it, and then sends the form back to the browser. The browser loads the form and then submits it to the external host for processing. The external host sends back the results, which the browser displays in a new window.

The Form Redirect disposition option is usually displayed in a new window, rather than inline with other Siebel applets.

## Server Redirect

The Server Redirect disposition type is no longer used in version 7.5, but is included in this guide for customers running prior versions of Siebel eBusiness applications.

In the Server Redirect scenario, the browser sends a request to Siebel Server. The Siebel Server sends the authentication request to the external application. After it receives a response from the external application, it creates a 302 Response, which contains the value of the target URL in the header. The Siebel Server sends the 302 Response back to the browser and the browser is redirected to the target host.

Like Form Redirect, Portal Agents that use the Server Redirect disposition type should be configured to display the results in a new window rather than inline with other Siebel applets.

When using the Server Redirect disposition type, there is one required argument and several optional arguments. The arguments are defined below:

- **SSO\_REDIRECT\_PATH**. This is a required argument that defines the URL to which the browser is to be redirected. The value of this argument is sent as the URL in the header of the 302 Response.
- **SSO\_COOKIE\_DOMAIN**. This is an optional argument that specifies a domain for which the cookie is valid. If this argument is not defined, the domain of the external host (as defined in Host Administration view) is used.
- **SSO\_COOKIE\_NAMES**. This is an optional argument that allows you to define the cookies to be sent to the browser from the external application. If no cookie names are defined, the Portal Agent sends all cookies from the external site to client browser. For example, the argument defined in [Table 2](#) specifies that only the cookies named *Pid* and *tid* are to be sent to the browser from the external host.

**Table 2. Example Symbolic URL Argument**

Name	Argument Type	Argument Value
SSO_COOKIE_NAME	Constant	Pid;tid

- **SSO\_COOKIE\_PATH**. This is an optional argument that allows you to define a subset of URLs to which the cookies apply.

You define these arguments in the Symbolic URL Argument applet. See [“Defining Symbolic URL Arguments” on page 36](#) for instructions on how to do this.

## Portal Agent Restrictions

Portal Agents are meant to bring existing applications and content into the Siebel user interface without requiring additional modifications of the external application. However, this is not always possible due to the way HTML and Web browsers are designed. For example:

- The use of frames by an external application may not be amenable to inline aggregation methods.
- Specific frame references in the returned content referring to global frames (\_NEW, \_TOP, .parent()) may not be amenable to inline aggregation methods.
- Reliance on JavaScript functions defined in (assumed) external frames may not be amenable to inline aggregation methods.
- URLs that are created dynamically by JavaScript may not be amenable to any fixup techniques, as the URLs would not be easily parsed on the HTML content.
- < head > sections of Web pages are normally stripped by fixup code. If < head > sections contain JavaScript functions definitions, these may be stripped by fixup code and dependent JavaScript would not run properly.

For these reasons, an Inline disposition type does not work often. However, if you control both the Siebel application instance as well as the external application, and can resolve some of these issues, you should be able to get the Inline disposition type to work correctly. For more information about the Inline disposition type, see [“Inline” on page 18](#).

If you do not have control over the external application, the IFrame disposition type is the most likely method that will provide satisfactory results. It works with about 80% of the form-based application sites tested. For more information about the IFrame disposition type, see [“IFrame” on page 19](#).

## Disposition Types Summary

Table 3 summarizes the characteristics of each disposition type.

**Table 3. Disposition Type Summary**

Disposition Type	Benefits	Drawbacks
Inline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Inline integration into the Siebel user interface.</li> <li>■ Session Management, including managing session cookies and automatic re-login after time out.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Only works in very few cases.</li> <li>■ Will not work with complex JavaScript.</li> <li>■ Will not work if there are reference to frames.</li> <li>■ Supports the GET method only.</li> <li>■ URL limited to 2048 characters.</li> </ul>
IFrame	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Inline integration into the Siebel user interface. Supports complex JavaScript.</li> <li>■ Supports references to frames.</li> <li>■ Session Keep Alive supported.</li> <li>■ Works for most cases.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ No session management.</li> <li>■ Only supported by IE5.5 and higher.</li> <li>■ Does not support frames that reference top-level JavaScript objects.</li> </ul>
Web Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Supports frames that reference top-level JavaScript Objects, because JavaScript does not refer to objects outside of the Web control.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ No session management.</li> <li>■ Browser functionality, such as the back button, is only available by right-clicking in the Web control.</li> <li>■ ActiveX objects that contain other objects are reset if you change tabs and then return to the Web control.</li> <li>■ Web control requires more system overhead than IFrame.</li> <li>■ Only supported for IE4 and higher.</li> </ul>

## **Task Overview for Creating Portal Agents**

To create a Portal Agent, the following tasks are required:

- 1** [Determining the Login Requirements on page 25.](#)
- 2** [Configuring Business Components to Handle External Data on page 28.](#)
- 3** Complete one of the following:
  - [Displaying External Content Within an Applet on page 29.](#)
  - [Displaying External Content Outside of an Applet on page 30.](#)
- 4** [Defining Web Applications on page 32.](#)
- 5** [Defining Symbolic URLs on page 33.](#)
- 6** [Defining Symbolic URL Arguments on page 36.](#)

# Determining the Login Requirements

Before you configure Portal Agents, you need to understand what information is required by the external application to authenticate users. Typically this information is gathered using a form page, also called a login page, and then sent to the external application. You must determine exactly what information the form gathers from the user and sends to the external application, including field names and values.

In cases where you have specific knowledge about how an external application is implemented and can consult with authoritative sources regarding how the application authenticates users, determining the required input fields and values is relatively simple.

In cases where you do not have specific knowledge about how an external application is implemented, you must attempt to understand its authentication method by examining the application's login page. The steps below describe an approach that you can use to reverse engineer a login page and provide related Portal Agent configuration tips.

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**NOTE:** It is not always possible to reverse engineer a login page. For example, JavaScript may process login field values prior to delivering the POST back to the application server, session values may be encoded in the form itself, or session values may be stored in the browser's session cookies.

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## ***To reverse engineer a login page***

- 1 Navigate to the external application's login page and determine whether the external application uses NCSA Basic Authentication or Form-based authentication.

NCSA Basic is an older authentication mechanism that requires the browser to prompt the user for login name and password before displaying the page. NCSA Basic provides rudimentary protection against trespassers. Usually, you can tell if a site is using NCSA basic because a small popup dialog box will appear asking for login credentials. If this is the case, you can configure the Portal Agent using NCSA basic as the authentication method. See ["Defining Symbolic URLs" on page 33](#) for more information.
- 2 If the external application uses form-based authentication, view the login page's HTML using your browser's view source command.

- 3 Identify the form on the login page that asks for user credentials (often the form will ask for other information as well) and identify the input fields in this form used to authenticate users.

It is usually best to strip out all non-form lines of HTML and to isolate the `<input>` tags. That is, remove lines previous to `<form...>` and after `</form>` and remove lines not part of the `<input>` tags.

- 4 Determine if the method attribute of the form tag is `POST`.

If it is `POST`, you will need to define the `PostRequest` command as an argument of the symbolic URL. See [“Defining Symbolic URL Arguments” on page 36](#) and [“PostRequest” on page 50](#) for more information.

If it is `GET`, you do not need to define a symbolic URL command, because the default method of symbolic URLs is `GET`.

- 5 Determine the target of the from’s action attribute, which is usually specified as `action = "some string"`.

If the target of the action attribute is an absolute URL, one that begins with `http`, or a forward slash (/), use this URL as the base of the Portal Agent.

If it is a relative address, you also need to determine where the root of the URL is defined. It could be defined relative to the URL of the login page itself (most common), in a `<codebase>` tag (rare), or in JavaScript (hard to determine).

The target URL is defined using the Host Administration View and the Symbolic URL Administration view. See [“Defining the External Host” on page 31](#) and [“Defining Symbolic URLs” on page 33](#) for more information.

- 6 Determine any argument values defined in the target URL.

These are the characters after the “?” character. Usually these are simple field-value constants. The exception is when a field or a value is a session identifier that is dynamically assigned by the external application server and is only valid for a period of time before it times out. In this case, it may not be possible to configure a Portal Agent.

You will define any argument values contained in the target URL as symbolic URL arguments. See [“Defining Symbolic URL Arguments” on page 36](#) for more information on how to do this.

**7** Identify each of the form's `<input>` tags and determine which ones are necessary to send to the external application for authentication.

Often there are `<input>` tags in the form with a `type` attribute of `hidden` that are not evident when interacting with the application. Determining whether hidden fields are optional or required is often process of trial and error.

Some `<input>` tags will not have values identified. Either these fields are awaiting input to be entered by the user (for example, login name or password), or they are hidden fields with no values.

- If the input field is specific to the user (it asks for the user's login name and password), you can use [UserLoginId](#) and [UserLoginPassword](#) commands to instruct the Portal Agent to retrieve the user's credentials from the user's My Logins view. See ["Defining End User Login Credentials" on page 40](#) for more information.
- If there are hidden fields with no values, when you enter them as symbolic URL arguments, make sure that the Required Argument column is not checked. If it is checked, and the input field has no value, the Portal Agent will not send this request to the target application server because there is no value to put in its place.

You will need to define the input fields and values as symbolic URL arguments. See ["Defining Symbolic URL Arguments" on page 36](#) for more information.

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**NOTE:** The Mozilla browser includes a page info command (^I) that analyzes forms on a page and displays the method, input fields, and so on.

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## Portal Agent Configuration

Using Portal Agents to integrate external content into the Siebel user interface requires some simple configuration in Siebel Tools. You must configure a field on the business component to handle external data and then configure either an applet or a Web page item to display the content in the user interface. An applet displays external content inside the applet container on a view. A Web page item displays external content outside of an applet, such as in the banner frame for example.

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**NOTE:** This section describes the configuration tasks that are unique to integrating external content with the Siebel user interface. It does not describe standard configuration tasks that you may be required to perform. For example, after you configure an applet to display external content, you may have to associate that applet with a view, add the view to a responsibility, and so on. These additional tasks are standard procedures for configuring Siebel applications and are outside the scope of this book. For more information about configuring Siebel applications, see *Siebel Tools Reference*.

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## Configuring Business Components to Handle External Data

To configure business components to handle external data using a Symbolic URL, you need to create a new calculated field on the business component. Rather than representing structured content, such as records in a database, this field will represent the HTML content sent from an external host.

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**NOTE:** Although a symbolic URL displays data that is not stored in the database, the business component must have at least one record stored in an underlying table so that it is instantiated at run-time.

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### ***To configure a business component to handle external data using a Symbolic URL***

- 1 Create a new field on the business component.
- 2 Set the field's Calculated property to TRUE.
- 3 Set the field's Type property to DTTYPE\_TEXT.

- 4 In the Calculated Value field, enter the name of the Symbolic URL (enclosed in double quotes) that you want to use to submit the HTTP request.

The name of the symbolic URL in the Calculated Value field must be enclosed in double quotes so that it evaluates as a constant.

See the business component named *AnalyticsSSO* in the Siebel Repository for an example of fields configured this way.

## Displaying External Content Within an Applet

After you have created the calculated field on the business component, you need to expose it in the user interface. You display the external content using a control in a form applet or list applet.

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**NOTE:** You can also expose external content outside an applet, such as in the banner area. See “[Displaying External Content Outside of an Applet](#)” on page 30.

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### ***To display external content within an applet***

- 1 Create an applet that you want to use to display the external content.

The applet must be based on the business component that you configured in “[Configuring Business Components to Handle External Data](#)” on page 28.

- 2 Add a new control or list column to the applet.
- 3 Associate the control or list column with a calculated field on the business component that is configured to represent the external data.
- 4 Set the control or list column’s Field Retrieval Type property to *Symbolic URL*.
- 5 Set the control or list column’s HTML Type property to *Field*.

## Displaying External Content Outside of an Applet

After you have created the calculated field on the business component, you need to expose it in the user interface. You can display the external content outside of an applet using Web Page Items.

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**NOTE:** You can also expose external inside an applet using an Applet Control or List Column. See “[Displaying External Content Within an Applet](#)” on page 29.

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### **To display content outside of an applet**

- 1 Go to the Web Page object type and select the Web page on which you want to display external data.
- 2 Create a new Web Page Item or use an existing one.
- 3 Set the Type property of the Web Page Item to *Field*.
- 4 Create the following two Web Page Item Parameters:

Name	Value
FieldRetrievalType	Symbolic URL
SymbolicURL	[name of symbolic URL]

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**NOTE:** The Symbolic URL is mapped to the calculated field defined for the business component.

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# Portal Agent Administration

You administer Portal Agents through several views located under the Integration Administration Screen in the Siebel Web client. These views allow you to define how links should be handled, define the external host, and define the HTTP request that is sent to the external host.

## Defining the External Host

You define the external data hosts in the Host Administration view. This view allows you to:

- Maintain external host names in a single place.
- Specify NCSA Basic authentication credentials.
- Define how links should be handled (fixed-up) after external HTML content is rendered.

### To define a data host

- 1 Navigate to Site Map > Integration Administration > Host Administration view.
- 2 Enter a new record and define the necessary fields.

Some of the fields are described in the following table:

Field	Comments
Name	Name of the external host.
Virtual Name	User-defined name for the host.
Authentication Type	Select NCSA Basic if the external application requires username and password values sent in plain text in the request header. Leave this value blank in either of the following cases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ The external application has no authentication requirements.</li><li>■ The external application uses form-based authentication and thus requires authentication arguments sent in the header or body of the request. Arguments to be sent along in the request are defined using the Symbolic URL Arguments applet. See <a href="#">"Defining Symbolic URLs" on page 33</a> for more information.</li></ul>
Authentication Value	Enter the values required for NCSA Basic authentication.

# Defining Web Applications

Web applications allow multiple Symbolic URLs to send requests to the same Web application and share the same session. This is useful if you have two different applet controls that use Symbolic URLs to submit requests to the same Web application. You can associate these Symbolic URLs to a single Web application and define whether or not they should share the same session.

There may be cases in which you do not want requests to share the same session. For example, you may not want to share a session when a session cookie contains more information than the session ID, as this could result in unexpected behavior. When you define a Web application, you specify whether or not it should share sessions.

Web applications also allow you to define the Time Out value for the session time out feature. The Session Time Out feature is only applicable to Symbolic URLs with a Disposition type of Inline.

### ***To define a Web application***

- 1 Navigate to Site Map > Integration Administration > Web Application.
- 2 Enter a record and complete the fields.

Some fields are described in the table below:

Field	Description
Shared	Indicates whether or not requests generated by Symbolic URLs associated with this Web application share the same session.
Time Out	Defines the time out parameter for the Session Management feature, which is only applicable to Symbolic URLs with a disposition type of Inline.

## Defining Symbolic URLs

You use the Symbolic URL Administration view to specify how the HTTP request to the external application should be constructed and to define any arguments and values to be sent as part of the request.

### To define a Symbolic URL

- 1 Navigate to Site Map > Integration Administration > Symbolic URL Administration.
- 2 In the Symbolic URL Administration view, enter a new record.

Some fields are defined in the following table:

Field	Description
URL	<p>Use the URL field to enter a URL for the external application. A best practice is to substitute the host's Virtual Name, the one that you defined in the Host Administration view, for the host's actual name. Doing this makes administering host names easier, because you may have many symbolic URLs pointing to one host. If the host name changes, you only need to change it in the Host Administration applet rather than having to change it in several Symbolic URL definitions.</p> <p>For example, <code>https://Virtual_Host/path...</code></p> <p>For applications that use form-base authentication, the URL is identified by the action attribute of the Form tag. See <a href="#">"Determining the Login Requirements" on page 25</a> for more information.</p>
Host Name	The Virtual Name of the host defined in the Host Administration view.

Field	Description
Fixup Name	<p>Name of the fixup type defined in the Fixup Administration view. The fixup type defines how links embedded in the external HTML content are rendered. For example:</p> <p><b>Default.</b> Use this fixup type with the IFrame disposition type. Link fixup is inside the view. This fixup does not affect any of the links. The links (relative or absolute) remain as they are with the content being passed back in its original form.</p> <p><b>InsideApplet.</b> This fixup converts all of the relative links to absolute links and any links using a host defined in the Host Administration view are proxied in order to maintain SWE context.</p> <p><b>OutsideApplication.</b> This fixup converts all of the relative links to absolute links using the host and path of the parent URL. No links are proxied.</p>
Multivalue Treatment	<p>Determines how arguments are handled. Possible values are:</p> <p><b>Comma Separated.</b> Instructs SWE to insert a comma between the values defined in the Symbolic URL arguments when appending the arguments to the URL. It inserts a comma after the value in the first Argument Value field and the first value in the second Argument Value field. The second Argument Value field is simply a text string entered by the user.</p> <p><b>Separate Arguments.</b> Instructs SWE to enter separate arguments for each value defined in the two Argument Value fields.</p> <p><b>Use First Record Only.</b> Uses the first record in the current record set.</p>

Field	Description
SSO Disposition	<p>The value selected in this field determines how the HTTP request is constructed and sent and how the external content is rendered in the user interface. Possible values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Inline.</b> Proxies the request through the Siebel Server and displays content inline with other applets on a view.</li><li>■ <b>IFrame.</b> Uses the <code>&lt;iframe&gt;</code> tag to display content inline with other applets on a view.</li><li>■ <b>Web Control.</b> Uses an ActiveX control to display content inline with other applets on a view.</li><li>■ <b>Form Redirect.</b> SWE constructs a form which it sends back to the browser, which the browser then sends to the external host. The content received is displayed in a new window.</li><li>■ <b>Server Redirect.</b> SWE sends the browser a 302 Response with the value of the external host's URL in the header. The browser is redirected to the external host. The content received is displayed in a new window. Note that for Server Redirect there is a required Symbolic URL argument. See <a href="#">"Server Redirect" on page 21</a> for a description.</li></ul> <p>See <a href="#">"Understanding Portal Agents" on page 16</a> for detailed descriptions of each Disposition Type.</p>
Web Application	Associates a Web Application with this Symbolic URL. For more information about Web Applications, see <a href="#">"Defining Web Applications" on page 32</a> .

## Defining Symbolic URL Arguments

Symbolic URL Arguments allow you to configure Portal Agents in several ways. You use them for two purposes, to define data to be sent to an external host and to submit commands to SWE that affect the behavior of Portal Agents.

When defining arguments that send data, such as authentication requirements, the Argument Name and Argument Value are appended to the URL as a attribute-value pair. You can define symbolic URL arguments that send data as constants or that dynamically retrieve data from the Siebel database. Symbolic URLs allow you to retrieve data from the user's instantiated Siebel business component, such as Service Request or Account, or retrieve data from the Siebel Personalization business component, such as the user's ZIP Code or Language.

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**NOTE:** See [“Determining the Login Requirements” on page 25](#) for information about how to determine required data for applications that use form-based authentication.

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Symbolic URL Arguments also allow you to implement commands which you use to define the behavior of Portal Agents. See [“Portal Agent Command Reference” on page 48](#) for usage descriptions of available commands.

### **To define Symbolic URL Arguments**

- 1 Navigate to Site Map > Integration Administration > Symbolic URL Administration.
- 2 In the Symbolic URL Administration applet, select the Symbolic URL you want to configure.

**3** In the Symbolic URL Arguments applet, enter the arguments that need to be sent to the external host.

Some of the fields are defined in the following table:

Field	Description
Name	Name of the argument. For arguments of type Constant, Field, and Personalization Attribute, this field defines the exact field name expected by the external application. It is the first part of a attribute-value pair appended to the URL.  For argument types of commands, the Name can usually be anything. The only exception to this is for the EncodeURL and PreloadURL commands. See <a href="#">“Portal Agent Command Reference” on page 48</a> .
Required	When this field is checked (default) the argument must have a value. If you are configuring an argument that does not have a value, uncheck the Required field. If an argument has no value and the Required field is checked, the request is not sent because there is no value to append to the URL.
Argument Type	They Argument Type determines the source of the data to be send along in the HTTP request. Possible values are:  <b>Constant.</b> Sends the value defined in the Argument Value field in the request. <b>Field.</b> Sends the value of a field from the current Siebel business component. <b>Personalization Attribute.</b> Sends the value of a field from the Personalization business component. <b>URL Argument.</b> Data comes from the named argument of the current request. <b>Language Value.</b> The user’s current language setting; for example, ENU. <b>Command.</b> Implements commands that allow you to affect the behavior of the symbolic URL. For a complete list of commands see <a href="#">“Portal Agent Command Reference” on page 48</a> .  <b>Field - All Values.</b> Data from all records in the working record set for the current business component are sent in the request. The value defined for the Multivalue Treatment on the Symbolic URL determines how these values are sent. See <a href="#">“Defining Symbolic URLs” on page 33</a> .

Field	Description
Argument Value	<p>The value of the argument varies depending on the Argument Type. Descriptions of possible values for each argument type are described below.</p> <p>If the Argument Type is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Constant, the Argument Value is the second part of the attribute-value pair that is appended to the URL.</li><li>Field, the Argument Value defines a field from the current business component. The data from that field is the second part of a attribute-value pair that is appended to the URL. The syntax for defining the field is the field name enclosed in brackets, for example [Last Name].</li><li>Profile Attribute, the Argument Value defines a field on the Siebel personalization business component. Data from this field will be appended to the URL as the second part of the attribute-value pair. The syntax for defining the field is the field name enclosed in brackets, for example [Postal Code].</li><li>URL Argument, the Argument Value defines the name of the argument on the incoming SWE request.</li><li>Language Value, the Argument Value is left null.</li><li>Command, the Argument Value typically defines the name of the command. See <a href="#">"Portal Agent Command Reference" on page 48</a>.</li><li>Field - All Value, the Argument Value defines the field name on the current business component from which data is to be retrieved.</li></ul>
Argument Value	Although this field is rarely used, it can be used to identify additional arguments.
Append as Argument	When this field is checked (default), the value is added as a URL argument on the outgoing request. If this field is not checked, the value will be substituted in the text of the outgoing URL.
Sequence	Determines the sequence of the arguments. In some cases the target host requires arguments in a particular order.

**NOTE:** If the disposition type of the symbolic URL is Server Redirect, then there is a required argument and several optional arguments that provide the data necessary for SWE to construct the header in the 302 Response. See ["Server Redirect" on page 21](#) for the details.

## Defining Content Fixup

The Fixup Administration view allows you to define how links embedded within external HTML content should be rendered in the Siebel user interface. The fixup types you define here will be associated with Symbolic URLs.

### To define a fixup type

- 1 Navigate to Site Map > Integration Administration > Fixup Administration.
- 2 Enter a new record and define the fields.

Some of the fields are described in the following table:

Field	Comments
Link Context	Select one of the following values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Do Nothing.</b> This fixup does not affect any of the links. The links (relative or absolute) remain as they are with the content being passed back in its original form.</li><li>■ <b>Outside Application.</b> This fixup converts all of the relative links to absolute links using the host and path of the parent URL. No links are proxied.</li><li>■ <b>Inside Application.</b> This fixup converts all of the relative links to absolute links and any links using a host defined in the Host Administration view are proxied in order to maintain SWE context. After the user clicks a link, this fixup type renders HTML in the view, using the entire view for display.</li><li>■ <b>Inside Applet.</b> This fixup handles links the same way as the Inside Application fixup type. However, in this case, when a user clicks a link, it renders HTML within an applet. The other applets remain present on the view.</li></ul>
Context View Name	Name of view that will display the link. This is optional.
Link Target	Specifies the name of a specific target frame of the link. For example, “_blank” for a new browser window or “AnyName” to open a window of that name. This option is not often used.

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**NOTE:** Fixup is required for all links within high-interactivity applications.

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# Defining End User Login Credentials

The Portal Framework provides a mechanism to store user login credentials for external Web applications. The SSO Systems Administration view allows you to specify an external application and then enter login credentials on behalf of users. The My Logins view, located in the User Preferences screen, is used by end users to maintain their own credentials.

***To specify an external Web application and define login credentials***

- 1 Navigate to View > Site Map > Integration Administration > SSO Systems Administration.
- 2 In the SSO Systems list, enter a new record and define the following:

Field	Description
System Name	Name of the external Web application.
Symbolic URL Name	Select the name of the Symbolic URL that interacts with the external Web application.  The symbolic URL must be configured with the <code>UserLoginId</code> and <code>UserLoginPassword</code> commands as arguments. These arguments instruct the symbolic URL to pass the stored login credentials when authenticating with an external Web application.
Description	Enter a description of the Web application.

- 3 If you are defining login credentials on behalf of end users, in the SSO System Users list, enter end-user login names and passwords.

# Example Portal Agent

This section provides an example of using a symbolic URL to integrate content from Siebel.COM. The high-level steps for doing this are:

- 1 Review the Login Form.
- 2 Define the External Host.
- 3 Define the Symbolic URL.
- 4 Define Symbolic URL Arguments.
- 5 Define User Login Credentials.
- 6 Test.

Each of these steps is covered in the following sections.

**NOTE:** This example assumes the underlying objects are already configured to support the symbolic URL. See [“Portal Agent Configuration” on page 28](#) for information on how to do this.

## Review the Login Form

By reviewing the login page at [www.siebel.com](http://www.siebel.com), you can determine the target URL of the Action attribute and the required arguments that are being passed to the Web application. The login page at [www.siebel.com](http://www.siebel.com) contains the following `<form>` tag and `<input>` tags:

```
<form action="/index.shtml" method="POST" name="frmPassLogin"
onsubmit="return logincheck();">

    <input TYPE="TEXT" NAME="SearchString" SIZE="18" MAXLENGTH="100"
    VALUE="      " ">

    <input type="hidden" value="All" name="sc">

    <input type="hidden" value="ON" name="FreeText">

    <input type="image" src="/images/nav/button/btn_form_arrow.gif"
    NAME="Action" borders="0" / alt="Submit Search"></td>
```

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```
<input type="text" name="username" size="18">  
<input type="password" name="password" size="18">  
<input type="image" src="/images/nav/button/btn_form_arrow.gif" border="0" name='login' />  
<input type="checkbox" name="remember" checked/>&nbsp;<span class="bdDkGray">Remember my Login<br></span>  
</form>
```

From the `action` attribute of the `form` tag you can determine that the target URL is relative to the root of the login page's URL. Therefore the target URL is:

`www.siebel.com/index.shtm`

You can also determine that the `method` attribute of the `form` tag is `post`:

`method="POST"`

After reviewing the `<input>` tags, you can determine that the required arguments are:

`username`  
`password`

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**NOTE:** Notice that not all input fields are necessary for login.

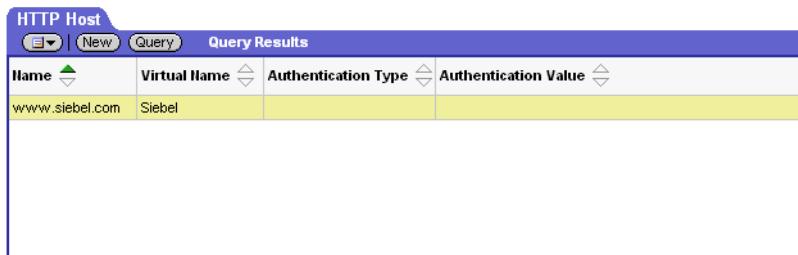
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For more information about reviewing login forms, see “[Determining the Login Requirements](#)” on page 25.

## Define the External Host

The external host is simply the address of the login page. In this example it is [www.siebel.com](http://www.siebel.com). Be sure to provide a meaningful name in the Virtual Host Name field. This value is used when defining the Symbolic URL definition rather than the actual host name. This will make administration easier if the host name changes. Also notice that there is no value for the Authentication Type. A value is necessary only when using NCSA basic authentication.

Figure 1 shows the external host defined for this example.



Name	Virtual Name	Authentication Type	Authentication Value
www.siebel.com	Siebel		

**Figure 1. External Host Administration**

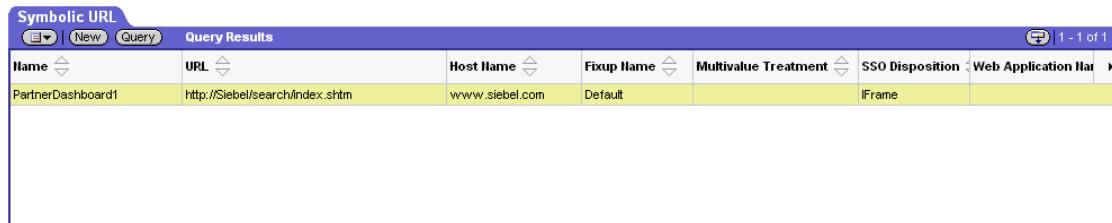
For more information see “[Defining the External Host](#)” on page 31

## Define the Symbolic URL

After you define the external host you can define the symbolic URL. Notice that the URL defined here uses the Virtual Name of the host, not the actual name. Also notice that when you select the external host from the Host Name field, it is populated with the actual host name. When SWE constructs the URL, it substitutes the actual Host Name for the Virtual Name in the URL. In this example, the fixup type is Default because the page will be displayed in the browser using the `<iframe>` tag and therefore, links should not be fixed up in any way.

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Figure 2 shows the Symbolic URL defined for this example.



Name	URL	Host Name	Fixup Name	Multivalue Treatment	SSO Disposition	Web Application Name
PartnerDashboard1	http://Siebel/search/index.shtml	www.siebel.com	Default		IFrame	

**Figure 2. Symbolic URL**

For more information about defining Symbolic URLs, see [“Defining Symbolic URLs” on page 33](#).

### Define Symbolic URL Arguments

You use symbolic URL Arguments to define the information that you want to append as arguments to the URL. You also use Symbolic URL Arguments to define commands that you want to execute. In this case, the following arguments commands are required:

- **PostRequest.** This command instructs SWE to submit the request using a POST method rather than GET, which is the default. In this case, you know POST is required because the method attribute of the form tag specifies POST.
- **UserLoginPassword.** This command instructs SWE to retrieve the password stored for the user and pass it to the external application. The name of this argument is the name of the input field expected by the external application. In this case, it is *password*.
- **UserLoginID.** This command instructs SWE to retrieve the stored login name for the user and pass it to the external application. The name of this argument is the name of the input field expected by the external application. In this case, it is *username*.

Figure 3 shows the symbolic URL arguments defined for this example.

Name	Required Argument	Argument Type	Argument Value	Argument Value	Append as Argun	Substitute in Text	Sequence #
username	✓	Command	UserLoginId	✓			1
password	✓	Command	UserLoginPassword	✓			2
anyname		Command	PostRequest				3

**Figure 3. Symbolic URL Arguments**

For more information about Symbolic URL arguments, see “[Defining Symbolic URL Arguments](#)” on page 36.

For more information about Symbolic URL commands, see “[Portal Agent Command Reference](#)” on page 48.

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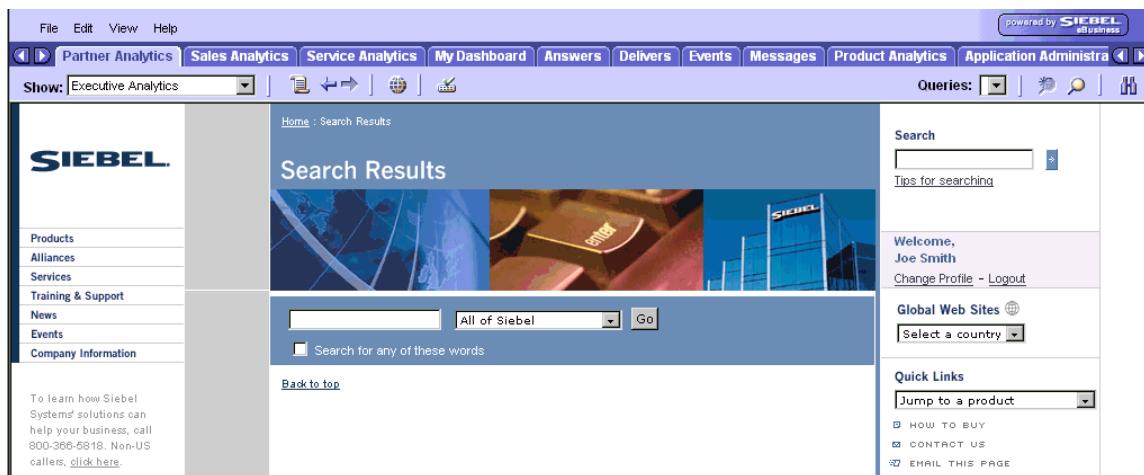
Finally you must define login credentials for a user. The values defined here will be appended as arguments to the URL constructed by SWE. In this case, the following username and password are defined:

- username = Joe\_Smith@yahoo.com
- password = abracadabra

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### Test

After completing the previous steps, you can test the integration. Log out of the application, and then log back in as the test user. Navigate to the applet or Web page item that is associated with the Symbolic URL. Content from the external host, in this case Siebel.COM, is displayed in the Siebel user interface, as shown in [Figure 4](#). Notice that the Joe Smith is logged into Siebel.COM.



**Figure 4.** External Content Displayed in the Siebel User Interface

## Reviewing the SWE Log File

The SWE log file can help you debug errors in your Portal Agent configuration.

- The location of the log file is, `siebsrvr_root\log`.
- The name of the log file is, `swelog_xxx.log`, where `xxx` = process id.

The log file is not enabled by default.

### **To enable the SWE Log file**

- 1 Open your application's configuration file, for example `uagent.cfg`.

Application configuration files are located in the  
`siebsrvr_root\BIN\language_code`.

- 2 Find the parameter `SWELOG` and change its value to `Enable`.

`SWELOG = Enable`

# Portal Agent Command Reference

The following commands allow you to do things such as use a set of stored credentials for authentication or define additional attributes for the `<iframe>` tag. These commands are entered as Symbolic URL Arguments. See “[Defining Symbolic URLs](#)” on page 33.

## EncodeURL

**Usage** Use the EncodeURL command to specify whether or not the symbolic arguments should be encoded when appended to the URL. By default the URL is encoded. However, some servers do not recognize standard encoding, in which case you can use this command to not encode the URL.

**Symbolic URL Arguments** Define the following fields in the Symbolic Arguments applet:

Field	Value
Name	EncodeURL
Argument Value	TRUE or FALSE

## IFrame

**Usage** Use the IFrame command to define additional HTML attributes for the `<iframe>` tag.

**Symbolic URL Arguments** Define the following fields in the Symbolic URL Arguments applet:

Field	Value	Example
Name	Any Name	
Argument Value	IFrame [attribute] - [value]	IFrame Height = 100 Width = 500

**Disposition Types** Use the IFrame disposition type with the IFrame disposition type.

## NoCache

**Usage** Use the NoCache command to instruct SWE not to cache Inline responses on the server. This command is only valid for the Inline disposition type.

**Symbolic URL Arguments** Define the following fields on the Symbolic URL Arguments applet:

Field	Value
Name	Any name
Argument Value	NoCache

## NoFormFixup

**Usage** Use the NoFormFixup command to Instruct SWE not to fix up a form by putting proxy SWE arguments into links that appear on the page.

**Symbolic URL Arguments** Define the following fields in the Symbolic URL Arguments applet:

Field	Value
Name	Any name
Argument Value	NoFormFixup

## PreLoadURL

**Usage** Use this command to specify a preloaded URL. Use this command when the external application gathers information from a preloaded cookie on the client machine. Use this command with disposition types of IFrame and Web Control.

**Symbolic URL Arguments** Define the following fields in the Symbolic URL Arguments applet:

Field	Value
Name	PreLoadURL
Argument Value	[URL]

## PostRequest

**Usage** Use PostRequest to configure the Portal Agent to use the POST method instead of the GET method, which is the default. Use this command when the method of the action attribute is POST. This method avoids displaying user information on a Web page or browser status bar. Use this command with disposition types of IFrame and Web Control only.

**Symbolic URL Arguments** Define the following fields in the Symbolic URL Arguments applet:

Field	Value
Name	Any Name
Argument Value	PostRequest

## UserLoginId

**Usage** Use the UserLoginId command to send the stored user login ID for a particular Web application. The command gets the user's Login ID from the My Login Credential business component.

See “[Defining End User Login Credentials](#)” on page 40 for more information about how user login IDs are entered into this business component.

**Symbolic URL Arguments**

Define the following fields in the Symbolic URL Arguments applet:

Field	Value
Name	<i>[input field name]</i>
Argument Value	UserLoginId

## UserLoginPassword

**Usage** Use the UserLoginPassword command to send the stored user password for a particular Web application. The command gets the user's password from the My Login Credential business component.

See “[Defining End User Login Credentials](#)” on page 40 for more information about how user passwords are entered into this business component.

**Symbolic URL Arguments**

Define the following fields in the Symbolic URL Arguments applet:

Field	Value
Name	<i>[input field name]</i>
Argument Value	UserLoginPassword

### UseSiebelLoginId

**Usage** Use the UseSiebelLoginId command to retrieve the user's Siebel login ID from the stored set of credentials.

**Symbolic URL Arguments** Define the following fields in the Symbolic URL Arguments applet:

Field	Value
Name	[input field name]
Argument Value	UseSiebelLoginId

### UseSiebelPassword

**Usage** Use the UseSiebelPassword command to retrieve the user's Siebel password from the stored set of credentials.

**Symbolic URL Arguments** Define the following fields in the Symbolic URL Arguments applet:

Field	Value
Name	[input field name]
Argument Value	UseSiebelPassword

## WebControl

**Usage** Use the WebControl command to define additional HTML attributes for Portal Agents with a disposition type of Web Control.

**Symbolic URL Arguments** Define the following fields in the Symbolic URL Arguments applet:

Field	Value	Example
Name	Any Name	
Argument Value	WebControl [attribute] - [value]	WebControl Height = 100 Width = 500



## **Delivering Content to External Web Applications**

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This chapter describes how to use the XML Web Interface to deliver content to external portal frameworks and Web application environments. The XML interface provides industry-standard integration to third-party development environments, such as ASP and JSP, as well as providing a model consistent with emerging Web technologies. The XML interface can be used across all Siebel eBusiness Applications, although some specialized applets may have limited support for this interface.

Developers can configure Siebel applications to support different markups, such as cHTML and xHTML, by combining the XML interface with XSL style sheets and the eAI XSLT business service.

## Overview of the XML Web Interface

The XML interface provides access to Siebel eBusiness Applications through the Siebel Web Engine (SWE). SWE generates user interface, in HTML or WML, using views, applets, and templates. These UI constructs provide access to and filtering for business object and business component data. They also provide access to visibility, navigation, and security. By rendering the XML based on the underlying SWE technology, the XML interface exposes business object and business component data, and UI elements and constructs, such as visibility, navigation, edit presence, personalization, and security. Most Siebel applets, with the exception of applets based on certain specialized applet classes, can be rendered in XML through the XML interface. The XML interface can be invoked using the following methods:

- Server configuration parameters
- Inbound URL query string parameters
- Inbound HTTP post of XML document
- Using the Web Engine Interface business service

## Accessing Siebel XML

By default, Siebel eBusiness Applications present a standard HTML-based user interface (UI) to end users. When you use the XML interface, the standard architecture changes slightly; an XML interface layer is introduced. The XML interface layer accesses Siebel eBusiness Applications through the SWE using the UI constructs, views, applets, and templates. It provides visibility into Siebel business objects and business components. These UI constructs provide not only filtering and access to business object and business component data, but also provide access to visibility, navigation, and security.

You can use the XML interface to retrieve data and UI constructs from your Siebel eBusiness Application and display it to end users according to your business needs. You can also combine this interface with XSL style sheets and the XSLT business service to generate custom HTML or other markup languages directly from the Siebel application.

For example, you can display a Siebel view using XML format rather than HTML by using a SWE command to set the markup language to XML. This example uses the Account view as an example.

### To view the Accounts view in XML

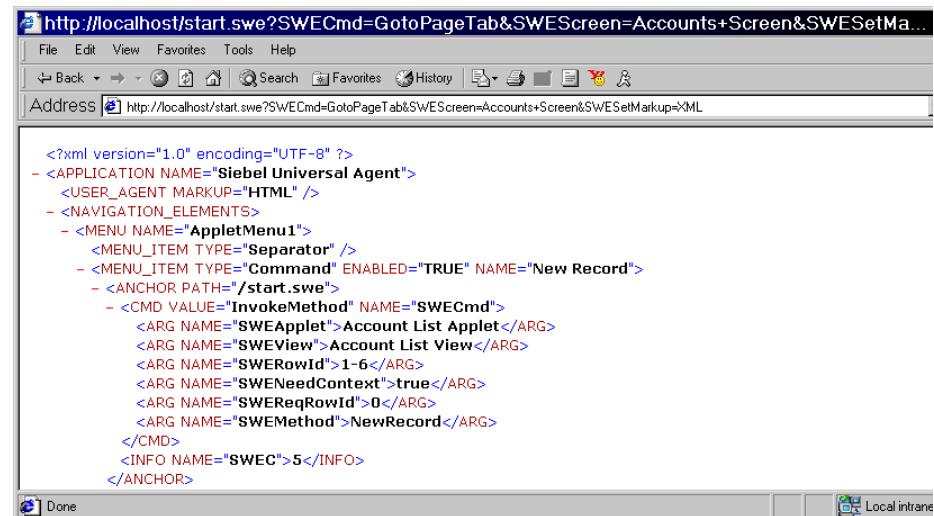
- 1 Log in to your Siebel application.
- 2 Type the following SWE commands and arguments appended to the URL in your browser:

```
SWEcmd=GotoPageTab&SWEScreen=Accounts+Screen&SWESetMarkup=XML
```

For example, using the mobile Web client, the URL would look like the following:

```
http://localhost/start.swe  
?SWECmd=GotoPageTab&SWEScreen=Accounts+Screen&SWESetMarkup=XML
```

The Accounts view is rendered in XML format as shown in the following figure.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `http://localhost/start.swe?SWECmd=GotoPageTab&SWEScreen=Accounts+Screen&SWESetMarkup=XML` in the address bar. The page content is an XML document representing the Siebel Accounts view. The XML structure includes elements for the application name, user agent markup (HTML), navigation elements, and a menu item for a new record. The XML is well-formatted with color-coded tags and attributes.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
- <APPLICATION NAME="Siebel Universal Agent">
  <USER_AGENT MARKUP="HTML" />
  <NAVIGATION_ELEMENTS>
    - <MENU NAME="AppletMenu1">
      <MENU_ITEM TYPE="Separator" />
      - <MENU_ITEM TYPE="Command" ENABLED="TRUE" NAME="New Record">
        - <ANCHOR PATH="/start.swe">
          - <CMD VALUE="InvokeMethod" NAME="SWECmd">
            <ARG NAME="SWEApplet">Account List Applet</ARG>
            <ARG NAME="SWEView">Account List View</ARG>
            <ARG NAME="SWERowId">1-6</ARG>
            <ARG NAME="SWENeedContext">true</ARG>
            <ARG NAME="SWEReqRowId">0</ARG>
            <ARG NAME="SWEMethod">NewRecord</ARG>
          </CMD>
          <INFO NAME="SWEC">5</INFO>
        </ANCHOR>
      </MENU_ITEM>
    </NAVIGATION_ELEMENTS>
  </APPLICATION>
</?xml>
```

# Siebel OM and Web Server Configuration and Markup Determination

The Siebel Web Engine (SWE) can be configured to produce output in HTML and XML markup languages. The default markup for a given object manager is set using the SWEMarkup parameter in the SWE section of the object manager configuration file. Based on browser or device detection or parameters set on the inbound request, this default markup may be overridden.

The following is a summary of how the markup will be determined for a given request. The following three steps are used in the markup determination process for a given request. They are listed by priority.

- 1 Inbound request, SWESetMarkup="XML or HTML".** This is an optional inbound request parameter that can be used to override the User Agent Service and Server configuration. Valid values for this are XML or HTML. The User Agent Service and server configuration are not used to determine the markup when the SWESetMarkup parameter is defined on the inbound request.
- 2 User agent service.** This service is used to determine the markup based on the device or browser that generated the request. The service will take information from the request header and look up the designated markup in the device table. The resulting markup is passed to the next step. Note, if no match is found in the device table the default markup is HTML.
- 3 Dynamic markup comparison.** Assuming that no markup is specified by the inbound request SWESetMarkup parameter, the markup from the user agent service is compared to the server default configuration to determine what markup will be generated. The server default markup is designated by the SWEMarkup parameter in the OM .cfg file.

**Table 4** shows a summary of the markup that will be generated for a given request based on the intersection of the server configuration markup and the markup from the user agent service.

**Table 4. Markup Summary**

<b>Server Configuration Value</b>	<b>User Agent Markup Value</b>	
	<b>HTML</b>	<b>XML</b>
<b>HTML</b>	HTML	XML
<b>XML</b>	XML	XML

## Connecting to the XML Web Interface

The XML Web Interface can be used against any Siebel eBusiness Application. Requests to generate XML from Siebel eBusiness Applications can be submitted through a Siebel Web Server or using the Web Engine Interface business service. In both cases, requests can take the form of a query string or an XML command block.

### Submitting HTTP Requests Through the Web Server

You can send HTTP requests to SWE through the Siebel Web Server using a query string or XML command block. Examples of these two methods are provided in the following sections.

#### Query String

You can send HTTP requests to SWE using a query string. For example, the following code sample illustrates an Active Server Page that uses MSXML to make an HTTP request. The request logs in to the Siebel application and navigates to the Accounts screen. The XML response from SWE is transformed into HTML using XSLT.

```
<% @LANGUAGE="VBScript" %>
<%
' -----
'Open HTTP connection and send XML command req
' -----
strURL = "http://" & Request.form ("swe") & "/"
start.swe?SWEcmd=ExecuteLogin&SWEDataOnly=1&SWEUserName=sadmin&SWE
Password=sadmin&SWESetMarkup=XML
ZO  Set xmlhttp = Server.CreateObject("MSXML2.ServerXMLHTTP")
xmlhttp.open "GET", strURL, False
xmlhttp.send()
Set ologinXmlDoc = xmlhttp.responseXML

strCookie = xmlhttp.getResponseHeader ("Set-Cookie")
On Error Resume Next
If strCookie = "" Then
```

```
Response.Write ("Unable to connect to Siebel Web Server.  
Please check Login Name, Password, and Siebel Web Server URL")  
Response.End  
  
End If  
strSessionId =  
mid(strCookie,inStr(strCookie,"!"),inStr(strCookie,";")-  
inStr(strCookie,"!"))  
  
strURL = "http://" & Request.form ("swe") & "/"  
start.swe?SWECmd=GotoPageTab&SWEScreen=Accounts+Screen&SWESetMarku  
p=XML&SWEDataOnly=1" & "&_sn=" & strSessionId  
Set xmlhttp = Nothing  
Set xmlhttp = Server.CreateObject( "MSXML2.ServerXMLHTTP" )  
xmlhttp.open "GET", strURL, False  
xmlhttp.send ()  
Set oXmlDoc = xmlhttp.responseXML  
  
' -----  
  
'Session Var  
  
' -----  
  
Session ("SWESessionId") = strSessionId  
Session ("swe") = Request.form ("swe")  
  
' -----  
  
'Prepare XSL  
  
' -----  
  
sXsl = "acctresponse.xsl"  
Set oXslDoc = Server.CreateObject( "Msxml2.DOMDocument" )  
oXslDoc.async = false  
oXslDoc.load(Server.MapPath(sXsl))  
  
%>  
  
<HTML>  
  
<HEAD>  
  
<TITLE>My Portal</TITLE>...  
  
<BODY>
```

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```
...
<TD colSpan=2><%Response.Write (oXmlDoc.transformNode(oXslDoc))%>
</TD>
...
</BODY>
</HTML>
```

## XML Command Block

You can use an XML command block to send the HTTP request through the Siebel Web server. For example, you can submit inbound XML documents to SWE as the HTTP request body data. In the Java code sample below, the XML command block opens a socket connection to the Web server and writes the request data stream to the socket's OutputStream.

```
public static final String    FULL_XML_PROC_STR  = "<?xml version=\\"1.0\\" encoding=\\"UTF-8\\"?>\n";
                                         
InputStream          in;
BufferedReader      fromServer;
PrintWriter         toServer;
Socket              socket;
String              payload;
String              line;

try
{
    if (request != null &&  request.length() > 0)
    {
        // send request

        socket      = new Socket(url.getHost(), url.getPort());

        toServer    = new PrintWriter(new
OutputStreamWriter(socket.getOutputStream()));
        in         = socket.getInputStream();

        payload = FULL_XML_PROC_STR + request;
        toServer.println("POST " + url.toString() + " HTTP/1.0");

        toServer.println("Cookie: " + sessionID);
        toServer.println("Content-Type: text/xml");
        toServer.print("Content-Length: ");
        toServer.println(payload.length());
```

```
        toServer.println("");
        toServer.println(payload);
        toServer.flush();

        fromServer = new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(in));

        // read the response
        while ((line = fromServer.readLine()) != null)
        {
            .
            .

            fromServer.close();
            toServer.close();
            socket.close();

        }
    }

    catch (Exception ex)
    {
        System.err.println(ex.toString());
    }
}
```

## Submitting Requests Using the Web Engine Interface

Using Siebel's Object Interfaces you can access business services. The Web Engine Interface business service allows you to make requests to the Siebel Web Engine without having to submit requests through the Web server. Commands can be a query string or XML command block. The response is in the XML output property set of the business service.

For example, using the `com.siebel.data.SiebelDataBean` JavaBean class, you can access SWE as a business service from within the JSP environment. The `SiebelDataBean` provides a direct connection to SWE using the SISNAPI protocol; you can establish this connection without going through a Web server and the Siebel Web Extension plug-in. Once the data bean is instantiated, the SWE business service is obtained as an instance of `com.siebel.data.SiebelService` by calling the `GetService()` method on the data bean with the service name "Web Engine Interface."

### Connecting to the XML Web Interface

The following code fragments shows four tasks required to make the request:

- 1** Instantiate the business service.
- 2** Define the input properties.
- 3** Invoke the method.
- 4** Define the output property.

For example, the following code fragment instantiates the Web Engine Interface business service:

```
import com.siebel.data.*;  
  
public class myBean  
{  
    . . .  
    protected void init(String uName, String passwd, String conn) throws Exception  
    {  
        if (uName != null && passwd != null && conn != null)  
        {  
            SiebelDataBean sdBean = new SiebelDataBean();  
            sdBean.login(conn, uName, passwd, locale);  
            SiebelService service = sdBean.getService("Web Engine Interface");  
            . . .  
        }  
        . . .  
    }  
}
```

The following code fragment defines the input properties:

```
try  
{  
    SiebelPropertySet pi = sdBean.newPropertySet();  
    SiebelPropertySet po = sdBean.newPropertySet();  
    . . .
```

```
pi.setProperty("UserName", getUserName());  
pi.setProperty("RemoteUser", getUserName());  
pi.setProperty("Method", "GET");  
pi.setProperty("HTTPPPort", "80");  
pi.setProperty("HTTPPSPort", "443");  
pi.setProperty("ServerName", getServerName());  
pi.setProperty("ServerPort", getServerPort());  
pi.setProperty("UseCookie", "F");
```

You can invoke SWE business service methods by calling the `SiebelService` class method `InvokeMethod()` and passing in the method name and the input and output property sets (`com.siebel.data.SiebelPropertySet`). Results from the method invocation are generated as a property in the output property set. Here is a sample code fragment for invoking the “Start” method:

```
// initialize the swe  
if (service.invokeMethod("Start",pi,po))  
{  
    printInfo("Done initializing SWE!");
```

The following code fragment retrieves the output property:

```
String response = po.getProperty("RespData");  
}  
else  
{  
    printInfo("Failed to initialize SWE!");  
}  
}  
catch (SiebelException ex)  
{  
    . . .  
}
```

### Query String

Using the Web Engine Interface, you can send requests to SWE either as a URL query string or as an XML document in the request body data. To send a request using URL, set the property “QueryString” to the URL query string with all the SWE commands and parameters.

For example, the following code sample defines the input properties (Step 2 in the SiebelDataBean example) using a query string:

```
pi.setProperty("UserName", userName);
pi.setProperty("Mode", "0");
pi.setProperty("ServerName", getServerName());
pi.setProperty("ServerPort", getServerPort());
pi.setProperty("Method", "GET");
pi.setProperty("RequestBodyType", "text/xml");

pi.setProperty("RequestURI", uri);
pi.setProperty("RequestBodyLength", "0");
pi.setProperty("RequestBodyLengthTotal", "0");
pi.setProperty("RequestBodyData", "");

String query =
SWEcmd=ExecuteLogin&SWEdataonly=1&SWEUserName=sadmin&SWEpassword=
sadmin&SWEsetMarkup=XML

pi.setProperty("QueryString", query);
pi.setProperty("ScriptName", uri);
pi.setProperty("Channel", (isSecure ? "https" : "http"));
//pi.setProperty("SessionID", "1"); // creates if necessary
pi.setProperty("Client", "client-machine-name");
pi.setProperty("UseCookie", "F");
```

The following code fragment invokes the Request Web Engine Interface business service method ([Step 3](#) in the SiebelDataBean example):

```
boolean result = swe.invokeMethod("Request", pi, po);
```

---

**NOTE:** The Request method is the most commonly used Web Engine Interface method.

---

## XML Command Block

To send a request using an XML command block, set the input properties “RequestBodyData,” “RequestBodyLength,” and “RequestBodyLengthTotal.” The property “RequestBodyData” must contain the XML request as specified in [“Outbound DTD” on page 116](#). You should either leave the query string blank or make sure it does not contain the parameter “SWECmd” or its short form “C” (for example, SWECmd = GotoView or C = Gv).

For example, the following code sample defines the input properties ([Step 2](#) in the SiebelDataBean example) using an XML command block:

```
String testCmd = "<EXEC PATH=\"/sales/start.swe\">" +  
    "<CMD NAME=\"SWECmd\" VALUE=\"GotoPageTab\">" +  
    "<ARG NAME=\"SWENeedContext\">false</ARG>" +  
    "<ARG NAME=\"SWEScreen\">Products Screen</ARG>" +  
    "</CMD>" +  
    "</EXEC>";  
  
pi.setProperty("UserName", userName);  
pi.setProperty("Mode", "0");  
pi.setProperty("ServerName", getServerName());  
pi.setProperty("ServerPort", getServerPort());  
pi.setProperty("Method", "POST");  
pi.setProperty("RequestBodyType", "text/xml");
```

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```
pi.setProperty("RequestURI", uri);

String xmlRequest = "<?xml version=\"1.0\"?> " + testCmd;

int lenUniCode = (new Integer(xmlRequest.length()))*2String len
= lenUniCode.toString();

pi.setProperty("RequestBodyLength", len);

pi.setProperty("RequestBodyLengthTotal", len);

pi.setProperty("RequestBodyData", xmlRequest);

pi.setProperty("QueryString", "");

pi.setProperty("ScriptName", uri);

pi.setProperty("Channel", (isSecure ? "https" : "http"));

pi.setProperty("Client", "client-machine-name");

pi.setProperty("UseCookie", "F");
```

The following code fragment invokes the Request Web Engine Interface business service method ([Step 3](#) in the SiebelDataBean example):

```
boolean result = swe.invokeMethod("Request", pi, po);
```

# XML Request Structure

The XML API offers developers access to the objects within Siebel eBusiness Applications. Although it is not required that you have a complete understanding of Siebel object definitions and architecture, it is strongly recommended that you be familiar with them.

You can structure requests using a query string or a command block.

## Query String

To construct a request using a query string, you append SWE commands and arguments to a URL. Each command or argument and its value is separated by an “&”. For example:

```
SWECmd=ExecuteLogin&SWEDataOnly=1&SWEUserName=sadmin&SWEPassword=sadmin&SWESetMarkup=XML
```

For a list of commonly used SWE commands and arguments see [“SWE API” on page 100](#).

## XML Command Block

To initiate an action on a Siebel eBusiness XML screen, you must use a specific set of XML tags and they must conform to a specific structure. [Table 5](#) lists the three valid XML tags that are used to perform a command.

**Table 5. XML Tags**

Tag	Description
<EXEC>	The root tag for each command that you want to send to the SWE. The <EXEC> tag encloses the <CMD> and <ARG> tags. This tag represents a single command.
<CMD>	This tag indicates the SWE command that you want to access and encloses all arguments for the command.
<ARG>	This tag indicates the object on which the command is to be executed and any additional parameters that are required. Unlike the <EXEC> and <CMD> tags, which are used only once in a command block, you can have multiple arguments within a command block.

### XML Request Structure

For example, using the information from [Table 5](#), a valid syntax format for an XML command block is as follows:

```
<EXEC>

<CMD NAME="SWEcmd" VALUE="command name">

<ARG NAME="argumentName">argument1Value</ARG>

<ARG NAME="argumentName">argument2Value</ARG>

. . .

<ARG NAME="argumentName">argumentNValue</ARG>

<ARG NAME="SWESetMarkup"> XML | HTML </ARG>

<ARG NAME="SWEDataOnly"> TRUE | FALSE </ARG>

<ARG NAME="SWESetNoTemp1"> TRUE </ARG>

</CMD>

</EXEC>
```

Each `<EXEC>` tag encloses a complete command block. The `<CMD>` and `<ARG>` tags are enclosed within the `<EXEC>` tag, and their attributes and values specify which commands are executed by the SWE.

A valid XML command block must conform to a specific structure. It must have a valid execute tag followed by a command tag that encloses the arguments. The syntax of the name-value pairs and the attributes that accompany the XML tags within a command block must follow a specific format. This section details the syntax of each XML tag. For the DTD for the inbound XML document, see [“Inbound DTD” on page 115](#).

## EXE Tag

The Execute tag is the root tag for each command that you want to execute.

### Description

Think of the Execute tag as a container. Each container represents a single SWE command or screen action. Enclosed within an Execute tag are the commands, arguments, and information required to complete a single command. There should be only one `<EXEC>` tag for each command that you want to execute. The PATH attribute is the only attribute used by the `<EXEC>` tag, although it is not required.

## Attributes

Table 6 lists the attributes used with the Execute tag.

**Table 6. EXEC Tag Attributes**

Attribute	Description
PATH	The PATH attribute is used to indicate the location of the SWE object manager. By default, the eBusinessSWEXML application looks in its root directory for the SWE object manager. If you want to specify an object manager for the Web application to use, you must indicate its location using the PATH attribute.

## Example

The following example uses the Execute tag to enclose the login command.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<EXEC PATH="/callcenter/start.swe">
  <CMD NAME="SWECommand" VALUE="ExecuteLogin">
    <ARG NAME="SWEUserName">jdoe</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEPassword">jdoepassword</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetMarkup">XML</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEDataOnly">TRUE</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetNoTemp1">TRUE</ARG>
  </CMD>
</EXEC>
```

## CMD Tag

The Command tag is required for each command block and is used to indicate the SWE command that you want to execute.

### Description

Like the Execute tag, the Command tag also acts as a container. Enclosed between the open and close Command tags are the arguments required to complete a command. There should be only one <CMD> tag for each command block that you want to execute.

#### Attributes

Table 7 lists the attributes that are used with the Command tag:

**Table 7. CMD Tag Attributes**

Attribute	Description
NAME	The NAME attribute should always be set to “SWEcmd.” This indicates that the type of command you want to execute is a SWE command.
VALUE	The VALUE attribute specifies which SWEcmd you want to execute. Listed below are the SWE commands most commonly used with eBusiness: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ ExecuteLogin</li><li>■ GotoPageTab</li><li>■ InvokeMethod</li><li>■ LogOff</li></ul>

#### Example

Using the information from the table above, the following example illustrates how to use the Command tag to execute a login command:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<EXEC PATH= "/callcenter/start.swe">
  <CMD NAME="SWEcmd" VALUE="ExecuteLogin">
    <ARG NAME="SWEUserName">jdoe</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEPassword">jdoepassword</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetMarkup">XML</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEDataOnly">TRUE</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetNoTempl">TRUE</ARG>
  </CMD>
</EXEC>
```

## ARG Tag

A command block can contain multiple Argument tags. Each Argument tag indicates an additional command parameter required to complete the action specified in the command block.

### Description

The Argument tag uses name/value pairs to send command parameters to the SWE. A command will not execute without having all the appropriate parameters passed to the SWE.

### Attributes

[Table 8](#) lists the attributes that are used with the Argument tag.

**Table 8. ARG Tag Attributes**

Attribute	Description
NAME	<p>This is the only attribute used by the Argument tag. The NAME attribute is used to indicate an argument, or the name of a parameter, for which you are sending additional information. The parameter's value is entered between the open and close Argument tags.</p> <p>Listed below are the parameter names most commonly used with eBusiness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ SWEApplet</li> <li>■ SWEDataOnly</li> <li>■ SWEMethod</li> <li>■ SWEPassword</li> <li>■ SWEScreen</li> <li>■ SWESetNoTempl</li> <li>■ SWESetMarkup</li> <li>■ SWESetRowCount</li> <li>■ SWEStyleSheet</li> <li>■ SWEUserName</li> <li>■ SWEView</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Table 9 on page 76</a> lists the values that are most commonly used with these parameter names.</p>

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#### Example

For each argument name that you include in a command block, you must also indicate a value for the argument. For example, to use the InvokeMethod command, you must indicate which method you want to invoke. Additionally, if the method is one that requires parameters, as is the case with the WriteRecord, you must send those parameters to the SWE. With the WriteRecord method, you need to indicate the view and the applet you are working with. You also need to indicate the column to which you want to write the record, and finally you need to indicate what information you want to write. The following example illustrates how to use Argument tags to send the required parameters for a WriteRecord method:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<EXEC PATH="/callcenter/start.swe">
  <CMD NAME="SWECmd" VALUE="InvokeMethod">
    <ARG NAME="SWEMethod">WriteRecord</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEview">Account List View</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEapplet">Account List Applet</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="Lot Name">65 metal car</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="Starting Price">3.00</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetMarkup">XML</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEDataOnly">TRUE</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetNoTemp1">TRUE</ARG>
  </CMD>
</EXEC>hr
```

#### Required Arguments

The following three arguments are required for each command block sent to the SWE:

```
<ARG NAME="SWESetMarkup">XML | HTML | WML</ARG>
<ARG NAME="SWEDataOnly">TRUE | FALSE</ARG>
<ARG NAME="SWESetNoTemp">TRUE</ARG>
```

- **SWESetMarkup.** The SWE returns a response for each command block it receives. You can use the SWESetMarkup attribute to indicate whether a response is returned as XML or HTML.

You can also set the response markup format by allowing the User Agent (UA) service to retrieve the default markup from the UA device table, or by setting the SWESetMarkup property in the appropriate Siebel Server configuration file. The SWESetMarkup tag is not required in the payload when you use one of these alternatives.

---

**NOTE:** The examples in this chapter specify the response markup format using the SWESetMarkup attribute in the payload.

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- **SWEDataOnly.** In addition to specifying the type of markup language for a SWE response, you must also indicate whether the response should include data only or data and user interface information, such as non-data controls (anchors and navigation controls). You can set the SWEDataOnly attribute to TRUE to indicate that only data should be returned, or you can set it to FALSE to indicate that both data and user interface information should be returned.

---

**NOTE:** If the SWEDataOnly parameter is not included, the default is FALSE.

---

- **SWESetNoTempl.** By default, Siebel eBusiness XML uses a server-side Web template to filter specific items and controls from SWE responses. When using XML, you can control whether a response will return all the information related to the request or a subset of it dictated by the Web template. Setting the attribute to TRUE makes sure that the Web template is not used and that the SWE response contains all the necessary information to complete an action. When a SWESetNoTempl attribute is set to FALSE, the Web template is used and the page items and controls specified in the template are filtered from the response.

---

**NOTE:** If the SWESetNoTempl parameter is not included, the default is FALSE.

---

#### Common Name-Value Pairs

Table 9 lists commonly used argument name-value pairs.

**Table 9. ARG Parameter Name-Values Pairs**

Parameter Name	Parameter Values
SWEApplet	<i>Applet name</i>
SWEDataOnly	TRUE FALSE
SWEMethod	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ DeleteRecord</li><li>■ EditRecord</li><li>■ ExecuteQuery</li><li>■ GoToNextSet</li><li>■ GotoPageTab</li><li>■ NewRecord</li><li>■ NewQuery</li><li>■ WriteRecord</li></ul>
SWEPassword	<i>Password</i>
SWEScreen	<i>Screen name</i>
SWESetMarkup	HTML XML
SWEUserName	<i>User name</i>
SWEView	<i>View name</i>

---

**NOTE:** When determining what arguments to define, it is a good idea to look at the XML Response. The response will include what arguments are expected.

---

## XML Response Structure

When you send a command block to a Siebel eBusiness SWEXML application, you access the Siebel eBusiness XML application screens. If the action specified in the command block is successfully executed, the data and all of the objects from the resulting screen are returned within an HTTP response. The format of the response is XML or HTML, depending on the SWESetMarkup setting that was sent in the request payload.

You must develop the mechanism by which your Web server handles XML responses. Using the information provided in this section you can develop a parser, a Web application, or another control to extract the necessary data from XML responses and display the appropriate information to users. For the DTD for the outbound XML document, see [“Outbound DTD” on page 116](#).

## Errors

If a command block contains an error or is unsuccessful, the specified action is not executed. Instead, the Siebel eBusiness XML user interface retains its current state and the SWE returns an error. Based on the markup format you have specified, an error response is returned as XML or HTML.

An XML error response contains an `<ERROR>` tag within the payload. Descriptive text for the error is enclosed between the open and close `<ERROR>` tags.

## XML Response

When the SWESetMarkup attribute in a command block is set to XML, the response payload from the Siebel eBusiness XML Web server is returned in XML format. The payload consists of an XML declaration followed by the core XML tags that contain and describe the data.

Each XML tag represents an object from a Siebel eBusiness XML application screen that you requested. The attributes within each tag are read-only and represent the properties of the object.

### XML Response Structure

**Table 10** lists the major XML tags that are returned in a response in which the SWEDataOnly attribute is set to TRUE.

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**NOTE:** The response tags described in this appendix are a subset of the tags that can be returned by the SWE.

---

**Table 10. XML Response Tags**

Tag	Description and Attributes
< APPLICATION >	<p>The root tag for each response that is returned from the SWE. The &lt; APPLICATION &gt; tag encloses all the XML response data.</p> <p><b>Attribute:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ NAME. This attribute indicates the name of the application from which the response is generated. For XML requests, the application name in the response will always be “Siebel eBusiness XML.”</li></ul>
< SCREEN >	<p>This tag identifies the eBusiness screen that is the result of, or is accessed by, the command in your request. The &lt; SCREEN &gt; tag also encloses all of the XML tags that identify the data within the screen.</p> <p><b>Attributes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ CAPTION. This attribute indicates the caption of the screen.</li><li>■ ACTIVE. A value of TRUE indicates that the screen is active. A value of FALSE indicates that the screen is inactive.</li><li>■ NAME. This attribute indicates the screen name, which is used to identify the screen.</li></ul>
< VIEW >	<p>This tag identifies the eBusiness view that is the result of, or is accessed by, the command block in your request. This tag also encloses all of the XML tags that identify the data within the view.</p> <p><b>Attributes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ TITLE. This attribute indicates the title of the view.</li><li>■ ACTIVE. A value of TRUE indicates that the view is active. A value of FALSE indicates that the view is inactive.</li><li>■ NAME. This attribute indicates the view name, which is used to identify the view.</li></ul>

**Table 10. XML Response Tags**

Tag	Description and Attributes
< APPLET >	<p>This tag identifies the eBusiness applet that is the result of, or is accessed by, the command block in your request. It also encloses all of the XML tags that identify the data within the applet.</p> <p><b>Attributes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ ROW_COUNTER. This attribute indicates how many records out of the entire set of records are currently displayed. The ROW_COUNTER attribute is a string of the form, <i>1 - n of N</i>.</li> <li>■ NO_DELETE. A value of TRUE indicates that the records in the applet cannot be deleted. A value of FALSE indicates that the records in the applet can be deleted.</li> <li>■ NO_EXEC_QUERY. A value of TRUE indicates that a query cannot be executed in the applet. A value of FALSE indicates that a query can be executed in the applet.</li> <li>■ NO_UPDATE. A value of TRUE indicates that the records in the applet cannot be updated. A value of FALSE indicates that the records in the applet can be updated.</li> <li>■ MODE. Indicates the mode of the applet, which can be one of the following: Base, Edit, New, Query, Sort.</li> </ul>
< APPLET > (Continued)	<p><b>Attributes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ TITLE. This attribute title of the applet.</li> <li>■ NO_INSERT. A value of TRUE indicates that records cannot be inserted into the applet.</li> <li>■ CLASS. Indicates the class being used by the applet.</li> <li>■ NO_MERGE. A value of TRUE indicates that records in the applet have not been merged. A value of FALSE indicates that the records in the applet have been merged.</li> <li>■ ACTIVE. A value of TRUE indicates that the applet is active. A value of FALSE indicates that the applet is inactive.</li> <li>■ ID. This attribute indicates the applet ID, and can be used to identify the applet.</li> <li>■ NAME. This attribute indicates the applet name, which is used to identify the applet.</li> </ul>
< LIST >	<p>This tag encloses the table of records that is returned from your request. The following two tags and their subordinate tags are enclosed within the &lt; LIST &gt; tag:</p> <pre data-bbox="414 1378 586 1448">&lt; RS_HEADER &gt; &lt; RS_DATA &gt;</pre> <p>There are no attributes associated with the &lt; LIST &gt; tag.</p>

**Table 10. XML Response Tags**

Tag	Description and Attributes
<RS_HEADER>	This tag encloses all the header information about the columns in a list that your request returns. The <COLUMN>, <METHOD>, and <ERROR> tags can be enclosed within this tag.
<COLUMN>	A response can return multiple <COLUMN> tags. Each <COLUMN> tag within an <RS_HEADER> tag indicates another column within the parent list. <b>Attributes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ NUMBER_BASED. A value of TRUE indicates that the data in the column are numeric. A value of FALSE indicates that the data are not numeric.</li><li>■ CALCULATED. A value of TRUE indicates that the data in the column are calculated from other values, as opposed to being input. A value of FALSE indicates that the data are not calculated.</li><li>■ LIST_EDITABLE. A value of TRUE indicates that the data in the column are editable. A value of FALSE indicates the data are not editable.</li><li>■ HTML_TYPE. This attribute is used to indicate the type of object that is represented in the column.</li><li>■ SCALE. A value of TRUE indicates that the data in the column are scaled. A value of FALSE indicates that the data are not scaled.</li><li>■ FIELD. This attribute indicates the field name associated with the column. The value in the field name is the same as the column name.</li><li>■ HIDDEN. A value of TRUE indicates that the data in the column are hidden on the eBusiness screen. A value of FALSE indicates that the data are visible on the eBusiness screen.</li></ul>

**Table 10. XML Response Tags**

Tag	Description and Attributes
<COLUMN>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ DATATYPE. This attribute indicates the Siebel data-type of the data in the column.</li> <li>■ DISPLAY_NAME. This attribute indicates the text string that would appear in the user interface.</li> <li>■ TEXT_LENGTH. This attribute indicates the maximum length of field entries in the column.</li> <li>■ TYPE. This attribute is used to indicate the type of object that is represented in the column.</li> <li>■ ID. This attribute indicates the unique ID of the column.</li> <li>■ TEXT_BASED. A value of TRUE indicates that the data in the column is text based. A value of FALSE indicates that the data is not text based.</li> <li>■ NAME. A value of TRUE indicates that the data in the column are hidden on the eBusiness screen. A value of FALSE indicates that the data are visible on the eBusiness screen.</li> <li>■ REQUIRED. A value of TRUE indicates that the data in the column are required. A value of FALSE indicates that the data are not required.</li> <li>■ READ_ONLY. A value of TRUE indicates that the data in the column are read-only and cannot be modified. A value of FALSE indicates that the data are editable.</li> </ul>
<RS_DATA>	This tag encloses table rows that are returned from your request. The <RS_DATA> tag encloses the <ROW> tag and the <ROW> tag's subordinate tags.

### XML Response Structure

**Table 10. XML Response Tags**

Tag	Description and Attributes
<ROW>	<p>A response can return multiple &lt;ROW&gt; tags. Each &lt;ROW&gt; tag within an &lt;RS_DATA&gt; tag indicates another record within the table. The &lt;ROW&gt; tag encloses the &lt;FIELD&gt; tag.</p> <p><b>Attributes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ SELECTED. This attribute indicates whether the current row is selected. A value of TRUE indicates that the row is selected. A value of FALSE indicates it is not.</li><li>■ ROWID. This attribute is used to identify the row.</li></ul>
<FIELD>	<p>A response can return multiple &lt;FIELD&gt; tags. Each &lt;FIELD&gt; tag within a &lt;ROW&gt; tag indicates another item of data within the record. The field's value is entered between the open and close &lt;FIELD&gt; tags.</p> <p><b>Attributes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ VARIABLE. This attribute indicates the column to which the field is associated. The value of the VARIABLE attribute should coincide with the NAME attribute of a column.</li><li>■ NAME. This attribute is used to identify the field. In most cases, the field name is identical to the column name.</li></ul>

A valid syntax format for an XML response is as follows:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>

<APPLICATION NAME="Siebel Sales MidMarket">

  <SCREEN CAPTION="caption" ACTIVE="TRUE" NAME="screen name">

    <VIEW TITLE="title" ACTIVE="TRUE / FALSE" NAME="view name">

      <APPLET ROW_COUNTER="n - N of X" NO_DELETE="TRUE / FALSE"
      NO_EXEC_QUERY="TRUE / FALSE" NO_UPDATE="TRUE / FALSE" MODE="Base" TITLE="applet
      title" NO_INSERT="TRUE / FALSE" CLASS="CSSSWEFrameLotList" NO_MERGE="TRUE / FALSE"
      ACTIVE="TRUE / FALSE" ID="N" NAME="applet name">

        <LIST>

          <RS_HEADER>

            <COLUMN NUMBER_BASED="TRUE / FALSE" CALCULATED="TRUE / FALSE"
            LIST_EDITABLE="Y / N" HTML_TYPE="Field" SCALE="TRUE / FALSE" FIELD="Accept Less"
            HIDDEN="TRUE / FALSE" DATATYPE="text" TEXT_LENGTH="255" TYPE="Field"
            TOTAL_REQUIRED="TRUE / FALSE" ID="N" TEXT_BASED="TRUE / FALSE" NAME="Accept Less"
            REQUIRED="TRUE / FALSE" READ_ONLY="TRUE / FALSE" />

          </RS_HEADER>

          <RS_DATA>

            <ROW SELECTED="TRUE / FALSE" ROWID="id number1">

              <FIELD VARIABLE="column name" NAME="field name1">
                field value1
              </FIELD>

              ...

              <FIELD VARIABLE="column name" NAME="field nameN">
                field valueN
              </FIELD>

            </ROW>

            ...

            <ROW SELECTED="TRUE / FALSE" ROWID="id number1">

              <FIELD VARIABLE="column name" NAME="field name1">
                field value1
              </FIELD>
```

### XML Response Structure

```
...  
  
<FIELD VARIABLE="column name" NAME="field nameN">  
    field valueN  
</FIELD>  
  
</ROW>  
  
</RS_DATA>  
  
</LIST>  
  
</APPLET>  
  
</VIEW>  
  
</SCREEN></APPLICATION>
```

## HTML Response

When the SWESetMarkup attribute in a command block is set to HTML, the response payload from the Siebel eBusiness Application Web server is going to be in HTML format. The HTML option allows you to display the returned data in a read-only mode. The HTML response includes all the data and navigation controls that are exposed in the user interface.

## Common Operations

There are various combinations of XML commands you can use to execute an action in a Siebel eBusiness XML application. Each section below offers one solution for executing a Siebel eBusiness Application action.

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**TIP:** To get a better understanding of the objects available on a specific screen, you can use a Web browser to access the user interface by navigating to the following URL: `http://<machine name>/callcenter/start.swe`. `<machine name>`. This is the Web server where the Siebel eBusiness Application is installed.

---

### Logging In

Logging in is required to start a new Siebel eBusiness XML session. The first command block of a new session should always be an ExecuteLogin command.

Detailed below is an example of how to construct a login command block for XML:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<EXEC PATH="/callcenter/start.swe">
  <CMD NAME="SWECmd" VALUE="ExecuteLogin">
    <ARG NAME="SWEUserName">user name</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEPassword">user's password</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetMarkup">XML</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEDataOnly">TRUE</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetNoTemp">TRUE</ARG>
  </CMD>
</EXEC>
```

## Logging Off

The last command block of a session should always be a Logoff command.

Detailed below is an example of how to construct a logoff command block for XML:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<EXEC PATH="/callcenter/start.swe">
  <CMD NAME="SWECmd" VALUE="ExecuteLogoff">
    <ARG NAME="SWEUserName">user name</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetMarkup">XML</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEDataOnly">TRUE</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetNoTemp">TRUE</ARG>
  </CMD>
</EXEC>
```

## Navigating to a Screen

You use the GotoPageTab command to navigate to a specific screen. The Web application returns either an XML or HTML response containing data about the screen's views and applets. For a complete list of the screen names to which you can navigate, see [Table 10 on page 78](#).

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<EXEC PATH="/callcenter/start.swe">
  <CMD NAME="SWECmd" VALUE="GotoPageTab">
    <ARG NAME="SWEScreen">screen name</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetMarkup">XML</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEDataOnly">TRUE</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetNoTemp">TRUE</ARG>
  </CMD>
</EXEC>
```

## Navigating Within a Screen

When you use the `InvokeMethod` to execute an XML command, you must also indicate the view and the applet that you want to access. For example, you may want to modify or add a record. To add a record, you must first issue the `NewRecord` command, and then you must indicate to which view and applet you want the record to be added. To perform an action on a screen, you must navigate to the object within the screen that is to receive the action. The following two arguments are used to navigate within a screen:

- `SWEView`
- `SWEApplet`

For a complete list of the view and applet names to which you can navigate, see [Table 10 on page 78](#). The example below details how to specify the view and applet:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<EXEC PATH="/callcenter/start.swe">
  <CMD NAME="SWECmd" VALUE="InvokeMethod">
    <ARG NAME="SWEMethod">method name</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEView">view name</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEApplet">applet name</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetMarkup">XML</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEDataOnly">TRUE</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetNoTemp">TRUE</ARG>
  </CMD>
</EXEC>
```

## Querying Items

To successfully perform a query, you must first navigate to a screen that allows queries. You must then send two separate requests to the eBusinessSWXML application. The first request executes the Create New Query action, and the second executes the Execute Query action.

### NewQuery

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<EXEC PATH="/callcenter/start.swe">

  <CMD NAME="SWECmd" VALUE="InvokeMethod">

    <ARG NAME="SWEMethod">NewQuery</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEView">view name</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEApplet">applet name</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetMarkup">XML</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEDataOnly">TRUE</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetNoTemp">TRUE</ARG>

  </CMD>
</EXEC>
```

### ExecuteQuery

In the ExecuteQuery command block, you must include an `<ARG>` tag. The tag must include a NAME parameter to identify the column (the field you want to search), and a value to indicate the search criteria.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<EXEC PATH="/callcenter/start.swe">

  <CMD NAME="SWECmd" VALUE="InvokeMethod">

    <ARG NAME="SWEMethod">ExecuteQuery</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEView">view name</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEApplet">applet name</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="column name">search criteria</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetMarkup">XML</ARG>
```

```
<ARG NAME="SWEDataOnly">TRUE</ARG>  
<ARG NAME="SWESetNoTemp">TRUE</ARG>  
</CMD>  
</EXEC>
```

The auction items that match the query are returned in the response. The returned payload contains complete lot names and IDs for each item.

---

**TIP:** Each row (or record) within a response contains an ID that uniquely identifies it. You can use a row ID as a parameter in a query to selectively single out a record so that you can modify or delete it.

---

## Adding Records

To successfully add a record to a list, you must first navigate to a screen that allows records to be inserted. Then, you must send two separate requests to the SWEXML application. The first request executes the New Record action. The second executes the WriteRecord action.

### NewRecord

In a NewRecord command block, you use `<ARG>` tags to indicate the view and applet to which you want to add the NewRecord.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>  
  
<EXEC PATH="/callcenter/start.swe">  
  <CMD NAME="SWECmd" VALUE="InvokeMethod">  
    <ARG NAME="SWEMethod">NewRecord</ARG>  
    <ARG NAME="SWEView">view name</ARG>  
    <ARG NAME="SWEApplet">applet name</ARG>  
    <ARG NAME="SWESetMarkup">XML</ARG>  
    <ARG NAME="SWEDataOnly">TRUE</ARG>  
    <ARG NAME="SWESetNoTemp">TRUE</ARG>  
  </CMD>  
</EXEC>
```

### WriteRecord

In a WriteRecord command block, you must include an <ARG> tag for each field you want to add to the new record. The NAME attribute identifies the field name, and the value between the open and close <ARG> tags indicates the field's value.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<EXEC PATH="/callcenter/start.swe">
  <CMD NAME="SWECmd" VALUE="InvokeMethod">
    <ARG NAME="SWEMethod">WriteRecord</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEView">view name</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEApplet">applet name</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="column name1">field value</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="column name2">field value</ARG>
    ...
    <ARG NAME="column nameN">field value</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetMarkup">XML</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEDataOnly">TRUE</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetNoTemp">TRUE</ARG>
  </CMD>
</EXEC>
```

## Modifying Records

To successfully modify a record using XML, you must first navigate to a screen that allows records to be modified. Then, the following four requests must be sent separately to the SWEXML application:

- 1** Activate a new query.
- 2** Execute the query.
- 3** Activate the edit record method.
- 4** Write the record.

---

**NOTE:** When modifying a record, you should use a primary key (such as a row ID) as the parameter for the query. This makes sure that only one record is returned and selected in the response. If you do not use a primary key to perform the query, several records may be returned in the response. There is a chance that the record you want to update is not the one selected.

---

### NewQuery

When you modify a record, you must first execute a query to find the record you want to modify. The records that are returned as a result of the query are then accessible through XML.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<EXEC PATH="/callcenter/start.swe">
  <CMD NAME="SWECmd" VALUE="InvokeMethod">
    <ARG NAME="SWEMethod">NewQuery</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEView">view name</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEApplet">applet name</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetMarkup">XML</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEDataOnly">TRUE</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetNoTemp">TRUE</ARG>
  </CMD>
</EXEC>
```

### ExecuteQuery

When you use the ExecuteQuery command block in an effort to modify a record, you must include an <ARG> tag that identifies the primary key of the record you want to modify. This makes sure that the query returns only one record, which is automatically selected. You can then use the EditRecord command to update the selected record.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<EXEC PATH="/callcenter/start.swe">
  <CMD NAME="SWECmd" VALUE="InvokeMethod">
    <ARG NAME="SWEMethod">ExecuteQuery</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEView">view name</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEApplet">applet name</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="primary key column name">primary key value</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetMarkup">XML</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEDataOnly">TRUE</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetNoTemp">TRUE</ARG>
  </CMD>
</EXEC>
```

## EditRecord

After executing the query the eBusiness screen is populated with the record you want to modify. You use the EditRecord to access the record.

---

**NOTE:** If you do not use a primary key to perform the query, several records may be returned in the response.

---

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<EXEC PATH="/callcenter/start.swe">
  <CMD NAME="SWECommand" VALUE="InvokeMethod">
    <ARG NAME="SWEMethod">EditRecord</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEView">view name</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEApplet">applet name</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetMarkup">XML</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEDataOnly">TRUE</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetNoTemp">TRUE</ARG>
  </CMD>
</EXEC>
```

### WriteRecord

In a WriteRecord command block, you must include an <ARG> tag for each field you want to modify in an existing record.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<EXEC PATH="/callcenter/start.swe">
  <CMD NAME="SWECmd" VALUE="InvokeMethod">
    <ARG NAME="SWEMethod">WriteRecord</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEView">view name</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEApplet">applet name</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="column name1">field value</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="column name2">field value</ARG>
    ...
    <ARG NAME="column nameN">field value</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetMarkup">XML</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEDataOnly">TRUE</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetNoTemp">TRUE</ARG>
  </CMD>
</EXEC>
```

## Deleting Records

To successfully remove a record from the database, you must first navigate to a screen that allows records to be deleted. Then, the following three requests must be sent separately to the eBusinessSWEXML application:

- 1** Activate a new query.
- 2** Execute the query.
- 3** Delete the selected record.

---

**NOTE:** When deleting a record, you should use a primary key (such as a row ID) as the parameter for the query. This makes sure that only one record is returned and selected in the response. If you do not use a primary key to perform the query, several records may be returned in the response. There is a chance that the record you want to delete is not the one selected.

---

### NewQuery

When you delete a record, you must first execute a query to find the record you want to delete. You should use search criteria, such as a primary key, to make sure that the query returns only one record.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<EXEC PATH="/callcenter/start.swe">
  <CMD NAME="SWECmd" VALUE="InvokeMethod">
    <ARG NAME="SWEMethod">NewQuery</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEView">view name</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEApplet">applet name</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetMarkup">XML</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWEDataOnly">TRUE</ARG>
    <ARG NAME="SWESetNoTemp">TRUE</ARG>
  </CMD>
</EXEC>
```

### ExecuteQuery

When you use the ExecuteQuery command block in an effort to delete a record, you must include an <ARG> tag that identifies the primary key of the record you want to delete. This makes sure that the query returns only one record, which is automatically selected. You can then use the DeleteRecord command to delete the selected record.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>

<EXEC PATH="/callcenter/start.swe">

<CMD NAME="SWECmd" VALUE="InvokeMethod">

  <ARG NAME="SWEMethod">ExecuteQuery</ARG>

  <ARG NAME="SWEView">view name</ARG>

  <ARG NAME="SWEApplet">applet name</ARG>

  <ARG NAME="primary key column name">primary key value</ARG>

  <ARG NAME="SWESetMarkup">XML</ARG>

  <ARG NAME="SWEDataOnly">TRUE</ARG>

  <ARG NAME="SWESetNoTemp">TRUE</ARG>

</CMD>

</EXEC>
```

### DeleteRecord

You use <ARG> tags to indicate the view and applet that contain the selected record you want to delete.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>

<EXEC PATH="/callcenter/start.swe">

<CMD NAME="SWECmd" VALUE="InvokeMethod">

  <ARG NAME="SWEMethod">DeleteRecord</ARG>

  <ARG NAME="SWEView">view name</ARG>

  <ARG NAME="SWEApplet">applet name</ARG>

  <ARG NAME="SWESetMarkup">XML</ARG>

  <ARG NAME="SWEDataOnly">TRUE</ARG>
```

```
<ARG NAME="SWESetNoTemp">TRUE</ARG>
</CMD>
</EXEC>
```

## Picking Records

To pick a value from a pick list and then save the value in the database, first you need to navigate to a screen and then submit three requests:

- 1** Navigate to a screen.
- 2** Get a pick list.
- 3** Get the RowId of the record to pick.
- 4** Write the record to the database.

## GotoPageTab

First you need to navigate to a screen. For example:

```
<EXEC PATH="/callcenter/start.swe">
<CMD VALUE="GotoPageTab" NAME="SWECmd">
<ARG NAME="SWEScreen">Accounts Screen</ARG>
<ARG NAME="SWENeedContext">false</ARG>
<ARG NAME="SWEBID">-1</ARG>
</CMD>
<INFO NAME="SWEC">12</INFO>
</EXEC>
```

## EditField

To return the pick list using the EditField method, you must define arguments that identify the applet, view, and field on which the pick list is based. For example:

```
<EXEC PATH="/callcenter/start.swe">
<CMD VALUE="InvokeMethod" NAME="SWECmd">
<ARG NAME="SWEApplet">Account Entry Applet</ARG>
```

```
<ARG NAME="SWEW">0</ARG>
<ARG NAME="SWEView">Account List View</ARG>
<ARG NAME="SWERowId">1-6</ARG>
<ARG NAME="SWEField">Currency</ARG>
<ARG NAME="SWEDIC">true</ARG>
<ARG NAME="SWENeedContext">true</ARG>
<ARG NAME="SWEH">0</ARG>
<ARG NAME="SWEReqRowId">1</ARG>
<ARG NAME="SWESP">true</ARG>
<ARG NAME="SWEMethod">EditField</ARG>
</CMD>
<INFO NAME="SWEC">9</INFO>
</EXEC>
```

## PickRecord

The PickRecord method returns the RowId of the record to be picked. For example:

```
<EXEC PATH="/callcenter/start.swe">
<CMD VALUE="InvokeMethod" NAME="SWECmd">
<ARG NAME="SWEApplet">Currency Pick Applet</ARG>
<ARG NAME="SWEView">Account List View</ARG>
<ARG NAME="SWERowId">0-5129</ARG>
<ARG NAME="SWENeedContext">false</ARG>
<ARG NAME="SWEReqRowId">1</ARG>
<ARG NAME="SWEP">14_Account Entry Applet9_EditField3_1-68_Currency1_1</ARG>
<ARG NAME="SWEMethod">PickRecord</ARG>
</CMD>
<INFO NAME="SWEC">1</INFO>
</EXEC>
```

**NOTE:** The value for the SWEP argument can be found in the XML response from EditField method.

## WriteRecord

The WriteRecord method writes the record to the database. For example:

```
<EXEC PATH="/callcenter/start.swe">  
<CMD VALUE="InvokeMethod" NAME="SWECmd">  
<ARG NAME="SWEApplet">Account Entry Applet</ARG>  
<ARG NAME="SWEView">Account List View</ARG>  
<ARG NAME="SWERowId">1-6</ARG>  
<ARG NAME="SWENeedContext">true</ARG>  
<ARG NAME="SWEReqRowId">1</ARG>  
<ARG NAME="SWEMethod">WriteRecord</ARG>  
</CMD>  
<INFO NAME="SWEC">2</INFO>  
</EXEC>
```

## SWE API

This section contains reference information about SWE commands, methods, and arguments.

### SWE Commands

[Table 11](#) provides a list of commonly used SWE Commands.

**Table 11. SWE Commands**

Supported Values	Short Format	Description	Required Args (with Description)	Optional Args (with Description)
CanInvokeMethod  For a list of commonly used methods, see <a href="#">Table 12 on page 105</a> .	C	<p>Checks whether a method can be invoked on an applet, a business service, a buscomp, or the SWE application.</p> <p>Called only when OM is in High Interactivity mode.</p> <p>The optional <b>SWEService</b>, <b>SWEBusComp</b>, and <b>SWEApplet</b> arguments are used to specify the Siebel object that the method should be invoked on. If none of these are specified, SWE will check the CanInvokeMethod state of the method on the SWE application object, which currently supports a limited set of InvokeMethod, such as Logoff, SortOrder, SaveQuery, and SaveQueryAs.</p>	<b>SWEMethod</b> - name of the method.	<p><b>SWEService</b> - name of the business service to check whether the method can be invoked.</p> <p><b>SWEBusComp</b> - name of the business component to check whether the method can be invoked.</p> <p><b>SWEApplet</b> - name of the applet to check whether the method can be invoked.</p>

**Table 11. SWE Commands**

Supported Values	Short Format	Description	Required Args (with Description)	Optional Args (with Description)
ExecuteLogin	Xlg	Executes login for a user.	<b>SWEUserName</b> - user name. <b>SWEPassword</b> - password.	None
ExecuteNamedQuery	Xnq	Executes a PDQ.	<b>SWEView</b> - name of the view. <b>SWEQueryName</b> - name of the PDQ.	None
GotoPage	Gp	Goes to a Siebel Web page (this is the Web page object defined in Siebel Tools).	<b>SWEPage</b> - name of the Web page.	None
GotoPageTab	Gt	Goes to a Siebel screen. Will show the default view for the screen.	<b>SWEScreen</b> - name of the screen.	None

Table 11. SWE Commands

Supported Values	Short Format	Description	Required Args (with Description)	Optional Args (with Description)
GotoView	Gv	<p>Goes to a Siebel view.</p> <p>If the <b>SWEPostnApplet</b> and <b>SWEPostnRowId</b> arguments are specified, it will execute a search for the specified rowId in the specified applet.</p> <p>If <b>SWEQMApplet</b> and <b>SWEQMMethod</b> arguments are specified, it will invoke the method after going to the view.</p>	<b>SWEView</b> - name of the view.	<b>SWEKeepContext</b> - if TRUE, keeps the current business object context, when requesting to a view based on the same business object. <b>SWEPostnApplet</b> - name of the applet on which the search should be executed. <b>SWEPostnRowId</b> - row Id to search for. <b>SWEQMApplet</b> - name of the QueueMethod applet. This is the applet where the method (as specified in <b>SWEQMMethod</b> ) should be invoked after going to the view. <b>SWEQMMethod</b> - name of the QueueMethod method to be invoked. You can invoke only one method. <b>SWEQMArgs</b> - arguments of the QueueMethod method.

**Table 11. SWE Commands**

Supported Values	Short Format	Description	Required Args (with Description)	Optional Args (with Description)
InvokeMethod  For a list of commonly used methods, see <a href="#">Table 12</a> .	Inv	<p>Invokes a method on an applet, a business service, a business component, or the SWE application.</p> <p>The optional <b>SWEService</b>, <b>SWEBusComp</b>, and <b>SWEApplet</b> arguments are used to specify the Siebel object on which the method should be invoked. If none of these are specified, SWE will invoke on the SWE application object, which currently supports a limited set of InvokeMethod such as Logoff, SortOrder, SaveQuery, and SaveQueryAs.</p>	<b>SWEMethod</b> - name of the method.	<b>SWEService</b> - name of the business service to invoke the method. <b>SWEBusComp</b> - name of the business component to invoke the method. <b>SWEApplet</b> - name of the applet to invoke the method.
LoadService		Loads a business service on the server side.	<b>SWEService</b> - name of the business service to load.	None
Login	Lg	Loads the login view or login page. SWE first looks at the Acknowledgment Web View property of the application object in the repository for the login view to show. If not specified, the default is the "Acknowledgment Web Page" property to show the login page.	None	None

**Table 11. SWE Commands**

Supported Values	Short Format	Description	Required Args (with Description)	Optional Args (with Description)
Logoff	Bye	Executes the database logoff, then shows the logoff view or page. SWE first looks at the Logoff Acknowledgment Web Page property of the application object in the repository for the login page to show. If none is specified, SWE will show the login view or login page, depending on how you log in.	None	None
ReloadCT		Reloads personalization info. SWE loads the initial personalization on startup, and when the personalization rules are changed, SWE does not update the info automatically since there is cost in performance, so SWE provides this command to reload the info.	None	None

**NOTE:** The SWEAC command allows users to string two SWE commands in a single request. For example the follow URL does a SWECmd = ExecuteLogin, and then a SWEAC = GotoPageTab.

SWECmd=ExecuteLogin&SWEUserName=joe&SWEPassword=passwd&SWEAuxCmd=SWECmd=GotoPageTab&SWEScreen=Accounts+Screen&SWEReloadFrames=1.

## SWE Methods

The InvokeMethod command allows you to invoke methods on a applet, business component, business service, or application. [Table 12](#) lists SWE methods commonly used with the InvokeMethod SWE command.

**Table 12. SWE Methods**

Supported Values	Description	Required Args (with Description)	Optional Args (with Description)
CollapseTreeItem	Used in a tree control to collapse an expanded item on the tree.	<b>SWETreeItem:</b> Specify the path of the item relative to root. The path is a string of the form n.n.n.n...where <i>n</i> is an index of an item within its level. The index starts from 1. Example: 1.1.2. <b>SWEView:</b> Name of the view. <b>SWEApplet:</b> Name of the applet.	None
CopyRecord	Performs initialization, then calls CopyRecord on the business component.	None	None
CreateRecord	Performs initialization, then calls NewRecord on the business component.	None	None
DeleteQuery	Deletes a named query.	<b>SweNamedQueries:</b> Specify the name of the named query to be deleted.	None
DeleteRecord	Deletes a record.	None	None
Drilldown	Drills down on the field as specified in the argument <b>SWEField</b> .	<b>SWEField:</b> Specify the name of the applet field that you want to drilldown on. The drilldown information is specified in the repository.	None

**Table 12. SWE Methods**

Supported Values	Description	Required Args (with Description)	Optional Args (with Description)
EditRecord	Edits a record.	None	<b>SWESeq:</b> Specify the sequence number of the Edit template to show. You can have many Edit templates for an applet in Siebel Tools, each identified by the sequence number.
ExecuteQuery	Executes a query. The query spec of the fields is specified in the list of arguments.	None	List of arguments with name and value, where the name specifies the field name and the value specifies the field query spec. Will set field query spec before executing the query.
ExpandTreeItem	Used in a tree control to expand an item on the tree.	<b>SWETreeWidgetItem:</b> Specify the path of the item relative to root. The path is a string of the form n.n.n.n...where n is an index of an item within its level. The index starts from 1. Example: 1.1.2. <b>SWEView:</b> Name of the view. <b>SWEApplet:</b> Name of the applet.	None
GotoFirstSet	Goes to the first set of records. The number of rows in a set is specified in the repository.	None	None
GotoLastSet	Goes to the last set of records.	None	None
GotoNextSet	Goes to the next set of records.	None	None
GotoPreviousSet	Goes to the previous set of records.	None	None

**Table 12. SWE Methods**

Supported Values	Description	Required Args (with Description)	Optional Args (with Description)
GotoView	<p>Goes to a Siebel view.</p> <p>If the <b>SWEPostnApplet</b> and <b>SWEPostnRowId</b> arguments are specified, will execute a search for the specified rowId in the specified applet.</p> <p>If <b>SWEQMApplet</b> and <b>SWEQMMethod</b> arguments are specified, will invoke the method after going to the view.</p>	<b>SWETargetView</b> - name of the view.	<b>SWEKeepContext</b> - if TRUE, keeps the current business object if going to a view that uses the same business object. <b>SWEPostnApplet</b> - name of the applet that the search should be executed on. <b>SWEPostnRowId</b> - rowId to search for. <b>SWEQMApplet</b> - name of the QueueMethod applet. This is the applet where the method (as specified in <b>SWEQMMethod</b> ) should be invoked after going to the view. <b>SWEQMMethod</b> - name of the QueueMethod method. The method to be invoked. You can invoke only one method. <b>SWEQMArgs</b> - arguments of the QueueMethod method.
Indent	For a hierarchical applet, moves the current record down the hierarchy by one level.	None	None
MoveDown	For a hierarchical applet, moves the current record down the hierarchy within the same level.	None	None
MoveUp	For a hierarchical applet, moves the current record up the hierarchy within the same level.	None	None

**Table 12. SWE Methods**

Supported Values	Description	Required Args (with Description)	Optional Args (with Description)
NewQuery	Begins a new query.	None	None
NewRecord	If the applet has an association applet, shows the association popup applet. Otherwise, creates a new record.	None	None
NextTreeItem	Used in a tree control to scroll the tree to the next set of record.	<b>SWETreeItem:</b> Specifies the path of the item relative to root. The path is a string of the form n.n.n.n...where <i>n</i> is an index of an item within its level. The index starts from 1. Example: 1.1.2. <b>SWEView:</b> Name of the view. <b>SWEApplet:</b> Name of the applet.	None
Outdent	For a hierarchical applet, moves the current record down the hierarchy by one level.	None	None
PickNone	Makes sure the parent applet field has nothing picked from the pick applet.	None	None
PickRecord	Picks the current row in a pick applet.	None	None
PositionOnRow	Positions the record as specified in the arguments <b>SWERowIds</b> and <b>SWERowId</b> . If no arguments, does nothing.	None	<b>SWERowIds:</b> a string specifying the row Id of the parent buscomps. <b>SWERowId:</b> the row Id of the record to position to.

**Table 12. SWE Methods**

Supported Values	Description	Required Args (with Description)	Optional Args (with Description)
PostChanges	Sets the field values as specified in the list of arguments to the record being created or edited.	None	List of arguments with name and value where the name specifies the field name and the value specifies the field value. Will set these field values before committing the record.
PreviousTreeItem	Used in a tree control to scroll the tree to the previous set of records.	<b>SWETreeItem:</b> Specify the path of the item relative to root. The path is a string of the form n.n.n.n...where n is an index of an item within its level. The index starts from 1. Example: 1.1.2. <b>SWEView:</b> Name of the view. <b>SWEApplet:</b> Name of the applet.	None
RefineQuery	Keeps the current field query spec and queries again.	None	None
SaveQueryAs	Saves the current query as a named query. The name is specified in the argument <b>_SweNamedQueries</b> .	<b>SweNamedQueries:</b> Specify the name to save the query as.	None

**Table 12. SWE Methods**

Supported Values	Description	Required Args (with Description)	Optional Args (with Description)
SelectTreeItem	Used in a tree control to select an item of the tree.	<b>SWETreeItem</b> : Specifies the path of the item relative to root. The path is a string of the form n.n.n.n...where <i>n</i> is an index of an item within its level. The index starts from 1. Example: 1.1.2. <b>SWEView</b> : Name of the view. <b>SWEApplet</b> : Name of the applet.	None
SortAscending	Sorts the field as specified in the argument <b>SWEField</b> in ascending order.	<b>SWEField</b> : Specifies the name of the applet field that you want to sort in ascending order.	None
SortDescending	Sorts the field as specified in the argument <b>SWEField</b> in descending order.	<b>SWEField</b> : Specifies the name of the applet field that you want to sort in descending order.	None
ToggleTo	Toggles to a different toggle applet.	<b>SWESeq</b> : Sequence number of the togglet applet to toggle to.	None
UndoRecord	Undoes a record that is being created or edited.	None	None
WriteRecord	Commits a record that is being created or edited.	None	List of arguments with name and value where the name specifies the field name and the value specifies the field value. Will set these field values before committing the record.

## SWE Arguments

Table 13 lists some commonly used SWE arguments.

**Table 13. SWE Arguments**

URL Argument	Short Format	Description	Usage	Examples
SWECOUNT	C	Dynamically generates an index number for each hyperlink for the purpose of bookmarking each request.	SWEC = n, where n is a positive integer number. < ARG NAME = "SWEC" > n < /ARG >	SWEC = 1, or < ARG NAME = "SWEC" > 1 < /ARG >
SWEDATAONLY		Discards all UI content (including anchors) if set to TRUE.	SWEDATAONLY = {TRUE   FALSE} < ARG NAME = "SWEDATAONLY" > TRUE FALSE < /ARG >	SWEDATAONLY = TRUE < ARG NAME = "SWEDATAONLY" > TRUE < /ARG >
SWEEXCLUDE		Uses the comma-separated UI element names specified as the value of the parameter to exclude UI elements from appearing in the output document.	SWEEXCLUDE = "list of names". Names can be MENU, SCREENBAR, TOOLBAR, THREADBAR, PAGEITEM, VIEWBAR. < ARG NAME = "SWEEXCLUDE" > list of names < /ARG >	SWEEXCLUDE = "MENU, SCREENBAR" < ARG NAME = "SWEEXCLUDE" > MENU,SCREENBAR < /ARG >
SWEFIELD	F	Specifies the name of the applet field.	SWEFIELD = < field name > < ARG NAME = "SWEFIELD" > field name < /ARG >	SWEFIELD = Revenue < ARG NAME = "SWEFIELD" > Revenue < /ARG >

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**Table 13. SWE Arguments**

URL Argument	Short Format	Description	Usage	Examples
SWEFullRefresh		Forces a full refresh of the Siebel Web Client. Used by the High Interactivity client to send a SWE command to load the High Interactivity client completely. Typically used for session interleaving from a non-Siebel session to the Siebel High Interactivity client application.	SWEFullRefresh = {TRUE   FALSE} < ARG NAME = "SWEFullRefresh" > TRUE FALSE < /ARG >	SWEFullRefresh = TRUE < ARG NAME = "SWEFullRefresh" > TRUE < /ARG >
SWEGetApplet		This parameter is used to filter the outbound XML document so only the applet named as the value of the parameter will be allowed in the output. All other document content will be discarded.	SWEGetApplet = < name of the applet > < ARG NAME = "SWEGetApplet" > name of the applet < /ARG >	SWEGetApplet = Account + List + Applet < ARG NAME = "SWEGetApplet" > Account List Applet < /ARG >
SWEGetPDQ		Discards all XML content and returns only PDQ list when set to TRUE.	SWEGetPDQ = {TRUE   FALSE} < ARG NAME = "SWEGetPDQ" > TRUE FALSE < /ARG >	
SWEKeepContext	Kx	Keeps the current business object if going to a view that uses the same business object, if set to TRUE.	SWEKeepContext = {TRUE   FALSE} < ARG NAME = "SWEKeepContext" > TRUE FALSE < /ARG >	SWEKeepContext = TRUE < ARG NAME = "SWEKeepContext" > TRUE < /ARG >

**Table 13. SWE Arguments**

URL Argument	Short Format	Description	Usage	Examples
SWENeedContext	Nct	Skips restoring the state of the view, applet, busobj, and buscomp when going back to a previously viewed page, if set to FALSE.  Default is TRUE for a view or applet and FALSE for a Web page.	SWENeedContext = {TRUE   FALSE} < ARG NAME = "SWENeedContext" > TRUE FALSE < / ARG >	SWENeedContext = TRUE < ARG NAME = "SWENeedContext" > TRUE < / ARG >
SWENoAnchor		Discards all anchors if set to TRUE.	SWENOAnchor = { TRUE   FALSE } < ARG NAME = "SWENoAnchor" > TRUE FALSE < /ARG >	SWENoAnchor = TRUE < ARG NAME = "SWENoAnchor" > TRUE < /ARG >
SWEReloadFrames	RF	Forces the reloading of all HTML frames when set to TRUE.	SWERF = {TRUE FALSE}, or < ARG NAME = "SWERF" > TRUE   FALSE < /ARG >	SWERF = TRUE, or < ARG NAME = "SWERF" > TRUE < /ARG >
SWEReqRowId	Rqr	Needs to position to the row specified in the argument SWERowId, if set to TRUE.	SWEReqRowId = { TRUE   FALSE } < ARG NAME = "SWEReqRowId" > TRUE FALSE < /ARG >	SWEReqRowId = TRUE < ARG NAME = "SWEReqRowId" > TRUE < /ARG >
SWERows	Rs	Specifies the number of rows to be used as an attribute of an HTML frameset.	SWERs = n, where n is a positive integer number. Or < ARG NAME = "SWERs" > n < / ARG >	SWERs = 1, or < ARG NAME = "SWERs" > 1 < / ARG >
SWERowId	R	The rowId of the record to position to.	SWERowId = < rowid > < ARG NAME = "SWERowId" > rowid < /ARG >	SWERowId = 12-XI46FG < ARG NAME = "SWERowId" > 12-XI46FG < /ARG >

**Table 13. SWE Arguments**

URL Argument	Short Format	Description	Usage	Examples
SWERowIds	Rs	A string specifying the rowId of the parent buscomps.	SWERowIds = < string of rowids > < ARG NAME = "SWERowId" > string of rowids < /ARG >	SWERowIds = SWERowId0%3d12-61W25L < ARG NAME = "SWERowId" > SWERowId = 12-61W25L < /ARG >
SWESetMarkup		Temporarily sets the markup language to use in the output document.	SWESetMarkup = < name of the markup language > < ARG NAME = "SWESetMarkup" > markup language < /ARG >	SWESetMarkup = HTML < ARG NAME = "SWESetMarkup" > HTML < /ARG >
SWESetNoTempl		Disables the use of templates during the generation of the outbound document.	SWESetNoTempl = {TRUE   FALSE} < ARG NAME = "SWESetNoTempl" > TRUE FALSE < /ARG >	SWESetNoTempl = TRUE < ARG NAME = "SWESetNoTempl" > TRUE < /ARG >
SWESetRowCnt		Temporarily sets the workset size or row number of list applets in the view.	SWESetRowCnt = < number of list rows > < ARG NAME = "SWESetRowCnt" > number of list rows < /ARG >	SWESetRowCnt = 50 < ARG NAME = "SWESetRowCnt" > number of list rows < /ARG >
SWEXslStyleSheet		Specifies the name of the XSLT stylesheet to use to perform the XSLT on the XML output document.	SWEXslStyleSheet = < stylesheet name > . The stylesheet needs to be in the application's webtempl directory. < ARG NAME = "SWEXslStyleSheet" > name of the XSLT stylesheet < /ARG >	SWEXslStyleSheet = ui.xsl < ARG NAME = "SWEXslStyleSheet" > ui.xsl < /ARG >

# Document Type Definition

This section lists Document Type Definitions (DTD) for the inbound and outbound documents used with the XML Web Interface.

## Inbound DTD

```
<!-- Copyright (c) 2001 Siebel Systems, Inc. -->

<!ELEMENT EXEC (CMD, INFO*) >
<!ATTLIST EXEC
  ATTR CDATA #IMPLIED
  PATH CDATA #IMPLIED
  TARGET CDATA #IMPLIED
  >
<!ELEMENT CMD (ARG*) >
<!ATTLIST CMD
  NAME CDATA #REQUIRED
  VALUE CDATA #REQUIRED
  >
<!ELEMENT ARG (#PCDATA) >
<!ATTLIST ARG
  NAME CDATA #REQUIRED
  >
<!ELEMENT INFO (#PCDATA) >
<!ATTLIST INFO
  NAME CDATA #REQUIRED
  >
```

## Outbound DTD

```
<!-- Copyright (c) 2001 Siebel Systems, Inc. -->

<!ELEMENT APPLICATION (ERROR*, (USER_AGENT?, NAVIGATION_ELEMENTS*, (SCREEN
| APPLET | FORM | PDQ_BAR)* ), ERROR*) >
<!ATTLIST APPLICATION

      NAME          CDATA          #REQUIRED
      >

<!ELEMENT USER_AGENT EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST USER_AGENT

      MARKUP        CDATA          #REQUIRED
      TYPE          CDATA          #IMPLIED
      >

<!ELEMENT NAVIGATION_ELEMENTS (MENU*,
                               TOOL_BAR*,
                               SCREEN_BAR*,
                               THREAD_BAR*,
                               VIEW_BAR*,
                               PAGE_ITEM*) >

<!ELEMENT MENU (MENU_ITEM | ERROR)* >
<!ATTLIST MENU

      NAME          CDATA          #REQUIRED
      >

<!ELEMENT MENU_ITEM (#PCDATA | ANCHOR | MENU_ITEM | ERROR)* >
<!ATTLIST MENU_ITEM

      NAME          CDATA          #IMPLIED
      ENABLED      (TRUE | FALSE) #IMPLIED
      TYPE          CDATA          #IMPLIED
      >

<!ELEMENT ANCHOR ((CMD, INFO*) | ERROR*) >
<!ATTLIST ANCHOR
```

```

ATTR          CDATA          #IMPLIED
PATH          CDATA          IMPLIED
TARGET        CDATA          #IMPLIED

>

<!ELEMENT  CMD          (ARG*)  >
<!ATTLIST   CMD

  NAME          CDATA          #REQUIRED
  VALUE         CDATA          #REQUIRED

>

<!ELEMENT  ARG          (#PCDATA)  >
<!ATTLIST   ARG

  NAME          CDATA          #REQUIRED

>

<!ELEMENT  INFO         (#PCDATA)  >
<!ATTLIST   INFO

  NAME          CDATA          #REQUIRED

>

<!ELEMENT  TOOL_BAR     (TOOL_ITEM | ERROR)*  >
<!ATTLIST   TOOL_BAR

  NAME          CDATA          #REQUIRED
  PATH          CDATA          #IMPLIED

>

<!ELEMENT  TOOL_ITEM    (#PCDATA | ANCHOR | ERROR)*  >
<!ATTLIST   TOOL_ITEM

  NAME          CDATA          #REQUIRED
  TYPE          CDATA          #REQUIRED

  ATTR          CDATA          #IMPLIED
  MAX_LENGTH   CDATA          #IMPLIED

>

<!ELEMENT  SCREEN_BAR   (SCREEN_TAB | VIEW_BAR | ERROR)*  >
<!ELEMENT  SCREEN_TAB   (#PCDATA | VIEW_BAR | ANCHOR | ERROR)*  >
<!ATTLIST   SCREEN_TAB

  NAME          CDATA          #REQUIRED
  ACTIVE        (TRUE  |  FALSE) "FALSE"

  CAPTION      CDATA          #IMPLIED

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>

<!ELEMENT THREAD_BAR          (THREAD | ERROR)* >

<!ELEMENT THREAD              (#PCDATA | ANCHOR | ERROR)* >
<!ATTLIST  THREAD

    TITLE      CDATA      #REQUIRED
>

<!ELEMENT VIEW_BAR            (VIEW_TAB | ERROR)* >
<!ATTLIST  VIEW_BAR

    MODE       CDATA      #IMPLIED
    SCREEN    CDATA      #IMPLIED
    TYPE      CDATA      #IMPLIED
>

<!ELEMENT VIEW_TAB            (#PCDATA | ANCHOR | ERROR)* >
<!ATTLIST  VIEW_TAB

    NAME      CDATA      #REQUIRED
    SELECTED (TRUE | FALSE) "FALSE"
    TITLE    CDATA      #IMPLIED
>

<!ELEMENT PAGE_ITEM           (#PCDATA | ANCHOR | ERROR)* >
<!ATTLIST  PAGE_ITEM

    NAME      CDATA      #REQUIRED
    ATTR     CDATA      #IMPLIED
    CAPTION  CDATA      #IMPLIED
    TYPE      CDATA      #REQUIRED
>

<!ELEMENT SCREEN               (VIEW | ERROR*) >
<!ATTLIST  SCREEN

    NAME      CDATA      #REQUIRED
    ACTIVE   (TRUE | FALSE) "FALSE"
    CAPTION  CDATA      #IMPLIED
>

<!ELEMENT VIEW                 (SUB_VIEW_BAR | PDQ_BAR | APPLET | IMG | FORM | ERROR)* >
<!ATTLIST  VIEW

    NAME      CDATA      #REQUIRED
    ACTIVE   (TRUE | FALSE) "FALSE"
    CATEGORY CDATA      #IMPLIED
    TITLE    CDATA      #IMPLIED
>

<!ELEMENT APPLET               (FORM | CONTROL | CALENDAR | TREE | (LIST |
(RS_HEADER, RS_DATA)) | SORT_FIELD | APPLET_TOGGLE | ERROR)* >
```

```

<!ATTLIST APPLET

  NAME          CDATA          #REQUIRED
  ACTIVE        CDATA          #IMPLIED
  CLASS         CDATA          #IMPLIED
  ID            CDATA          #IMPLIED
  MODE          CDATA          #IMPLIED
  NO_DELETE    (TRUE | FALSE) "FALSE"
  NO_EXEC_QUERY (TRUE | FALSE) "FALSE"
  NO_INSERT    (TRUE | FALSE) "FALSE"
  NO_MERGE     (TRUE | FALSE) "FALSE"
  NO_UPDATE    (TRUE | FALSE) "FALSE"
  ROW_COUNTER  CDATA          #IMPLIED
  TITLE         CDATA          #IMPLIED

>

<!ELEMENT FORM          ((CONTROL | CALENDAR | TREE | (LIST | (RS_HEADER,
  RS_DATA)) | SORT_FIELD | APPLET_TOGGLE | PDQ_BAR | SUB_VIEW_BAR)* | ERROR*) >

<!ATTLIST FORM

  NAME          CDATA          #IMPLIED
  ACTION        CDATA          #IMPLIED
  ATTR          CDATA          #IMPLIED
  METHOD        CDATA          #IMPLIED
  TARGET        CDATA          #IMPLIED

>

<!ELEMENT CONTROL        (#PCDATA | IMG | ANCHOR | PICK_LIST | ERROR)* >
<!ATTLIST CONTROL

  NAME          CDATA          #REQUIRED
  ATTR          CDATA          #IMPLIED
  CALCULATED   (TRUE | FALSE) "FALSE"
  CAPTION       CDATA          #IMPLIED
  DATATYPE      CDATA          #IMPLIED
  ENABLED      (TRUE | FALSE) "FALSE"
  FIELD         CDATA          #IMPLIED
  FORMAT        CDATA          #IMPLIED
  HIDDEN        (TRUE | FALSE) "FALSE"
  HTML_TYPE     CDATA          #IMPLIED
  ID            CDATA          #IMPLIED
  MAX_LENGTH    CDATA          #IMPLIED
  NUMBER_BASED  (TRUE | FALSE) "FALSE"
  READ_ONLY     (TRUE | FALSE) "FALSE"
  REQUIRED      (TRUE | FALSE) "FALSE"
  REQUIRED_INDICATOR CDATA #IMPLIED
  SCALE         CDATA          #IMPLIED
  TEXT_ALIGN    CDATA          #IMPLIED
  TEXT_BASED    (TRUE | FALSE) "FALSE"
  TYPE          CDATA          #IMPLIED
  VARIABLE      CDATA          #IMPLIED

>

```

### Document Type Definition

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<!ELEMENT PICK_LIST          (OPTION | ERROR)* >
<!ATTLIST  PICK_LIST
  NAME      CDATA      #IMPLIED
  ATTR      CDATA      #IMPLIED
  VALUE      CDATA      #IMPLIED
>

<!ELEMENT OPTION          (#PCDATA | ERROR)* >
<!ATTLIST  OPTION
  CAPTION   CDATA      #IMPLIED
  SELECTED  (TRUE | FALSE) "FALSE"
>

<!ELEMENT LIST          ((RS_HEADER, RS_DATA) | ALERT | ERROR*) >

<!ELEMENT RS_HEADER        (METHOD | COLUMN | ERROR)* >
<!ELEMENT RS_DATA          (ROW | ERROR)* >

<!ELEMENT METHOD          (#PCDATA | ANCHOR)* >
<!ATTLIST  METHOD
  NAME      CDATA      #REQUIRED
  CAPTION   CDATA      #IMPLIED
  FIELD      CDATA      #IMPLIED
>

<!ELEMENT COLUMN          (METHOD | ERROR)* >
<!ATTLIST  COLUMN
  NAME      CDATA      #REQUIRED
  CALCULATED (TRUE | FALSE) "FALSE"
  DISPLAY_NAME CDATA      #IMPLIED
  DATATYPE   CDATA      #IMPLIED
  FIELD      CDATA      #IMPLIED
  FORMAT      CDATA      #IMPLIED
  HIDDEN      (TRUE | FALSE) "FALSE"
  HTML_TYPE   CDATA      #IMPLIED
  ID          CDATA      #IMPLIED
  LIST_EDITABLE CDATA      #IMPLIED
  NUMBER_BASED (TRUE | FALSE) "FALSE"
  READ_ONLY   (TRUE | FALSE) "FALSE"
  REQUIRED    (TRUE | FALSE) "FALSE"
  SCALE       CDATA      #IMPLIED
  TEXT_ALIGN   CDATA      #IMPLIED
  TEXT_BASED   (TRUE | FALSE) "FALSE"
  TEXT_LENGTH  CDATA      #IMPLIED
  TOTAL_REQUIRED (TRUE | FALSE) "FALSE"
  TYPE        CDATA      #IMPLIED
```

```

>

<!ELEMENT  ROW                               (#PCDATA | FIELD | ERROR)* >
<!ATTLIST  ROW

  ROWID          CDATA          #REQUIRED
  SELECTED       (TRUE | FALSE)  "FALSE"
>

<!ELEMENT  FIELD                             (#PCDATA | PICK_LIST | ANCHOR | ERROR)* >
<!ATTLIST  FIELD

  NAME          CDATA          #REQUIRED
  VARIABLE      CDATA          #IMPLIED
>

<!ELEMENT  TREE                             (ITEM | ERROR)* >
<!ATTLIST  TREE

  NAME          CDATA          #REQUIRED
>

<!ELEMENT  ITEM                             (#PCDATA | ACTION | ITEM | ERROR)* >
<!ATTLIST  ITEM

  ATTR          CDATA          #IMPLIED
  CAPTION       CDATA          #IMPLIED
  PATH          CDATA          #REQUIRED
  SELECTED      (TRUE | FALSE)  "FALSE"
  TYPE          CDATA          #IMPLIED
>

<!ELEMENT  ACTION                           (#PCDATA | ANCHOR)* >
<!ATTLIST  ACTION

  ATTR          CDATA          #IMPLIED
  TYPE          CDATA          #REQUIRED
>

<!ELEMENT  CALENDAR                         EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST  CALENDAR

  TITLE         CDATA          #IMPLIED
>

<!ELEMENT  SORT_FIELD                      (PICK_LIST | ERROR)* >
<!ATTLIST  SORT_FIELD

  NAME          CDATA          #REQUIRED
  SEQUENCE      CDATA          #IMPLIED
>

<!ELEMENT  APPLET_TOGGLE                   (TOGGLE_ITEM | ERROR)* >
<!ATTLIST  APPLET_TOGGLE

```

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### Document Type Definition

```
      TYPE          CDATA          #IMPLIED
>

<!ELEMENT  TOGGLE_ITEM          (#PCDATA | ANCHOR | ERROR)* >
<!ATTLIST   TOGGLE_ITEM

  APPLET_NAME CDATA          #REQUIRED
  TITLE        CDATA          #IMPLIED
  SELECTED     (TRUE | FALSE) "FALSE"
>

<!ELEMENT  SUB_VIEW_BAR        (VIEW_TAB | ERROR)* >
<!ELEMENT  PDQ_BAR            (PDQ | ERROR)* >
<!ELEMENT  PDQ                (#PCDATA | ANCHOR | ERROR)* >
<!ATTLIST   PDQ

  NAME        CDATA          #REQUIRED
  SELECTED    (TRUE | FALSE) "FALSE"
>

<!ELEMENT  IMG                (#PCDATA) >
<!ATTLIST   IMG

  ALT         CDATA          #IMPLIED
  SRC         CDATA          #IMPLIED
>

<!ELEMENT  ERROR              (#PCDATA | ERROR)* >
<!ELEMENT  ALERT              (#PCDATA) >
```

# Manipulating Siebel XML with XSL Stylesheets and XSLT

SWE can perform embedded XSL transformation on outbound XML documents. In this way, you can generate outbound documents in the desired markup language or format directly from SWE, without requiring a middle-tier server to perform the transformation. To do so, application developers must provide the XSL stylesheets used for the transformation and specify the names of the stylesheets to SWE.

## Defining SWTs Stylesheet Tags

There are two ways in which you can request SWE to transform the outbound XML document into the desired format using XSLT. You can either pass in a query parameter SWEXslStyleSheet = name-of-the-stylesheet, or you can specify the stylesheets to use in the Siebel templates by means of the `<swe:xsl-stylesheet>` tag (see “[XML-Specific Template Tag](#)”).

### XML-Specific Template Tag

The XML-specific template tag looks like this:

```
<swe:xsl-stylesheet>
```

#### Purpose:

Specifies the name of the XSLT stylesheet to perform the XSLT on the XML output document. The stylesheet must reside in the application’s webtempl directory. There is only one `<swe:xsl-stylesheet>` tag for each view. If more than one `<swe:xslstylesheet>` tag is specified in the view, the last tag found gets used.

#### Attributes:

**name.** Specifies the name of the stylesheet.

**mode.** You can set the mode to either *process* or *embed*. When set to process, SWE performs XSLT processing on the XML output and sends the transformed document as the response back to the client. When set to embed, SWE inserts an XML processing instruction in the beginning of the XML document for external XSLT processing.

#### Example

```
<swe:xsl-stylesheet name= "table.xsl" mode= "process"/>
```

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HTTP provides several means to allow Web Servers to obtain information from the browser. The most familiar example is when a user enters data into a form on a Web page and the data is sent to the Web Server, which can access the value of each form field. This example illustrates sending form field parameters to the Web Server with a POST method. In general, a browser can send cookies, headers, query string parameters, and form field parameters to the Web Server. Web Servers can also respond to the browser with cookies and custom headers. The Web Engine HTTP TXN Business Service (BS) allows Siebel eBusiness Applications to retrieve or set cookies, headers, and query string and form field parameters.

The Web Engine HTTP TXN Business Service can be invoked by scripts or by workflow. The inbound HTTP request to the Siebel Web Engine (SWE) is parsed and the BS returns property sets containing cookies, headers, or parameters. In addition, server variables, which are not a part of the HTTP request header, can also be retrieved. The BS can also set a custom cookie or header in the HTTP response header generated by the SWE. The BS gives complete control over the request header received and response header sent by the SWE.

## Scenario

A customer has a portal Web application that automatically links the user to Siebel Call Center with Siebel Web Single Sign On. The customer also wants to pass a custom header to the Siebel application during the single-sign-on process. The custom headers provide credentials to log into another application that is embedded in the Siebel application. Additionally, the portal Web application uses cookies to store a user profile that needs to be synchronized with the Siebel profile.

This example explains how to pass custom cookies, headers, and query string parameters to Siebel applications during login.

An external Web application such as ASP or JSP sets the header, cookie, or query string parameter and either sends the request to the Siebel application or redirects the browser to the Siebel application.

The following sample ASP code will log in a Siebel User and call the HTTP TXN Business Service to retrieve HTTP variables:

```
<% @language=VBScript %>

<% Response.buffer =true

      'Set my URL parameter

      'The following URL will log a Siebel User into Siebel and call
      'the HTTP TxN Business Service to retrieve HTTP variables.

      strURL = "http://bng/callcenter/
      start.swe?SWECmd=ExecuteLogin&SWEUserName=SADMIN&SWEPassword=SADM
      I
      N&myParm=Vanilla"

      Set Http = Server.CreateObject ("WinHttp.WinHttpRequest.5")

      Http.Open "GET", strURL, False

      'Set my Cookie

      Http.setRequestHeader "Cookie", "myCookie=Chocolate"
```

```
'Set my Header
Http.SetRequestHeader "myHeader", "Strawberry"

Http.Send

Response.Write ("Request Sent... Check your Siebel Business
Service output")

Set Http = Nothing

%>
```

When the Siebel Web Engine receives the ExecuteLogin request, it triggers a user-defined runtime event to call a Business Service. Refer to *Personalization Administration Guide, MidMarket Edition* for information on creating a runtime event and associating an action to the event. In this example, the action will call the HTTP TXN Business Service and invoke the getHTTPVars method.

The HTTP TXN Business Service is actually a wrapper function that calls the Web Engine HTTP TXN BS to retrieve HTTP and Server variables. The sample code below shows how to retrieve cookies, headers, and query string parameters and print them out to a text file. In an actual implementation, you may want to save the HTTP variables as profile attributes and use them in other scripts in the application.

## Sample HTTP TXN BS Code

```
Function Service_PreInvokeMethod (MethodName As String, Inputs As
PropertySet, Outputs As PropertySet) As Integer

If MethodName = "getHTTPVars" Then

    Dim FS As Object
    Dim oFile As Object
    Dim oBS As Service
    Dim In As PropertySet
```

### Scenario

```
Dim Out As PropertySet
Dim oChild As PropertySet

Set fs = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
If fs.FileExists("c:\testfile.txt") Then
    Set oFile = fs.OpenTextFile("c:\testfile.txt", 8,0)
Else
    Set oFile = fs.CreateTextFile("c:\testfile.txt", True)
End If

Set oBS = theApplication.GetService("Web Engine HTTP TXN")
Set In = theApplication.NewPropertySet()
Set Out = theApplication.NewPropertySet()

oFile.WriteLine("----Headers----")
oBS.InvokeMethod "GetAllRequestHeaders", In, Out
strName = Out.GetFirstProperty()
While strName <> ""
    oFile.WriteLine(strName & " : " & Out.GetProperty(strName) )
    strName = Out.GetNextProperty()
Wend

In.Reset
Out.Reset
```

```
oFile.WriteLine("----URL Params----")
oBS.InvokeMethod "GetAllRequestParameters", In, Out
strName = Out.GetFirstProperty()
While strName <> ""
    oFile.WriteLine(strName & " : " & Out.GetProperty(strName) )
    strName = Out.GetNextProperty()
Wend

In.Reset
Out.Reset

oFile.WriteLine("----Cookies----")
oBS.InvokeMethod "GetAllRequestCookies", In, Out
For nChild = 0 To Out.GetChildCount() - 1
    Set oChild = Out.GetChild(nChild)
    strName = oChild.GetFirstProperty()
    oFile.WriteLine("TYPE : " & oChild.GetType())
    oFile.WriteLine("VALUE : " & oChild.GetValue())
    While strName <> ""
        oFile.WriteLine(strName & " : " & oChild.GetProperty(strName))
        strName = oChild.GetNextProperty()
    Wend
Next nChild
```

### Scenario

```
oFile.Close

Set oChild = Nothing
Set oFile = Nothing
Set fs = Nothing

Service_PreInvokeMethod = CancelOperation

TheApplication.GotoView "Home Page View (WCC)", Nothing

Else

Service_PreInvokeMethod = ContinueOperation

End If

End Function
```

## Sample Output by HTTP TxN BS

----Headers----

COOKIE : myCookie=Chocolate  
HOST : bng  
CONTENT-LENGTH : 0  
CONNECTION : Keep-Alive  
USER-AGENT : Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; Win32;  
WinHttp.WinHttpRequest.5)  
MYHEADER : Strawberry  
ACCEPT : \*/\*

----URL Params----

SWEUserName : SADMIN  
myParm : Vanilla  
SWECmd : ExecuteLogin  
SWEPassword : SADMIN

----Cookies----

TYPE : myCookie  
VALUE : Chocolate  
Domain :  
Path :  
Max-Age : -1

# Web Engine HTTP TXN Business Service API

[Table 14](#) lists the methods exposed by the Web Engine HTTP TXN Business Service.

**Table 14. Web Engine HTTP TXN Business Service API**

Method	Description	Parameters
GetAllRequestCookies	Retrieves all request cookies.	<b>InputArguments:</b> Ignored. <b>OutputArguments:</b> Property Set hierarchy. Each cookie is a child Property Set with the TYPE property set to the cookie name.
GetAllRequestHeaders	Retrieves all request parameters.	<b>InputArguments:</b> Ignored. <b>OutputArguments:</b> Property Set containing the HTTP Parameter name-value pairs.
GetAllResponseCookies	Retrieves all response cookies.	<b>InputArguments:</b> Ignored. <b>OutputArguments:</b> Property Set hierarchy. Each cookie is a child Property Set with the TYPE property set to the cookie name.
GetAllResponseHeaders	Retrieves all response headers.	<b>InputArguments:</b> Ignored. <b>OutputArguments:</b> Property Set containing the HTTP Header name-value pairs.
GetAllServerVariables	Retrieves all server variables.	<b>InputArguments:</b> Ignored. <b>OutputArguments:</b> Property Set containing the Server Variable name-value pairs.
GetClientCertificate	Retrieves the client certificate info.	<b>InputArguments:</b> Ignored. <b>OutputArguments:</b> Property Set containing certificate name-value pairs. Currently only returns Common Name (CN) property of the certificate.

**Table 14. Web Engine HTTP TXN Business Service API**

Method	Description	Parameters
GetRequestCookies	Retrieves the request cookies named in InputArguments.	<b>InputArguments:</b> Property Set containing the cookie names to retrieve. <b>OutputArguments:</b> Property Set hierarchy. Each cookie is a child Property Set with the TYPE property set to the cookie name.
GetRequestHeaders	Retrieves the request headers named in InputArguments.	<b>InputArguments:</b> Property Set containing the header names to retrieve. <b>OutputArguments:</b> Property Set containing the HTTP Header name-value pairs.
GetRequestInfo	Retrieves the request Web Session, Headers, Cookies, Parameters and Client Certificate information in one call.	<b>InputArguments:</b> Ignored <b>OutputArguments:</b> Property Set hierarchy. Each section is a child Property Set with the TYPE property set to 'Headers', 'Cookies', 'Parameters' or 'ClientCertificate'. The Web Session information is simply stored as properties of OutputArguments.
GetRequestParameters	Retrieves the request parameters named in InputArguments.	<b>InputArguments:</b> Property Set containing the parameter names to retrieve. <b>OutputArguments:</b> Property Set containing the HTTP Parameter name-value pairs.
GetResponseCookies	Retrieves the response cookies named in InputArguments.	<b>InputArguments:</b> Property Set containing the cookie names to retrieve. <b>OutputArguments:</b> Property Set hierarchy. Each cookie is a child Property Set with the TYPE property set to the cookie name.

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**Table 14. Web Engine HTTP TXN Business Service API**

Method	Description	Parameters
GetResponseHeaders	Retrieves the response headers named in InputArguments.	<b>InputArguments:</b> Property Set containing the header names to retrieve. <b>OutputArguments:</b> Property Set containing the HTTP Header name-value pairs.
GetResponseInfo	Retrieves the response Headers and Cookies in one call.	<b>InputArguments:</b> Ignored. <b>OutputArguments:</b> Property Set hierarchy. Each section is a child Property Set with the TYPE property set to 'Headers' or 'Cookies'. Content Type and Status are simply stored as properties of OutputArguments.
GetServerVariables	Retrieves the server variables named in InputArguments.	<b>InputArguments:</b> Property Set containing the server variable names to retrieve. <b>OutputArguments:</b> Property Set containing the Server Variable name-value pairs.
GetWebSessionInfo	Retrieves the client's Web session information.	<b>InputArguments:</b> Ignored. <b>OutputArguments:</b> Property Set containing the Web session name-value pairs—SessionName; Cookie Name; SessionId; Web Session ID; SessionFrom (Value is 'URL' or 'COOKIE').

**Table 14. Web Engine HTTP TXN Business Service API**

Method	Description	Parameters
SetResponseCookies	Sets the response cookies to the values in InputArguments.	<p><b>InputArguments:</b> Property Set hierarchy. Each cookie is a child Property Set with the TYPE property set to the cookie name. The PERSISTENT property determines whether the cookie will persist between sessions. If the value is Y, the cookie persists between browser sessions. Otherwise, the cookie exists on a per session basis.</p> <p><b>OutputArguments:</b> Ignored.</p>
SetResponseHeaders	Sets the response headers to the values in InputArguments.	<p><b>InputArguments:</b> Property Set containing the HTTP Header name-value pairs.</p> <p><b>OutputArguments:</b> Ignored.</p>
SetResponseInfo	Sets the response Headers and Cookies in one call.	<p><b>InputArguments:</b> Property Set hierarchy. Each section is a child Property Set with the TYPE property set to 'Headers' or 'Cookies'. Content Type and Status are simply stored as properties of InputArguments.</p> <p><b>OutputArguments:</b> Ignored.</p>

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