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Preface

Welcome to Developing Remote Clients for Oracle Coherence. This document describes how to configure Coherence*Extend and how to develop remote clients in Java, C++, and .NET. This document also includes instructions for developing remote clients using Coherence REST.

Audience

This document is targeted at software developers and architects. It provides detailed technical information for writing and deploying C++ and .NET applications that interact with remote caches that reside in a Coherence cluster. The documentation assumes users are familiar with these respective technologies. In addition, users must be familiar with Java when serializing data to the cluster.

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Related Documents

For more information, see the following documents that are included in the Oracle Coherence documentation set:

- Administering HTTP Session Management with Oracle Coherence*Web
- Administering Oracle Coherence
- Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence
- Integrating Oracle Coherence
- Managing Oracle Coherence
- Securing Oracle Coherence
- Tutorial for Oracle Coherence
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What's New in This Guide

The following topics introduce the new and changed features of Oracle Coherence and other significant changes that are described in this guide, and provides pointers to additional information. This document is the new edition of the formerly titled Oracle Coherence Client Guide.

New and Changed Features for 12c (12.1.3)
Oracle Coherence 12c (12.1.3) does not contain any new and changed features for this features document.

Other Significant Changes in This Document for 12c (12.1.3)
For 12c (12.1.3), this guide has been updated in several ways. Following are the sections that have been added or changed.

- Revised the Coherence*Extend compatibility statement. See "Compatibility Between Coherence*Extend Versions" on page 2-5.
- Revised F5 integration instructions. See Appendix B, "Integrating with F5 BIG-IP LTM."
- Revised Jersey dependencies. See "Dependencies for Coherence REST" on page 23-1.

New and Changed Features for 12c (12.1.2)
Oracle Coherence 12c (12.1.2) includes the following new and changed features for this document.

- Address provider references, which allow proxy service, remote cache, and remote invocation addresses to be defined in an operational override file and referenced from a cache configuration file. See "Using Address Provider References for TCP Addresses" on page 4-13.
- Name service, which allows extend clients to connect to a proxy by specifying a proxy service name instead of a proxy service address. See "Using the Name Service Acceptor to Connect to a Proxy" on page 4-14.
- Dynamic thread pool, which manages the number of worker threads available to a proxy service based on the number of client requests, total backlog of requests, and the total number of idle threads. See "Configure Proxy Service Thread Pooling" on page 5-2.
REST conditional GET requests, which allows a client to determine if it has the last version of an object. See "GET Operation" on page 25-2.

REST Queries,

- Named queries, which allow queries to be defined in the REST configuration file and then used by name in a request URL. See "Using Named Queries" on page 25-5.
- Query size limits, which controls the size of a query result set. See "Limiting the Size of a Query" on page 25-6.
- Custom Query engines, which allow different query semantics to be used instead of the default CohQL semantics. See "Using Custom Query Engines" on page 25-7.

Context path configuration, which allows multiple Coherence REST applications to be deployed to the embedded HTTP server. See "Deploying with the Embedded HTTP Server" on page 26-1.

Other Significant Changes in This Document for 12c (12.1.2)

For 12c (12.1.2), this guide has been updated in several ways. Following are the sections that have been added or changed.

- Revised instructions for proxy load balancing. See "Load Balancing Connections" on page 4-17.
- Revised the Coherence REST dependencies section. See "Dependencies for Coherence REST" on page 23-1.
- Revised the instructions for deploying Coherence REST on WebLogic Server to include new packaging requirements for a WebLogic Server domain. "Deploying to WebLogic Server" on page 26-2.
Part I contains the following chapters:

- Chapter 1, "Introduction to Coherence*Extend"
- Chapter 2, "Installing a Client Distribution"
- Chapter 3, "Building Your First Extend Client"
- Chapter 4, "Setting Up Coherence*Extend"
- Chapter 5, "Best Practices for Coherence*Extend"
This chapter describes Coherence*Extend and includes information about native Coherence clients (Java, C++, and .NET) and non-native Coherence clients (REST and Memcached).

This chapter includes the following sections:

- **Overview of Coherence*Extend**
- **Extend Client Types**
- **Extend Client APIs**
- **POF Serialization**
- **Understanding Extend Client Configuration Files**
- **Non-Native Client Support**

### Overview of Coherence*Extend

Coherence*Extend "extends" the reach of the core Coherence TCMP cluster to a wider range of consumers, including desktops, remote servers, and computers located across WAN connections. Typical uses of Coherence*Extend include providing desktop applications with access to Coherence caches (including support for Near Cache and Continuous Query) and linking multiple Coherence clusters connected through a high-latency, unreliable WAN.

Coherence*Extend consists of two basic components: an extend client running outside the cluster and an extend proxy service running in the cluster hosted by one or more cache servers (DefaultCacheServer) that are storage disabled. The client APIs include implementations of both the CacheService and InvocationService interfaces which route all requests to the proxy. The proxy responds to client requests by delegating to an actual Coherence clustered services (for example, a partitioned or replicated cache service or an invocation service).

Coherence*Extend uses the Extend-TCP transport binding (a low-level messaging protocol) to communicate between the client and the cluster. The protocol is a high performance, scalable TCP/IP-based communication layer. The transport binding is configuration-driven and is completely transparent to the client application that uses Coherence*Extend.

Figure 1–1 provides a conceptual view of the Coherence*Extend components and shows an extend client connecting to an extend proxy service using Extend-TCP.
Like cache clients, an extend client retrieves Coherence clustered service using a cache factory. After a service is obtained, a client uses the service in the same way as if it were part of the Coherence cluster. The fact that operations are being sent to a remote cluster node is transparent to the client application.

## Extend Client Types

Extend clients can be created for the Java, .NET, and C++ platforms and have access to the same rich API as the standard Coherence API without being full data members of the cluster. Typically, client applications are granted only read access to cluster data, although it is possible to enable direct read/write access. There are two categories of clients: Data Clients and Real Time Extend Clients.

### Data Clients

Data clients are extend clients that are able to access (put, get, query) data in the cluster and also make invocation service requests using standard Coherence APIs. In particular, data clients provide:

- Key-based cache access through the `NamedCache` interface
- Attribute-based cache access using filters
- Custom processing and aggregation of cluster side entries using the `InvocableMap` interface
- In-Process caching through `LocalCache`
- Remote invocation of custom tasks in the cluster through the Invocation Service

For a complete list of Data Client features, see Oracle Fusion Middleware Licensing Information.

**Note:** Data clients cannot be notified of changes to data in a cluster. Further, data clients do not have the ability to use Near Caches or Continuous Query caches, as those capabilities also rely on the ability to receive notifications of data changes from the cluster. For these capabilities, real-time clients must be used.

### Real Time Clients

Real Time Clients (Extend-TCP) provides the same capabilities associated with data clients; but, unlike data clients, a real-time client also supports:
- **Event Notifications** – Using the standard Coherence event model, data changes that occur within the cluster are visible to the client application. Only events that a client application registers for are delivered over the wire. This model results in efficient use of network bandwidth and client processing.

- **Local Caches** – While the client application can directly access the caches managed by the cluster, that may be inefficient depending on the network infrastructure. For efficiency, a real-time client can use both Near Caching and Continuous Query Caching to maintain cache data locally. If the server to which the client application is attached happens to fail, the connection is automatically reestablished to another server, and any locally cached data is re-synchronized with the cluster.

For a complete list of Real Time Client features, see Oracle Fusion Middleware Licensing Information.

### Extend Client APIs

Java, C++, and .NET (C#) native libraries are available for building extend clients. Each API is delivered in its own distribution and must be installed separately. Extend clients use their respective APIs to perform cache operations such as access, modify, and query data that is in a cluster. The C++ and C# APIs follow the Java API as close as possible to provide a consistent experience between platforms.

As an example, a Java client gets a NamedCache instance using the `CacheFactory.getCache` method as follows:

```java
NamedCache cache = CacheFactory.getCache("dist-extend");
```

For C++, the API is as follows:

```cpp
NamedCache::Handle hCache = CacheFactory::getCache("dist-extend");
```

For C#, the API is as follows:

```csharp
INamedCache cache = CacheFactory.GetCache("dist-extend");
```

This and many other API features are discussed throughout this guide:

- **Java** – See Part II, "Creating Java Extend Clients" for details on using the API and refer to Java API Reference for Oracle Coherence for detailed API documentation.

- **C++** – See Part III, "Creating C++ Extend Clients" for details on using the API and refer to C++ API Reference for Oracle Coherence for detailed API documentation.

- **.NET** – See Part IV, "Creating .NET Extend Clients" for details on using the API and refer to .NET API Reference for Oracle Coherence for detailed API documentation.

### POF Serialization

Like cache clients, extend clients must serialize objects that are to be stored in the cluster. C++ and C# clients use Coherence’s Portable Object Format (POF), which is a language agnostic binary format. Java extend clients typically use POF for serialization as well; however, there are several other options for serializing Java objects, such as Java native serialization and custom serialization routines. See Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence for details.

Clients that serialize objects into the cluster can perform get and put based operations on the objects. However, features such as queries and entry processors require Java-based cache servers to interact with the data object, rather than simply holding
onto a serialized representation of it. To interact with the object and access its properties, a Java version of the object must be made available to the cache servers. See Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence for detailed information on using POF with Java. For more information on using POF with C++ and C#, see Chapter 10, "Building Integration Objects (C++)," and Chapter 17, "Building Integration Objects (.NET)," respectively.

Understanding Extend Client Configuration Files

Extend clients are configured using several configurations files. The configuration files are the same as the cluster configuration files. However, client configuration files are deployed with the client. The files include:

- **Cache Configuration Deployment Descriptor** – This file is used to define client-side cache services and invocation services and must provide the address and port of the cluster-side extend proxy service to which the client connects. The schema for this file is the coherence-cache-config.xsd file for Java and C++ clients and the cache-config.xsd file for .NET clients. See Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence for a complete reference of the elements in this file. At run time, the first cache configuration file that is found on the classpath is used. The tangosol.coherence.cacheconfig system property can also be used to explicitly specify a cache configuration file. The file can also be set programmatically. See Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence for general information about the cache configuration deployment descriptor.

- **POF Configuration Deployment Descriptor** – This file is used to specify custom data types when using POF to serialize objects. The schema for this file is the coherence-pof-config.xsd file for Java and C++ clients and the pof-config.xsd file for .NET clients. See Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence for a complete reference of the elements in this file. At run time, the first POF configuration file that is found on the classpath is used. The tangosol.pof.config system property can also be used to explicitly specify a POF configuration file. When using POF, a client application uses a Coherence-specific POF configuration file and a POF configuration file that is specific to the user types used in the client. See Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence for general information about the POF configuration deployment descriptor.

- **Operational Override File** – This file is used to override the operational deployment descriptor, which is used to specify the operational and run-time settings that are used to create, configure and maintain clustering, communication, and data management services. For extend clients, this file is typically used to override member identity, logging, security, and licensing. The schema for this file is the coherence-operational-config.xsd file for Java and C++ clients and the coherence.xsd file for .NET clients. See Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence for a complete reference of the elements in this file. At run time, the first operational override file (tangosol-coherence-override.xml) that is found on the classpath is used. The tangosol.coherence.override system property can also be used to explicitly specify an operational override file. The file can also be set programmatically. See Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence for general information about the operational override file,
Non-Native Client Support

Coherence provides remote access to caches from REST-based or Memcached-based clients. As with Coherence*Extend clients, non-native clients use the resources of a cluster without becoming cluster members. Both REST and Memcached client APIs are available for many popular programming languages, allowing Coherence to be used in heterogeneous environments. Non-native clients can also be used to ease the migration to a Coherence solution that uses the native Coherence client APIs.

REST Client Support

Coherence provides a REST implementation that provides access to cache operations over the HTTP protocol. Any REST client API can use Coherence caching. REST support is provided either through an embedded HTTP server that is configured as an extend-like acceptor on a proxy server, or through deployment to any Java EE-based application server. For details about using Coherence REST, see Part V, "Using Coherence REST."

Memcached Client Support

Coherence can be used as a drop-in replacement for memcached servers. Any memcached client API that supports the memcached binary protocol can use Coherence distributed caching. Memcached support is provided through a memcached adaptor that is implemented as an extend-like acceptor that runs on a proxy server. For details about configuring Coherence to accept memcached client connections, see Integrating Oracle Coherence.
This chapter provides instructions for installing the Coherence C++ and .NET client distributions. There is no separate Java client distribution. Java extend clients are created using Coherence for Java.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- Installing Coherence for Java
- Installing the C++ Client Distribution
- Installing the .NET Client Distribution
- Compatibility Between Coherence*Extend Versions

**Installing Coherence for Java**

The Coherence for Java distribution is used to build and use Java-based extend clients. To install Coherence for Java, see “Installing Oracle Coherence for Java” in the Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence.

**Installing the C++ Client Distribution**

The Oracle Coherence for C++ distribution is used to develop and run C++ extend clients. The latest version of the distribution can be downloaded from the Coherence product page on the Oracle Technology Network:


This section contains the following topics:

- Supported Environments
- Microsoft-Specific Requirements
- Extracting the Coherence for C++ Distribution

**Supported Environments**

Table 2–1 lists the supported platforms and operating systems for Coherence for C++:

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Installing the C++ Client Distribution

Microsoft-Specific Requirements

When deploying on Microsoft Windows, just as with any MSVC based application, the corresponding MSVC run-time libraries must be installed on the deployment computer.

- **Visual Studio 2012:** Resdistributable run-time libraries for x86 or x64.
  

- **Visual Studio 2010:** Redistributable run-time libraries for x86 or x64.
  
  

Extracting the Coherence for C++ Distribution

Coherence for C++ is distributed as a ZIP file. Use a ZIP utility or the `unzip` command-line utility to extract the ZIP file to a location on the target computer. The extracted files are organized within a single directory called `coherence-cpp`.

The following example uses the `unzip` utility to extract the distribution to the `/opt` directory which is the suggested installation directory on UNIX-based operating systems. Use the ZIP utility provided with the target operating system if the `unzip` utility is not available.

```
unzip /path_to_zip/coherence-cpp-version_number-platform-architecture-compiler.zip -d /opt
```

The following example extracts the distribution using the `unzip` utility to the `C:\` directory on the Windows operating system.

```
unzip C:\path_to_zip\coherence-cpp-version_number-platform-architecture-compiler.zip -d C:\
```

The following list describes the directories that are included in installation directory:

- **bin** – This directory includes `sanka.exe`, which is an application launcher that is used to invoke executable classes embedded within a shared library.

- **doc** – This directory contains Coherence for C++ documentation including the API documentation.

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1. Specifically Sun C++ 5.9 SPARC Patch 124863-14 or later are supported.
2. Specifically Sun C++ 5.9 x86/x64 Patch 124864-14 or later are supported.
3. Including OS X Lion (10.7) and Mountain Lion (10.8)
4. When building C++ applications with Apple OS X 10.9 (Mavericks), you must compile with the command "g++" (as opposed to "CC") and you must use the parameter "-mmacosx-version-min=10.7".

### Table 2-1 (Cont.) Platform and Operating System Support for Coherence for C++

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Installing the .NET Client Distribution

The Oracle Coherence for .NET distribution is used to develop and use .NET extend clients. The latest version of the distribution can be downloaded from the Coherence product page on the Oracle Technology Network:


This section contains the following topics:

- Prerequisites
- Running the Installer
- Coherence .NET Version Number Mapping
- Deploying Coherence for .NET

Prerequisites

The following are required to use Coherence for .NET:

- Microsoft .NET 2.0 or higher runtime and SDK:

  The .NET client installer performs a deployment check for the presence of .NET Framework 3.5 or earlier. The deployment check fails if a suitable version is not found. For systems that use Windows 8 with .NET Framework 4.5, you can enable .NET Framework 3.5 to ensure the deployment check passes. To enable .NET Framework 3.5, use the Control Panel and select Programs and Features then Turn Windows features on or off. Once the .NET client installation is complete, you can disable .NET Framework 3.5. For additional details on how to install .NET Framework 3.5 on Windows 8, see

- Supported Microsoft Windows operating system (see the system requirements for the appropriate .NET runtime above).

- MSHelp 2.x runtime, which is included in Visual Studio 200x and the Microsoft products listed here:
  http://www.helpware.net/mshelp2/h20.htm#MS_H2_Runtime

- Microsoft Visual Studio 2008 or higher is required to build and run the examples in the example.zip file that is provided as part of the Coherence for Java distribution.

Running the Installer

Coherence for .NET is distributed as a ZIP file which contains an installer. Use a ZIP utility or the unzip command-line utility to extract the installer to a location on the
target computer. The following example extracts the installer using the `unzip` utility to the `C:\` directory:

```
unzip C:\path_to_zip\coherence-net-version_number.zip -d C:\
```

To run the installer:

1. From the directory where the ZIP was extracted, double-click the `coherence-net-version.msi` file.
2. Follow the instructions in the installer to complete the installation.

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**Note:** If the installer indicates that it is rolling back the installation, then run the installer in elevated execution mode. For example, executing the MSI file from a command prompt that was started as an Administrator should enable the installation process to complete. For Windows 7, right-click the command prompt and select **run as Administrator**.

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The following list describes the directories that are included in the installation directory:

- **bin** – This directory includes the Coherence for .NET library. The `Coherence.dll` file is the main development and run-time library and is discussed in detail throughout this documentation.
- **config** – This directory contains XML schemas for Coherence client configuration files and also includes a POF configuration file for Coherence-defined user types.
- **doc** – This directory contains Coherence for .NET API documentation. The API documentation is available as: HTML Help (`Coherence.chm`), MSHelp 2.0, and MS Help Viewer.

### Coherence .NET Version Number Mapping

A Coherence assembly uses a custom version number mapping. Oracle version numbers uses 5 digits (`N.N.N.N.N`), but .NET version numbers can only have up to 4 digits (`N.N.N.N`). To support the .NET version convention, the 4th and 5th Oracle digits are combined for the 4th .NET version digit.

The following calculation is used to create the 4th .NET version digit:

\[
4th \text{ .NET digit} = 4th \text{ Oracle digit} \times 1000 + 5th \text{ Oracle digit}
\]

The following calculations are used to convert the 4th .NET version digit to the 4th and 5th Oracle version digits:

\[
4th \text{ Oracle digit} = \text{int}(4th \text{ .NET digit} / 1000)
\]

\[
5th \text{ Oracle digit} = 4th \text{ .NET digit} - (4th \text{ Oracle digit} \times 1000)
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For example:

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Deploying Coherence for .NET

Coherence for .NET requires no specialized deployment configuration. Simply add a reference to the Coherence.dll found in the bin\ folder to your Microsoft.NET application.

Compatibility Between Coherence*Extend Versions

Compatibility for the extend protocol and POF serialization is maintained between point releases (for example, 1.0, 1.1, and so on) but may not be maintained between major releases (for example, 1.0, 2.0, and so on).

Note: Compatibility requires the use of POF, because POF can support backward compatible serialization changes.

Prior to version 12.1.2.0.1, extend clients only support forward compatibility with cluster proxies. That is, extend clients can connect to cluster proxies that have either the same or higher version numbers (within a major release).

Starting with version 12.1.2.0.1, extend clients support both forward and backward compatibility with cluster proxies. That is, extend clients can connect to cluster proxies that have lower or higher version numbers. For example, a 12.1.2.0.2 extend client can connect to a 12.1.2.0.1 proxy. Extend client backward compatibility is not supported on proxy versions prior to 12.1.2.0.1, including 12.1.2.0.0 and proxy versions 3.7.1 or earlier.

Coherence 12.1.2.0.0 extend clients require 12.1.2.0.0 or later cluster proxies. Coherence 12.1.2 extend clients other than 12.1.2.0.0 (for example 12.1.2.0.1 and 12.1.2.0.2) require 12.1.2.0.1 or later cluster proxies.

Backward compatibility to cluster proxies is intended for patching purposes. It allows extend clients to upgrade to a new patch version before the proxy server and cluster is patched. However, extend clients cannot use the latest features and fixes until the cluster is also patched. A cluster should always be upgraded to the latest version as a best practice.

Coherence 12.1.3 Backward Compatibility Exception

Coherence 12.1.3 cluster proxies are backward compatible with version 3 extend clients (3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, and 3.7). That is, version 3 clients can connect to 12.1.3 cluster proxies. Backward compatibility in 12.1.3 is an exception to the Coherence*Extend major release compatibility policy that is described above. Cluster proxies beyond version 12.1.3 may not include the current exception and may not maintain backward compatibility.

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Note: For logging, the .NET 4th digit is converted to the Oracle 4th and 5th digits so that logging messages appear the same as Java and C++ log messages.
This chapter demonstrates basic tasks that are required to build and run Coherence*Extend clients. The example client that is used in this chapter is a Java-based extend client; however, the concepts that are demonstrated are common to both C++ and .NET extend clients. For complete C++ and .NET examples, see the Coherence Examples that are distributed as part of the Coherence for Java distribution.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- Overview of the Extend Example
- Step 1: Configure the Cluster Side
- Step 2: Configure the Client Side
- Step 3: Create the Sample Client
- Step 4: Start the Cache Server Process
- Step 5: Run the Application

Overview of the Extend Example

This chapter is organized into a set of steps that are used to create, configure, and run a basic Coherence*Extend client. The steps demonstrate many fundamental Coherence*Extend concepts, such as: configuring an extend proxy, configuring a remote cache, configuring the remote invocation service, and using the Coherence API.

Coherence for Java must be installed to complete the steps. For simplicity and ease of deployment, the client and cache server in this example are run on the same computer. Typically, extend clients and cache servers are located on separate systems.

Step 1: Configure the Cluster Side

The example extend client requires an extend proxy and cache to be configured in the cluster's cache configuration deployment descriptor. The extend proxy is configured to accept client TCP/IP communication on localhost and port 9099. A distributed cache named dist-extend is defined and is used to store client data in the cluster.

To configure the cluster side:

1. Create an XML file named example-config.xml.
2. Copy the following XML to the file.

```xml
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<cache-config xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
```

Step 2: Configure the Client Side

The example client queries a remote cache and also invokes a task which is run on a remote cluster node. To complete these operations, the example extend client requires a remote cache scheme and a remote invocation scheme. Invoking tasks is considered a more advanced use case.

The remote cache scheme defines the ExtendTcpCacheService service, which allows the client to query the cache remotely. The scheme must also define a cache on the cluster that is used to cache data and must provide the address and port of the extend proxy to which the client connects. For this example (based on Step 1), the remote cache scheme is configured to use the dist-extend cache and connects to an extend proxy that is located on localhost and port 9099.

The example extend client invokes a task on the remote cache and therefore requires a remote invocation scheme. The remote invocation scheme defines the ExtendTcpInvocationService service, which allows the client to create an Invokable instance and send it to the cluster for processing. The remote invocation scheme must also define the host and port of the extend proxy to which the client connects.

To configure the client side:

1. Create an XML file named example-client-config.xml.

3. Save and close the file.
2. Copy the following XML to the file.

```xml
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<cache-config xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
             xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/coherence/coherence-cache-config"
             xsi:schemaLocation="http://xmlns.oracle.com/coherence/coherence-cache-config
coherence-cache-config.xsd">
  <caching-scheme-mapping>
    <cache-mapping>
      <cache-name>dist-extend</cache-name>
      <scheme-name>remote</scheme-name>
    </cache-mapping>
  </caching-scheme-mapping>

  <caching-schemes>
    <remote-cache-scheme>
      <scheme-name>remote</scheme-name>
      <service-name>ExtendTcpCacheService</service-name>
      <initiator-config>
        <tcp-initiator>
          <remote-addresses>
            <socket-address>
              <address>localhost</address>
              <port>9099</port>
            </socket-address>
          </remote-addresses>
          <connect-timeout>10s</connect-timeout>
        </tcp-initiator>
        <outgoing-message-handler>
          <request-timeout>5s</request-timeout>
        </outgoing-message-handler>
      </initiator-config>
    </remote-cache-scheme>

    <remote-invocation-scheme>
      <scheme-name>extend-invocation</scheme-name>
      <service-name>ExtendTcpInvocationService</service-name>
      <initiator-config>
        <tcp-initiator>
          <remote-addresses>
            <socket-address>
              <address>localhost</address>
              <port>9099</port>
            </socket-address>
          </remote-addresses>
          <connect-timeout>10s</connect-timeout>
        </tcp-initiator>
        <outgoing-message-handler>
          <request-timeout>5s</request-timeout>
        </outgoing-message-handler>
      </initiator-config>
    </remote-invocation-scheme>
  </caching-schemes>
</cache-config>
```

3. Save and close the file.
Step 3: Create the Sample Client

Example 3–1 is a simple client that increments an Integer value in a remote cache using the CacheService and then retrieves the value from the cache using the InvocationService. Lastly, the client writes the value to the system output before exiting.

Notes:

- The client class must be on the classpath for all cache servers in the cluster. The TestClient$1 class is an anonymous inner class that is generated during compilation. It is serialized and sent to the InvocationService running on a cluster member. In this example, the client and cluster member run on a single computer. Therefore, both Java invocations use the same classpath.

- This example could also be run on a Coherence node (that is, within the cluster) verbatim. The fact that operations are being sent to a remote cluster node over TCP/IP is completely transparent to the client application.

To create the sample application:

1. Create a text file.
2. Copy the following Java code to the file:

Example 3–1 Sample Coherence*Extend Application

```java
import com.tangosol.net.AbstractInvocable;
import com.tangosol.net.CacheFactory;
import com.tangosol.net.InvocationService;
import com.tangosol.net.NamedCache;
import java.util.Map;

public class TestClient {
    public static void main(String[] asArgs)
        throws Throwable
    {
        NamedCache cache = CacheFactory.getCache("dist-extend");
        Integer IValue = (Integer) cache.get("key");
        if (IValue == null)
            {
                IValue = new Integer(1);
            }
        else
            {
                IValue = new Integer(IValue.intValue() + 1);
            }
        cache.put("key", IValue);

        InvocationService service = (InvocationService)
            CacheFactory.getConfigurableCacheFactory()
                .ensureService("ExtendTcpInvocationService");

        Map map = service.query(new AbstractInvocable()
            {
                public void run()
                {
                }
            });
```
Step 5: Run the Application

The TestClient application is started using the java command and must be configured to use the cache configuration file that was created in Step 2.
The following command line runs the application and assumes that the `TestClient` class is located in the current directory. The cache configuration file is explicitly named using the `tangosol.coherence.cacheconfig` system property:

```java
java -cp .;COHERENCE_HOME\lib\coherence.jar
   -Dtangosol.coherence.cacheconfig=PATH\example-client-config.xml TestClient
```

The output displays (among other things) that the client successfully connected to the extend proxy TCP address and the current value of the key in the cache. Run the client again to increment the key's value.

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**Note:** Check the cache server process output for the message confirming that the invocation task was executed remotely using the `ExtendTcpInvocationService` service.

This has been run...
This chapter provides instructions for configuring Coherence*Extend. The instructions provide basic setup and do not represent a complete configuration reference. In addition, refer to the platform-specific parts of this guide for additional configuration instructions.

For a complete Java example that also includes configuration and setup, see Chapter 3, "Building Your First Extend Client."

This chapter includes the following sections:

- Overview
- Configuring the Cluster Side
- Configuring the Client Side
- Using Address Provider References for TCP Addresses
- Using the Name Service Acceptor to Connect to a Proxy
- Using a Custom Address Provider for TCP Addresses
- Load Balancing Connections
- Using Network Filters with Extend Clients

**Overview**

Coherence*Extend requires configuration both on the client side and the cluster side. On the cluster side, extend proxy services are setup to accept client requests. Proxy services provide access to cache service instances and invocation service instances that run on the cluster. On the client side, remote cache services and the remote invocation services are configured and used by clients to access cluster data through the extend proxy service. Extend clients and extend proxy services communicate using TCP/IP.

Extend proxy services are configured in a cache configuration deployment descriptor. This deployment descriptor is often referred to as the cluster-side cache configuration file. It is the same cache configuration file that is used to set up caches on the cluster. Extend clients are also configured using a cache configuration deployment descriptor. This deployment descriptor is deployed with the client and is often referred to as the client-side cache configuration file. See *Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence* for detailed information about the cache configuration deployment descriptor.
Configuring the Cluster Side

A Coherence cluster must include an extend proxy service to accept extend client connections and must include a cache that is used by clients to retrieve and store data. Both the extend proxy service and caches are configured in the cluster's cache configuration deployment descriptor. Extend proxy services and caches are started as part of a cache server (DefaultCacheServer) process.

The following topics are included this section:

- Setting Up Extend Proxy Services
- Defining Caches for Use By Extend Clients
- Disabling Storage on a Proxy Server

Setting Up Extend Proxy Services

The extend proxy service (ProxyService) is a cluster service that allows extend clients to access a Coherence cluster using TCP/IP. A proxy service includes proxies for two types of cluster services: the CacheService cluster service, which is used by clients to access caches; and, the InvocationService cluster service, which is used by clients to execute Invocable objects on the cluster.

The following topics are included in this section:

- Defining a Proxy Service
- Defining Multiple Proxy Service Instances
- Defining Multiple Proxy Services
- Disabling Cluster Service Proxies
- Specifying Read-Only NamedCache Access
- Specifying NamedCache Locking

Defining a Proxy Service

Extend proxy services are configured within a <caching-schemes> node using the <proxy-scheme> element. The <tcp-acceptor> subelement includes the address (IP, or DNS name, and port) that an extend proxy service listens to for TCP/IP client communication. The address can be explicitly defined using the <local-address> element, or the address can be defined within an operational override configuration file and referenced using the <address-provider> element. The latter approach decouples the address configuration from the proxy scheme definition and allows the address to change at runtime without having to change the proxy definition. For details on referencing an address definition, see “Using Address Provider References for TCP Addresses” on page 4-13.

Example 4–1 defines a proxy service named ExtendTcpProxyService and is set up to listen for client requests on a TCP/IP socket that is bound to 198.168.1.5 and port 9099. Both the cache and invocation cluster service proxies are enabled for client requests. In addition, the <autostart> element is set to true so that the service automatically starts at a cluster node. See the <proxy-scheme> element reference in the Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence for a complete list and description of all <proxy-scheme> subelements.

Example 4–1 Extend Proxy Service Configuration

```
...<caching-schemes>
```
<proxy-scheme>
  <service-name>ExtendTcpProxyService</service-name>
  <acceptor-config>
    <tcp-acceptor>
      <local-address>
        <address>192.168.1.5</address>
        <port>9099</port>
      </local-address>
    </tcp-acceptor>
  </acceptor-config>
  <proxy-config>
    <cache-service-proxy>
      <enabled>true</enabled>
    </cache-service-proxy>
    <invocation-service-proxy>
      <enabled>true</enabled>
    </invocation-service-proxy>
    <autostart>true</autostart>
  </proxy-config>
</proxy-scheme>
</caching-schemes>

Note:

- For clarity, the above example explicitly enables the cache and invocation cluster service proxies. However, both proxies are enabled by default and do not require a <cache-service-proxy> and <invocation-service-proxy> element to be included in the proxy scheme definition.

- The <address> element also supports using CIDR notation as a subnet and mask (for example 192.168.1.0/24). CIDR simplifies configuration by allowing a single address configuration to be shared across computers on the same sub-net. Each cluster member specifies the same CIDR address block and a local NIC on each computer is automatically found that matches the address pattern. The /24 prefix size matches up to 256 available addresses: from 192.168.1.0 to 192.168.1.255.

Defining Multiple Proxy Service Instances

Multiple extend proxy service instances can be defined in order to support an expected number of client connections and to support fault tolerance and load balancing. Client connections are automatically balanced across proxy service instances. The algorithm used to balance connections depends on the load balancing strategy that is configured. See "Load Balancing Connections" on page 4-17, for more information on load balancing.

To define multiple proxy service instances, include a proxy service definition in multiple cache servers and use the same service name for each proxy service. Proxy services that share the same service name are considered peers.

The following examples define two instances of the ExtendTcpProxyService proxy service that are set up to listen for client requests on a TCP/IP ServerSocket that is bound to port 9099. The proxy service definition is included in each cache server's respective cache configuration file within the <proxy-scheme> element.
On cache server 1:

...<caching-schemes>
  <proxy-scheme>
    <service-name>ExtendTcpProxyService</service-name>
    <acceptor-config>
      <tcp-acceptor>
        <local-address>
          <address>192.168.1.5</address>
          <port>9099</port>
        </local-address>
      </tcp-acceptor>
    </acceptor-config>
    <autostart>true</autostart>
  </proxy-scheme>
</caching-schemes>
...

On cache server 2:

...<caching-schemes>
  <proxy-scheme>
    <service-name>ExtendTcpProxyService</service-name>
    <acceptor-config>
      <tcp-acceptor>
        <local-address>
          <address>192.168.1.6</address>
          <port>9099</port>
        </local-address>
      </tcp-acceptor>
    </acceptor-config>
    <autostart>true</autostart>
  </proxy-scheme>
</caching-schemes>
...

Defining Multiple Proxy Services

Multiple extend proxy services can be defined in order to provide different applications with their own proxies. Extend clients for a particular application can be directed toward specific proxies to provide a more predictable environment.

The following example defines two extend proxy services. ExtendTcpProxyService1 is set up to listen for client requests on a TCP/IP ServerSocket that is bound to 198.168.1.5 and port 9099. ExtendTcpProxyService2 is set up to listen for client requests on a TCP/IP ServerSocket that is bound to 198.168.1.5 and port 9098.

...<caching-schemes>
  <proxy-scheme>
    <service-name>ExtendTcpProxyService1</service-name>
    <acceptor-config>
      <tcp-acceptor>
        <local-address>
          <address>192.168.1.5</address>
          <port>9099</port>
        </local-address>
      </tcp-acceptor>
    </acceptor-config>
  </proxy-scheme>
</caching-schemes>
...
Disabling Cluster Service Proxies

The cache service and invocation service proxies can be disabled within an extend proxy service definition. Both of these proxies are enabled by default and can be explicitly disabled if a client does not require a service.

Cluster service proxies are disabled by setting the `<enabled>` element to `false` within the `<cache-service-proxy>` and `<invocation-service-proxy>` respectively.

The following example disables the invocation service proxy so that extend clients cannot execute Invocable objects within the cluster:

```xml
<proxy-scheme>
  ...
  <proxy-config>
    <invocation-service-proxy>
      <enabled>false</enabled>
    </invocation-service-proxy>
  </proxy-config>
  ...
</proxy-scheme>
```

Likewise, the following example disables the cache service proxy to restrict extend clients from accessing caches within the cluster:

```xml
<proxy-scheme>
  ...
  <proxy-config>
    <cache-service-proxy>
      <enabled>false</enabled>
    </cache-service-proxy>
  </proxy-config>
  ...
</proxy-scheme>
```

Specifying Read-Only NamedCache Access

By default, extend clients are allowed to both read and write data to proxied NamedCache instances. The `<read-only>` element can be specified within a `<cache-service-proxy>` element to prohibit extend clients from modifying cached content on the cluster. For example:
Specifying NamedCache Locking

**Note:** The NamedCache lock API’s are deprecated. Use the locking support that is provided by the entry processor API instead (EntryProcessor for Java and C++, IEntryProcessor for .NET).

By default, extend clients are not allowed to acquire NamedCache locks. The `<lock-enabled>` element can be specified within a `<cache-service-proxy>` element to allow extend clients to perform locking. For example:

```
<proxy-scheme>
  ...
  <proxy-config>
    <cache-service-proxy>
      <lock-enabled>true</lock-enabled>
    </cache-service-proxy>
  </proxy-config>
  ...
</proxy-scheme>
```

If client-side locking is enabled and a client application uses the `NamedCache.lock()` and `unlock()` methods, it is important that a member-based (rather than thread-based) locking strategy is configured when using a partitioned or replicated cache. The locking strategy is configured using the `<lease-granularity>` element when defining cluster-side caches. A granularity value of `thread` (the default setting) means that locks are held by a thread that obtained them and can only be released by that thread. A granularity value of `member` means that locks are held by a cluster node and any thread running on the cluster node that obtained the lock can release the lock. Because the extend proxy clustered service uses a pool of threads to execute client requests concurrently, it cannot guarantee that the same thread executes subsequent requests from the same extend client.

The following example demonstrates setting the lease granularity to `member` for a partitioned cache

```
<distributed-scheme>
  <scheme-name>dist-default</scheme-name>
  <lease-granularity>member</lease-granularity>
  <backing-map-scheme>
    <local-scheme/>
  </backing-map-scheme>
  <autostart>true</autostart>
</distributed-scheme>
...
Defining Caches for Use By Extend Clients

Extend clients read and write data to a cache on the cluster. Any of the cache types can store client data. For extend clients, the cache on the cluster must have the same name as the cache that is being used on the client side; see "Defining a Remote Cache" on page 4-8. For more information on defining caches, see "Using Caches" in the Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence.

The following example defines a partitioned cache named dist-extend.

```xml
...<caching-scheme-mapping>
  <cache-mapping>
    <cache-name>dist-extend</cache-name>
    <scheme-name>dist-default</scheme-name>
  </cache-mapping>
</caching-scheme-mapping>

<caching-schemes>
  <distributed-scheme>
    <scheme-name>dist-default</scheme-name>
    <backing-map-scheme>
      <local-scheme/>
    </backing-map-scheme>
    <autostart>true</autostart>
  </distributed-scheme>
</caching-schemes>
...
```

Disabling Storage on a Proxy Server

Proxy services typically run on cluster members that are not responsible for storing data in the cluster. Storage-enabled cluster members can be adversely affected by a proxy service, which requires additional resources to handle client loads. Collocating a proxy service on a storage-enabled member is generally acceptable for simplified development, but should not be used during testing and production.

To ensure that a distributed cache does not store data on a cluster member that is configured as a proxy server, use the tangosol.coherence.distributed.localstorage Java property set to false when starting the cluster member. For example:

```bash
-Dtangosol.coherence.distributed.localstorage=false
```

Storage can also be disabled in the cache configuration file as part of a distributed cache definition by setting the <local-storage> element to false. For additional details, see the <distributed-scheme> element reference in the Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence.

```xml
...<distributed-scheme>
  <scheme-name>dist-default</scheme-name>
  <local-storage>false</local-storage>
  <backing-map-scheme>
    <local-scheme/>
  </backing-map-scheme>
  <autostart>true</autostart>
</distributed-scheme>
...
Configuring the Client Side

Extend clients use the remote cache service and the remote invocation service to interact with a Coherence cluster. The services must be configured to connect to extend proxy services that run on the cluster. Both remote cache services and remote invocation services are configured in a cache configuration deployment descriptor that must be found on the classpath when an extend-based client application starts.

The following topics are included in this section:

- Defining a Remote Cache
- Using a Remote Cache as a Back Cache
- Defining Remote Invocation Schemes
- Defining Multiple Remote Addresses
- Detecting Connection Errors
- Disabling TCP/IP Communication

Defining a Remote Cache

A remote cache is specialized cache service that routes cache operations to a cache on the cluster. The remote cache and the cache on the cluster must have the same name. Extend clients use the `NamedCache` interface as normal to get an instance of the cache. At runtime, the cache operations are not executed locally but instead are sent using TCP/IP to an extend proxy service on the cluster. The fact that the cache operations are delegated to a cache on the cluster is transparent to the extend client.

A remote cache is defined within a `<caching-schemes>` node using the `<remote-cache-scheme>` element. A `<tcp-initiator>` element is used to define the address (IP, or DNS name, and port) of the extend proxy service on the cluster to which the client connects. For details on `<remote-cache-scheme>` subelements, see the Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence.

Example 4–2 defines a remote cache named `dist-extend` and uses the `<socket-address>` element to explicitly configure the address that the extend proxy service is listening on (198.168.1.5 and port 9099). The address can also be defined within an operational override configuration file and referenced using the `<address-provider>` element. The latter approach decouples the address configuration from the remote cache definition and allows the address to change at runtime without having to change the remote cache definition. For details on referencing an address definition, see "Using Address Provider References for TCP Addresses" on page 4-13.

Note: To use this remote cache, there must be a cache defined on the cluster that is also named `dist-extend`. See "Defining Caches for Use By Extend Clients" on page 4-7 for more information on defining caches on the cluster.

Example 4–2 Remote Cache Definition

```xml
...<caching-scheme-mapping>
  <cache-mapping>
    <che-name>dist-extend</che-name>
    <scheme-name>extend-dist</scheme-name>
  </cache-mapping>
</caching-scheme-mapping>
```
Using a Remote Cache as a Back Cache

Extend clients typically use remote caches as part of a near cache. In such scenarios, a local cache is used as a front cache and the remote cache is used as the back cache. For more information, see "Defining a Near Cache for C++ Clients" on page 7-7 and "Defining a Near Cache for .NET Clients" on page 16-5, respectively.

The following example creates a near cache that uses a local cache and a remote cache.

```xml
<cache-mapping>
  <cache-name>dist-extend-near</cache-name>
  <scheme-name>extend-near</scheme-name>
</cache-mapping>
<near-scheme>
  <scheme-name>extend-near</scheme-name>
  <front-scheme>
    <local-scheme>
      <high-units>1000</high-units>
    </local-scheme>
  </front-scheme>
  <back-scheme>
    <remote-cache-scheme>
      <scheme-ref>extend-dist</scheme-ref>
    </remote-cache-scheme>
    <invalidation-strategy>all</invalidation-strategy>
  </back-scheme>
</near-scheme>
```

```xml
<remote-cache-scheme>
  <scheme-name>extend-dist</scheme-name>
```

Defining Remote Invocation Schemes

A remote invocation scheme defines an invocation service that is used by clients to execute tasks on the remote Coherence cluster. Extend clients use the InvocationService interface as normal. At run time, a TCP/IP connection is made to an extend proxy service and an InvocationService implementation is returned that executes synchronous Invocable tasks within the remote cluster JVM to which the client is connected.

Remote invocation schemes are defined within a <caching-schemes> node using the <remote-invocation-scheme> element. A <tcp-initiator> element is used to define the address (IP, or DNS name, and port) of the extend proxy service on the cluster to which the client connects. For details of the <remote-invocation-scheme> subelements, see the Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence.

Example 4–3 defines a remote invocation scheme that is called ExtendTcpInvocationService and uses the <socket-address> element to explicitly configure the address that the extend proxy service is listening on (198.168.1.5 and port 9099). The address can also be defined within an operational override configuration file and referenced using the <address-provider> element. The latter approach decouples the address configuration from the remote invocation definition and allows the address to change at runtime without having to change the remote invocation definition. For details on referencing an address definition, see “Using Address Provider References for TCP Addresses” on page 4-13.

Example 4–3  Remote Invocation Scheme Definition

```xml
<service-name>ExtendTcpCacheService</service-name>
<initiator-config>
  <tcp-initiator>
    <remote-addresses>
      <socket-address>
        <address>localhost</address>
        <port>9099</port>
      </socket-address>
    </remote-addresses>
    <connect-timeout>10s</connect-timeout>
  </tcp-initiator>
  <outgoing-message-handler>
    <request-timeout>5s</request-timeout>
  </outgoing-message-handler>
</initiator-config>
</remote-cache-scheme>
```

...
Defining Multiple Remote Addresses

Remote cache schemes and remote invocation schemes can include multiple extend proxy service addresses to ensure a client can always connect to the cluster. The algorithm used to balance connections depends on the load balancing strategy that is configured. See "Load Balancing Connections" on page 4-17, for more information on load balancing.

To configure multiple addresses, add additional <socket-address> child elements within the <tcp-initiator> element of a <remote-cache-scheme> and <remote-invocation-scheme> node as required. The following example defines two extend proxy addresses for a remote cache scheme. See "Defining Multiple Proxy Service Instances" on page 4-3, for instructions on setting up multiple proxy addresses.

```xml
<remote-addresses>
    <socket-address>
        <address>192.168.1.5</address>
        <port>9099</port>
    </socket-address>
    <socket-address>
        <address>192.168.1.6</address>
        <port>9099</port>
    </socket-address>
</remote-addresses>
```

Detecting Connection Errors

When a Coherence*Extend service detects that the connection between the client and cluster has been severed (for example, due to a network, software, or hardware failure), the Coherence*Extend client service implementation (that is, CacheService or InvocationService) dispatches a MemberEvent.MEMBER_LEFT event to all registered MemberListeners and the service is stopped. For cases where the application calls CacheFactory.shutdown(), the service implementation dispatches a MemberEvent.MEMBER_LEAVING event followed by a MemberEvent.MEMBER_LEFT event.
In both cases, if the client application attempts to subsequently use the service, the service automatically restarts itself and attempts to reconnect to the cluster. If the connection is successful, the service dispatches a `MemberEvent.MEMBER_JOINED` event; otherwise, a irrecoverable error exception is thrown to the client application.

A Coherence*Extend service has several mechanisms for detecting dropped connections. Some mechanisms are inherit to the underlying protocol (such as TCP/IP in Extend-TCP), whereas others are implemented by the service itself. The latter mechanisms are configured by using the `<outgoing-message-handler>` element. For details on this element, see Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence. In particular, the `<request-timeout>` value controls the amount of time to wait for a response before abandoning the request. The `<heartbeat-interval>` and `<heartbeat-timeout>` values control the amount of time to wait for a response to a ping request before the connection is closed. As a best practice, the heartbeat timeout should be less than the heartbeat interval to ensure other members are not unnecessarily pinged and to not have multiple pings outstanding.

The following example is taken from Example 4–2 and demonstrates setting the request timeout to 5 seconds.

```xml
...<initiator-config>
  <tcp-initiator>
    <remote-addresses>
      <socket-address>
        <address>198.168.1.5</address>
        <port>9099</port>
      </socket-address>
    </remote-addresses>
    <connect-timeout>10s</connect-timeout>
  </tcp-initiator>
  <outgoing-message-handler>
    <request-timeout>5s</request-timeout>
  </outgoing-message-handler>
</initiator-config>
...```

The following example sets the heartbeat interval to 3 seconds and the heartbeat timeout to 2 seconds.

```xml
...<initiator-config>
  <tcp-initiator>
    <remote-addresses>
      <socket-address>
        <address>198.168.1.5</address>
        <port>9099</port>
      </socket-address>
    </remote-addresses>
    <connect-timeout>10s</connect-timeout>
  </tcp-initiator>
  <outgoing-message-handler>
    <heartbeat-interval>3s</heartbeat-interval>
    <heartbeat-timeout>2s</heartbeat-timeout>
  </outgoing-message-handler>
</initiator-config>
...```
Disabling TCMP Communication

Java-based extend clients that are located within the network must disable TCMP communication to exclusively connect to clustered services using extend proxies. If TCMP is not disabled, Java-based extend clients may cluster with each other and may even join an existing cluster. TCMP is disabled in the client-side tangosol-coherence-override.xml file.

To disable TCMP communication, set the <enabled> element within the <packet-publisher> element to false. For example:

```
...<cluster-config>
  <packet-publisher>
    <enabled system-property="tangosol.coherence.tcmp.enabled">false</enabled>
  </packet-publisher>
</cluster-config>
...```

The tangosol.coherence.tcmp.enabled system property is used to specify whether TCMP is enabled instead of using the operational override file. For example:

```
-Dtangosol.coherence.tcmp.enabled=false
```

Using Address Provider References for TCP Addresses

Proxy service, remote cache, and remote invocation definitions can use the <address-provider> element to reference a TCP socket address that is defined in an operational override configuration file instead of explicitly defining an addresses in a cache configuration file. Referencing socket address definitions allows network addresses to change without having to update a cache configuration file.

To use address provider references for TCP addresses:

1. Edit the tangosol-coherence-override.xml file (both on the client side and cluster side) and add a <socket-address> definition, within an <address-provider> element, that includes the socket's address and port. Use the <address-provider> element's id attribute to define a unique ID for the socket address. For details on the <address-provider> element in an operational override configuration file, see Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence. The following example defines an address with proxy1 ID:

```
...<cluster-config>
  <address-providers>
    <address-provider id="proxy1">
      <socket-address>
        <address>198.168.1.5</address>
        <port>9099</port>
      </socket-address>
    </address-provider>
  </address-providers>
</cluster-config>
...```

2. Edit the cluster-side coherence-cache-config.xml and create, or update, a proxy service definition and reference a socket address definition by providing the definition's ID as the value of the <address-provider> element within the
<tcp-acceptor> element. The following example defines a proxy service that references the address that is defined in step 1:

... 
</caching-schemes>

3. Edit the client-side coherence-cache-config.xml and create, or update, a remote cache or remote invocation definition and reference a socket address definition by providing the definition's ID as the value of the <address-provider> element within the <tcp-initiator> element. The following example defines a remote cache that references the address that is defined in step 1:

Using the Name Service Acceptor to Connect to a Proxy

A name service is a specialized TCP acceptor that allows extend clients to connect to a proxy by specifying a proxy service name instead of a proxy service address. Clients connect to the name service acceptor, which provides the actual address of the requested proxy. The use of the name service acceptor allows actual proxy addresses to change without having to update a cache configuration file.

A name service acceptor automatically starts on the same port as the TCMP socket (8088 by default) if a proxy service is configured on a cluster member. In addition, multiple proxy services can also be configured to use the same listening port as is used by the TCMP socket on the cluster. The use of the same port for TCMP, the name
service, and proxy services minimizes the number of ports that are used by Coherence and simplifies firewall configuration.

**Note:** Clients that are configured to use a name service acceptor can only connect to clusters that support the name service acceptor.

To use the name service acceptor to connect to a proxy:

1. Edit the cluster-side `coherence-cache-config.xml` and create, or update, a proxy service definition and do not explicitly define a socket address within the `<tcp-acceptor>` element. The following example defines a proxy service that is named `TcpExtend` that binds to the same port that is used by TCMP.

```xml
...<caching-schemes>
  <proxy-scheme>
    <service-name>TcpExtend/service-name>
    <acceptor-config/>
    <autostart>true</autostart>
  </proxy-scheme>
</caching-schemes>
...```

2. Edit the client-side `coherence-cache-config.xml` and create, or update, a remote cache or remote invocation definition and add a `<name-service-addresses>` element, within `<tcp-initiator>` element, that includes the socket address of the name service acceptor on the cluster. The following example defines a remote cache definition that connects to a name service to get a connection to the `TcpExtend` proxy service that was configured in step 1. For this example, port 8088 is used as the TCMP cluster port, name service port, and proxy service port.

**Note:**

- If the remote cache or remote invocation scheme `<service-name>` value is different than the proxy scheme `<service-name>` value on the cluster, a `<proxy-service-name>` element must also be provided in the remote cache and invocation scheme that contains the value of the `<service-name>` element that is configured in the proxy scheme.
- The `<name-services-addresses>` element supports the use of the `<address-provider>` element for referencing a socket address that is configured in the operational override configuration file. For details, see “Using Address Provider References for TCP Addresses” on page 4-13.

```xml
<remote-cache-scheme>
  <scheme-name>extend-dist</scheme-name>
  <service-name>TcpExtend</service-name>
  <initiator-config>
    <tcp-initiator>
      <name-service-addresses>
        <socket-address>
          <address>198.168.1.5</address>
          <port>8088</port>
        </socket-address>
      </name-service-addresses>
    </tcp-initiator>
  </initiator-config>
</remote-cache-scheme>```
Using a Custom Address Provider for TCP Addresses

A custom address provider dynamically assigns TCP address and port settings when binding to a server socket. The address provider must be an implementation of the com.tangosol.net.AddressProvider interface. Dynamically assigning addresses is typically used to implement custom load balancing algorithms.

Address providers are defined using the <address-provider> element, which can be used within the <tcp-acceptor> element for extend proxy schemes and within the <tcp-initiator> element for remote cache and remote invocation schemes.

The following example demonstrates configuring an AddressProvider implementation called MyAddressProvider for a TCP acceptor when configuring an extend proxy scheme.

```xml
<tcp-acceptor>
  <address-provider>
    <class-name>com.MyAddressProvider</class-name>
  </address-provider>
</tcp-acceptor>
```

The following example demonstrates configuring an AddressProvider implementation called MyClientAddressProvider for a TCP initiator when configuring a remote cache scheme.

```xml
<tcp-initiator>
  <remote-addresses>
    <address-provider>
      <class-name>com.MyClientAddressProvider</class-name>
    </address-provider>
  </remote-addresses>
  <connect-timeout>10s</connect-timeout>
</tcp-initiator>
```

...
In addition, the `<address-provider>` element also supports the use of a `<class-factory-name>` element to use a factory class that is responsible for creating `AddressProvider` instances and a `<method-name>` element to specify the static factory method on the factory class that performs object instantiation.

**Load Balancing Connections**

Extend client connections are load balanced across proxy service members. By default, a proxy-based strategy is used that distributes client connections to proxy service members that are being utilized the least. Custom proxy-based strategies can be created or the default strategy can be modified as required. As an alternative, a client-based load balance strategy can be implemented by creating a client-side address provider or by relying on randomized client connections to proxy service members. The random approach provides minimal balancing as compared to proxy-based load balancing.

Coherence*Extend can be used with F5 BIG-IP Local Traffic Manager (LTM), which provides hardware-based load balancing. See Appendix B, "Integrating with F5 BIG-IP LTM," for detailed instructions.

The following topics are included in this section:

- Using Proxy-Based Load Balancing
- Using Client-Based Load Balancing

**Using Proxy-Based Load Balancing**

Proxy-based load balancing is the default strategy that is used to balance client connections between two or more members of the same proxy service. The strategy is weighted by a proxy's existing connection count, then by its daemon pool utilization, and lastly by its message backlog.

The proxy-based load balancing strategy is configured within a `<proxy-scheme>` definition using a `<load-balancer>` element that is set to `proxy`. For clarity, the following example explicitly specifies the strategy. However, the strategy is used by default if no strategy is specified and is not required in a proxy scheme definition.

```xml
...<proxy-scheme>
  <service-name>ExtendTcpProxyService</service-name>
  <acceptor-config>
    <tcp-acceptor>
      <local-address>
        <address>192.168.1.5</address>
        <port>9099</port>
      </local-address>
    </tcp-acceptor>
  </acceptor-config>
  <load-balancer>proxy</load-balancer>
  <autostart>true</autostart>
</proxy-scheme>
...```
Note: When using proxy-based load balancing, clients are not required to list the full set of proxy service members in their cache configuration. However, a minimum of two proxy service members should always be configured for redundancy sake. See "Defining Multiple Remote Addresses" on page 4-11 for details on how to define multiple remote address to be used by a client.

Understanding the Proxy-Based Load Balancing Default Algorithm

The proxy-based load balancing algorithm distributes client connections equally across proxy service members. The algorithm redirects clients to proxy service members that are being utilized the least. The following factors are used to determine a proxy’s utilization:

- Connection Utilization – this utilization is calculated by adding the current connection count and pending connection count. If a proxy has a configured connection limit and the current connection count plus pending connection count equals the connection limit, the utilization is considered to be infinite.

- Daemon Pool Utilization – this utilization equals the current number of active daemon threads. If all daemon threads are currently active, the utilization is considered to be infinite.

- Message Backlog Utilization – this utilization is calculated by adding the current incoming message backlog and the current outgoing message backlog.

Each proxy service maintains a list of all members of the proxy service ordered by their utilization. The ordering is weighted first by connection utilization, then by daemon pool utilization, and then by message backlog. The list is resorted whenever a proxy service member’s utilization changes. The proxy service members send each other their current utilization whenever their connection count changes or every 10 seconds (whichever comes first).

When a new connection attempt is made on a proxy, the proxy iterates the list as follows:

- If the current proxy has the lowest connection utilization, then the connection is accepted; otherwise, the proxy redirects the new connection by replying to the connection attempt with an ordered list of proxy service members that have a lower connection utilization. The client then attempts to connect to a proxy service member in the order of the returned list.

- If the connection utilizations of the proxies are equal, the daemon pool utilization of the proxies takes precedence. If the current proxy has the lowest daemon pool utilization, then the connection is accepted; otherwise, the proxy redirects the new connection by replying to the connection attempt with an ordered list of proxy service members that have a lower daemon pool utilization. The client then attempts to connect to a proxy service member in the order of the returned list.

- If the daemon pool utilization of the proxies are equal, the message backlog of the proxies takes precedence. If the current proxy has the lowest message backlog utilization, then the connection is accepted; otherwise, the proxy redirects the new connection by replying to the connection attempt with an ordered list of proxy service members that have a lower message backlog utilization. The client then attempts to connect to a proxy service member in the order of the returned list.

- If all proxies have the same utilization, then the client remains connected to the current proxy.
Implementing a Custom Proxy-Based Load Balancing Strategy

The com.tangosol.coherence.net.proxy package includes the APIs that are used to balance client load across proxy service members. See Java API Reference for Oracle Coherence for details on using the proxy-based load balancing APIs that are discussed in this section.

A custom strategy must implement the ProxyServiceLoadBalancer interface. New strategies can be created or the default strategy (DefaultProxyServiceLoadBalancer) can be extended and modified as required. For example, to change which utilization factor takes precedence on the list of proxy services, extend DefaultProxyServerLoadBalancer and pass a custom Comparator object in the constructor that imposes the desired ordering. Lastly, the client’s Member object (which uniquely defines each client) is passed to a strategy. The Member object provides a means for implementing client-weighted strategies. See Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence for details on configuring a client’s member identity information.

To enable a custom load balancing strategy, include an <instance> subelement within the <load-balancer> element and provide the fully qualified name of a class that implements the ProxyServiceLoadBalancer interface. The following example enables a custom proxy-based load balancing strategy that is implemented in the MyProxyServiceLoadBalancer class:

```xml
...<load-balancer>
  <instance>
    <class-name>package.MyProxyServiceLoadBalancer</class-name>
  </instance>
</load-balancer>
...```

In addition, the <instance> element also supports the use of a <class-factory-name> element to use a factory class that is responsible for creating ProxyServiceLoadBalancer instances, and a <method-name> element to specify the static factory method on the factory class that performs object instantiation. See Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence for detailed instructions on using the <instance> element.

Using Client-Based Load Balancing

The client-based load balancing strategy relies upon a client address provider implementation to dictate the distribution of clients across proxy service members. If no client address provider implementation is provided, the extend client tries each configured proxy service in a random order until a connection is successful. See "Using a Custom Address Provider for TCP Addresses" on page 4-16 for more information on providing an address provider implementation.

The client-based load balancing strategy is configured within a <proxy-scheme> definition using a <load-balancer> element that is set to client. For example:

```xml
...<proxy-scheme>
  <service-name>ExtendTcpProxyService1</service-name>
  <acceptor-config>
    <tcp-acceptor>
      <local-address>
        <address>192.168.1.5</address>
        <port>9099</port>
      </local-address>
    </tcp-acceptor>
  </acceptor-config>
</proxy-scheme>
...```
Using Network Filters with Extend Clients

Coherence*Extend services support pluggable network filters in the same way as Coherence clustered services. Filters modify the contents of network traffic before it is placed on the wire. For more information on configuring filters, see the Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence.

To use network filters with Coherence*Extend, a `<use-filters>` element must be added to the `<initiator-config>` element in the client-side cache configuration descriptor and to the `<acceptor-config>` element in the cluster-side cache configuration descriptor.

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**Note:** The contents of the `<use-filters>` element must be the same in the client and cluster-side cache configuration descriptors.

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For example, to compress network traffic exchanged between an extend client and the clustered service using the predefined gzip filter, configure the client-side `<remote-cache-scheme>` and `<remote-invocation-scheme>` elements as follows:

```xml
<remote-cache-scheme>
  <scheme-name>extend-dist</scheme-name>
  <service-name>ExtendTcpCacheService</service-name>
</remote-cache-scheme>
<initiator-config>
  <tcp-initiator>
    <remote-addresses>
      <socket-address>
        <address>localhost</address>
        <port>9099</port>
      </socket-address>
    </remote-addresses>
  </tcp-initiator>
</initiator-config>
```
For the cluster side, add a `<use-filters>` element within the `<proxy-scheme>` element that specifies a filter with the same name as the client-side configuration:

```xml
<proxy-scheme>
  <service-name>ExtendTcpProxyService</service-name>
  <acceptor-config>
    <tcp-acceptor>
      <local-address>
        <address>localhost</address>
        <port>9099</port>
      </local-address>
    </tcp-acceptor>
    <use-filters>
      <filter-name>gzip</filter-name>
    </use-filters>
    <autostart>true</autostart>
  </acceptor-config>
</proxy-scheme>
```
Best Practices for Coherence*Extend

This chapter describes best practices and guidelines for configuring and running Coherence*Extend.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- Run Proxy Servers with Local Storage Disabled
- Do Not Run a Near Cache on a Proxy Server
- Configure Heap NIO Space to be Equal to the Max Heap Size
- Configure Proxy Service Thread Pooling
- Be Careful When Making InvocationService Calls
- Be Careful When Placing Collection Classes in the Cache
- Configure POF Serializers for Cache Servers
- Use Node Locking Instead of Thread Locking

Run Proxy Servers with Local Storage Disabled

Each server in a partitioned cache, including the proxy server, can store a portion of the data. However, a proxy server has the added overhead of managing potentially unpredictable client work loads which can be expensive in terms of CPU and memory usage. Local storage should be disabled on the proxy server to preserve resources.

There are several ways in which you can disable storage:

Local storage for a proxy server can be enabled or disabled with the `tangosol.coherence.distributed.localstorage` Java property. For example:

```
-Dtangosol.coherence.distributed.localstorage=false
```

You can also disable storage in the cache configuration file using the `<local-storage>` element. For details, see Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence.

To disable storage for all proxy service instances, modify the `<local-storage>` setting in the `tangosol-coherence-override.xml` file. Example 5–1 illustrates setting `<local-storage>` to false.

Example 5–1  Disabling Storage

```xml
<?xml version='1.0'?>
<coherence xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/coherence/coherence-operational-config"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://xmlns.oracle.com/coherence/coherence-operational-config"/>
```
Do Not Run a Near Cache on a Proxy Server

By definition, a near cache provides local cache access to both recently and often-used data. If a proxy server is configured with a near cache, it locally caches data accessed by its remote clients. It is unlikely that these clients are consistently accessing the same subset of data, thus resulting in a low hit ratio on the near cache. Running a near cache on a proxy server results in higher heap usage and more network traffic on the proxy nodes with little to no benefit. For these reasons, it is recommended that a near cache not be used on a proxy server. To ensure that the proxy server is not running a near cache, remove all near schemes from the cache configuration being used for the proxy.

Configure Heap NIO Space to be Equal to the Max Heap Size

NIO memory is used for the TCP connection into the proxy and for POF serialization and deserialization. Older Java installations tended to run out of heap memory because it was configured too low. Newer Java JDKs configure off heap NIO space equal to the maximum heap space. On Sun JVMs, this can also be set manually:

-XX:MaxDirectMemorySize=MAX_HEAP_SIZE

Configure Proxy Service Thread Pooling

Proxy services use a dynamic thread pool for daemon (worker) threads. The thread pool automatically adds and removes threads based on the number of client requests, total backlog of requests, and the total number of idle threads. The thread pool helps ensure that there are enough threads to meet the demand of extend clients and that resources are not waisted on idle threads. Change the thread pool’s default settings to optimize client performance.

This section includes the following topics:

- Understanding Proxy Service Threading
- Setting Proxy Service Thread Pooling Thresholds
- Setting an Exact Number of Threads
Understanding Proxy Service Threading

Each application has different thread requirements based on the number of clients and the amount of operations being performed. Performance should be closely monitored to ensure that there are enough threads to service client requests without saturating clients with too many threads. In addition, log messages are emitted when the thread pool is using its maximum amount of threads, which may indicate additional threads are required.

Client applications are classified into two general categories: active applications and passive applications. In active applications, the extend clients send many requests (put, get, and so on) which are handled by the proxy service. The proxy service requires a large number of threads to sufficiently handle these numerous tasks.

In passive applications, the client waits on events (such as map listeners) based on some specified criteria. Events are handled by a distributed cache service. This service uses worker threads to push events to the client. For these tasks, the thread pool configuration for the distributed cache service should include enough worker threads. See Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence for details on configuring a distributed service thread count.

Note: Near caches on extend clients use map listeners when performing invalidation strategies of ALL, PRESENT, and AUTO. Applications that are write-heavy that use near caches generate many map events.

Setting Proxy Service Thread Pooling Thresholds

The default thread pool behavior starts with a thread amount that is equal to 2 times the number of cores and grows to a maximum thread amount that is equal to 4 times the number of cores. A log message is emitted when the configured maximum is reached.

The thread pool is more aggressive creating threads than decreasing threads. If client requests and service backlog increases, additional threads are created every 0.5 second. If too many threads become idle, threads are removed from the thread pool every 60 seconds.

To set thread pooling thresholds for a proxy service, add the <thread-count-max> and <thread-count-min> elements within the <proxy-scheme> element. See Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence for a detailed reference of these elements. The following example changes the default pool settings.

Note:

■ To enable dynamic thread pool sizing, do not set the <thread-count> element for a proxy service.

■ Setting a minimum and maximum thread count of zero, forces the proxy service thread to handle all requests; no worker threads are used. Using the proxy service thread to handle client requests is not a best practice.

</proxy-scheme>
<service-name>ExtendTcpProxyService</service-name>
<thread-count-max>75</thread-count-max>
<thread-count-min>10</thread-count-min>
<acceptor-config>
  <tcp-acceptor>
    <local-address>
      <address>localhost</address>
      <port>9099</port>
    </local-address>
  </tcp-acceptor>
</acceptor-config>
<autostart>true</autostart>
</proxy-scheme>

The `tangosol.coherence.proxy.threads.max` and `tangosol.coherence.proxy.threads.min` system properties specify the dynamic thread pooling thresholds instead of using the cache configuration file. For example:

- `-Dtangosol.coherence.proxy.threads.max=75`
- `-Dtangosol.coherence.proxy.threads.min=10`

### Setting an Exact Number of Threads

In most scenarios, dynamic thread pooling is the best way to ensure that a proxy service always has enough threads to handle requests. In controlled applications where client usage is known, an explicit number of threads can be specified using the `<thread-count>` element. The following example sets 10 threads for use by a proxy service. Additional threads are not created automatically.

```xml
<proxy-scheme>
  <service-name>ExtendTcpProxyService</service-name>
  <thread-count>10</thread-count>
  <acceptor-config>
    <tcp-acceptor>
      <local-address>
        <address>localhost</address>
        <port>9099</port>
      </local-address>
    </tcp-acceptor>
  </acceptor-config>
  <autostart>true</autostart>
</proxy-scheme>
```

### Be Careful When Making InvocationService Calls

InvocationService allows a member of a service to invoke arbitrary code on any node in the cluster. On Coherence*Extend however, InvocationService calls are serviced by the proxy that the client is connected to by default. You cannot choose the particular node on which the code runs when sending the call through a proxy.

### Be Careful When Placing Collection Classes in the Cache

If a Coherence*Extend client puts a collection object, (such as an `ArrayList`, `HashSet`, `HashMap`, and so on) directly into the cache, it is deserialized as an immutable array. If you then extract it and cast it to its original type, then a `ClassCastException` is returned. As an alternative, use a Java interface object (such as a `List`, `Set`, `Map`, and so on) or encapsulate the collection object in another object. Both of these techniques are illustrated in the following example:
Example 5–2  Casting an ArrayList Object

```java
public class ExtendExample
{
  @SuppressWarnings({ "unchecked" })
  public static void main(String asArgs[])
  {
    System.setProperty("tangosol.coherence.cacheconfig", "client-config.xml");
    NamedCache cache = CacheFactory.getCache("test");

    // Create a sample collection
    List list = new ArrayList();
    for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++)
    {
      list.add(String.valueOf(i));
    }
    cache.put("list", list);

    List listFromCache = (List) cache.get("list");
    System.out.println("Type of list put in cache: "+ list.getClass());
    System.out.println("Type of list in cache: "+ listFromCache.getClass());

    Map map = new TreeMap();
    for (Iterator i = list.iterator(); i.hasNext();)
    {
      Object o = i.next();
      map.put(o, o);
    }
    cache.put("map", map);

    Map mapFromCache = (Map) cache.get("map");
    System.out.println("Type of map put in cache: "+ map.getClass());
    System.out.println("Type of map in cache: "+ mapFromCache.getClass());
  }
}
```

Configure POF Serializers for Cache Servers

Proxy servers are responsible for deserializing POF data into Java objects. If you run C++ or .NET applications and store data to the cache, then the conversion to Java objects could be viewed as an unnecessary step. Coherence provides the option of configuring a POF serializer for cache servers and has the effect of storing POF format data directly in the cache.

This can have the following impact on your applications:

- .NET or C++ clients that only perform puts or gets do not require a Java version of the object. Java versions are still required if deserializing on the server side (for entry processors, cache stores, and so on).
- POF serializers remove the requirement to serialize/deserialize on the proxy, thus reducing their memory and CPU requirements.

Example 5–3 illustrates a fragment from a cache configuration file, which configures the default POF serializer that is defined in the operational deployment descriptor.
Use Node Locking Instead of Thread Locking

Note: The NamedCache lock API’s are deprecated. Use the locking support that is provided by the entry processor API instead (EntryProcessor for Java and C++, IEntryProcessor for .NET).

Coherence*Extend clients can send lock, put, and unlock requests to the cluster. The proxy holds the locks for the client. The requests for locking and unlocking can be issued at the thread level or the node level. In thread level locking, a particular thread instance belonging to the proxy (Thread 1, for example) issues the lock request. If any other threads (Thread 3, for example) issue an unlock request, they are ignored. A successful unlock request can be issued only by the thread that issued the initial lock request. This can cause application errors since unlock requests do not succeed unless the original thread that issues the lock is also the one that receives the request to release the lock.

In node level locking, if a particular thread instance belonging to the proxy (Thread 1, for example) issues the lock request, then any other thread (Thread 3, for example) can successfully issue an unlock request.
Part II

Creating Java Extend Clients

Coherence for Java allows Java applications to access Coherence clustered services, including data, data events, and data processing from outside the Coherence cluster. Typical uses for Java extend clients include desktop and Web applications that require access to Coherence caches.

The Coherence for Java library connects to a Coherence*Extend clustered service instance running within the Coherence cluster using a high performance TCP/IP-based communication layer. This library sends all client requests to the Coherence*Extend clustered service which, in turn, responds to client requests by delegating to an actual Coherence clustered service (for example, a partitioned or replicated cache service).

Like cache clients that are members of the cluster, Java extend clients use the CacheFactory.getCache() API call to retrieve a NamedCache instance. After it is obtained, a client accesses the NamedCache in the same way as it would if it were part of the Coherence cluster. The fact that NamedCache operations are being sent to a remote cluster node (over TCP/IP) is completely transparent to the client application.

Unlike the C++ and .NET distributions, Java does not have a separate client distribution. The API that is delivered with Coherence for Java is used to create extend clients. When building Java extend clients, refer to Part I, "Getting Started" in this guide (for basic setup) and Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence for API details.
Coherence for C++ allows C++ applications to access Coherence clustered services, including data, data events, and data processing from outside the Coherence cluster. Typical uses of Coherence for C++ include desktop and web applications that require access to Coherence caches.

Coherence for C++ consists of a native C++ library that connects to a Coherence*Extend clustered service instance running within the Coherence cluster using a high performance TCP/IP-based communication layer. This library sends all client requests to the Coherence*Extend clustered service which, in turn, responds to client requests by delegating to an actual Coherence clustered service (for example, a partitioned or replicated cache service).

A NamedCache instance is retrieved by using the CacheFactory::getCache(...) API call. After it is obtained, a client accesses the NamedCache in the same way as it would if it were part of the Coherence cluster. The fact that NamedCache operations are being sent to a remote cluster node (over TCP/IP) is completely transparent to the client application.

**Note:** The C++ client follows the interface and concepts of the Java client, and users familiar with Coherence for Java should find migrating to Coherence for C++ straightforward.

Coherence for C++ contains the following chapters:

- Chapter 6, "Setting Up C++ Application Builds"
- Chapter 7, "Configuration and Usage for C++ Clients"
- Chapter 8, "Using the Coherence C++ Object Model"
- Chapter 9, "Using the Coherence for C++ Client API"
- Chapter 10, "Building Integration Objects (C++)"
- Chapter 11, "Querying a Cache (C++)"
- Chapter 12, "Performing Continuous Queries (C++)"
- Chapter 13, "Performing Remote Invocations (C++)"
- Chapter 14, "Using Cache Events (C++)"
- Chapter 15, "Performing Transactions (C++)"
This chapter provides instructions for setting up C++ application builds to use Coherence for C++.

The following sections are included in this chapter:

- Setting up the Compiler for Coherence-Based Applications
- Including Coherence Header Files
- Linking the Coherence Library
- Setting the run-time Library and Search Path
- Deploying Coherence for C++

### Setting up the Compiler for Coherence-Based Applications

When integrating Coherence for C++ into your application’s build process, it is important that certain compiler and linker settings be enabled. Some settings are optional, but still highly recommended.

**MSVC (Visual Studio)**

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Including Coherence Header Files

Coherence ships with a set of header files that uses the Coherence API and must be compiled with your application. The header files are available under the installation's include directory. The include directory must be part of your compiler's include search path.

Linking the Coherence Library

Coherence for C++ ships with a release version of the Coherence library. This library is also suitable for linking with debug versions of application code. The library is located in the installation's lib directory. During linking, this directory must be part of your linkers library path.

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<td>libcoherence.dylib</td>
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Table 6–3  Names of Linking Libraries for Release and Debug Versions

Setting the run-time Library and Search Path

During execution of a Coherence enabled application the Coherence for C++ shared library must be available from your application's library search path. This is achieved by adding the directory which contains the shared library to an operating system dependent environment variable. The installation includes libraries in its lib subdirectory.

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<td>Apple (Mac) OS X</td>
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Table 6–4  Name of the Coherence for C++ Library and Environment Variables

For example, to set the PATH environment variable on Windows execute:

c:\coherence\coherence-cpp\examples> set PATH=%PATH%;c:\coherence\coherence-cpp\lib

As with the Java version of Coherence, the C++ version supports a concept of System Properties to override configuration defaults. System Properties in C++ are set by using standard operating system environment variables, and use the same names as their Java counterparts. The tangosol.coherence.cacheconfig system property specifies the location of the cache configuration file. You may also set the configuration location programmatically (CacheFactory::configure()) from application code, the examples however do not do this.
Table 6–5  Cache Configuration System Property Value for Various Operating Systems

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Note: Some operating system shells, such as the UNIX bash shell, do not support environment variables which include the '.' character. In this case, you may specify the name in camel case, where the first letter, and every letter following a '.' is capitalized. That is, "tangosol.coherence.cacheconfig" becomes "TangosolCoherenceCacheConfig".

For example, to set the configuration location on Windows execute:

c:\coherence\coherence-cpp\examples> set tangosol.coherence.cacheconfig=config\extend-cache-config.xml

Deploying Coherence for C++

Coherence for C++ requires no specialized deployment configuration. Simply link your application with the Coherence library. See the C++ examples included in the Coherence Examples for sample build scripts and configuration. The examples are included as part of the Coherence for Java distribution.

Note: When deploying to Microsoft Windows the Visual Studio 2005 SP1 C++ run-time libraries are required. To build the samples, a version of Visual Studio 2005 SP1 or higher is required.
This chapter includes instructions for setting up Coherence for C++ clients.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- General Instructions
- Implementing the C++ Application
- Compiling and Linking the Application
- Configure Paths
- Configure Coherence*Extend
- Obtaining a Cache Reference with C++
- Cleaning up Resources Associated with a Cache
- Configuring and Using the Coherence for C++ Client Library
- Operational Configuration File (tangosol-coherence-override.xml)
- Configuring a Logger
- Launching a Coherence DefaultCacheServer Proxy

General Instructions

Configuring and using Coherence for C++ requires five basic steps:

1. Implement the C++ Application using the Coherence for C++ API. See Chapter 9, "Using the Coherence for C++ Client API," for more information on the API.
2. Compile and Link the application.
3. Configure paths.
4. Configure Coherence*Extend on both the client and on one or more JVMs within the cluster.
5. Configure a POF context on the client and on all of the JVMs within the cluster that run the Coherence*Extend clustered service.
6. Make sure the Coherence cluster is up and running.
7. Launch the C++ client application.

The following sections describe each of these steps in detail.
Implementing the C++ Application

Coherence for C++ provides an API that allows C++ applications to access Coherence clustered services, including data, data events, and data processing from outside the Coherence cluster.

Coherence for C++ API consists of:

- a set of C++ public header files
- version of static libraries build by all supported C++ compilers
- several samples

The library allows C++ applications to connect to a Coherence*Extend clustered service instance running within the Coherence cluster using a high performance TCP/IP-based communication layer. The library sends all client requests to the Coherence*Extend clustered service which, in turn, responds to client requests by delegating to an actual Coherence clustered service (for example, a Partitioned or Replicated cache service).

Chapter 9, "Using the Coherence for C++ Client API", provides an overview of the key classes in the API. For a detailed description of the classes, see the API itself which is included in the doc directory of the Coherence for C++ distribution.

Compiling and Linking the Application

The platforms on which you can compile applications that employ Coherence for C++ are listed in the Supported Platforms and Operating Systems topic.

For example, the following build.cmd file for the Windows 32-bit platform builds, compiles, and links the files for the Coherence for C++ demo. The variables in the file have the following meanings:

- OPT and LOPT point to compiler options
- INC points to the Coherence for C++ API files in the include directory
- SRC points to the C++ header and code files in the common directory
- OUT points to the file that the compiler/linker should generate when it is finished compiling the code
- LIBPATH points to the library directory
- LIBS points to the Coherence for C++ shared library file

After setting these environment variables, the file compiles the C++ code and header files, the API files and the OPT files, links the LOPT, the Coherence for C++ shared library, the generated object files, and the OUT files. It finishes by deleting the object files. A sample run of the build.cmd file is illustrated in Example 7–1.

Example 7–1 Sample Run of the build.cmd File

@echo off
setlocal

set EXAMPLE=%1%

if "%EXAMPLE%"=="" {
    echo You must supply the name of an example to build.
    goto exit
}

...
Configure Paths

Set up the configuration path to the Coherence for C++ library. This involves setting an environment variable to point to the library. The name of the environment variable and the file name of the library are different depending on your platform environment. For a list of the environment variables and library names for each platform, see Chapter 6, "Setting Up C++ Application Builds."

Configure Coherence*Extend

To configure Coherence*Extend, add the appropriate configuration elements to both the cluster and client-side cache configuration descriptors. The cluster-side cache configuration elements instruct a Coherence DefaultCacheServer to start a Coherence*Extend clustered service that listens for incoming TCP/IP requests from Coherence*Extend clients. The client-side cache configuration elements are used by the client library to connect to the cluster. The configuration specifies the IP address and port of one or more servers in the cluster that run the Coherence*Extend clustered service so that it can connect to the cluster. It also contains various connection-related parameters, such as connection and request timeouts.

Configure Coherence*Extend in the Cluster

For a Coherence*Extend client to connect to a Coherence cluster, one or more DefaultCacheServer JVMs within the cluster must run a TCP/IP Coherence*Extend clustered service. To configure a DefaultCacheServer to run this service, a proxy-scheme element with a child tcp-acceptor element must be added to the cache configuration descriptor used by the DefaultCacheServer.

For example, the cache configuration descriptor in Example 7–2 defines two clustered services, one that allows remote Coherence*Extend clients to connect to the Coherence cluster over TCP/IP and a standard Partitioned cache service. Since this descriptor is used by a DefaultCacheServer, it is important that the <autostart> configuration element for each service is set to true so that clustered services are automatically restarted upon termination. The proxy-scheme element has a tcp-acceptor child element which includes all TCP/IP-specific information needed to accept client connection requests over TCP/IP. The acceptor-config has also been configured to use a ConfigurablePofContext for its serializer. The C++ Extend client requires the use of POF for serialization.
See Chapter 10, "Building Integration Objects (C++)" for more information on serialization and PIF/POF.

The Coherence*Extend clustered service configured below listens for incoming requests on the localhost address and port 9099. When, for example, a client attempts to connect to a Coherence cache called dist-extend, the Coherence*Extend clustered service proxies subsequent requests to the NamedCache with the same name which, in this example, is a Partitioned cache.

**Example 7–2 Cache Configuration for Two Clustered Services**

```xml
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<cache-config xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/coherence/coherence-cache-config"
  <caching-scheme-mapping>
    <cache-mapping>
      <cache-name>dist-*</cache-name>
      <scheme-name>dist-default</scheme-name>
    </cache-mapping>
  </caching-scheme-mapping>

  <caching-schemes>
    <distributed-scheme>
      <scheme-name>dist-default</scheme-name>
      <lease-granularity>member</lease-granularity>
      <backing-map-scheme>
        <local-scheme/>
      </backing-map-scheme>
      <autostart>true</autostart>
    </distributed-scheme>

    <proxy-scheme>
      <service-name>ExtendTcpProxyService</service-name>
      <acceptor-config>
        <tcp-acceptor>
          <local-address>
            <address>localhost</address>
            <port>9099</port>
          </local-address>
        </tcp-acceptor>
        <serializer>
          <class-name>com.tangosol.io.pof.ConfigurablePofContext</class-name>
        </serializer>
        <autostart>true</autostart>
      </acceptor-config>
    </proxy-scheme>
  </caching-schemes>
</cache-config>
```

**Configuring Coherence*Extend on the Client**

The key element within the Coherence*Extend client configuration is `<cache-config>`. This element contains the path to a cache configuration descriptor which contains the cache configuration. This cache configuration descriptor is used by the DefaultConfigurableCacheFactory.
A Coherence*Extend client uses the information within an *initiator-config cache configuration descriptor element to connect to and communicate with a Coherence*Extend clustered service running within a Coherence cluster.

For example, the cache configuration descriptor in Example 7–3 defines a caching scheme that connects to a remote Coherence cluster. The *remote-cache-scheme element has a *tcp-initiator child element which includes all TCP/IP-specific information needed to connect the client with the Coherence*Extend clustered service running within the remote Coherence cluster.

When the client application retrieves a named cache with *CacheFactory using, for example, the name *dist-extend, the Coherence*Extend client connects to the Coherence cluster by using TCP/IP (using the address *localhost and port 9099) and return a *NamedCache implementation that routes requests to the *NamedCache with the same name running within the remote cluster. Note that the *remote-addresses configuration element can contain multiple *socket-address child elements. The Coherence*Extend client attempts to connect to the addresses in a random order, until either the list is exhausted or a TCP/IP connection is established.

**Example 7–3  A Caching Scheme that Connects to a Remote Coherence Cluster**

```xml
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<cache-config xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/coherence/coherence-cache-config"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://xmlns.oracle.com/coherence/coherence-cache-config
coherence-cache-config.xsd">
  <caching-scheme-mapping>
    <cache-mapping>
      <cache-name>dist-extend</cache-name>
      <scheme-name>extend-dist</scheme-name>
    </cache-mapping>
  </caching-scheme-mapping>

  <caching-schemes>
    <remote-cache-scheme>
      <scheme-name>extend-dist</scheme-name>
      <service-name>ExtendTcpCacheService</service-name>
      <initiator-config>
        <tcp-initiator>
          <remote-addresses>
            <socket-address>
              <address>localhost</address>
              <port>9099</port>
            </socket-address>
          </remote-addresses>
          <connect-timeout>10s</connect-timeout>
        </tcp-initiator>
        <outgoing-message-handler>
          <request-timeout>5s</request-timeout>
        </outgoing-message-handler>
      </initiator-config>
    </remote-cache-scheme>
  </caching-schemes>
</cache-config>
```
Defining a Local Cache for C++ Clients

A **Local Cache** is a cache that is local to (completely contained within) a particular C++ application. There are several attributes of the Local Cache that are particularly interesting:

- The local cache implements the same interfaces that the remote caches implement, meaning that there is no programming difference between using a local and a remote cache.
- The Local Cache can be size-limited. Size-limited means that the Local Cache can restrict the number of entries that it caches, and automatically evict entries when the cache becomes full. Furthermore, both the sizing of entries and the eviction policies can be customized, for example allowing the cache to be size-limited based on the memory used by the cached entries. The default eviction policy uses a combination of Most Frequently Used (MFU) and Most Recently Used (MRU) information, scaled on a logarithmic curve, to determine what cache items to evict. This algorithm is the best general-purpose eviction algorithm because it works well for short duration and long duration caches, and it balances frequency versus recentness to avoid cache thrashing. The pure LRU and pure LFU algorithms are also supported, and the ability to plug in custom eviction policies.
- The Local Cache supports automatic expiration of cached entries, meaning that each cache entry can be assigned a time-to-live value in the cache. Furthermore, the entire cache can be configured to flush itself on a periodic basis or at a preset time.
- The Local Cache is thread safe and highly concurrent.
- The Local Cache provides cache "get" statistics. It maintains hit and miss statistics. These run-time statistics accurately project the effectiveness of the cache and are used to adjust size-limiting and auto-expiring settings accordingly while the cache is running.

The element for configuring the Local Cache is `<local-scheme>`. Local caches are generally nested within other cache schemes, for instance as the front-tier of a near-scheme. The `<local-scheme>` provides several optional subelements that let you define the characteristics of the cache. For example, the `<low-units>` and `<high-units>` subelements allow you to limit the cache in terms of size. When the cache reaches its maximum allowable size, it prunes itself back to a specified smaller size, choosing which entries to evict according to a specified eviction-policy (`<eviction-policy>`). The entries and size limitations are measured in terms of units as calculated by the scheme’s unit-calculator (`<unit-calculator>`).

You can also limit the cache in terms of time. The `<expiry-delay>` subelement specifies the amount of time from last update that entries are kept by the cache before being marked as expired. Any attempt to read an expired entry results in a reloading of the entry from the configured cache store (`<cachestore-scheme>`). Expired values are periodically discarded from the cache based on the flush-delay.

If a `<cache-store-scheme>` is not specified, then the cached data only resides in memory, and only reflect operations performed on the cache itself. See `<local-scheme>` for a complete description of all of the available subelements.

**Example 7–4** demonstrates a local cache configuration.

**Example 7–4   Local Cache Configuration**

```xml
<?xml version='1.0'?>
<cache-config xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"...>
Defining a Near Cache for C++ Clients

This section describes the Near Cache as it pertains to Coherence for C++ clients. For a complete discussion of the concepts behind a Near Cache, its configuration, and ways to keep it synchronized with the back tier, see "Configuring a Near Cache" in the Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence.

In Coherence for C++, the Near Cache is a coherence::net::NamedCache implementation that wraps the front cache and the back cache using a read-through/write-through approach. If the back cache implements the ObservableCache interface, then the Near Cache can use either the listen None, Present, All, or Auto strategy to invalidate any front cache entries that might have been changed in the back cache.

A typical Near Cache is configured to use a local cache (thread safe, highly concurrent, size-limited and possibly auto-expiring) as the front cache and a remote cache as a back cache. A Near Cache is configured by using the near-scheme which has two child elements: a front-scheme for configuring a local (front-tier) cache and a back-scheme for defining a remote (back) cache.

A Near Cache is configured by using the <near-scheme> element in the coherence-cache-config file. This element has two required subelements: front-scheme for configuring a local (front-tier) cache and a back-scheme for defining a remote (back-tier) cache. While a local cache (<local-scheme>) is a typical choice for the front-tier, you can also use non-JVM heap based caches, (<external-scheme> or <paged-external-scheme>) or schemes based on Java objects (<class-scheme>).

The remote or back-tier cache is described by the <back-scheme> element. A back-tier cache can be either a distributed cache (<distributed-scheme>) or a remote cache (<remote-cache-scheme>). The <remote-cache-scheme> element enables you to use a clustered cache from outside the current cluster.
Optional subelements of `<near-scheme>` include `<invalidation-strategy>` for specifying how the front-tier and back-tier objects are kept synchronized and `<listener>` for specifying a listener which is notified of events occurring on the cache.

**Example 7–5** demonstrates a near cache configuration.

**Example 7–5   Near Cache Configuration**

```xml
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<cache-config xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/coherence/coherence-cache-config"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://xmlns.oracle.com/coherence/coherence-cache-config
coherence-cache-config.xsd">
  <caching-scheme-mapping>
    <cache-mapping>
      <cache-name>dist-extend-near</cache-name>
      <scheme-name>extend-near</scheme-name>
    </cache-mapping>
  </caching-scheme-mapping>
  <caching-schemes>
    <near-scheme>
      <scheme-name>extend-near</scheme-name>
      <front-scheme>
        <local-scheme>
          <high-units>1000</high-units>
        </local-scheme>
      </front-scheme>
      <back-scheme>
        <remote-cache-scheme>
          <scheme-ref>extend-dist</scheme-ref>
        </remote-cache-scheme>
      </back-scheme>
      <invalidation-strategy>all</invalidation-strategy>
    </near-scheme>
    <remote-cache-scheme>
      <scheme-name>extend-dist</scheme-name>
      <service-name>ExtendTcpCacheService</service-name>
      <initiator-config>
        <tcp-initiator>
          <remote-addresses>
            <socket-address>
              <address>localhost</address>
              <port>9099</port>
            </socket-address>
          </remote-addresses>
          <connect-timeout>10s</connect-timeout>
        </tcp-initiator>
      </initiator-config>
    </remote-cache-scheme>
  </caching-schemes>
</cache-config>
```
Connection Error Detection and Failover

When a Coherence*Extend client service detects that the connection between the client and cluster has been severed (for example, due to a network, software, or hardware failure), the Coherence*Extend client service implementation (that is, CacheService or InvocationService) raises a MemberEventType.Left event (by using the MemberEventHandler delegate) and the service is stopped. If the client application attempts to subsequently use the service, the service automatically restarts itself and attempt to reconnect to the cluster. If the connection is successful, the service raises a MemberEventType.Joined event; otherwise, a irrecoverable error exception is thrown to the client application.

A Coherence*Extend service has several mechanisms for detecting dropped connections. Some mechanisms are inherit to the underlying protocol (such as TCP/IP in Extend-TCP), whereas others are implemented by the service itself. The latter mechanisms are configured by using the <outgoing-message-handler> element. For details on this element, see Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence. In particular, the <request-timeout> value controls the amount of time to wait for a response before abandoning the request. The <heartbeat-interval> and <heartbeat-timeout> values control the amount of time to wait for a response to a ping request before the connection is closed.

Obtaining a Cache Reference with C++

A reference to a configured Near Cache can be obtained by name by using the coherence::net::CacheFactory class as follows:

```
NamedCache::Handle hCache = CacheFactory::getCache("example-near-cache");
```

Cleaning up Resources Associated with a Cache

Instances of all NamedCache implementations should be explicitly released by calling the NamedCache::release() method when they are no longer needed, to free up any resources they might hold.

If the particular NamedCache is used for the duration of the application, then the resources are cleaned up when the application is shut down or otherwise stops. However, if it is only used for a period, the application should call its release() method when finished using it.

Configuring and Using the Coherence for C++ Client Library

To use the Coherence for C++ library in your C++ applications, you must link Coherence for C++ library with your application and provide a Coherence for C++ cache configuration and its location.

The location of the cache configuration file can be set by an environment variable specified in the sample application section or programmatically.

Setting the Configuration File Location with an Environment Variable

As described in "Setting the run-time Library and Search Path" on page 6-2, the tangosol.coherence.cacheconfig system property specifies the location of the cache configuration file. To set the configuration location on Windows execute:

```
c:\coherence_cpp\examples> set tangosol.coherence.cacheconfig=config\extend-cache-config.xml
```
Setting the Configuration File Location Programmatically

You can set the location programmatically by using either
DefaultConfigurableCacheFactory::create or CacheFactory::configure (using the
CacheFactory::loadXmlFile helper method, if needed).

Example 7-6  Setting the Configuration File Location

```cpp
static Handle coherence::net::DefaultConfigurableCacheFactory::create
(String::View vsFile = String::NULL_STRING)
```

The create method of the DefaultConfigurableCacheFactory class creates a new
Coherence cache factory. The vsFile parameter specifies the name and location of the
Coherence configuration file to load.

Example 7-7  Creating a Coherence Cache Factory

```cpp
static void coherence::net::CacheFactory::configure (XmlElement::View vXmlCache,
XmlElement::View  vXmlCoherence = NULL)
```

The configure method configures the CacheFactory and local member. The vXmlCache
parameter specifies an XML element corresponding to a coherence-cache-config.xsd
and vXmlCoherence specifies an XML element corresponding to
coherence-operational-config.xsd.

Example 7-8  Configuring a CacheFactory and a Local Member

```cpp
static XmlElement::Handle coherence::net::CacheFactory::loadXmlFile (String::View
vsFile)
```

The loadXmlFile method reads an XmlElement from the named file. This method does
not configure the CacheFactory, but obtains a configuration which can be supplied to
the configure method. The parameter vsFile specifies the name of the file to read
from.

The C++ code in Example 7-9 uses the CacheFactory::configure method to set the
location of the cache configuration files for the server/cluster
(coherence-extend-config.xml) and for the C++ client
(tangosol-operation-config.xml).

Example 7-9  Setting the Cache Configuration File Location for the Server/Cluster

```cpp
... // Configure the cache
CacheFactory::configure(CacheFactory::loadXmlFile(String::create("C:\coherence-extend-config.xml")),
CacheFactory::loadXmlFile(String::create("C:\tangosol-operation-config.xml"));
...```

Operational Configuration File (tangosol-coherence-override.xml)

The operational configuration override file (called tangosol-coherence-override.xml
by default), controls the operational and run-time settings used by Oracle Coherence
to create, configure and maintain its clustering, communication, and data management
services. As with the Java client use of this file is optional for the C++ client.

For a C++ client, the file specifies or overrides general operations settings for a
Coherence application that are not specifically related to caching. For a C++ client, the
The operational configuration is configured either programmatically or in the tangosol-coherence-override.xml file. To configure the operational configuration programmatically, specify an XML file that follows the coherence-operational-config.xsd schema and contains an element in the vXmlCoherence parameter of the CacheFactory::configure method (coherence::net::CacheFactory::configure (View vXmlCache, View vXmlCoherence)).

- **license-config**—The license-config element contains subelements that allow you to configure the edition and operational mode for Coherence. The edition-name subelement specifies the product edition (such as Grid Edition, Enterprise Edition, Real Time Client, and so on) that the member uses. This allows multiple product editions to be used within the same cluster, with each member specifying the edition that it uses. Only the RTC (real time client) and DC (data client) values are recognized for the Coherence for C++ client. The license-config is an optional subelement of the coherence element, and defaults to RTC.

- **logging-config**—The logging-config element contains subelements that allow you to configure how messages are logged for your system. This element enables you to specify destination of the log messages, the severity level for logged messages, and the log message format. The logging-config is a required subelement of the coherence element. For more information on logging, see "Configuring a Logger" on page 7-12.

- **member-identity**—The member-identity element specifies detailed identity information that is useful for defining the location and role of the cluster member. You can use this element to specify the name of the cluster, rack, site, computer name, role, and so on, to which the member belongs. The member-identity is an optional subelement of the cluster-config element. Example 7–10 illustrates the contents of a sample tangosol-coherence.xml file.

### Example 7–10  Sample Operational Configuration

```xml
  <cluster-config>
    <member-identity>
      <site-name>extend site</site-name>
      <rack-name>rack 1</rack-name>
      <machine-name>computer 1</machine-name>
    </member-identity>
  </cluster-config>

  <logging-config>
    <destination>stderr</destination>
    <severity-level>5</severity-level>
    <message-format>{thread}:[text]</message-format>
    <character-limit>8192</character-limit>
  </logging-config>

  <license-config>
    <edition-name>RTC</edition-name>
  </license-config>
</coherence>
```
Configuring a Logger

The Logger is configured using the `logging-config` element in the operational configuration file. The element provides the following attributes that can record detailed information about logged errors.

- **destination**—determines the type of LogOutput used by the Logger. Valid values are:
  - `stderr` for Console.Error
  - `stdout` for Console.Out
  - file path if messages should be directed to a file
- **severity-level**—determines the log level that a message must meet or exceed to be logged.
- **message-format**—determines the log message format.
- **character-limit**—determines the maximum number of characters that the logger daemon processes from the message queue before discarding all remaining messages in the queue. Example 7–11 illustrates an operational configuration that contains a logging configuration. For more information on operational configuration, see "Operational Configuration File (tangosol-coherence-override.xml)" on page 7-10.

**Example 7–11  Operational Configuration File that Includes a Logger**

```xml
<?xml version='1.0'?>
<coherence xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/coherence/coherence-operational-config"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://xmlns.oracle.com/coherence/ coherence-operational-config coh"rence-operational-config.xsd">
  <logging-config>
    <destination>stderr</destination>
    <severity-level>5</severity-level>
    <message-format>{threads={thread}}: {text}</message-format>
    <character-limit>8192</character-limit>
  </logging-config>
</coherence>
```

Launching a Coherence DefaultCacheServer Proxy

To start a DefaultCacheServer that uses the cluster-side Coherence cache configuration described earlier to allow Coherence for C++ clients to connect to the Coherence cluster by using TCP/IP, you must do the following:

1. Change the current directory to the Oracle Coherence library directory (`%COHERENCE_HOME%/lib` on Windows and `$COHERENCE_HOME/lib` on UNIX).
2. Make sure that the paths are configured so that the Java command runs.
3. Start the DefaultCacheServer using the command line below:

**Example 7-12 Sample Command to Start the DefaultCacheServer**

```
java -cp coherence.jar -Dtangosol.coherence.cacheconfig=file:///<path to the server-side cache configuration descriptor>
   com.tangosol.net.DefaultCacheServer
```
Using the Coherence C++ Object Model

This chapter describes the Coherence for C++ object model. The object model is the foundation on which Coherence for C++ is built.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- Using the Object Model
- Writing New Managed Classes
- Diagnostics and Troubleshooting
- Application Launcher - Sanka

Using the Object Model

The following sections contain general information for writing code which uses the object model.

Coherence Namespaces

This coherence namespace contains the following general purpose namespaces:

- coherence::lang—the essential classes that comprise the object model
- coherence::util—utility code, including collections
- coherence::net—network and cache
- coherence::stl—C++ Standard Template Library integration
- coherence::io—serialization

Although each class is defined within its own header file, you can use namespace-wide header files to facilitate the inclusion of related classes. As a best practice include, at a minimum, coherence/lang.ns in code that uses this object model.

Understanding the Base Object

The coherence::lang::Object class is the root of the class hierarchy. This class provides the common interface for abstractly working with Coherence class instances. Object is an instantiable class that provides default implementations for the following functions.

- equals
- hashCode
- clone (optional)
- toStream (that is, writing an Object to an std::ostream)

See coherence::lang::Object in the C++ API for more information.

Automatically Managed Memory

In addition to its public interface, the Object class provides several features used internally. Of these features, the reference counter is perhaps the most important. It provides automatic memory management for the object. This automatic management eliminates many of the problems associated with object reference validity and object deletion responsibility. This management reduces the potential of programming errors which may lead to memory leaks or corruption. This results in a stable platform for building complex systems.

The reference count, and other object "life-cycle" information, operates in an efficient and thread-safe manner by using lock-free atomic compare-and-set operations. This allows objects to be safely shared between threads without the risk of corrupting the count or of the object being unexpectedly deleted due to the action of another thread.

Referencing Managed Objects

To track the number of references to a specific object, there must be a level of cooperation between pointer assignments and a memory manager (in this case the object). Essentially the memory manager must be informed each time a pointer is set to reference a managed object. Using regular C++ pointers, the task of informing the memory manager would be left up to the programmer as part of each pointer assignment. In addition to being quite burdensome, the effects of forgetting to inform the memory manager would lead to memory leaks or corruption. For this reason the task of informing the memory manager is removed from the application developer, and placed on the object model, though the use of smart pointers. Smart pointers offer a syntax similar to normal C++ pointers, but they do the bookkeeping automatically.

The Coherence C++ object model contains a variety of smart pointer types, the most prominent being:

- View—A smart pointer that can call only const methods on the referenced object
- Handle—A smart pointer that can call both const and non-const methods on the referenced object.
- Holder—A special type of handle that enables you to reference an object as either const or non-const. The holder remembers how the object was initially assigned, and returns only a compatible form.

Other specialized smart pointers are described later in this section, but the View, Handle, and Holder smart pointers are used most commonly.

Note: In this documentation, the term handle (with a lowercase "h") refers to the various object model smart pointers. The term Handle (with an uppercase "H") refers to the specific Handle smart pointer.

Using handles

By convention each managed class has these nested-types corresponding to these handles. For instance the managed coherence::lang::String class defines String::Handle, String::View, String::Holder.
Assignment of handles  Assignment of handles follows normal inheritance assignment rules. That is, a Handle may be assigned to a View, but a View may not be assigned to a Handle, just like a const pointer cannot be assigned to a non-const pointer.

Dereferencing handles  When dereferencing a handle that references NULL, the system throws a coherence::lang::NullPointerException instead of triggering a traditional segmentation fault.

For example, this code would throw a NullPointerException if hs == NULL:

```cpp
String::Handle hs = getStringFromElsewhere();
cout << "length is " << hs->length() << endl;
```

Managed Object Instantiation  All managed objects are heap allocated. The reference count—not the stack—determines when an object can be deleted. To prevent against accidental stack-based allocations, all constructors are marked protected, and public factory methods are used to instantiate objects.

The factory method is named create and there is one create method for each constructor. The create method returns a Handle rather than a raw pointer. For example, the following code creates a new instance of a string:

```cpp
String::Handle hs = String::create("hello world");
```

By comparison, these examples are incorrect and do not compile:

```cpp
String str("hello world");
String* ps = new String("hello world");
```

Managed Strings  All objects within the model, including strings, are managed and extend from Object. Instead of using char* or std::string, the object model uses its own managed coherence::lang::String class. The String class supports ASCII and the full Unicode BML character set.

String Instantiation  String objects can easily be constructed from char* or std::string strings, as shown in these examples:

```
Example 8–1  Examples of Constructing String Objects

```cpp
const char*   pcstr = "hello world";
std::string   stdstr(pcstr);
String::Handle hs   = String::create(pcstr);
String::Handle hs2  = String::create(stdstr);
```

The managed string is a copy of the supplied string and contains no references or pointers to the original. You can convert back, from a managed String to any other string type, by using getCString() method. This returns a pointer to the original const char*. Strings can also be created using the standard C++ << operator, when coupled with the COH_TO_STRING macro.

```
Example 8–2  Constructing String Objects with the "<<" Operator

```cpp
String::Handle hs = COH_TO_STRING("hello " << getName() << " it is currently " << getTime());
```
Auto-Boxed Strings
To facilitate the use of quoted string literals, the `String::Handle` and `String::View` support auto-boxing from `const char*`, and `const std::string`. Auto-boxing allows the code shown in the prior samples to be rewritten:

**Example 8–3  Autoboxing Examples**

```cpp
String::Handle hs = "hello world";
String::Handle hs2 = stdstr;
```

Auto-boxing is also available for other types. See `coherence::lang::BoxHandle` for details.

Type Safe Casting
Handles are *type safe*, in the following example, the compiler does not allow you to assign an `Object::Handle` to a `String::Handle`, because not all Objects are Strings.

```cpp
Object::Handle ho = getObjectFromSomewhere();
String::Handel hs = ho; // does not compile
```

However, Table 8–4 does compile, as all Strings are Objects.

**Example 8–4  Type Safe Casting Examples**

```cpp
String::Handle hs = String::create("hello world");
Object::Handle ho = hs; // does compile
```

Down Casting
For situations in which you want to down-cast to a derived Object type, you must perform a *dynamic cast* using the C++ RTTI (run-time type information) check and ensure that the cast is valid. The Object model provides helper functions to ease the syntax.

- `cast<H>(o)`—attempt to transform the supplied handle `o` to type `H`, throwing an `coherence::lang::ClassCastException` on failure
- `instanceof<H>(o)`—test if a cast of `o` to `H` is allowable, returning `true` for success, or `false` for failure

These functions are similar to the standard C++ `dynamic_cast<T>`, but do not require access to the raw pointer.

The following example shows how to down cast a `Object::Handle` to a `String::Handle`:

**Example 8–5  Down Casting Examples**

```cpp
Object::Handle ho = getObjectFromSomewhere();
String::Handle hs = cast<String::Handle>(ho);
```

The `cast<H>` function throws a `coherence::lang::ClassCastException` if the supplied object was not of the expected type. The `instanceof<H>` function tests if an Object is of a particular type without risking an exception being thrown. Such checks or generally only needed for places where the actual type is in doubt.

**Example 8–6  Object Type Checking with the instanceof<H> Function**

```cpp
Object::Handle ho = getobjectFromSomewhere();
```
if (instanceof<String::Handle>(ho))
{
    String::Handle hs = cast<String::Handle>(ho);
}
else if (instanceof<Integer32::Handle>(ho))
{
    Integer32::Handle hn = cast<Integer32::Handle>(ho);
}
else
{
    ...
}

### Managed Arrays

Managed arrays are provided by using the `coherence::lang::Array<T>` template class. In addition to being managed and adding safe and automatic memory management, this class includes the overall length of the array, and bounds checked indexing.

You can index an array by using its Handle’s subscript operator, as shown in this example:

**Example 8–7  Indexing an Array**

```c++
Array<int32_t>::Handle harr = Array<int32_t>::create(10);
int32_t nTotal = 0;
for (size32_t i = 0, c = harr->length; i < c; ++i)
{
    nTotal += harr[i];
}
```

The object model supports arrays of C++ primitives and managed Objects. Arrays of derived Object types are not supported, only arrays of `Object`, casting must be employed to retrieve the derived handle type. Arrays of Objects are technically `Array<MemberHolder<Object>>`, and defined to `ObjectArray` for easier readability.

### Collection Classes

The `coherence::util*` namespace includes several collection classes and interfaces that may be useful in your application. These include:

- `coherence::util::Collection` — interface
- `coherence::util::List` — interface
- `coherence::util::Set` — interface
- `coherence::util::Queue` — interface
- `coherence::util::Map` — interface
- `coherence::util::Arrays` — implementation
- `coherence::util::LinkedList` — implementation
- `coherence::util::HashSet` — implementation
- `coherence::util::DualQueue` — implementation
coherence::util::SafeHashMap—implementation
coherence::util::WeakHashMap—implementation
coherence::util::IdentityHashMap—implementation

These classes also appear as part of the Coherence Extend API.

Similar to ObjectArray, Collections contain Object::Holdes, allowing them to store any managed object instance type.

**Example 8–8  Storing Managed Object Instances**

```cpp
Map::Handle hMap = HashSet::create();
String::View vKey = "hello world";

hMap->put(vKey, Integer32::create(123));

Integer32::Handle hValue = cast<Integer32::Handle>(hMap->get(vKey));
```

**Managed Exceptions**

In the object model, exceptions are also managed objects. Managed Exceptions allow caught exceptions to be held as a local variable or data member without the risk of object slicing.

All Coherence exceptions are defined by using a throwable_spec and derive from the coherence::lang::Exception class, which derives from Object. Managed exceptions are not explicitly thrown by using the standard C++ throw statement, but rather by using a COH_THROW macro. This macro sets stack information and then calls the exception’s raise method, which ultimately calls throw. The resulting thrown object may be caught an the corresponding exceptions View type, or an inherited View type. Additionally these managed exceptions may be caught as standard const std::exception classes. The following example shows a try/catch block with managed exceptions:

**Example 8–9  A Try/Catch Block with Managed Exceptions**

```cpp
try {
    Object::Handle h = NULL;
    h->hashCode(); // trigger an exception
}
catch (NullPointerException::View e) {
    cerr << 'caught' << e << endl;
    COH_THROW(e); // rethrow
}
```

**Note:** This exception could also have been caught as Exception::View or const std::exception.

**Object Immutability**

In C++ the information of how an object was declared (such as const) is not available from a pointer or reference to an object. For instance a pointer of type const Foo*, only indicates that the user of that pointer cannot change the objects state. It does not indicate if the referenced object was actually declared const, and is guaranteed not to
change. The object model adds a run-time immutability feature to allow the identification of objects which can no longer change state.

The `Object` class maintains two reference counters: one for Handles and one for Views. If an object is referenced only from Views, then it is by definition immutable, as Views cannot change the state, and Handles cannot be obtained from Views. The `isImmutable()` method (included in the `Object` class) can test for this condition. The method is virtual, allowing subclasses to alter the definition of immutable. For example, String contains no non-const methods, and therefore has an `isImmutable()` method that always returns true.

Note that when immutable, an object cannot revert to being mutable. You cannot cast away `const`-ness to turn a View into a Handle as this would violate the proved immutability.

Immutability is important with caching. The Coherence `NearCache` and `ContinuousQueryCache` can take advantage of the immutability to determine if a direct reference of an object can be stored in the cache or if a copy must be created. Additionally, knowing that an object cannot change allows safe multi-threaded interaction without synchronization.

**Integrating Existing Classes into the Object Model**

Frequently, existing classes must be integrated into the object model. A typical example would be to store a data-object into a Coherence cache, which only supports storage of managed objects. As it would not be reasonable to require that pre-existing classes be modified to extend from `coherence::lang::Object`, the object model provides an adapter which automatically converts a non-managed plain old C++ class instance into a managed class instance at run time.

This is accomplished by using the `coherence::lang::Managed<T>` template class. This template class extends from `Object` and from the supplied template parameter type `T`, effectively producing a new class which is both an `Object` and a `T`. The new class can be initialized from a `T`, and converted back to a `T`. The result is an easy to use, yet very powerful bridge between managed and non-managed code.

See the API doc for `coherence::lang::Managed` for details and examples.

**Writing New Managed Classes**

The following section provides information necessary to write new managed classes, that is, classes which extend from `Object`. The creation of new managed classes is required when you are creating new `EventListener`, `EntryProcessor`, or `Filter` types. They are not required when you are working with existing C++ data objects or making use of the Coherence C++ API. See the previous section for details on integration non-managed classes into the object model.

**Specification-Based Managed Class Definition**

Specification-based definitions (specs) enable you to quickly define managed classes in C++.

Specification-based definitions are helpful when you are writing your own implementation of managed objects.

There are various forms of specs used to create different class types:

- `class_spec`—standard instantiatabile class definitions
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- cloneable_spec—cloneable class definitions
- abstract_spec—non-instantiatable class definitions, with zero or more pure virtual methods
- interface_spec—for defining interfaces (pure virtual, multiply inheritable classes)
- throwable_spec—managed classes capable of being thrown as exceptions

Specs automatically define these features on the class being spec’d:

- Handles, Views, Holders
- static create() methods which delegate to protected constructors
- virtual clone() method delegating to the copy constructor
- virtual sizeOf() method based on :sizeof()
- super typedef for referencing the class from which the defined class derives
- inheritance from coherence::lang::Object, when no parent class is specified by using extends<>

To define a class using specs, the class publicly inherits from the specs above. Each of these specs are parametrized templates. The parameters are as follows:

- The name of the class being defined.
- The class to publicly inherit from, specified by using an extends<> statement, defaults to extends<Object>
  - This element is not supplied in interface_spec
  - Except for extends<Object>, the parent class is not derived from virtually
  - A list of interfaces implemented by the class, specified by using an implements<> statement
  - All interfaces are derived from using public virtual inheritance

Note that the extends<> parameter is note used in defining interfaces.

Example 8–10 illustrates using interface_spec to define a Comparable interface:

**Example 8–10  An Interface Defined by interface_spec**

class Comparable
  : public interface_spec<Comparable>
  {
  public:
    virtual int32_t compareTo(Object::View v) const = 0;
  };

Example 8–11 illustrates using interface_spec to define a derived interface Number:

**Example 8–11  A Derived Interface Defined by interface_spec**

class Number
  : public interface_spec<Number,
    implements<Comparable> >
  {
  public:
    virtual int32_t getValue() const = 0;
  };

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Next a cloneable_spec is used to produce an implementation. This is illustrated in Example 8–12.

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**Note:** To support the auto-generated create methods, instantiable classes must declare the coherence::lang::factory<> template as a friend. By convention this is the first statement within the class body.

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**Example 8–12  An Implementation Defined by cloneable_spec**

```cpp
class Integer
  : public cloneable_spec<Integer,
    extends<Object>,
    implements<Number> >
{
  friend class factory<Integer>;

protected:
  Integer(int32_t n)
    : super(), m_n(n)
  
  Integer(const Integer& that)
    : super(that), m_n(that.m_n)
  
public:
  virtual int32_t getValue() const
  {
    return m_n;
  }

  virtual int32_t compareTo(Object::View v) const
  {
    return getValue() - cast<Integer::View>(v)->getValue();
  }

  virtual void toStream(std::ostream& out) const
  {
    out << getValue();
  }

private:
  int32_t m_n;
};
```

The class definition in Example 8–12 is the equivalent the non-spec based definitions in Example 8–13.

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**Example 8–13  Defining a Class Without the use of specs**

```cpp
class Integer
  : public virtual Object, public virtual Number
{
public:
  typedef TypedHandle<const Integer> View; // was auto-generated
  typedef TypedHandle<Integer> Handle; // was auto-generated
  typedef TypedHolder<Integer> Holder; // was auto-generated
```
typedef super Object; // was auto-generated

// was auto-generated
static Integer::Handle create(const int32_t& n)  
{  
    return new Integer(n);
}

protected:
    Integer(int32_t n)  
    : super(), m_n(n)  
    {
    
    }

    Integer(const Integer& that)  
    : super(that), m_n(that.n)  
    {
    
    }

public:
    virtual int32_t getValue() const  
    {  
        return m_n;
    }

    virtual int32_t compareTo(Object::View v) const  
    {  
        return getValue() - cast<Integer::View>(v)->getValue();
    }

    virtual void toStream(std::ostream& out) const  
    {  
        out << getValue();
    }

    // was auto-generated
    virtual Object::Handle clone() const  
    {  
        return new Integer(*this);
    }

    // was auto-generated
    virtual size32_t sizeOf() const  
    {  
        return ::sizeof(Integer);
    }

private:
    int32_t m_n;
};

Example 8–14 illustrates using the spec’d class:

Example 8–14  Using specs to Define a Class

Integer::Handle hNum1 = Integer::create(123);
Integer::Handle hNum2 = Integer::create(456);

if (hNum1->compareTo(hNum2) > 0)
{  

std::cout << hNum1 << " is greater then " << hNum2 << std::endl;
}

Equality, Hashing, Cloning, Immutability, and Serialization

Equality, Hashing, Cloning, Immutability, and Serialization all identify the state of an object and generally have similar implementation concerns. Simply put, all data members referenced in one of these methods, are likely referenced in all of the methods. Conversely any data members which are not referenced by one, should likely not be referenced by any of these methods.

Consider the simple case of a HashSet::Entry, which contains the well known key and value data members. These are to be considered in the equals method and would likely be tested for equality by using a call to their own equals method rather than through reference equality. If Entry also contains, as part of the implementation of the HashSet, a handle to the next Entry within the HashSet’s bucket and perhaps also contains a handle back to the HashSet itself, should these be considered in equals as well? Likely not, it would seem reasonable that comparing two entries consisting of equal keys and values from two maps should be considered equal. Following this line of thought the hashCode method on Entry would completely ignore data members except for key and value, and hashCode would be computed using the results of its key and value hashCode, rather then using their identity hashCode. that is, a deep equality check in equals implies a deep hash in hashCode.

For clone, only the key and value (not all the data members) require cloning. To clone the parent Map as part of clone, the Entry would make no sense and a similar argument can be made for cloning the handle to the next Entry. This line of thinking can be extended to the isImmutable method, and to serialization as well. While it is certainly not a hard and fast rule, it is worth considering this approach when implementing any of these methods.

Threading

The object model includes managed threads, which allows for easy creation of platform independent, multi-threaded, applications. The threading abstraction includes support for creating, interrupting, and joining threads. Thread local storage is available from the coherence::lang::ThreadLocal reference class. Thread dumps are also available for diagnostic and troubleshooting purposes. The managed threads are ultimately wrappers around the system’s native thread type, such as POSIX or Windows Threads. This threading abstraction is used internally by Coherence, but is available for the application, if necessary.

Example 8–15 illustrates how to create a Runnable instance and spawn a thread:

Example 8–15  Creating a Runnable Instance and Spawning a Thread

class HelloRunner
  : public class_spec<HelloRunner,
    extends<Object>,
    implements<Runnable> >
{
  friend class factory<HelloRunner>;

protected:
  HelloRunner(int cReps)
    : super(), m_cReps(cReps)
  {
  }
public:
  virtual void run()
  {
    for (int i = 0; i < m_Reps; ++i)
    {
      Thread::sleep(1000);
      std::cout << 'hello world' << std::endl;
    }
  }

protected:
  int m_cReps;
};

... 
Thread::Handle hThread = Thread::create(HelloRunner::create(10));
hThread->start();
hThread->join();

Refer to coherence::lang::Thread and coherence::lang::Runnable for more information.

Weak References

The primary functional limitation of a reference counting scheme is automatic cleanup of cyclical object graphs. Consider the simple bi-directional relationship illustrated in Figure 8–1.

Figure 8–1  A Bi-Directional Relationship

A -- B

In this picture, both A and B have a reference count of one, which keeps them active. What they do not realize is that they are the only things keeping each other active, and that no external references to them exist. Reference counting alone is unable to handle these self sustaining graphs and memory would be leaked.

The provided mechanism for dealing with graphs is weak references. A weak reference is one which references an object, but not prevent it from being deleted. As illustrated in Figure 8–2, the A->B->A issue could be resolved by changing it to the following.

Figure 8–2  Establishing a Weak Reference

A ~ B

Where A now has a weak reference to B. If B were to reach a point where it was only referenced weakly, it would clear all weak references to itself and then be deleted. In this simple example that would also trigger the deletion of A, as B had held the only reference to A.
Weak references allow for construction of more complicated structures than this. But it becomes necessary to adopt a convention for which references are weak and which are strong. Consider a tree illustrated in Figure 8–3. The tree consists of nodes A, B, C; and two external references to the tree X, and Y.

**Figure 8–3  Weak and Strong References to a Tree**

![Tree diagram](image)

In this tree parent (A) use strong references to children (B, C), and children use weak references to their parent. With the picture as it is, reference Y could navigate the entire tree, starting at child B, and moving up to A, and then down to C. But what if reference X were to be reset to NULL? This would leave A only being weakly referenced and it would clear all weak references to itself, and be deleted. In deleting itself there would no longer be any references to C, which would also be deleted. At this point reference Y, without having taken any action would now refer to the situation illustrated in Figure 8–4.

**Figure 8–4  Artifacts after Deleting the Weak References**

![Artifact diagram](image)

This is not necessarily a problem, just a possibility which must be considered when using weak references. To work around this issue, the holder of Y would also likely maintain a reference to A to ensure the tree did not dissolve away unexpectedly.

See the Javadoc for `coherence::lang::WeakReference`, `WeakHandle`, and `WeakView` for usage details.

**Virtual Constructors**

As is typical in C++, referencing an object under construction can be dangerous. Specifically references to this are to be avoided within a constructor, as the object initialization has not yet completed. For managed objects, creating a handle to this from the constructor usually causes the object to be destructed before it ever finishes being created. Instead, the object model includes support for virtual constructors. The virtual constructor `onInit` is defined by `Object` and can be overridden on derived classes. This method is called automatically by the object model just after construction completes, and just before the new object is returned from its static create method. Within the `onInit` method, it is safe to reference this to call virtual functions and to hand out references to the new object to other class instances. Any derived implementation of `onInit` must include a call to `super::onInit()` to allow the parent class to also initialize itself.
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**Advanced Handle Types**

In addition to the Handle and View smart pointers (discussed previously), the object model contains several other specialized variants that can be used. For the most part use of these specialized smart pointers is limited to writing new managed classes, and they do not appear in normal application code.

**Table 8–1  Advanced Handle Types Supported by Coherence for C++**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Thread-safe?</th>
<th>View</th>
<th>Notes</th>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>coherence:lang:TypedHandle&lt;T&gt;</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Conditional on T</td>
<td>The implementation of Handle and View</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>coherence:lang:BoxHandle&lt;T&gt;</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Conditional on T</td>
<td>Allows automatic creating of managed objects from primitive types.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>coherence:lang:TypedHolder&lt;T&gt;</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>May</td>
<td>May act as a Handle or a View. Basic types stored in collections</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>coherence:lang:Immutable&lt;T&gt;</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Ensures const-ness of referring object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>coherence:lang:WeakHandle&lt;T&gt;</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Does not prevent destruction of referring object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>coherence:lang:WeakView&lt;T&gt;</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Does not prevent destruction of referring object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>coherence:lang:WeakHolder&lt;T&gt;</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Does not prevent destruction of referring object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>coherence:lang:MemberHandle&lt;T&gt;</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Transfers const-ness of enclosing object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>coherence:lang:MemberView&lt;T&gt;</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Thread-safe View.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>coherence:lang:MemberHolder&lt;T&gt;</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>May</td>
<td>May act a thread-safe Handle or View.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>coherence:lang:FinalHandle&lt;T&gt;</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Thread-safe const transferring read-only Handle.</td>
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<tr>
<td>coherence:lang:FinalView&lt;T&gt;</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Thread-safe read-only View.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>coherence:lang:FinalHolder&lt;T&gt;</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>May</td>
<td>May act a thread-safe read-only Handle or View.</td>
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</table>

**Thread Safety**

Although the base Object class is thread-safe, this cannot provide automatic thread safety for the state of derived classes. As is typical it is up to each individual derived class implementation to provide for higher level thread-safety. The object model provides some facilities to aid in writing thread-safe code.

**Synchronization and Notification**

Every Object in the object model can be a point of synchronization and notification. To synchronize an object and acquire its internal monitor, use a COH_SYNCHRONIZED macro code block, as shown in Example 8–16:

**Example 8–16  A Sample COH_SYNCHRONIZED Macro Code Block**

```cpp
SomeClass::Handle h = getObjectFromSomewhere();

COH_SYNCHRONIZED (h)
{
    // monitor of Object referenced by h has been acquired

    if (h->checkSomeState())
```

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The COH_SYNCHRONIZED block performs the monitor acquisition and release. You can safely exit the block with return, throw, COH_THROW, break, continue, and goto statements.

The Object class includes wait(), wait(timed), notify(), and notifyAll() methods for notification purposes. To call these methods, the caller must have acquired the Objects’s monitor. Refer to coherence::lang::Object for details.

Read-write locks are also provided, see coherence::util::ThreadGate for details.

Thread Safe Handles

The Handle, View, and Holder nested types defined on managed classes are intentionally not thread-safe. That is it is not safe to have multiple threads share a single handle. There is an important distinction here: thread-safety of the handle is being discussed not the object referenced by the handle. It is safe to have multiple distinct handles that reference the same object from different threads without additional synchronization.

This lack of thread-safety for these handle types offers a significant performance optimization as the vast majority of handles are stack allocated. So long as references to these stack allocated handles are not shared across threads, there is no thread-safety issue to be concerned with.

Thread-safe handles are needed any time a single handle may be referenced by multiple threads. Typical cases include:

- Global handles - using the standard handle types as global or static variable is not safe.
- Non-managed multi-threaded application code - Use of standard handles within data structures which may be shared across threads is unsafe.
- Managed classes with handles as data members - It should be assumed that any instance of a managed class may be shared by multiple threads, and thus using standard handles as data members is unsafe. Note that while it may not be strictly true that all managed classes may be shared across threads, if an instance is passed to code outside of your explicit control (for instance put into a cache), there is no guarantee that the object is not visible to other threads.

The use of standard handles should be replaced with thread-safe handles in such cases. The object model includes the following set of thread-safe handles.

- coherence::lang::MemberHandle<T>—thread-safe version of T::Handle
- coherence::lang::MemberView<T>—thread-safe version of T::View
- coherence::lang::MemberHolder<T>—thread-safe version of T::Holder
- coherence::lang::FinalHandle<T>—thread-safe final version of T::Handle
- coherence::lang::FinalView<T>—thread-safe final version of T::View
- coherence::lang::FinalHolder<T>—thread-safe final version of T::Holder
- coherence::lang::WeakHandle<T>—thread-safe weak handle to T
- coherence::lang::WeakView<T>—thread-safe weak view to T
- coherence::lang::WeakHolder<T>—thread-safe weak T::Holder
These handle types may be read and written from multiple thread without the need for additional synchronization. They are primarily intended for use as the data-members of other managed classes, each instance is provided with a reference to a guardian managed Object. The guardian’s internal thread-safe atomic state is used to provide thread-safety to the handle. When using these handle types it is recommended that they be read into a normal stack based handle if they are continually accessed within a code block. This assignment to a standard stack based handle is thread-safe, and, after completed, allows for essentially free dereferencing of the stack based handle. Note that when initializing thread-safe handles a reference to a guardian Object must be supplied as the first parameter, this reference can be obtained by calling self() on the enclosing object.

Example 8–17 illustrates a trivial example:

**Example 8–17  Thread-safe Handle**

```cpp
class Employee
    : public class_spec<Employee>
{
    friend class factory<Employee>;

protected:
    Employee(String::View vsName, int32_t nId)
    : super(), m_vsName(self(), vsName), m_nId(nId)
    {
    }

public:
    String::View getName() const
    
    {
        return m_vsName; // read is automatically thread-safe
    }

    void setName(String::View vsName)
    
    {
        m_vsName = vsName; // write is automatically thread-safe
    }

    int32_t getId() const
    
    {
        return m_nId;
    }

private:
    MemberView<String>    m_vsName;
    const int32_t         m_nId;
};
```

The same basic technique can be applied to non-managed classes as well. Since non-managed classes do not extend coherence::lang::Object, they cannot be used as the guardian of thread-safe handles. It is possible to use another Object as the guardian. However, it is crucial to ensure that the guardian Object outlives the guarded thread-safe handle. When using another object as the guardian, obtain a random immortal guardian from coherence::lang::System through a call to System::common() as illustrated in Example 8–18:

**Example 8–18  Thread-safe Handle as a Non-Managed Class**

```cpp
class Employee
```


```cpp
{  
  public:  
    Employee(String::View vsName, int32_t nId)  
      : m_vsName(System::common(), vsName), m_nId(nId)  
    )  
  
  public:  
    String::View getName() const  
      {  
        return m_vsName;  
      }  
    
    void setName(String::View vsName)  
      {  
        m_vsName = vsName;  
      }  
    
    int32_t getId() const  
      {  
        return m_nId;  
      }  
  
  private:  
    MemberView<String> m_vsName;  
    const int32_t m_nId;  
}
```

When writing managed classes it is preferable to obtain a guardian through a call to `self()` then to `System::common()`.

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**Note:** In the rare case that one of these handles is declared through the `mutable` keyword, it must be informed of this fact by setting `fMutable` to `true` during construction.

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Thread-safe handles can also be used in non-class shared data as well. For example, global handles:

```cpp
MemberView<NamedCache> MY_CACHE(System::common());

int main(int argc, char** argv)  
  {  
    MY_CACHE = CacheFactory::getCache(argv[0]);  
  }
```

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**Escape Analysis**

The object model includes escape analysis based optimizations. The escape analysis is used to automatically identify when a managed object is only visible to a single thread and in such cases optimize out unnecessary synchronizations. The following types of operations are optimized for non-escaped objects.

- reference count updates
- `COH_SYNCHRONIZED` acquisition and release
- reading/writing of thread-safe handles
- reading of thread-safe handles from immutables
Escape analysis is automatic and is completely safe so long as you follow the rules of using the object model. Most specifically is that it is not safe to pass a managed object between threads without using a provided thread-safe handle. Passing it by an external mechanism does not allow escape analysis to identify the "escape" which could cause memory corruption or other run-time errors.

**Shared handles** Each managed class type includes nested definitions for a Handles, View, and Holder. These handles are used extensively throughout the Coherence API, and is application code. They are intended for use as stack based references to managed objects. They are not intended to be made visible to multiple threads. That is a single handle should not be shared between two or more threads, though it is safe to have a managed Object referenced from multiple threads, so long as it is by distinct Handles, or a thread-safe MemberHandle/View/Holder.

It is important to remember that global handles to managed Objects should be considered to be "shared", and therefore must be thread-safe, as demonstrated previously. The failure to use thread-safe handles for globals causes escaped objects to not be properly identified leading to memory corruption.

In 3.4 these non thread-safe handles could be shared across threads so long as external synchronization was employed, or if the handles were read-only. In 3.5 and later this is no longer true, even when used in a read-only mode or enclosed within external synchronization these handles are not thread-safe. This is due to a fundamental change in implementation which drastically reduces the cost of assigning one handle to another, which is an operation which occurs constantly. Any code which was using handles in this fashion should be updated to make use of thread-safe handles. See "Thread Safe Handles" on page 8-15 for more information.

**Const Correctness** Coherence escape analysis, among other things, leverages the computed mutability of an object to determine if state changes on data members are still possible. Namely, when an object is only referenced from views, it is assumed that its data members do not undergo further updates. The C++ language provides some mechanisms to bypass this const-only access and allow mutation from const methods. For instance, the use of the mutable keyword in a data member declaration, or the casting away of constness. The arguably cleaner and supported approach for the object model is the mutable keyword. For the Coherence object model, when a thread-safe data member handle is declared as mutable this information must be communicated to the data member. All thread-safe data members support an optional third parameter fMutable which should be set to true if the data member has been declared with the mutable keyword. This informs the escape analysis routine to not consider the data member as "const" when the enclosing object is only referenced using Views. Casting away of the constness of managed object is not supported, and can lead to run time errors if the object model believes that the object can no longer undergo state changes.

**Thread-Local Allocator**

Coherence for C++ includes a thread-local allocator to improve performance of dynamic allocations which are heavily used within the API. By default, each thread grows a pool to contain up to 64KB of reusable memory blocks to satisfy the majority of dynamic object allocations. The pool is configurable using the following system properties:

- `tangosol.coherence.slot.size` controls the maximum size of an object which is considered for allocation from the pool, the default is 128 bytes. Larger objects call through to the system's `malloc` routine to obtain the required memory.
tangosol.coherence.slot.count controls the number of slots available to each thread for handling allocations, the default is 512 slots. If there are no available slots, allocations fall back on malloc.

- tangosol.coherence.slot.refill controls the rate at which slots misses trigger refilling the pool. The default of 10000 causes 1/10000 pool misses to force an allocation which is eligible for refilling the pool.

The pool allocator can be disabled by setting the size or count to 0.

**Diagnostics and Troubleshooting**

This section provides information which can aid in diagnosing issues in applications which make use of the object mode.

**Thread Dumps**

Thread dumps are available for diagnostic and troubleshooting purposes. These thread dumps also include the stack trace. You can generate a thread dump by performing a CTRL+BREAK (Windows) or a CTRL+BACKSLASH (UNIX). Example 8–19 illustrates a sample thread dump:

**Example 8–19 Sample Thread Dump**

Thread dump Oracle Coherence for C++ v3.4b397 (Pre-release) (Apple Mac OS X x86 debug) pid=0xf853; spanning 190ms

```
"main" tid=0x101790 runnable: <native>
at coherence::lang::Object::wait(long long) const
atat coherence::lang::Thread::dumpStacks(ostream&, long long)
at main
atat start

"coherence::util::logging::Logger" tid=0x127eb0 runnable: Daemon{State=DAEMON_RUNNING, Notification=false,
StartTimeStamp=1216390067197, WaitTime=0,
ThreadName=coherence::util::logging::Logger}
at coherence::lang::Object::wait(long long) const
atat coherence::component::util::Daemon::onWait()
at coherence::component::util::Daemon::run()
at coherence::lang::Thread::run()
```

**Memory Leak Detection**

While the managed object model reference counting helps prevent memory leaks they are still possible. The most common way in which they are triggered is through cyclical object graphs. The object model includes heap analysis support to help identify if leaks are occurring, by tracking the number of live objects in the system. Comparing this value over time provides a simple means of detecting if the object count is consistently increasing, and thereby likely leaking. After a probable leak has been detected, the heap analyzer can help track it down as well, by provided statistics on what types of objects appeared to have leaked.

Coherence provides a pluggable coherence::lang::HeapAnalyzer interface. The HeapAnalyzer implementation can be specified by using the tangosol.coherence.heap.analyzer system property. The property can be set to the following values:

- none—No heap analysis is performed. This is the default.
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- **object**—The `coherence::lang::ObjectCountHeapAnalyzer` is used. It provides simple heap analysis based solely on the count of the number of live objects in the system.

- **class**—The `coherence::lang::ClassBasedHeapAnalyzer` is used. It provides heap analysis at the class level, that is it tracks the number of live instances of each class, and the associated byte level usage.

- **alloc**—Specialization of `coherence::lang::ClassBasedHeapAnalyzer` which additionally tracks the allocation counts at the class level.

- **custom**—Lets you define your own analysis routines. You specify the name of a class registered with the `SystemClassLoader`.

Heap information is returned when you perform a `CTRL+BREAK` (Windows) or `CTRL+BACKSLASH` (UNIX).

**Example 8–20** illustrates heap analysis information returned by the class-based analyzer. It returns the heap analysis delta resulting from the insertion of a new entry into a `Map`.

**Example 8–20  Data Returned by a Heap Analyzer**

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<th>Class</th>
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<td><code>coherence::lang::Integer32</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>70 B</td>
<td>1</td>
<td><code>coherence::lang::String</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>132 B</td>
<td>1</td>
<td><code>coherence::util::SafeHashMap::Entry</code></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Total: 246 B, 3 objects, 3 classes

**Memory Corruption Detection**

For all that the object model does to prevent memory corruption, it is typically used along side non-managed code which could cause corruption. Therefore, the object model includes memory corruption detection support. When enabled, the object model's memory allocator pads the beginning and end of each object allocation by a configurable number of pad bytes. This padding is encoded with a pattern which can later be validated to ensure that the pad has not been touched. If memory corruption occurs, and affects a pad, subsequent validations detect the corruption. Validation is performed when the object is destroyed.

The debug version of the Coherence C++ API has padding enabled by default, using a pad size of 2*(word size), on each side of an object allocation. In a 32-bit build, this adds 16 bytes per object. Increasing the size of the padding increases the chances of corruption affecting a pad, and thus the chance of detecting corruption.

The size of the pad can be configured by using the `tangosol.coherence.heap.padding` system property, which can be set to the number of bytes for the pre/post pad. Setting this system property to a nonzero value enables the feature, and is available even in release builds.

**Example 8–21** illustrates the results from an instance of memory corruption detection:

**Example 8–21  Results from a Memory Corruption Run**

Error during ~MemberHolder: `coherence::lang::IllegalStateException`: memory corruption detected in 5B post-padding at offset 4 of memory allocated at 0x132095
Application Launcher - Sanka

Coherence uses an application launcher for invoking executable classes embedded within a shared library. The launcher allows for a shared library to contain utility or test executables without shipping individual standalone executable binaries.

Command line syntax

The launcher named sanka works similar to java, in that it is provided with one or more shared libraries to load, and a fully qualified class name to execute.

ge: sanka [-options] <native class> [args...]

available options include:
- -l <native library list>  dynamic libraries to load, separated by : or ;
- -D<property>=<value> set a system property
- -version print the Coherence version
- -? print this help message
- <native class> the fully qualified class. For example, coherence::net::CacheFactory

The specified libraries must either be accessible from the operating system library path (PATH, LD_LIBRARY_PATH, DYLD_LIBRARY_PATH), or they may be specified with an absolute or relative path. Library names may also leave off any operating specific prefix or suffix. For instance the UNIX libfoo.so or Windows foo.dll can be specified simply as foo. The Coherence shared library which the application was linked against must be accessible from the system's library path as well.

Built-in Executables

Several utility executables classes are included in the Coherence shared library:

- coherence::net::CacheFactory runs the Coherence C++ console
- coherence::lang::SystemClassLoader prints out the registered managed classes
- coherence::io::pof::SystemPofContext prints out the registered POF types

The later two executables can be optionally supplied with shared libraries to inspect, in which case they output the registration which exists in the supplied library rather then all registrations.

Note: The console which was formerly shipped as an example, is now shipped as a built-in executable class.

Sample Custom Executable Class

Applications can of course still be made executable in the traditional C++ means using a global main function. If desired you can make your own classes executable using Sanka as well. The following is a simple example of an executable class:

```
#include "coherence/lang.ns"

COH_OPEN_NAMESPACE2(my,test)

using namespace coherence::lang;

class Echo
  : public class_spec<Echo>
```
{  
friend class factory<Echo>;

public:
    static void main(ObjectArray::View vasArg)
    {
        for (size32_t i = 0, c = vasArg->length; i < c; ++i)
        {
            std::cout << vasArg[i] << std::endl;
        }
    }
}

COH_REGISTER_EXECUTABLE_CLASS(Echo); // must appear in .cpp

COH_CLOSE_NAMESPACE2

As you can see the specified class must have been registered as an ExecutableClass and have a main method matching the following signature:

static void main(ObjectArray::View)

The supplied ObjectArray parameter is an array of String::View objects corresponding to the command-line arguments which followed the executable class name.

When linked into a shared library, for instance libecho.so or echo.dll, the Echo class can be run as follows:

> sanka -l echo my::test::Echo Hello World
Hello
World
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This chapter describes the Coherence for C++ API, which allows C++ applications to use Coherence clustered services from outside the Coherence cluster.

Documentation of the Coherence for C++ API is available in two locations. The C++ API Reference for Oracle Coherence and also in the doc directory of the Coherence for C++ distribution.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- CacheFactory
- NamedCache
- QueryMap
- ObservableMap
- InvocableMap
- Filter
- Value Extractors
- Entry Processors
- Entry Aggregators

CacheFactory

CacheFactory provides several static methods for retrieving and releasing NamedCache instances:

- NamedCache::Handle getCache(String::View vsName)—retrieves a NamedCache implementation that corresponds to the NamedCache with the specified name running within the remote Coherence cluster.

- void releaseCache(NamedCache::Handle hCache)—releases all local resources associated with the specified instance of the cache. After a cache is released, it can no longer be used. The content of the cache, however, is not affected.

- void destroyCache(NamedCache::Handle hCache)—destroys the specified cache across the Coherence cluster.

NamedCache

A NamedCache is a map of resources shared among members of a cluster. The NamedCache provides several methods used to retrieve the name of the cache and the service, and to release or destroy the cache:
**QueryMap**

A QueryMap can be thought of as an extension of the Map class with additional query features. These features allow the ability to query a cache using various filters. Filters are described in "Filter" on page 9-3.

- **Set::View keySet(Filter::View vFilter)** — returns a set of the keys contained in this map for entries that satisfy the criteria expressed by the filter.
- **Set::View entrySet(Filter::View vFilter)** — returns a set of the entries contained in this map that satisfy the criteria expressed by the filter. Each element in the returned set is a Map::Entry object.
- **Set::View entrySet(Filter::View vFilter, Comparator::View vComparator)** — returns a set of the entries contained in this map that satisfy the criteria expressed by the filter. Each element in the returned set is a Map::Entry object. This version of entrySet further guarantees that its iterator traverses the set in ascending order based on the entry values which are sorted by the specified Comparator or according to the natural ordering.

Additionally, the QueryMap class includes the ability to add and remove indexes. Indexes are used to correlate values stored in the cache to their corresponding keys and can dramatically increase the performance of the keySet and entrySet methods.

- **void addIndex(ValueExtractor::View vExtractor, boolean_t fOrdered, Comparator::View vComparator)** — adds an index to this QueryMap. The index correlates values stored in this indexed Map (or attributes of those values) to the corresponding keys in the indexed Map and increase the performance of keySet and entrySet methods.
- **void removeIndex(ValueExtractor::View vExtractor)** — removes an index from this QueryMap.

See "Querying a Cache (C++)" on page 11-1 for a more in depth look at queries. See also the C++ examples in "Performing Simple Queries" on page 11-1

**ObservableMap**

An ObservableMap provides an application with the ability to listen for cache changes. Applications that implement ObservableMap can add key and filter listeners to receive events from any cache, regardless of whether that cache is local, partitioned, near, replicated, using read-through, write-through, write-behind, overflow, disk storage, and so on. ObservableMap also provides methods to remove these listeners.

- **void addKeyListener(MapListener::Handle hListener, Object::View vKey, bool fLite)** — adds a map listener for a specific key.
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void removeKeyListener(MapListener::Handle hListener, Object::View vKey) — removes a map listener that previously signed up for events about a specific key.

void addFilterListener(MapListener::Handle hListener, Filter::View vFilter = NULL, bool fLite = false) — adds a map listener that receives events based on a filter evaluation.

void removeFilterListener(MapListener::Handle hListener, Filter::View vFilter = NULL) — removes a map listener that previously signed up for events based on a filter evaluation.

See the C++ examples in “Signing Up for all Events” on page 14-2.

InvocableMap

An InvocableMap is a cache against which both entry-targeted processing and aggregating operations can be invoked. The operations against the cache contents are executed by (and thus within the localized context of) a cache. This is particularly efficient in a distributed environment because it localizes processing; the processing of the cache contents are moved to the location at which the entries-to-be-processed are being managed. For more information about processors and aggregators, see "Entry Processors" on page 9-5 and "Entry Aggregators" on page 9-5.

void invoke(Object::View vKey, EntryProcessor::Handle hAgent) — invokes the passed processor (EntryProcessor) against the entry (Entry) specified by the passed key, returning the result of the invocation.

void invokeAll(Collection::View vCollKeys, EntryProcessor::Handle hAgent) — invokes the passed processor (EntryProcessor) against the entries (Entry objects) specified by the passed keys, returning the result of the invocation for each.

void invokeAll(Filter::View vFilter, EntryProcessor::Handle hAgent) — invokes the passed processor (EntryProcessor) against the entries (Entry objects) that are selected by the given filter, returning the result of the invocation for each.

void aggregate(Collection::View vCollKeys, EntryAggregator::Handle hAgent) — performs an aggregating operation against the entries specified by the passed keys.

void aggregate(Filter::View vFilter, EntryAggregator::Handle hAgent) — performs an aggregating operation against the entries that are selected by the given filter.

Filter

Filter provides the ability to filter results and only return objects that meet a given set of criteria. All filters must implement Filter. Filters are commonly used with the QueryMap API to query the cache for entries that meet a given criteria. See also "QueryMap" on page 9-2.

bool evaluate(Object::View v) — applies a test to the specified object and returns true if the test passes, false otherwise.

Coherence for C++ includes many concrete Filter implementations in the coherence::util::filter namespace. Below are several commonly used filters:
- **EqualsFilter** is used to test for equality. To create an **EqualsFilter** to test that an object equals 5:

**Example 9–1 Using the EqualsFilter Method**

EqualsFilter::View vEqualsFilter =
EqualsFilter::create(IdentityExtractor::getInstance(), Integer32::valueOf(5));

- **GreaterEqualsFilter** is used to test a “Greater or Equals” condition. To create a **GreaterEqualsFilter** that tests that an object’s value is \(\geq 55\):

**Example 9–2 Using the GreaterEqualsFilter Method**

GreaterEqualsFilter::View vGreaterEqualsFilter =
GreaterEqualsFilter::create(IdentityExtractor::getInstance(),
Integer32::valueOf(55));

- **LikeFilter** is used for pattern matching. To create a **LikeFilter** that tests that the string representation of an object begins with “Belg”:

**Example 9–3 Using the LikeFilter Method**

LikeFilter::View vLikeFilter =
LikeFilter::create(IdentityExtractor::getInstance(), "Belg%");  

Some filters combine two filters to create a compound condition.

- **AndFilter** is used to combine two filters to create an “AND” condition. To create an **AndFilter** that tests that an object’s value is greater than 10 and less than 20:

**Example 9–4 Using the AndFilter Method**

AndFilter::View vAndFilter = AndFilter::create(
   GreaterFilter::create(IdentityExtractor::getInstance(),
   Integer32::valueOf(10)),
   LessFilter::create(IdentityExtractor::getInstance(),
   Integer32::valueOf(20)));

- **OrFilter** is used to combine two filters to create an “OR” condition. To create an **OrFilter** that tests that an object’s value is less than 10 or greater than 20:

**Example 9–5 Using the OrFilter Method**

OrFilter::View vOrFilter = OrFilter::create(
   LessFilter::create(IdentityExtractor::getInstance(),
   Integer32::valueOf(10)),
   GreaterFilter::create(IdentityExtractor::getInstance(),
   Integer32::valueOf(20)));

**Value Extractors**

A value extractor is used to extract values from an object and to provide an identity for the extraction. All extractors must implement **ValueExtractor**.

**Note:** All concrete extractor implementations must also explicitly implement the **hashCode** and **equals** functions in a way that is based solely on the object’s serializable state.
Entry Aggregators

- Object::Holder extract(Object::Holder ohTarget) — extracts the value from the passed object.
- bool equals(Object::View v) — compares the ValueExtractor with another object to determine equality. Two ValueExtractor objects, ve1 and ve2 are considered equal if and only if ve1->extract(v) equals ve2->extract(v) for all values of v.
- size32_t hashCode() — determines a hash value for the ValueExtractor object according to the general Object#hashCode() contract.

Coherence for C++ includes the following extractors:

- ChainedExtractor — is a composite ValueExtractor implementation based on an array of extractors. The extractors in the array are applied sequentially left-to-right, so a result of a previous extractor serves as a target object for a next one.
- ComparisonValueExtractor — returns a result of comparison between two values extracted from the same target.
- IdentityExtractor — is a trivial implementation that does not actually extract anything from the passed value, but returns the value itself.
- KeyExtractor — is a special purpose implementation that serves as an indicator that a query should be run against the key objects rather than the values.
- MultiExtractor — is a composite ValueExtractor implementation based on an array of extractors. All extractors in the array are applied to the same target object and the result of the extraction is a List of extracted values.
- ReflectionExtractor — extracts a value from a specified object property.

See the C++ examples in "Understanding Query Concepts" on page 11-3.

Entry Processors

An entry processor is an agent that operates against the entry objects within a cache. All entry processors must implement EntryProcessor.

- Object::Holder process(InvocableMap::Entry::Handle hEntry) — process the specified entry.
- Map::View processAll(Set::View vSetEntries) — process a collection of entries.

Coherence for C++ includes several EntryProcessor implementations in the coherence::util::processor namespace.

See the C++ examples that are part of the Coherence Java distribution.

Entry Aggregators

An entry aggregator represents processing that can be directed to occur against some subset of the entries in an InvocableMap, resulting in an aggregated result. Common examples of aggregation include functions such as minimum, maximum, sum, and average. However, the concept of aggregation applies to any process that must evaluate a group of entries to come up with a single answer. Aggregation is explicitly capable of being run in parallel, for example in a distributed environment.

All aggregators must implement the EntryAggregator interface:

- Object::Holder aggregate(Collection::View vCollKeys) — processes a collection of entries to produce an aggregate result.
Coherence for C++ includes several `EntryAggregator` implementations in the `coherence::util::aggregator` namespace.

**Note:** Like cached value objects, all custom `Filter`, `ValueExtractor`, `EntryProcessor`, and `EntryAggregator` implementation classes must be correctly registered in the POF context of the C++ application and cluster-side node to which the client is connected. As such, corresponding Java implementations of the custom C++ types must be created, compiled, and deployed on the cluster-side node. Note that the actual execution of these custom types is performed by the Java implementation and not the C++ implementation. See Chapter 10, "Building Integration Objects (C++)," for additional details.
This chapter provides instructions for using Portable Object Format (POF) serialization when creating C++ clients.

**Note:** This document assumes familiarity with the Coherence C++ Object Model, including advanced concepts such as specification-based class definitions. For more information on these topics, see Chapter 8, "Using the Coherence C++ Object Model."

This chapter includes the following sections:

- Overview of Building Integration Objects (C++)
- POF Intrinsics
- Serialization Options
- Using POF Object References
- Registering Custom C++ Types
- Implementing a Java Version of a C++ Object
- Understanding Serialization Performance
- Using POF Annotations to Serialize Objects

**Overview of Building Integration Objects (C++)**

Enabling C++ clients to successfully store C++ based objects within a Coherence cluster relies on a platform-independent serialization format known as POF (Portable Object Format). POF allows value objects to be encoded into a binary stream in such a way that the platform and language origin of the object is irrelevant. The stream can then be deserialized in an alternate language using a similar POF-based class definition. For more information on the POF binary stream, see *Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence*

While the Coherence C++ API includes several POF serializable classes, custom data types require serialization support as described in this chapter.

**POF Intrinsics**

The following types are internally supported by POF, and do not require special handling by the user:

- String
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- Integer16 .. Integer64
- Float32, Float64
- Array<> of primitives
- ObjectArray
- Boolean
- Octet
- Character16

Additionally, automatic POF serialization is provided for classes implementing these common interfaces:
- Map
- Collection
- Exception

### Serialization Options

While the Coherence C++ API offers a single serialization format (POF), it offers a variety of APIs for making a class serializable. Ultimately whichever approach is used, the same binary POF format is produced. The following approaches are available for making a class serializable:

- Use the Managed<T> adapter template, and add external free-function serializers. See "Managed<T> (Free-Function Serialization)" on page 10-3 for more information.
- Modify the data object to extend Object, and implement the PortableObject interface, to allow for object to self-serialize. See "PortableObject (Self-Serialization)" on page 10-5 for more information.
- Modify the data object to extend Object, and produce a PofSerializer class to perform external serialization. See "PofSerializer (External Serialization)" on page 10-7 for more information.

Table 10–1 lists some requirements and limitations of each approach.

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<th>Coherence headers in data-object</th>
<th>Requires derivation from Object</th>
<th>Supports const data-members</th>
<th>External serialization routine</th>
<th>Requires zero-arg constructor</th>
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All of these approaches share certain similarities:

- Serialization routines that allow the data items to be encoded to POF must be implemented.
- The data object's fields are identified by using numeric indexes.
- The data object class and serialization mechanism must be registered with Coherence.
- Data objects used as cache keys must support equality comparisons and hashing.

**Managed\(<T>\) (Free-Function Serialization)**

For most pre-existing data object classes, the use of Managed\(<T>\) offers the easiest means of integrating with Coherence for C++.

For a non-managed class to be compatible with Managed\(<T>\) it must have the following characteristics:

- zero parameter constructor (public or protected): `CustomType::CustomType()`
- copy constructor (public or protected): `CustomType::CustomType(const CustomType&)`
- equality comparison operator: `bool operator==(const CustomType&, const CustomType&)`
- std::ostream output function: `std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream&, const CustomType&)`
- hash function: `size_t hash_value(const CustomType&)`

The following example presents a simple Address class, which has no direct knowledge of Coherence, but is suitable for use with the Managed\(<T>\) template.

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**Note:** In the interest of brevity, example class definitions are in-lined within the declaration.

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**Example 10–1  A Non-Managed Class**

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
using namespace std;

class Address
{
public:
    Address(const std::string& sCity, const std::string& sState, int nZip)
        : m_sCity(sCity), m_sState(sState), m_nZip(nZip) {}
    Address(const Address& that)  // required by Managed<T>
        : m_sCity(that.m_sCity), m_sState(that.m_sState), m_nZip(that.m_nZip) {}

    std::string getCity() const { return m_sCity; }
    std::string getState() const { return m_sState; }
    int getZip() const { return m_nZip; }

protected:
    Address()  // required by Managed<T>
        : m_nZip(0) {}

    std::string getCity() const { return m_sCity; }
    std::string getState() const { return m_sState; }
    int getZip() const { return m_nZip; }

private:
    const std::string m_sCity;
    const std::string m_sState;
    const int m_nZip;
};

bool operator==(const Address& addra, const Address& addrb)  // required by Managed<T>
```
{  
    return addra.getZip() == addrbb.getZip() &&
    addra.getState() == addrbb.getState() &&
    addra.getCity() == addrbb.getCity();
}

std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& out, const Address& addr) // required by Managed<T>
{
    out << addr.getCity() << ', ' << addr.getState() << ' ' << addr.getZip();
    return out;
}

size_t hash_value(const Address& addr) // required by Managed<T>
{
    return (size_t) addr.getZip();
}

When combined with Managed<T>, this simple class definition becomes a true "managed object", and is usable by the Coherence C++ API. This definition has yet to address serialization. Serialization support is added Example 10–2:

Example 10–2  Managed Class using Serialization

#include "coherence/io/pof/SystemPofContext.hpp"

#include "Address.hpp"

using namespace coherence::io::pof;

COH_REGISTER_MANAGED_CLASS(1234, Address); // type ID registration—this must // appear in the .cpp not the .hpp

template<> void serialize<Address>(PofWriter::Handle hOut, const Address& addr)
{
    hOut->writeString(0, addr.getCity());
    hOut->writeString(1, addr.getState());
    hOut->writeInt32 (2, addr.getZip());
}

template<> Address deserialize<Address>(PofReader::Handle hIn)
{
    std::string sCity  = hIn->readString(0);
    std::string sState = hIn->readString(1);
    int nZip   = hIn->readInt32 (2);
    return Address(sCity, sState, nZip);
}

Note: The serialization routines must have knowledge of Coherence. However, they are not required as part of the class definition file. They can be placed in an independent source file, and if they are linked into the final application, they take effect.

With the above pieces in place, Example 10–3 illustrates instances of the Address class wrapped by using Managed<T> as Managed<Address>, and supplied to the Coherence APIs:
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Example 10–3 Instances of a Class Wrapped with Managed<T>

// construct the non-managed version as usual
Address office("Redwood Shores", "CA", 94065);

// the managed version can be initialized from the non-managed version
// the result is a new object, which does not reference the original
Managed<Address>::View vOffice = Managed<Address>::create(office);
String::View vKey = "Oracle";

// the managed version is suitable for use with caches
hCache->put(vKey, vAddr);
vOffice = cast<Managed<Address>::View>(hCache->get(vKey));

// the non-managed class’s public methods/fields remain accessible
assert(vOffice->getCity() == office.getCity());
assert(vOffice->getState() == office.getState());
assert(vOffice->getZip() == office.getZip());

// conversion back to the non-managed type may be performed using the
// non-managed class’s copy constructor.
Address officeOut = *vOffice;

PortableObject (Self-Serialization)

The PortableObject interface is similar in concept to java.io.Externalizable, which allows an object to control how it is serialized. Any class which extends from coherence::lang::Object is free to implement the coherence::io::pof::PortableObject interface to add serialization support. Note that the class must extend from Object, which then dictates its life cycle.

In Example 10–4, the above Address example can be rewritten as a managed class, and implement the PortableObject interface, which fully embraces the Coherence object model as part of the definition of the class. For example, using coherence::lang::String rather then std::string for data members.

Example 10–4 A Managed Class that Implements PortableObject

#include "coherence/lang.ns"

#include "coherence/io/pof/PofReader.hpp"
#include "coherence/io/pof/PofWriter.hpp"
#include "coherence/io/pof/PortableObject.hpp"
#include "coherence/io/pof/SystemPofContext.hpp"

using namespace coherence::lang;

using coherence::io::pof::PofReader;
using coherence::io::pof::PofWriter;
using coherence::io::pof::PortableObject;

class Address
: public cloneable_spec<Address,
    extends<Object>,
    implements<PortableObject> >
{
    friend class factory<Address>;

    protected: // constructors

Address(String::View vsCity, String::View vsState, int32_t nZip)
    : m_vsCity(self(), vsCity), m_vsState(self(), vsState), m_nZip(nZip) {}

Address(const Address& that)
    : super(that), m_vsCity(self(), that.m_vsCity), m_vsState(self(),
        that.m_vsState), m_nZip(that.m_nZip) {}

Address() // required by PortableObject
    : m_vsCity(self()),
      m_vsState(self()),
      m_nZip(0) {}

public: // Address interface
virtual String::View  getCity() const {return m_vsCity;}
virtual String::View  getState() const {return m_vsState;}
virtual int32_t       getZip() const {return m_nZip;}

public: // PortableObject interface
virtual void
writeExternal(PofWriter::Handle hOut) const
{
    hOut->writeString(0, getCity());
    hOut->writeString(1, getState());
    hOut->writeInt32 (2, getZip());
}

virtual void readExternal(PofReader::Handle hIn)
{
    initialize(m_vsCity, hIn->readString(0));
    initialize(m_vsState, hIn->readString(1));
    m_nZip    = hIn->readInt32 (2);
}

public: // Objectinterface
virtual bool equals(Object::View that) const
{
    if (instanceof<Address::View>(that))
    {
        Address::View vThat = cast<Address::View>(that);

        return getZip() == vThat->getZip() &&
               Object::equals(getState(), vThat->getState()) &&
               Object::equals(getCity(), vThat->getCity());
    }

    return false;
}

virtual size32_t hashCode() const
{
    return (size32_t) m_nZip;
}

virtual void toStream(std::ostream& out) const
{
    out << getCity() << ', ' << getState() << ' ' << getZip();
}

private:
    FinalView<String> m_vsCity;
    FinalView<String> m_vsState;
    int32_t     m_nZip;
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Example 10–5 illustrates a managed variant of the Address that does not require the use of the Managed<T> adapter and can be used directly with the Coherence API:

Example 10–5  A Managed Class without Managed<T>

Address::View vAddr = Address::create("Redwood Shores", "CA", 94065);
String::View vKey = "Oracle";

hCache->put(vKey, vAddr);
Address::View vOffice = cast<Address::View>(hCache->get(vKey));

Serialization by using PortableObject is a good choice when the application has decided to make use of the Coherence object model for representing its data objects. One drawback to PortableObject is that it does not easily support const data members, as the readExternal method is called after construction, and must assign these values.

PofSerializer (External Serialization)

The third serialization option is also the lowest level one. PofSerializers are classes that provide the serialization logic for other classes. For example, an AddressSerializer is written which can serialize a non-PortableObject version of the above managed Address class. Under the covers the prior two approaches were delegating through PofSerializers, they were just being created automatically rather than explicitly. Typically, it is not necessary to use this approach, as either the Managed<T> or PortableObject approaches suffice. This approach is primarily of interest when you have a managed object with const data members. Consider Example 10–6, a non-PortableObject version of a managed Address.

Example 10–6  A non-PortableObject Version of a Managed Class

#include "coherence/lang.ns"

using namespace coherence::lang;

class Address
  : public cloneable_spec<Address> // extends<Object> is implied
  {
    friend class factory<Address>;

    protected: // constructors
    Address(String::View vsCity, String::View vsState, int32_t nZip)
      : m_vsCity{self(), vsCity}, m_vsState{self(), vsState}, m_nZip(nZip) {}

    Address(const Address& that)
      : super{that}, m_vsCity{self(), that.getCity()}, m_vsState{self(), that.getState()}, m_nZip{that.getZip()} {}

    public: // Address interface
    virtual String::View getCity() const {return m_vsCity;}
    virtual String::View getState() const {return m_vsState;}
    virtual int32_t getZip() const {return m_nZip;}

    public: // Object interface
    virtual bool equals(Object::View that) const
if (instanceof<Address::View>(that))
{
    Address::View vThat = cast<Address::View>(that);

    return getZip() == vThat->getZip() &&
           Object::equals(getState(), vThat->getState()) &&
           Object::equals(getCity(), vThat->getCity());
}

return false;

virtual size32_t hashCode() const
{
    return (size32_t) m_nZip;
}

virtual void toStream(std::ostream& out) const
{
    out << getCity() << ', ' << getState() << ' ' << getZip();
}

private:
    const MemberView<String> m_vsCity;
    const MemberView<String> m_vsState;
    const int32_t      m_nZip;
};

Note that this version uses const data members, which makes it not well-suited for PortableObject. Example 10–7 illustrates an external class, AddressSerializer, which is registered as being responsible for serialization of Address instances.

Example 10–7   An External Class Responsible for Serialization

#include "coherence/lang.ns"
#include "coherence/io/pof/PofReader.hpp"
#include "coherence/io/pof/PofWriter.hpp"
#include "coherence/io/pof/PortableObject.hpp"
#include "coherence/io/pof/PofSerializer.hpp"
#include "coherence/io/pof/SystemPofContext.hpp"

#include "Address.hpp"

using namespace coherence::lang;

using coherence::io::pof::PofReader;
using coherence::io::pof::PofWriter;
using coherence::io::pof::PofSerializer;

class AddressSerializer
    : public class_spec<AddressSerializer, 
        extends<Object>, 
        implements<PofSerializer> >
{
friend class factory<AddressSerializer>;

protected:
    AddressSerializer();

public: // PofSerializer interface   virtual void serialize(PofWriter::Handle hOut, Object::View v) const
{
    Address::View vAddr = cast<Address::View>(v);
    hOut->writeString(0, vAddr->getCity());
    hOut->writeString(1, vAddr->getState());
    hOut->writeInt32(2, vAddr->getZip());
    hOut->writeRemainder(NULL);
}

virtual Object::Holder deserialize(PofReader::Handle hIn) const
{
    String::View vsCity = hIn->readString(0);
    String::View vsState = hIn->readString(1);
    int32_t nZip = hIn->readInt32(2);
    hIn->readRemainder();

    return Address::create(vsCity, vsState, nZip);
}
}
COH_REGISTER_POF_SERIALIZER(1234, TypedBarrenClass<Address>::create(),
AddressSerializer::create()); // This must appear in the .cpp not the .hpp

Usage of the Address remains unchanged:
Address::View vAddr = Address::create("Redwood Shores", "CA", 94065);
String::View vKey = "Oracle";

hCache->put(vKey, vAddr);
Address::View vOffice = cast<Address::View>(hCache->get(vKey));

Using POF Object References

POF supports the use of object identities and references for objects that occur more than once in a POF stream. Objects are labeled with an identity and subsequent instances of a labeled object within the same POF stream are referenced by its identity. Using references avoids encoding the same object multiple times and helps reduce the data size. References are typically used when a large number of sizeable objects are created multiple times or when objects use nested or circular data structures. However, for applications that contain large amounts of data but only few repeats, the use of object references provides minimal benefits due to the overhead incurred in keeping track of object identities and references.

The use of object identity and references has the following limitations:

- Object references are only supported for user defined object types.
- Object references are not supported for Evolvable objects.
- Object references are not supported for keys.
- Objects that have been written out with a POF context that does not support references cannot be read by a POF context that supports references. The opposite is also true.
- POF objects that use object identity and references cannot be queried using POF extractors. Instead, use the ValueExtractor API to query object values or disable object references.
The use of the PofNavigator and PofValue API has the following restrictions when using object references:

- Only read operations are allowed. Write operations result in an UnsupportedOperationException.
- User objects can be accessed in non-uniform collections but not in uniform collections.
- For read operations, if an object appears in the data stream multiple times, then the object must be read where it first appears before it can be read in the subsequent part of the data. Otherwise, an IOException: missing identity: <ID> may be thrown. For example, if there are 3 lists that all contain the same person object, p. The p object must be read in the first list before it can be read in the second or third list.

The following topics are included in this section:

- Enabling POF Object References
- Registering POF Object Identities for Circular and Nested Objects

Enabling POF Object References

Object references are not enabled by default and must be enabled using setReferenceEnabled when creating a POF context. For example:

```cpp
SystemPofContext::Handle hCtx = SystemPofContext::getInstance();
hCtx->setReferenceEnabled(true);
```

Registering POF Object Identities for Circular and Nested Objects

Circular or nested objects must manually register an identity when creating the object. Otherwise, a child that references the parent will not find the identity of the parent in the reference map. Object identities can be registered from a serializer during the deserialization routine using the PofReader.registerIdentity method.

The following examples demonstrate two objects (Customer and Product) that contain a circular reference and a serializer implementation that registers an identity on the Customer object.

The Customer object is defined as follows:

```cpp
class Customer
 : public class_spec<Customer,
  extends<Object> >
{
  friend class factory<Customer>;

protected:
  Customer()
   : m_vsName(self(), String::null_string),
   m_vProduct(self(), NULL)
   {}
}

Customer(String::View vsName)
 : m_vsName(self(), vsName),
   m_vProduct(self(), NULL)
   {}
```
Customer(String::View vsName, Product::View vProduct) :
  m_vsName(self(), vsName),
  m_vProduct(self(), vProduct)
{
}

public:
  String::View getName() const
  {
    return m_vsName;
  }

  void setName(String::View vsName)
  {
    m_vsName = vsName;
  }

  Product::View getProduct() const
  {
    return m_vProduct;
  }

  void setProduct(Product::View vProduct)
  {
    m_vProduct = vProduct;
  }

private:
  MemberView<String> m_vsName;
  MemberView<Product> m_vProduct;
};

The **Product** object is defined as follows:

class Product
  : public class_spec<Product,
    extends<Object> >
{
  friend class factory<Product>;

protected:
  Product()
  : m_vCustomer(self(), NULL)
  {
  }

  Product(Customer::View vCustomer)
  : m_vCustomer(self(), vCustomer)
  {
  }

public:
  Customer::View getCustomer() const
  {
    return m_vCustomer;
  }

  void setCustomer(Customer::View vCustomer)
  {
    m_vCustomer = vCustomer;
  }
private:
    MemberView<Customer> m_vCustomer;
};

The serializer implementation registers an identity during deserialization and is defined as follows:

```cpp
class CustomerSerializer
    : public class_spec<CustomerSerializer,
        extends<Object>,
        implements<PofSerializer> >
{
 friend class factory<CustomerSerializer>;

 public:
 void serialize(PofWriter::Handle hOut, Object::View v) const
 {
  Customer::View vCustomer = cast<Customer::View>(v);
  hOut->writeString(0, vCustomer->getName());
  hOut->writeObject(1, vCustomer->getProduct());
  hOut->writeRemainder(NULL);
 }

 Object::Holder deserialize(PofReader::Handle hIn) const
 {
  String::View vsName = cast<String::View>(hIn->readString(0));
  Customer::Holder ohCustomer = Customer::create(vsName);

  hIn->registerIdentity(ohCustomer);
  ohCustomer->setProduct(cast<Product::View>(hIn->readObject(1)));
  hIn->readRemainder();
  return ohCustomer;
 }
};
```

Registering Custom C++ Types

In addition to being made serializable, each class must also be associated with numeric type IDs. These IDs are well-known across the cluster. Within the cluster, the ID-to-class mapping is configured by using POF user type configuration elements; within C++, the mapping is embedded within the class definition in the form of an ID registration, which is placed within the class's .cpp source file.

The registration technique differs slightly with each serialization approach:

- **COH_REGISTER_MANAGED_CLASS(ID, TYPE)** — for use with Managed<T>
- **COH_REGISTER_PORTABLE_CLASS(ID, TYPE)** — for use with PortableObject
- **COH_REGISTER_POF_SERIALIZER(ID, CLASS, SERIALIZER)** — for use with PofSerializer

Examples of these registrations can be found in above examples.

**Note:** Registrations must appear only in the implementation (.cpp) files. A POF configuration file is only needed on the nodes where objects are serialized and deserialized.
Implementing a Java Version of a C++ Object

The use of POF allows key and value objects to be stored within the cluster without the need for parallel Java implementations. This is ideal for performing basic get and put based operations. In addition, the PofExtractor and PofUpdater APIs add flexibility in working with non-primitive types in Coherence. For many extend client cases, a corresponding Java classes in the grid is not required. Because POF extractors and POF updaters can navigate the binary, the entire key and value does not have to be deserialized into object form. This implies that indexing can be achieved by simply using POF extractors to pull a value to index on.

When to Include a Parallel Java Implementation

A parallel Java implementation is required whenever the Java-based cache servers must directly interact with a data object rather then simply holding onto a serialized representation of it. For example, a Java class is still required when using a cache store. In this case, the deserialized version of the key and value is passed to the cache store to write to the back end. In addition, queries, filters, entry processors, and aggregators require a Java implementation if direct access to the object is desired.

If a Java implementation is required, then the implementation must be located on the cache servers. The approach to making the Java version serializable over POF is similar to the above examples, see PortableObject and PofSerializer for details. These APIs are compatible with all three of the C++ approaches.

Deferring the Key Association Check

Key classes do not require a cluster-side Java implementation even if the key class specifies data affinity using KeyAssociation. Key classes are checked on the client side and a decorated binary is created and used by the cluster. However, existing client implementations that do rely on a Java key class for key association must set the defer-key-association-check parameter in order to force the use of the Java key class. Existing client applications that use key association but want to leverage client-side key binaries, must port the getAssociatedKey() implementation from the existing Java class to the corresponding client class.

To force key association processing to be done on the cluster side instead of by the extend client, set the <defer-key-association-check> element, within a <remote-cache-scheme> element, in the client-side cache configuration to true. For example:

<remote-cache-scheme>
  ...  
  <defer-key-association-check>true</defer-key-association-check>
</remote-cache-scheme>

**Note:** If the parameter is set to true, a Java key class implementation must be found on the cluster even if key association is no being used.

Understanding Serialization Performance

Both Managed<T> and PortableObject behind the scenes use a PofSerializer to perform serialization. Each of these approaches also adds some of its own overhead, for instance the Managed<T> approach involves the creation of a temporary version of non-managed form of the data object during deserialization. For PortableObject, the lack of support for const data members can have a cost as it avoids optimizations which would have been allowed for const data members. Overall the performance
differences may be negligible, but if seeking to achieve the maximum possible performance, direct utilization of PofSerializer may be worth consideration.

Using POF Annotations to Serialize Objects

POF annotations provide an automated way to implement the serialization and deserialization routines for an object. POF annotations are serialized and deserialized using the PofAnnotationSerializer class which is an implementation of the PofSerializer interface. Annotations offer an alternative to using the Managed<T> adapter, PortableObject interface, and PofSerializer interface and reduce the amount of time and code that is required to make objects serializable.

The following topics are included in this section:
- Annotating Objects for POF Serialization
- Registering POF Annotated Objects
- Enabling Automatic Indexing
- Providing a Custom Codec

Annotating Objects for POF Serialization

Two annotations are available to indicate that a class and its methods are POF serializable:

- Portable – Marks the class as POF serializable. The annotation is only permitted at the class level and has no members.
- PortableProperty – Marks a method accessor as a POF serialized property. Annotated methods must conform to accessor notation (get, set, is). Members can be used to specify POF indexes as well as custom codecs that are executed before or after serialization or deserialization. Index values may be omitted and automatically assigned. If a custom codec is not entered, the default codec is used.

The following example demonstrates annotating a class and method and also explicitly assigns property index values. Note that the class must be registered with the system class loader COH_REGISTER_CLASS.

class Person : public class_spec<Person>
{
    friend class factory<Person>;

    Public:
    String::View getFirstName() const
    {
        return m_vsFirstName;
    }

    void setFirstName(String::View vsFirstName)
    {
        m_vsFirstName = vsFirstName;
    }

    private: String m_firstName;
    MemberView<String> m_vsFirstName;
    MemberView<String> m_vsLastName;
    int32_t            m_nAge;
public:
    static const int32_t FIRST_NAME = 0;
    static const int32_t LAST_NAME  = 1;
    static const int32_t AGE        = 2;
};

COH_REGISTER_CLASS(TypedClass<Person>::create()  
    ->annotate(Portable::create())  
    ->declare(COH_PROPERTY(Person, FirstName, String::View)  
        ->annotate(PortableProperty::create(Person::FIRST_NAME)))  
    ->declare(COH_PROPERTY(Person, LastName, String::View)  
        ->annotate(PortableProperty::create(Person::LAST_NAME)))  
    ->declare(COH_PROPERTY(Person, Age, BoxHandle<const Integer32>)  
        ->annotate(PortableProperty::create(Person::AGE)))  
);  

Registering POF Annotated Objects

POF annotated objects must be registered as a user type using the COH_REGISTER_POF_ANNOTATED_CLASS macro. The following example registers a user type for an annotated Person object:

COH_REGISTER_POF_ANNOTATED_CLASS(1001, Person);

Enabling Automatic Indexing

POF annotations support automatic indexing which alleviates the need to explicitly assign and manage index values. The index value can be omitted whenever defining the PortableProperty annotation. Any property that does assign an explicit index value is not assigned an automatic index value. The automatic index algorithm can be described as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Explicit Index</th>
<th>Determined Index</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>c</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>a</td>
<td>omitted</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>b</td>
<td>omitted</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note: Automatic indexing does not currently support evolvable classes.

To enable automatic indexing, use the COH_REGISTER_POF_ANNOTATED_CLASS_AI pre-processor macro when registering the user type. The following example registers a user type for an annotated Person object that uses automatic indexing:

COH_REGISTER_POF_ANNOTATED_CLASS_AI(1001, Person);

Providing a Custom Codec

Codecs allow code to be executed before or after serialization or deserialization. The codec defines how to encode and decode a portable property using the PofWriter and PofReader interfaces. Codecs are typically used for concrete implementations that
could get lost when being deserialized or to explicitly call a specific method on the PofWriter interface before serializing an object.

To create a codec, create a class that implements the Codec interface. The following example demonstrates a codec that defines the concrete implementation of a linked list type:

```cpp
class LinkedListCodec
    : public class_spec<LinkedListCodec,
                       extends<Object>,
                       implements<Codec> >
{
    friend class factory<LinkedListCodec>;

    public:
        void encode(PofWriter::Handle hOut, int32_t nIndex, Object::View ovValue) const
        {
            hOut->writeCollection(nIndex, cast<Collection::View>(ovValue));
        }

        Object::Holder decode(PofReader::Handle hIn, int32_t nIndex) const
        {
            LinkedList::Handle hLinkeList = LinkedList::create();
            return hIn->readCollection(nIndex, hLinkeList);
        }

    };

    COH_REGISTER_TYPED_CLASS(LinkedListCodec);

To assign a codec to a property, enter the codec as a member of the PortableProperty annotation. If a codec is not specified, a default codec (DefaultCodec) is used. The following example demonstrates assigning the above LinkedListCodec codec:

```cpp
COH_REGISTER_CLASS(TypedClass<Person>::create()
    ->annotate(Portable::create())
    ->declare(COH_PROPERTY(Person, FirstName, String::View)
        ->annotate(PortableProperty::create(Person::FIRST_NAME)))
    ->declare(COH_PROPERTY(Person, LastName, String::View)
        ->annotate(PortableProperty::create(Person::LAST_NAME)))
    ->declare(COH_PROPERTY(Person, Age, BoxHandle<const Integer32>)
        ->annotate(PortableProperty::create(Person::ALIASES, SystemClassLoader::getInstance() subsystems))
    ));
};
This chapter provides instructions for querying Coherence caches from C++ clients. This chapter includes the following sections:

- Overview of Query Functionality
- Performing Simple Queries
- Understanding Query Concepts
- Performing Queries Involving Multi-Value Attributes
- Using a Chained Extractor in a Query
- Using a Query Recorder

**Overview of Query Functionality**

Coherence can perform queries and indexes against currently cached data that meets a given set of criteria. Queries and indexes can be simple, employing filters packaged with Coherence, or they can be run against multi-value attributes such as collections and arrays. The result set may be sorted if desired. Queries are evaluated with Read Committed isolation.

It should be noted that queries apply only to currently cached data (and do not use the CacheLoader interface to retrieve additional data that may satisfy the query). Thus, the data set should be loaded entirely into cache before queries are performed. In cases where the data set is too large to fit into available memory, it may be possible to restrict the cache contents along a specific dimension (for example, "date") and manually switch between cache queries and database queries based on the structure of the query. For maintainability, this is usually best implemented inside a cache-aware data access object (DAO).

Indexing requires the ability to extract attributes on each Partitioned cache node; For dedicated CacheServer instances, this implies (usually) that application classes must be installed in the CacheServer classpath.

For Local and Replicated caches, queries are evaluated locally against unindexed data. For Partitioned caches, queries are performed in parallel across the cluster, using indexes if available. Coherence includes a Cost-Based Optimizer (CBO). Access to unindexed attributes requires object deserialization (though indexing on other attributes can reduce the number of objects that must be evaluated).

**Performing Simple Queries**

Querying cache content is very simple, as Example 11–1 illustrates:
Example 11–1  Querying Cache Content

```c++
ValueExtractor::Handle hExtractor = ReflectionExtractor::create("getAge");
Filter::View vFilter = GreaterEqualsFilter::create(hExtractor,
Int32::valueOf(18));

for (Iterator::Handle hIter = hCache->entrySet(vFilter)->iterator();
hIter->hasNext(); )
{
    Map::Entry::Handle hEntry  = cast<Map::Entry::Handle>(hIter->next());
    Int32::View    vKey    = cast<Int32::View>(hEntry->getKey());
    Person::Handle     hPerson = cast<Person::Handle>(hEntry->getValue());
    std::cout << "key=" << vKey << " person=" << hPerson;
}
```

Coherence provides a wide range of filters in the coherence::util::Filter package. A LimitFilter may be used to limit the amount of data sent to the client, and also to provide "paging" for users:

Example 11–2  Using the LimitFilter Method

```c++
int32_t nPageSize = 25;
ValueExtractor::Handle hExtractor = ReflectionExtractor::create("getAge");
Filter::View vFilter = GreaterEqualsFilter::create(hExtractor, Int32::valueOf(18));

// get entries 1-25
LimitFilter::Handle hLimitFilter = LimitFilter::create(vFilter, nPageSize);
Set::View vEntries = hCache->entrySet(hLimitFilter);

// get entries 26-50
hLimitFilter->nextPage();
vEntries = hCache->entrySet(hLimitFilter);
```

Any queryable attribute may be indexed with the addIndex method of the QueryMap class:

Example 11–3  Indexing a Queryable Attribute

```c++
// addIndex(ValueExtractor::View vExtractor, boolean_t fOrdered, Comparator::View vComparator)
hCache->addIndex(hExtractor, true, NULL);
```

The fOrdered argument specifies whether the index structure is sorted. Sorted indexes are useful for range queries, including "select all entries that fall between two dates" and "select all employees whose family name begins with 'S'". For "equality" queries, an unordered index may be used, which may have better efficiency in terms of space and time.

The comparator argument provides a custom java.util.Comparator for ordering the index.
Understanding Query Concepts

**Note:** This method is only intended as a hint to the cache implementation, and as such it may be ignored by the cache if indexes are not supported or if the desired index (or a similar index) exists. It is expected that an application calls this method to suggest an index even if the index exists, just so that the application is certain that index has been suggested. For example, in a distributed environment each server likely suggests the same set of indexes when it starts, and there is no downside to the application blindly requesting those indexes regardless of whether another server has requested the same indexes.

Note that queries can be combined by Coherence if necessary, and also that Coherence includes a cost-based optimizer (CBO) to prioritize the usage of indexes. To take advantage of an index, queries must use extractors that are equal ($(Object->equals()) to the one used in the query.

Querying Partitioned Caches

The Partitioned Cache implements the QueryMap interface using the Parallel Query feature and results in high performance queries even for large data sets.

Querying Near Caches

Although queries can be executed through a near cache, the query does not use the front portion of a near cache. If using a near cache with queries, the best approach is to use the following sequence:

```java
Set::View vSetKeys = hCache->keySet(vFilter);
Map::View vMapResult = hCache->getAll(vSetKeys);
```

Understanding Query Concepts

This section goes into more detail on the design of the query interface, building up from the core components.

The concept of querying is based on the `ValueExtractor` interface. A value extractor is used to extract an attribute from a given object for querying (and similarly, indexing). Most developers only need the `ReflectionExtractor` implementation of this interface. The `ReflectionExtractor` uses reflection to extract an attribute from a value object by referring to a method name, typically a "getter" method like `getName()`.

```java
ReflectionExtractor::Handle hExtractor = ReflectionExtractor::create("getName");
```

Any void argument method can be used, including `Object` methods like `toString()` (useful for prototyping/debugging). Indexes may be either traditional field indexes (indexing fields of objects) or function-based indexes (indexing virtual object attributes). For example, if a class has field accessors `getFirstName` and `getLastName`, the class may define a function `getFullName` which concatenates those names, and this function may be indexed.

To query a cache that contains objects with `getName` attributes, a `Filter` must be used. A filter has a single method which determines whether a given object meets a criterion.

```java
Filter::Handle hEqualsFilter = EqualsFilter::create(hExtractor,
String::create('Bob Smith'));
```
Performing Queries Involving Multi-Value Attributes

To select the entries of a cache that satisfy a particular filter:

**Example 11–4 Selecting Entries of a Cache that Satisfy a Particular Filter**

```cpp
for (Iterator::Handle hIter = hCache->entrySet(hEqualsFilter)->iterator();
     hIter->hasNext(); )
{
    Map::Entry::Handle hEntry = cast<Map::Entry::Handle>(hIter->next());
    Integer32::View vKey = cast<Integer32::View>(hEntry->getKey());
    Person::Handle hPerson = cast<Person::Handle>(hEntry->getValue());
    std::cout << "key=" << vKey << " person=" << hPerson;
}
```

To select and also sort the entries:

**Example 11–5 Selecting and Sorting Entries**

```cpp
// entrySet(Filter::View vFilter, Comparator::View vComparator)
Iterator::Handle hIter = hCache->entrySet(hEqualsFilter, NULL)->iterator();
```

The additional NULL argument specifies that the result set should be sorted using the "natural ordering" of Comparable objects within the cache. The client may explicitly specify the ordering of the result set by providing an implementation of Comparator. Note that sorting places significant restrictions on the optimizations that Coherence can apply, as sorting requires that the entire result set be available before sorting.

Using the `keySet` form of the queries—combined with `getAll()`—may provide more control over memory usage:

**Example 11–6 Using the keySet Form of a Query**

```cpp
// keySet(Filter::View vFilter)
Set::View vSetKeys = hCache->keySet(vFilter);
Set::Handle hSetPageKeys = HashSet::create();
int32_t PAGE_SIZE = 100;
for (Iterator::Handle hIter = vSetKeys->iterator(); hIter->hasNext();)
{
    hSetPageKeys->add(hIter->next());
    if (hSetPageKeys->size() == PAGE_SIZE || !hIter->hasNext())
    {
        // get a block of values
        Map::View vMapResult = hCache->getAll(hSetPageKeys);

        // process the block
        // ...

        hSetPageKeys->clear();
    }
}
```

Performing Queries Involving Multi-Value Attributes

Coherence supports indexing and querying of multi-value attributes including collections and arrays. When an object is indexed, Coherence verifies if it is a multi-value type, and then indexes it as a collection rather than a singleton. The `ContainsAllFilter`, `ContainsAnyFilter`, and `ContainsFilter` are used to query against these collections.
Example 11–7  Indexing and Querying Multi-Value Attributes

```cpp
Set::Handle hSearchTerms = HashSet::create();
hSearchTerms->add(String::create("java"));
hSearchTerms->add(String::create("clustering"));
hSearchTerms->add(String::create("books"));

// The cache contains instances of a class "Document" which has a method
// "getWords" which returns a Collection<String> containing the set of
// words that appear in the document.
ValueExtractor::Handle hExtractor = ReflectionExtractor::create("getWords");
Filter::View vFilter = ContainsAllFilter::create(hExtractor, hSearchTerms);
Set::View vEntrySet = hCache->entrySet(vFilter);

// iterate through the search results
// ...
```

Using a Chained Extractor in a Query

The ChainedExtractor implementation allows chained invocation of zero-argument (accessor) methods. In Example 11–8, the extractor first uses reflection to call `getName()` on each cached `Person` object, and then use reflection to call `length()` on the returned `String`. This extractor could be passed into a query, allowing queries (for example) to select all people with names not exceeding 10 letters.

Example 11–8  Using a ChainedExtractor Implementation

```cpp
ChainedExtractor::Handle hExtractor = ChainedExtractor::create(ChainedExtractor::createExtractors("getName.length"));

Method invocations may be chained indefinitely, for example: `getName.trim.length`. POF extractors and POF updaters offer the same functionality as ChainedExtractors through the use of the `SimplePofPath` class. For details about POF extractors and POF updaters, see Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence and refer to the C++ API Reference for Oracle Coherence.

Using a Query Recorder

The QueryRecorder class produces an explain or trace record for a given filter. The class is an implementation of a parallel aggregator that is capable querying all nodes in a cluster and aggregating the results. The class supports two record types: an `QueryRecorder::explain` record that provides the estimated cost of evaluating a filter as part of a query operation and a `QueryRecorder::trace` record that provides the actual cost of evaluating a filter as part of a query operation. Both query records take into account whether or not an index can be used by a filter. See Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence for detailed information on understanding the data provided in an explain plan record and trace record.

To create a query record, create a new `QueryRecorder` instance that specifies a `RecordType` parameter. Include the instance and the filter to be tested as parameters of the `Aggregate` method. The following example creates an explain record:

```cpp
NamedCache::Handle hCache = CacheFactory::getCache("MyCache");
IdentityExtractor::View hExtract = IdentityExtractor::getInstance();
```
OrFilter::Handle hFilter = OrFilter::create{
   GreaterEqualsFilter::create(hExtract, Integer32::create(50)),
   LessEqualsFilter::create(hExtract, Integer32::create(20)));

QueryRecord::View vRecord = cast<QueryRecord::View>(hCache->aggregate(
   (Filter::View) hFilter, QueryRecorder::create(QueryRecorder::explain)));

cout << vRecord;

To create a trace record, change the RecordType parameter to trace:

QueryRecord::View vRecord = cast<QueryRecord::View>(hCache->aggregate(
   (Filter::View) hFilter, QueryRecorder::create(QueryRecorder::trace)));

Performing Continuous Queries (C++)

This chapter provides instructions for using continuous query caching in a C++ client to ensure that a query always retrieves the latest results from a cache in real-time.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- Overview of Performing Continuous Queries (C++)
- Understanding Continuous Query Caching Implementation
- Defining a Continuous Query Cache
- Cleaning up Continuous Query Cache Resources
- Caching Only Keys Versus Keys and Values
- Listening to a Continuous Query Cache
- Making a Continuous Query Cache Read-Only

Overview of Performing Continuous Queries (C++)

Queries provide the ability to obtain a point in time query result from a Coherence cache and it is possible to receive events that would change the result of that query. However, the continuous query feature combines a query result with a continuous stream of related events to maintain an up-to-date query result in a real-time fashion. This capability is called Continuous Query, because it has the same effect as if the desired query had zero latency and the query were being executed several times every millisecond.

A continuous query cache is similar to a materialized view in the Oracle database. A materialized view copies data queried from the database tables into the view. If there are any changes to the data in the database, then the data in the view is automatically updated. Materialized views enable you to see changes to the result set. In continuous query, a local copy of the cache is created on the client. Filters allow you to limit the size and content of the cache. Combined with an event listener, the cache can be updated in real time.

For example, to monitor, in real time, all sales orders for several customers. You can create a continuous query cache and set up an event listener that listens for any events pertaining to the customers. Coherence queries for all of the data objects on the grid that pertain to a particular customer and copies them to a local cache. The event listener on the query listens for any inserts, updates, or deletes that take place on the grid for the customer. When an event occurs, the local copy of the customer data is updated.
Understanding Continuous Query Caching

There are several different general use cases for Continuous Query Caching:

- It is an ideal building block for Complex Event Processing (CEP) systems and event correlation engines.
- It is ideal for situations in which an application repeats a particular query and would benefit from always having instant access to the up-to-date result of that query.
- A Continuous Query Cache is analogous to a materialized view and is useful for accessing and manipulating the results of a query using the standard NamedCache API, and receiving an ongoing stream of events related to that query.
- A Continuous Query Cache can be used in a manner similar to a Near Cache because it maintains an up-to-date set of data locally where it is being used, for example, on a particular server node or on a client. Note that while a Near Cache is invalidation-based, a Continuous Query Cache actually maintains its data in an up-to-date manner.

By combining the Coherence*Extend functionality with Continuous Query Caching, an application can support literally tens of thousands of concurrent users.

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**Note:** Continuous Query Caches are useful in almost every type of application, including both client-based and server-based applications, because they provide the ability to very easily and efficiently maintain an up-to-date local copy of a specified sub-set of a much larger and potentially distributed cached data set.

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Understanding Continuous Query Caching Implementation

The Coherence implementation of Continuous Query is found in the ContinuousQueryCache class. This class, like all Coherence caches, implements the standard NamedCache interface, which includes the following capabilities:

- Cache access and manipulation using the Map interface: NamedCache extends the Map interface, which is based on the Map interface from the Java Collections Framework.
- Events for all object modifications that occur within the cache: NamedCache extends the ObservableMap interface.
- Querying the objects in the cache: NamedCache extends the QueryMap interface.
- Distributed Parallel Processing and Aggregation of objects in the cache: NamedCache extends the InvocableMap interface.

Since the ContinuousQueryCache implements the NamedCache interface, which is the same API provided by all Coherence caches, it is extremely simple to use, and it can be easily substituted for another cache when its functionality is called for.

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Defining a Continuous Query Cache

There are two features that define a Continuous Query Cache:

- The underlying cache that the Continuous Query is based on.
- A query of the underlying cache that produces the sub-set that the Continuous Query Cache caches.
The underlying cache can be any Coherence cache, including another Continuous Query Cache. The most straight-forward way of obtaining a cache is by using the CacheFactory class. This class enables you to create a cache simply by specifying its name. It is created automatically and its configuration is based on the application's cache configuration elements. For example, the following line of code creates a cache named orders:

```cpp
NamedCache::Handle hCache = CacheFactory::getCache("orders");
```

The query is the same type of query that would be used to query any other cache. Example 12–1 illustrates how you can use code filters to find a given trader with a given order status:

**Example 12–1 Using Filters for Querying**

```cpp
ValueExtractor::Handle hTraderExtractor = ReflectionExtractor::create("getTrader");
ValueExtractor::Handle hStatusExtractor = ReflectionExtractor::create("getStatus");

Filter::Handle hFilter = AndFilter::create(EqualsFilter::create(hTraderExtractor, vTraderId),
                                          EqualsFilter::create(hStatusExtractor, vStatus));
```

Normally, to query a cache, you could use a method from the QueryMap class. For example, to obtain a snap-shot of all open trades for this trader:

```cpp
Set::View vSetOpenTrades = hCache->entrySet(hFilter);
```

In contrast, the Continuous Query Cache is constructed from the ContinuousQueryCache::create method, passing the cache and the filter:

```cpp
ContinuousQueryCache::Handle hCacheOpenTrades = ContinuousQueryCache::create(hCache, hFilter);
```

### Cleaning up Continuous Query Cache Resources

A Continuous Query Cache places one or more event listeners on its underlying cache. If the Continuous Query Cache is used for the duration of the application, then the resources is cleaned up when the node is shut down or otherwise stops. However, if the Continuous Query Cache is only used for a period, then the application must call the release() method on the Continuous Query Cache when it is done using it.

### Caching Only Keys Versus Keys and Values

When constructing a Continuous Query Cache, you can specify that the cache should only keep track of the keys that result from the query and obtain the values from the underlying cache only when they are asked for. This feature may be useful for creating a Continuous Query Cache that represents a very large query result set or if the values are never or rarely requested. To specify that only the keys should be cached, pass false when creating the ContinuousQueryCache; for example:

```cpp
ContinuousQueryCache::Handle hCacheOpenTrades = ContinuousQueryCache::create(hCache, hFilter, false);
```

If necessary, the CacheValues property can be modified after the cache has been instantiated; for example:

```cpp
hCacheOpenTrades->setCacheValues(true);
```
CacheValues Property and Event Listeners

If the Continuous Query Cache has any standard (non-lite) event listeners, or if any of the event listeners are filtered, then the CacheValues property is automatically set to true. This is because the Continuous Query Cache uses the locally cached values to filter events and to supply the old and new values for the events that it raises.

Using ReflectionExtractor with Continuous Query Caches

When the Continuous Query Cache is configured to cache values, the use of the ReflectionExtractor is not supported. This is because the ReflectionExtractor does not support reflection in C++. In this case, you must provide a custom extractor. When the Continuous Query Cache is not caching values locally, the ReflectionExtractor can be used since it does not perform the extraction on the client but instead passes the necessary extraction information to the cluster to perform the query.

Listening to a Continuous Query Cache

Since the Continuous Query Cache is itself observable, it is possible for the client to place one or more event listeners onto it. For example:

Example 12–2  Placing a Listener into a Continuous Query Cache

```c++
ContinuousQueryCache::Handle hCacheOpenTrades  =
ContinuousQueryCache::create(hCache, hFilter);
hCacheOpenTrades->addFilterListener(hListener);
```

If your application has to perform some processing against every item that is in the cache and every item added to the cache, then provide the listener during construction. The resulting cache receives one event for each item that is in the Continuous Query Cache, whether it was there to begin with (because it was in the query) or if it got added during or after the construction of the cache. One form of the factory create method of ContinuousQueryCache enables you to specify a cache, a filter, and a listener:

Example 12–3  Creating a Continuous Query Cache with a Filter and a Listener

```c++
ContinuousQueryCache::Handle hCacheOpenTrades  = ContinuousQueryCache::create(
  hRemoteCache, hFilter, true, hListener);
```

Avoiding Unexpected Results

There are two alternate approaches to processing the items in the Continuous Query Cache, both of which could yield unexpected and unwanted results. First, if you perform the processing and then add the listener to handle any later additions, then events that occur in the split second after the iteration and before the listener is added are missed. This is illustrated in Example 12–4:

Example 12–4  Processing the Data, then Adding the Listener

```c++
ContinuousQueryCache::Handle hCacheOpenTrades  =
ContinuousQueryCache::create(hCache, hFilter);

for (Iterator::Handle hIter = hCacheOpenTrades->entrySet()->iterator();
    hIter->hasNext(); )
{
    Map::Entry::View vEntry = cast<Map::Entry::View>(hIter->next());
    // .. process the cache entry
```
hCacheOpenTrades->addFilterListener(hListener);

The second approach is to add a listener first, so that no events are missed, and then do the processing. Although, the same entry may appear in both an event and in the Iterator. The events can be asynchronous, so the sequence of operations cannot be guaranteed.

Example 12–5  Adding the Listener, then Processing the Data

```
ContinuousQueryCache::Handle hCacheOpenTrades =
    ContinuousQueryCache::create(hRemoteCache, hFilter);

hCacheOpenTrades->addFilterListener(hListener);
for (Iterator::Handle hIter = hCacheOpenTrades->entrySet()->iterator();
    hIter->hasNext(); )
{
    Map::Entry::View vEntry = cast<Map::Entry::View>(hIter->next());
    // .. process the cache entry
}
```

Achieving a Stable Materialized View

The Continuous Query Cache implementation faced the same challenge: How to assemble an exact point-in-time snapshot of an underlying cache while receiving a stream of modification events from that same cache. The solution has several parts. First, Coherence supports an option for synchronous events, which provides a set of ordering guarantees. Secondly, the Continuous Query Cache has a two-phase implementation of its initial population that allows it to first query the underlying cache and then subsequently resolve all of the events that came in during the first phase. Since achieving these guarantees of data visibility without any missing or repeated events is fairly complex, the ContinuousQueryCache allows a developer to pass a listener during construction, thus avoiding exposing these same complexities to the application developer.

Support for Synchronous and Asynchronous Listeners

By default, listeners to the Continuous Query Cache have their events delivered asynchronously. However, the ContinuousQueryCache implementation does respect the option for synchronous events as provided by the SynchronousListener interface.

Making a Continuous Query Cache Read-Only

The Continuous Query Cache can be made into a read-only cache by using the boolean setReadOnly method on the ContinuousQueryCache class; for example:

```
hCacheOpenTrades->setReadOnly(true);
```

A read-only Continuous Query Cache does not allow objects to be added to, changed in, removed from, or locked in the cache.

When a Continuous Query Cache has been set to read-only, it cannot be changed back to read/write.
This chapter provides instructions for performing remote invocations on Coherence caches from C++ clients.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- Overview of Performing Remote Invocations (C++)
- Configuring and Using the Remote Invocation Service
- Registering Invocable Implementation Classes

**Overview of Performing Remote Invocations (C++)**

An Invocable can execute any arbitrary action and can use any cluster-side services (cache services, grid services, and so on) necessary to perform their work. The Invocable operations can also be stateful, which means that their state is serialized and transmitted to the grid nodes on which the Invocable is run.

Coherence for C++ provides a **Remote Invocation Service** which allows the execution of Invocables within the cluster-side JVM to which the client is connected. In Java, Invocables are simply runnable application classes that implement the `com.tangosol.net.Invocable` interface. To employ an Invocable in Coherence for C++, you must deploy a compiled Java implementation of the Invocable task on the cluster-side node, in addition to providing a C++ implementation of `coherence::net::Invocable`. Since execution is server-side (that is, Java), the C++ invocable need only be concerned with state; the methods themselves can be no-operations.

**Configuring and Using the Remote Invocation Service**

A Remote Invocation Service is configured using the `remote-invocation-scheme` element in the cache configuration descriptor. Example 13–1 illustrates a sample remote invocation scheme configuration.

```
<remote-invocation-scheme>
  <scheme-name>example-invocation</scheme-name>
  <service-name>ExtendTcpInvocationService</service-name>
  <initiator-config>
    <tcp-initiator>
      <remote-addresses>
        <socket-address>
          <address>localhost</address>
          <port>9099</port>
        </socket-address>
      </remote-addresses>
    </tcp-initiator>
  </initiator-config>
</remote-invocation-scheme>
```
A reference to a configured Remote Invocation Service can then be obtained by name by using the `coherence::net::CacheFactory` class:

**Example 13–2  Reference to a Remote Invocation Service**

```cpp
InvocationService::Handle hService = 
    hService::getService("ExtendTcpInvocationService");
```

To execute an agent on the grid node to which the client is connected requires only one line of code:

```cpp
Map::View hResult = hService->query(myTask::create(), NULL);
```

The `Map` returned from `query` is keyed by the member on which the query is run. For Extend clients, there is no concept of membership, so the result is keyed by the local member which can be retrieved by calling `CacheFactory::getConfigurableCacheFactory()::GetLocalMember()`

### Registering Invocable Implementation Classes

Like cached value objects, all Invocable implementation classes must be correctly registered in the POF context of the C++ application (see "PortableObject (Self-Serialization)" on page 10-5) and cluster-side node to which the client is connected. As such, a Java implementation of the Invocable task (a `com.tangosol.net.Invocable` implementation) must be created, compiled, and deployed on the cluster-side node.

See "Registering Custom C++ Types" on page 10-12 for additional details.
This chapter provides C++-specific instructions for using map event listeners to receive cache events and events from any class in Coherence that implements the ObservableMap interface.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- Overview of Map Events (C++)
- Signing Up for all Events
- Using a Multiplexing Map Listener
- Configuring a MapListener for a Cache
- Signing Up for Events on Specific Identities
- Filtering Events
- Using Lite Events
- Listening to Queries
- Using Synthetic Events
- Using Backing Map Events
- Using Synchronous Event Listeners

Overview of Map Events (C++)

The event model is comprised of an EventListener interface that all listeners must extend. Coherence provides a MapListener interface, which allows application logic to receive events when data in a Coherence cache is added, modified or removed.

An application object that implements the MapListener interface can sign up for events from any Coherence cache or class that implements the ObservableMap interface, simply by passing an instance of the application’s MapListener implementation to an addMapListener() method.

The MapEvent object that is passed to the MapListener carries all of the necessary information about the event that has occurred, including the source (ObservableMap) that raised the event, the identity (key) that the event is related to, what the action was against that identity (insert, update or delete), what the old value was and what the new value is.
Caches and Classes that Support Events

All Coherence caches implement `ObservableMap`; in fact, the `NamedCache` interface that is implemented by all Coherence caches extends the `ObservableMap` interface. That means that an application can sign up to receive events from any cache, regardless of whether that cache is local, partitioned, near, replicated, using read-through, write-through, write-behind, overflow, disk storage, and so on.

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**Note:** Regardless of the cache topology and the number of servers, and even if the modifications are being made by other servers, the events are delivered to the application’s listeners.

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In addition to the Coherence caches (those objects obtained through a Coherence cache factory), several other supporting classes in Coherence also implement the `ObservableMap` interface:

- `ObservableHashMap`
- `LocalCache`
- `OverflowMap`
- `NearCache`
- `ReadWriteBackingMap`
- `AbstractSerializationCache`, `SerializationCache`, and `SerializationPagedCache`
- `WrapperObservableMap`, `WrapperConcurrentMap`, and `WrapperNamedCache`

For a full list of published implementing classes, see the Coherence API for `ObservableMap`.

### Signing Up for all Events

To sign up for events, simply pass an object that implements the `MapListener` interface to an `addMapListener` method on `ObservableMap`:

#### Example 14–1 ObservableMap methods

```cpp
virtual void addKeyListener(MapListener::Handle hListener, Object::View vKey, bool fLite) = 0;
virtual void removeKeyListener(MapListener::Handle hListener, Object::View vKey) = 0;
virtual void addFilterListener(MapListener::Handle hListener, Filter::View vFilter = NULL, bool fLite = false) = 0;
virtual void removeFilterListener(MapListener::Handle hListener, Filter::View vFilter = NULL) = 0;
```

Let’s create an example `MapListener` implementation:

#### Example 14–2 Example MapListener implementation

```cpp
#include "coherence/util/MapEvent.hpp"
#include "coherence/util/MapListener.hpp"
#include <iostream>

using coherence::util::MapEvent;
```
using coherence::util::MapListener;
using namespace std;

/**
 * A MapListener implementation that prints each event as it receives
 * them.
 */
class EventPrinter
 : public class_spec<EventPrinter,
                     extends<Object>,
                     implements<MapListener> >
{
 friend class factory<EventPrinter>;

 public:
  virtual void entryInserted(MapEventView vEvent)
  { cout << vEvent << endl; }

  virtual void entryUpdated(MapEventView vEvent)
  { cout << vEvent << endl; }

  virtual void entryDeleted(MapEventView vEvent)
  { cout << vEvent << endl; }

};

Using this implementation simplifies printing all events from any given cache (since all caches implement the ObservableMap interface):

**Example 14–3 Printing Events**

NamedCache::Handle hCache;
...
hCache->addFilterListener(EventPrinter::create());

Of course, to be able to later remove the listener, it is necessary to hold on to a reference to the listener:

**Example 14–4 Holding a Reference to a Listener**

MapListener::Handle hListener = EventPrinter::create();
hCache->addFilterListener(hListener);
m_hListener = hListener; // store the listener in a member field

Later, to remove the listener:

**Example 14–5 Removing a Reference to a Listener**

MapListener::Handle hListener = m_hListener;
if (hListener != NULL)
{ hCache->removeFilterListener(hListener);
  m_hListener = NULL; // clean up the listener field
}
Each add*Listener method on the ObservableMap interface has a corresponding remove*Listener method. To remove a listener, use the remove*Listener method that corresponds to the add*Listener method that was used to add the listener.

Using a Multiplexing Map Listener

Another helpful base class for creating a MapListener is the MultiplexingMapListener, which routes all events to a single method for handling. Example 14–6 illustrates a simplified version of the EventPrinter example:

Example 14–6  Using MultiplexingMapListener to Route Events

```cpp
#include "coherence/util/MultiplexingMapListener.hpp"

#include <iostream>
using coherence::util::MultiplexingMapListener;

class EventPrinter
  : public class_spec<EventPrinter,
      extends<MultiplexingMapListener> >
  {
    public:
      virtual void onMapEvent(MapEventView vEvent)
      {
        std::cout << vEvent << std::endl;
      }
  };
```

Configuring a MapListener for a Cache

If the listener should always be on a particular cache, then place it into the cache configuration using the <listener> element and Coherence automatically adds the listener when it configures the cache.

Signing Up for Events on Specific Identities

Signing up for events that occur against specific identities (keys) is just as simple. The C++ code in Example 14–7 prints all events that occur against the Integer key 5:

Example 14–7  Printing Events that Occur Against a Specified Integer Key

```cpp
hCache->addKeyListener(EventPrinter::create(), Integer32::create(5), false);
```

The code in Example 14–8 would only trigger an event when the Integer key 5 is inserted or updated:

Example 14–8  Triggering an Event for a Specified Integer Key Value

```cpp
for (int32_t i = 0; i < 10; ++i)
{
  Integer32::View vKey   = Integer32::create(i);
  Integer32::View vValue = vKey;
  hCache->put(vKey, vValue);
}
```
Filtering Events

Similar to listening to a particular key, it is possible to listen to particular events. In Example 14–9, a listener is added to the cache with a filter that allows the listener to only receive delete events.

Example 14–9  Adding a Listener with a Filter that Allows only Deleted Events

```
// Filters used with partitioned caches must implement
coaherence::io::pof::PortableObject

#include "coherence/io/pof/PofReader.hpp"
#include "coherence/io/pof/PofWriter.hpp"
#include "coherence/io/pof/PortableObject.hpp"
#include "coherence/util/Filter.hpp"
#include "coherence/util/MapEvent.hpp"

using coherence::io::pof::PofReader;
using coherence::io::pof::PofWriter;
using coherence::io::pof::PortableObject;
using coherence::util::MapEvent;

class DeletedFilter
: public class_spec<DeletedFilter,
    extends<Object>,
    implements<Filter, PortableObject> >
{
public:
    // Filter interface        virtual bool evaluate(Object::View v) const
    {
        MapEvent::View vEvt = cast<MapEvent::View>(v);
        return MapEvent::entry_deleted == vEvt->getId();
    }

    // PortableObject interface        virtual void
readExternal(PofReader::Handle hIn)
    {
    }

    virtual void writeExternal(PofWriter::Handle hOut) const
    {
    }
};

hCache->addFilterListener(EventPrinter::create(), DeletedFilter::create(), false);
```

For example, if the following sequence of calls were made:

Example 14–10  Inserting and Removing Data from the Cache

```
cache::put(String::create("hello"), String::create("world"));
cache::put(String::create("hello"), String::create("again"));
cache::remove(String::create("hello"));
```

The result would be:
```
CacheEvent{LocalCache deleted: key=hello, value=again}
```

For more information, see "Listening to Queries" on page 14-6.
Filtering Events Versus Filtering Cached Data

When building a filter for querying, the object that is passed to the evaluate method of the filter is a value from the cache, or, if the filter implements the EntryFilter interface, the entire Map::Entry from the cache. When building a filter for filtering events for a MapListener, the object that is passed to the evaluate method of the filter is always of type MapEvent.

For more information on how to use a query filter to listen to cache events, see Advanced: Listening to Queries.

Using Lite Events

By default, Coherence provides both the old and the new value as part of an event. Consider the following example:

Example 14–11 Inserting, Updating, and Removing a Value

```cpp
MapListener::Handle hListener = EventPrinter::create();
// add listener with the default 'lite' value of false
hCache->addFilterListener(hListener);

// insert a 1KB value
String::View vKey = String::create("test");
hCache->put(vKey, Array<octet_t>::create(1024));

// update with a 2KB value
hCache->put(vKey, Array<octet_t>::create(2048));

// remove the value
hCache->remove(vKey);
```

When the above code is run, the insert event carries the new 1KB value, the update event carries both the old 1KB value and the new 2KB value and the remove event carries the removed 2KB value.

When an application does not require the old and the new value to be included in the event, it can indicate that by requesting only "lite" events. When adding a listener, you can request lite events by using either the addFilterListener or the addKeyListener method that takes an additional boolean fLite parameter. In the above example, the only change would be:

Example 14–12 Requesting Only "Lite" Events

```cpp
hCache->addFilterListener(hListener, (Filter::View) NULL, true);
```

Note: Obviously, a lite event's old value and new value may be NULL. However, even if you request lite events, the old and the new value may be included if there is no additional cost to generate and deliver the event. In other words, requesting that a MapListener receive lite events is simply a hint to the system that the MapListener does not require knowledge of the old and new values for the event.

Listening to Queries

All Coherence caches support querying by any criteria. When an application queries for data from a cache, the result is a point-in-time snapshot, either as a set of identities
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(keySet) or a set of identity/value pairs (entrySet). The mechanism for determining the contents of the resulting set is referred to as filtering, and it allows an application developer to construct queries of arbitrary complexity using a rich set of out-of-the-box filters (for example, equals, less-than, like, between, and so on), or to provide their own custom filters (for example, XPath).

The same filters that are used to query a cache are used to listen to events from a cache. For example, in a trading system it is possible to query for all open Order objects for a particular trader.

**Note:** Executing Queries in the Cluster: Example 14–13 uses the coherence::util::extractor::ReflectionExtractor class. While the C++ client does not support reflection, ReflectionExtractor can be used for queries which are executed in the cluster. In this case, the ReflectionExtractor simply passes the necessary extraction information to the cluster to perform the query. In cases where the ReflectionExtractor would extract the data on the client, such as the ContinuousQueryCache when caching values locally, the use of the ReflectionExtractor is not supported. For these cases, you must provide a custom extractor.

**Example 14–13 Filtering for Cache Events**

```java
NamedCache::Handle hMapTrades = ... 
Filter::Handle hFilter = AndFilter::create(
    EqualsFilter::create(ReflectionExtractor::create("getTrader"), vTraderId),
    EqualsFilter::create(ReflectionExtractor::create("getStatus"),
    Status::OPEN));
Set::View vSetOpenTrades = hMapTrades->entrySet(hFilter);
```

To receive notifications of new trades being opened for that trader, closed by that trader or reassigned to or from another trader, the application can use the same filter:

**Example 14–14 Filtering for Specialized Events**

```java
// receive events for all trade IDs that this trader is interested in
hMapTrades->addFilterListener(hListener, MapEventFilter::create(hFilter), true);
```

The MapEventFilter converts a query filter into an event filter.

**Note:** Filtering events versus filtering cached data: When building a Filter for querying, the object that is passed to the evaluate method of the Filter is a value from the cache, or, if the Filter implements the EntryFilter interface, the entire Map::Entry from the cache. When building a Filter for filtering events for a MapListener, the object that is passed to the evaluate method of the Filter is always be of type MapEvent.

The MapEventFilter converts a Filter that is used to do a query into a Filter that is used to filter events for a MapListener. In other words, the MapEventFilter is constructed from a Filter that queries a cache, and the resulting MapEventFilter is a filter that evaluates MapEvent objects by converting them into the objects that a query Filter would expect.
The MapEventFilter has several very powerful options, allowing an application listener to receive only the events that it is specifically interested in. More importantly for scalability and performance, only the desired events have to be communicated over the network, and they are communicated only to the servers and clients that have expressed interest in those specific events. For example:

Example 14–15 Communicating Only Specialized Events over the Network

```cpp
// receive all events for all trades that this trader is interested in
int32_t nMask = MapEventFilter::e_all;
hMapTrades->addFilterListener(hListener, MapEventFilter::create(nMask, hFilter), true);

// receive events for all this trader's trades that are closed or
// re-assigned to a different trader
nMask = MapEventFilter::e_updated_left | MapEventFilter::e_deleted;
hMapTrades->addFilterListener(hListener, MapEventFilter::create(nMask, hFilter), true);

// receive events for all trades as they are assigned to this trader
nMask = MapEventFilter::e_inserted | MapEventFilter::e_updated_entered;
hMapTrades->addFilterListener(hListener, MapEventFilter::create(nMask, hFilter), true);

// receive events only for new trades assigned to this trader
nMask = MapEventFilter::e_inserted;
hMapTrades->addFilterListener(hListener, MapEventFilter::create(nMask, hFilter), true);
```

For more information on the various options supported, see the API documentation for MapEventFilter.

Using Synthetic Events

Events usually reflect the changes being made to a cache. For example, one server is modifying one entry in a cache; while, another server is adding several items to a cache; while, a third server is removing an item from the same cache; while, fifty threads on each server in the cluster is accessing data from the same cache. All the modifying actions produce events that any server within the cluster can choose to receive. These actions are referred to as client actions and the events as being dispatched to clients, even though the "clients" in this case are actually servers. This is a natural concept in a true peer-to-peer architecture, such as a Coherence cluster: Each and every peer is both a client and a server, both consuming services from its peers and providing services to its peers. In a typical Java Enterprise application, a "peer" is an application server instance that is acting as a container for the application, and the "client" is that part of the application that is directly accessing and modifying the caches and listening to events from the caches.

Some events originate from within a cache itself. There are many examples, but the most common cases are:

- When entries automatically expire from a cache;
- When entries are evicted from a cache because the maximum size of the cache has been reached;
- When entries are transparently added to a cache as the result of a Read-Through operation;
When entries in a cache are transparently updated as the result of a Read-Ahead or Refresh-Ahead operation.

Each of these represents a modification, but the modifications represent natural (and typically automatic) operations from within a cache. These events are referred to as synthetic events.

When necessary, an application can differentiate between client-induced and synthetic events simply by asking the event if it is synthetic. This information is carried on a sub-class of the MapEvent, called CacheEvent. Using the previous EventPrinter example, it is possible to print only the synthetic events:

```
Example 14–16  Differentiating Between Client-Induced and Synthetic Events

class EventPrinter
  : public class_spec<EventPrinter,  
    extends<MultiplexingMapListener> >  
{
  friend class factory<EventPrinter>;

  public:
    void onMapEvent(MapEvent::View vEvt)  
    {
      if (instanceof<CacheEvent::View>(vEvt) &&  
          (cast<CacheEvent::View>(vEvt)->isSynthetic()))  
        {  
          std::cout << vEvt;
        }
    }
};
```

For more information on this feature, see the API documentation for CacheEvent.

Using Backing Map Events

While it is possible to listen to events from Coherence caches, each of which presents a local view of distributed, partitioned, replicated, near-cached, continuously-queried, read-through/write-through, and write-behind data, it is also possible to peek behind the curtains, so to speak.

For some advanced use cases, it may be necessary to peek behind the curtain—or more correctly, to "listen to" the "map" behind the "service." Replication, partitioning and other approaches to managing data in a distributed environment are all distribution services. The service still has to have something in which to actually manage the data, and that something is called a "backing map".

Backing maps are configurable. If all the data for a particular cache should be kept in object form on the heap, then use an unlimited and non-expiring LocalCache (or a SafeHashMap if statistics are not required). If only a small number of items should be kept in memory, use a LocalCache. If data are to be read on demand from a database, then use a ReadWriteBackingMap (which knows how to read and write through an application's DAO implementation), and in turn give the ReadWriteBackingMap a backing map such as a SafeHashMap or a LocalCache to store its data in.

Some backing maps are observable. The events coming from these backing maps are not usually of direct interest to the application. Instead, Coherence translates them into actions that must be taken (by Coherence) to keep data synchronized and properly backed up, and it also translates them when appropriate into clustered events that are delivered throughout the cluster as requested by application listeners. For example, if
a partitioned cache has a LocalCache as its backing map, and the local cache expires an entry, that event causes Coherence to expire all of the backup copies of that entry. Furthermore, if any listeners have been registered on the partitioned cache, and if the event matches their event filter(s), then that event is delivered to those listeners on the servers where those listeners were registered.

In some advanced use cases, an application must process events on the server where the data are being maintained, and it must do so on the structure (backing map) that is actually managing the data. In these cases, if the backing map is an observable map, a listener can be configured on the backing map or one can be programmatically added to the backing map. (If the backing map is not observable, it can be made observable by wrapping it in an WrapperObservableMap.)

See C++ API Reference for Oracle Coherence for more information on these APIs.

Using Synchronous Event Listeners

Some events are delivered asynchronously, so that application listeners do not disrupt the cache services that are generating the events. In some rare scenarios, asynchronous delivery can cause ambiguity of the ordering of events compared to the results of ongoing operations. To guarantee that the cache API operations and the events are ordered as if the local view of the clustered system were single-threaded, a MapListener must implement the SynchronousListener marker interface.

One example in Coherence itself that uses synchronous listeners is the Near Cache, which can use events to invalidate locally cached data (“Seppuku”).

See C++ API Reference for Oracle Coherence for more information on this API.
This chapter provides instructions for using the Transaction Framework API to ensure cache operations are performed within a transaction when using a C++ client. The instructions do not provide detailed transaction API usage. See “Using the Transaction Framework API” in Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence for detailed transaction API usage.

The following sections are included in this chapter and are required to perform transactions:

- Using the Transaction API within an Entry Processor
- Creating a Stub Class for a Transactional Entry Processor
- Registering a Transactional Entry Processor User Type
- Configuring the Cluster-Side Transactional Caches
- Configuring the Client-Side Remote Cache
- Using a Transactional Entry Processor from a C++ Client

**Using the Transaction API within an Entry Processor**

C++ clients perform cache operations within a transaction by leveraging the Transaction Framework API. The transaction API is not supported natively on C++ and must be used within an entry processor. The entry processor is implemented in Java on the cluster and an entry processor stub class is implemented in C++ on the client. Both classes use POF to serialize between Java and C++.

**Example 15-1** demonstrates an entry processor that performs a simple update operation within a transaction using the transaction API. At run time, the class must be located on the classpath of the extend proxy server.

**Example 15-1  Entry Processor for Extend Client Transaction**

```java
package coherence.tests;

import com.tangosol.coherence.transaction.Connection;
import com.tangosol.coherence.transaction.ConnectionFactory;
import com.tangosol.coherence.transaction.DefaultConnectionFactory;
import com.tangosol.coherence.transaction.OptimisticNamedCache;
import com.tangosol.coherence.transaction.exception.PredicateFailedException;
import com.tangosol.coherence.transaction.exception.RollbackException;
import com.tangosol.coherence.transaction.exception.UnableToAcquireLockException;
import com.tangosol.util.Filter;
```
import com.tangosol.util.InvocableMap;
import com.tangosol.util.extractor.IdentityExtractor;
import com.tangosol.util.filter.EqualsFilter;
import com.tangosol.util.processor.AbstractProcessor;

public class MyTxProcessor extends AbstractProcessor implements PortableObject
{
  public Object process(InvocableMap.Entry entry)
  {
    // obtain a connection and transaction cache
    ConnectionFactory connFactory = new DefaultConnectionFactory();
    Connection conn = connFactory.createConnection("TransactionalCache");
    OptimisticNamedCache cache = conn.getNamedCache("MyTxCache");

    conn.setAutoCommit(false);

    // get a value for an existing entry
    String sValue = (String) cache.get("existingEntry");

    // create predicate filter
    Filter predicate = new EqualsFilter(IdentityExtractor.INSTANCE, sValue);

    try
    {
      // update the previously obtained value
      cache.update("existingEntry", "newValue", predicate);
    }
    catch (PredicateFailedException e)
    {
      // value was updated after it was read
      conn.rollback();
      return false;
    }
    catch (UnableToAcquireLockException e)
    {
      // row is being updated by another transaction
      conn.rollback();
      return false;
    }
    try
    {
      conn.commit();
    }
    catch (RollbackException e)
    {
      // transaction was rolled back
      return false;
    }
    return true;
  }

  public void readExternal(PofReader in)
  throws IOException
  {
  }

  public void writeExternal(PofWriter out)
  throws IOException
  {
  }
}
Creating a Stub Class for a Transactional Entry Processor

An entry processor stub class allows a client to use the transactional entry processor on the cluster. The stub class is implemented in C++ and uses POF for serialization. POF allows an entry processor to be serialized between C++ and Java. The entry processor stub class does not require any transaction logic and is a skeleton of the transactional entry processor. See Chapter 10, "Building Integration Objects (C++)," for detailed information on using POF with C++.

Example 15–2 and Example 15–3 demonstrate a stub class and associated header file for the transactional entry processor created in Example 15–1. In the example, POF registration is performed within the class.

Example 15–2  Transaction Entry Processor C++ Stub Class

```cpp
#include "coherence/tests/MyTxProcessor.hpp"
#include "coherence/io/pof/SystemPofContext.hpp"

COH_OPEN_NAMESPACE2(coherence,tests)
COH_REGISTER_PORTABLE_CLASS(1599, MyTxProcessor);

MyTxProcessor::MyTxProcessor()
{
}

void MyTxProcessor::readExternal(PofReader::Handle hIn)
{
}

void MyTxProcessor::writeExternal(PofWriter::Handle hOut) const
{
}

Object::Holder MyTxProcessor::process(InvocableMap::Entry::Handle hEntry) const
{
    return NULL;
}

COH_CLOSE_NAMESPACE2
```

Example 15–3  Transaction Entry Processor C++ Stub Class Header File

```cpp
#ifndef COH_TX_EP_HPP
#define COH_TX_EP_HPP

#include "coherence/lang.ns"
#include "coherence/io/pof/PofReader.hpp"
#include "coherence/io/pof/PofWriter.hpp"
#include "coherence/io/pof/PortableObject.hpp"
#include "coherence/util/InvocableMap.hpp"
#include "coherence/util/processor/AbstractProcessor.hpp";

COH_OPEN_NAMESPACE2(coherence,tests)

using coherence::io::pof::PofReader;
using coherence::io::pof::PofWriter;
```
using coherence::io::pof::PortableObject;
using coherence::util::InvocableMap;
using coherence::util::processor::AbstractProcessor;

class MyTxProcessor
  : public class_spec<MyTxProcessor,
   extends<AbstractProcessor>,
   implements<PortableObject> >
{

  friend class factory<MyTxProcessor>;

protected:
  MyTxProcessor();

public:
  virtual Object::Holder process(InvocableMap::Entry::Handle hEntry) const;

public:
  virtual void readExternal(PofReader::Handle hIn);
  virtual void writeExternal(PofWriter::Handle hOut) const;
};

COH_CLOSE_NAMESPACE2
#if !defined(COH_TX_EP_HPP)
#endif // COH_TX_EP_HPP

Registering a Transactional Entry Processor User Type

An entry processor class must be registered as a POF user type in the cluster-side POF configuration file. The registration must use the same type ID that was used to register the stub class on the client side. The following example demonstrates registering the MyTxProcessor class that was created in Example 15–1 and uses the same type ID that was registered in Example 15–2:

```xml
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<pof-config xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/coherence/coherence-pof-config"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://xmlns.oracle.com/coherence/coherence-pof-config coherence-pof-config.xsd">
  <user-type-list>
    <include>coherence-pof-config.xml</include>
    <include>txn-pof-config.xml</include>
    <user-type>
      <type-id>1599</type-id>
      <class-name>coherence.tests.MyTxProcessor</class-name>
    </user-type>
  </user-type-list>
</pof-config>
```

Configuring the Cluster-Side Transactional Caches

Transactions require a transactional cache to be defined in the cluster-side cache configuration file. Transactional caches are used by the Transaction Framework to provide transactional guarantees. See "Defining Transactional Caches" in Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence for details on transactional caches.
The following example creates a transactional cache that is named MyTxCache, which is
the cache name that was used by the entry processor in Example 15–1. The
configuration also includes a proxy scheme and a distributed cache scheme that are
required to execute the entry processor from a remote client. The proxy is configured
to accept client TCP/IP connections on localhost at port 9099. See Chapter 4, "Setting
Up Coherence*Extend," for detailed information on configuring cluster-side caches
when using Coherence*Extend.

```xml
<cache-config xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
coherence-cache-config.xsd"><defaults>
<serializer>pof</serializer>
</defaults>
<caching-scheme-mapping>
<cache-mapping>
<cache-name>MyTxCache</cache-name>
<scheme-name>example-transactional</scheme-name>
</cache-mapping>
<cache-mapping>
<cache-name>dist-example</cache-name>
<scheme-name>example-distributed</scheme-name>
</cache-mapping>
</caching-scheme-mapping>
<caching-schemes>
<transactional-scheme>
<scheme-name>example-transactional</scheme-name>
<service-name>TransactionalCache</service-name>
<thread-count>7</thread-count>
<high-units>15M</high-units>
<task-timeout>0</task-timeout>
<autostart>true</autostart>
</transactional-scheme>
<distributed-scheme>
<scheme-name>example-distributed</scheme-name>
<service-name>DistributedCache</service-name>
<backing-map-scheme>
<local-scheme/>
</backing-map-scheme>
<autostart>true</autostart>
</distributed-scheme>
<proxy-scheme>
<service-name>ExtendTcpProxyService</service-name>
<acceptor-config>
<tcp-acceptor>
<local-address>
<address>localhost</address>
<port>9099</port>
</local-address>
</tcp-acceptor>
</acceptor-config>
<autostart>true</autostart>
</proxy-scheme>
</caching-schemes>
```
Configuring the Client-Side Remote Cache

Remote clients require a remote cache to connect to the cluster’s proxy and run a transactional entry processor. The remote cache is defined in the client-side cache configuration file. See Chapter 4, "Setting Up Coherence*Extend," for detailed information on configuring client-side caches.

The following example configures a remote cache to connect to a proxy that is located on localhost at port 9099. In addition, the name of the remote cache (dist-example) must match the name of a cluster-side cache that is used when initiating the transactional entry processor.

```xml
<?xml version='1.0'?>
<cache-config xmlns:xsi='http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance'
xsi:schemaLocation='http://xmlns.oracle.com/coherence/coherence-cache-config coherencer-cache-config.xsd'>
  <defaults>
    <serializer>pof</serializer>
  </defaults>
  <caching-scheme-mapping>
    <cache-mapping>
      <cache-name>dist-example</cache-name>
      <scheme-name>extend</scheme-name>
    </cache-mapping>
  </caching-scheme-mapping>
  <caching-schemes>
    <remote-cache-scheme>
      <scheme-name>extend</scheme-name>
      <service-name>ExtendTcpCacheService</service-name>
      <initiator-config>
        <tcp-initiator>
          <remote-addresses>
            <socket-address>
              <address>localhost</address>
              <port>9099</port>
            </socket-address>
          </remote-addresses>
          <connect-timeout>30s</connect-timeout>
        </tcp-initiator>
        <outgoing-message-handler>
          <request-timeout>30s</request-timeout>
        </outgoing-message-handler>
      </initiator-config>
    </remote-cache-scheme>
  </caching-schemes>
</cache-config>
```

Using a Transactional Entry Processor from a C++ Client

A client invokes an entry processor stub class the same way any entry processor is invoked. However, at run time, the cluster-side entry processor is invoked. The client is unaware that the invocation has been delegated to the Java class. The following
example demonstrates a client that uses the entry processor stub class and results in an
invocation of the transactional entry processor that was created in Example 15–1:

```cpp
String::View vsCacheName = "dist-example";
String::View vsKey = "AnyKey";

// retrieve the named cache
NamedCache::Handle hCache = CacheFactory::getCache(vsCacheName);

// invoke the cache
Object::View oResult = hCache->invoke(vsKey, MyTxProcessor::create());
std::cout << 'Result of extend transaction execution: " << oResult << std::endl;
```
Coherence for .NET allows .NET applications to access Coherence clustered services, including data, data events, and data processing from outside the Coherence cluster. Typical uses of Coherence for .NET include desktop and web applications that require access to Coherence caches.

Coherence for .NET consists of a lightweight .NET library that connects to a Coherence*Extend clustered service instance running within the Coherence cluster using a high performance TCP/IP-based communication layer. This library sends all client requests to the Coherence*Extend clustered service which, in turn, responds to client requests by delegating to an actual Coherence clustered service (for example, a Partitioned or Replicated cache service).

An INamedCache instance is retrieved by using the CacheFactory.GetCache(...) API call. After it is obtained, a client accesses the INamedCache in the same way as it would if it were part of the Coherence cluster. The fact that INamedCache operations are being sent to a remote cluster node (over TCP/IP) is completely transparent to the client application.

Coherence for .NET contains the following chapters:

- Chapter 16, "Configuration and Usage for .NET Clients"
- Chapter 17, "Building Integration Objects (.NET)"
- Chapter 18, "Using the Coherence .NET Client Library"
- Chapter 19, "Performing Continuous Queries (.NET)."
- Chapter 20, "Performing Remote Invocations (.NET)"
- Chapter 21, "Performing Transactions (.NET)"
- Chapter 22, "Managing ASP.NET Session State"
This chapter provides instructions for setting up Coherence for .NET clients.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- General Instructions
- Configuring Coherence*Extend
- Starting a Coherence DefaultCacheServer Process
- Obtaining a Cache Reference with .NET
- Cleaning Up Resources Associated with a Cache
- Using Network Filters

### General Instructions

Configuring and using Coherence for .NET requires five basic steps:

1. Configure Coherence*Extend on both the client and on one or more JVMs within the cluster. See "Configuring Coherence*Extend" below.

2. Configure a POF context on the client and on all of the JVMs within the cluster that run the Coherence*Extend clustered service. See "Overview of Building Integration Objects (.NET)" on page 17-1.

3. Implement the .NET client application using the Coherence for .NET API. See "Using the Coherence .NET APIs" on page 18-3.


5. Launch the .NET client application.

### Configuring Coherence*Extend

To configure Coherence*Extend, you must add the appropriate configuration elements to both the cluster and client-side cache configuration descriptors. The cluster-side cache configuration elements instruct a Coherence DefaultCacheServer to start a Coherence*Extend clustered service that listens for incoming TCP/IP requests from Coherence*Extend clients. The client-side cache configuration elements are used by the client library to determine the IP address and port of one or more servers in the cluster that run the Coherence*Extend clustered service so that it can connect to the cluster. It also contains various connection-related parameters, such as connection and request timeouts.
Configuring Coherence*Extend in the Cluster

In order for a Coherence*Extend client to connect to a Coherence cluster, one or more DefaultCacheServer JVMs within the cluster must run a TCP/IP Coherence*Extend clustered service. To configure a DefaultCacheServer to run this service, a proxy-scheme element with a child tcp-acceptor element must be added to the cache configuration descriptor used by the DefaultCacheServer. This is illustrated in Example 16–1.

Example 16–1  Configuration of a Default Cache Server for Coherence*Extend

<?xml version="1.0"?>
<cache-config xmlns="http://schemas.tangosol.com/cache"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  <caching-scheme-mapping>
    <cache-mapping>
      <cache-name>dist-*</cache-name>
      <scheme-name>dist-default</scheme-name>
    </cache-mapping>
  </caching-scheme-mapping>
  <caching-schemes>
    <distributed-scheme>
      <scheme-name>dist-default</scheme-name>
      <lease-granularity>member</lease-granularity>
      <backing-map-scheme>
        <local-scheme/>
      </backing-map-scheme>
      <autostart>true</autostart>
    </distributed-scheme>
    <proxy-scheme>
      <service-name>ExtendTcpProxyService</service-name>
      <acceptor-config>
        <tcp-acceptor>
          <local-address>
            <address=localhost</address>
            <port>9099</port>
          </local-address>
        </tcp-acceptor>
      </acceptor-config>
      <autostart>true</autostart>
    </proxy-scheme>
  </caching-schemes>
</cache-config>

This cache configuration descriptor defines two clustered services, one that allows remote Coherence*Extend clients to connect to the Coherence cluster over TCP/IP and a standard Partitioned cache service. Since this descriptor is used by a DefaultCacheServer, it is important that the autostart configuration element for each service is set to true so that clustered services are automatically restarted upon termination. The proxy-scheme element has a tcp-acceptor child element which includes all TCP/IP-specific information needed to accept client connection requests over TCP/IP.

The Coherence*Extend clustered service configured above listens for incoming requests on the localhost address and port 9099. When, for example, a client...
attempts to connect to a Coherence cache called dist-extend, the Coherence*Extend clustered service proxies subsequent requests to the NamedCache with the same name which, in this example, is a Partitioned cache.

Configuring Coherence*Extend on the Client

A Coherence*Extend client uses the information within an initiator-config cache configuration descriptor element to connect to and communicate with a Coherence*Extend clustered service running within a Coherence cluster. This is illustrated in Example 16–2.

Example 16–2  Configuration to Connect to a Remote Coherence Cluster

```xml
<?xml version='1.0'?>
<cache-config xmlns="http://schemas.tangosol.com/cache"
 xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  <caching-scheme-mapping>  
    <cache-mapping>  
      <cache-name>dist-extend</cache-name>  
      <scheme-name>extend-dist</scheme-name>  
    </cache-mapping>  
  </caching-scheme-mapping>  
  <caching-schemes>  
    <remote-cache-scheme>  
      <scheme-name>extend-dist</scheme-name>  
      <service-name>ExtendTcpCacheService</service-name>  
      <initiator-config>  
        <tcp-initiator>  
          <remote-addresses>  
            <socket-address>  
              <address>localhost</address>  
              <port>9099</port>  
            </socket-address>  
          </remote-addresses>  
        </tcp-initiator>  
        <outgoing-message-handler>  
          <request-timeout>5s</request-timeout>  
        </outgoing-message-handler>  
      </initiator-config>  
    </remote-cache-scheme>  
  </caching-schemes>  
</cache-config>
```

This cache configuration descriptor defines a caching scheme that connects to a remote Coherence cluster. The remote-cache-scheme element has a tcp-initiator child element which includes all TCP/IP-specific information needed to connect the client with the Coherence*Extend clustered service running within the remote Coherence cluster.

When the client application retrieves a named cache with CacheFactory using, for example, the name dist-extend, the Coherence*Extend client connects to the Coherence cluster by using TCP/IP (using the address localhost and port 9099) and return a INamedCache implementation that routes requests to the NamedCache with the same name running within the remote cluster. Note that the remote-addresses configuration element can contain multiple socket-address child elements. The
Coherence*Extend client attempts to connect to the addresses in a random order, until either the list is exhausted or a TCP/IP connection is established.

**Defining a Local Cache for .NET Clients**

A Local Cache is just that: A cache that is local to (completely contained within) a particular .NET application. There are several attributes of the Local Cache that are particularly interesting:

- The Local Cache implements the same standard cache interfaces that a remote cache implements (ICache, IObservableCache, IConcurrentCache, IQueryCache, and IIInvocableCache), meaning that there is no programming difference between using a local and a remote cache.

- The Local Cache can be size-limited. Size-limited means that the Local Cache can restrict the number of entries that it caches, and automatically evict entries when the cache becomes full. Furthermore, both the sizing of entries and the eviction policies are customizable, for example allowing the cache to be size-limited based on the memory used by the cached entries. The default eviction policy uses a combination of Most Frequently Used (MFU) and Most Recently Used (MRU) information, scaled on a logarithmic curve, to determine what cache items to evict. This algorithm is the best general-purpose eviction algorithm because it works well for short duration and long duration caches, and it balances frequency versus recentness to avoid cache thrashing. The pure LRU and pure LFU algorithms are also supported, and the ability to plug in custom eviction policies.

- The Local Cache supports automatic expiration of cached entries, meaning that each cache entry can be assigned a time-to-live value in the cache. Furthermore, the entire cache can be configured to flush itself on a periodic basis or at a preset time.

- The Local Cache is thread safe and highly concurrent.

- The Local Cache provides cache "get" statistics. It maintains hit and miss statistics. These run-time statistics accurately project the effectiveness of the cache and are used to adjust its size-limiting and auto-expiring settings accordingly while the cache is running.

The Coherence for .NET Local Cache functionality is implemented by the Tangosol.Net.Cache.LocalCache class. As such, it can be programmatically instantiated and configured; however, it is recommended that a LocalCache be configured by using a cache configuration descriptor, just like any other Coherence for .NET cache.

The key element for configuring the Local Cache is `<local-scheme>`. Local caches are generally nested within other cache schemes, for instance as the front-tier of a near-scheme. Thus, this element can appear as a subelement of any of these elements in the coherence-cache-config file: `<caching-schemes>`, `<distributed-scheme>`, `<replicated-scheme>`, `<optimistic-scheme>`, `<near-scheme>`, `<overflow-scheme>`, and `<read-write-backing-map>`.

The `<local-scheme>` provides several optional subelements that let you define the characteristics of the cache. For example, the `<low-units>` and `<high-units>` subelements allow you to limit the cache in terms of size. When the cache reaches its maximum allowable size, it prunes itself back to a specified smaller size, choosing which entries to evict according to a specified eviction-policy (`<eviction-policy>`).

The entries and size limitations are measured in terms of units as calculated by the scheme’s unit-calculator (`<unit-calculator>`). A custom class can be defined using the `<class-scheme>` subelement for both the `<eviction-policy>` and `<unit-calculator>` element to specify custom behavior as required.
You can also limit the cache in terms of time. The `<expiry-delay>` subelement specifies the amount of time from last update that entries are kept by the cache before being marked as expired. Any attempt to read an expired entry results in a reloading of the entry from the configured cache store `<cachestore-scheme>`. Expired values are periodically discarded from the cache based on the flush-delay.

If a `<cachestore-scheme>` is not specified, then the cached data only resides in memory, and only reflects operations performed on the cache itself. See `<local-scheme>` for a complete description of all of the available subelements.

Example 16–3 demonstrates a near cache configuration.

Example 16–3 Configuring a Local Cache

```xml
<?xml version='1.0'?>
<cache-config xmlns="http://schemas.tangosol.com/cache"
    xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
    xsi:schemaLocation="http://schemas.tangosol.com/cache
assembly://Coherence/Tangosol.Config/cache-config.xsd">
    <caching-scheme-mapping>
        <cache-mapping>
            <cache-name>example-local-cache</cache-name>
            <scheme-name>example-local</scheme-name>
        </cache-mapping>
    </caching-scheme-mapping>
    <caching-schemes>
        <local-scheme>
            <scheme-name>example-local</scheme-name>
            <eviction-policy>LRU</eviction-policy>
            <high-units>32000</high-units>
            <low-units>10</low-units>
            <unit-calculator>FIXED</unit-calculator>
            <expiry-delay>10ms</expiry-delay>
            <cachestore-scheme>
                <class-scheme>
                    <class-name>ExampleCacheStore</class-name>
                </class-scheme>
            </cachestore-scheme>
            <pre-load>true</pre-load>
        </local-scheme>
    </caching-schemes>
</cache-config>
```

Defining a Near Cache for .NET Clients

This section describes the Near Cache as it pertains to Coherence for .NET clients. See Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence for a complete discussion of the concepts behind a Near Cache, its configuration, and ways to keep it synchronized with the back tier.

In Coherence for .NET, the Near Cache is an INamedCache implementation that wraps the front cache and the back cache using a read-through/write-through approach. If the back cache implements the I ObservableCache interface, then the Near Cache can use either the Listen None, Listen Present, Listen All, or Listen Auto strategy to invalidate any front cache entries that might have been changed in the back cache.

The Tangosol.Net.Cache.NearCache class enables you to programmatically instantiate and configure .NET Near Cache functionality. However, it is recommended that you use a cache configuration descriptor to configure the NearCache.
A typical Near Cache is configured to use a local cache (thread safe, highly concurrent, size-limited and possibly auto-expiring) as the front cache and a remote cache as a back cache. A Near Cache is configured by using the near-scheme element which has two child elements: front-scheme for configuring a local (front) cache and back-scheme for defining a remote (back) cache.

A Near Cache is configured by using the <near-scheme> element in the coherence-cache-config file. This element has two required subelements: front-scheme for configuring a local (front-tier) cache and back-scheme for defining a remote (back-tier) cache. While a local cache (<local-scheme>) is a typical choice for the front-tier, you can also use non-JVM heap based caches, (<external-scheme> or <paged-external-scheme>) or schemes based on Java objects (<class-scheme>).

The remote or back-tier cache is described by the <back-scheme> element. A back-tier cache can be either a distributed cache (<distributed-scheme>) or a remote cache (<remote-cache-scheme>). The <remote-cache-scheme> element enables you to use a clustered cache from outside the current cluster.

Optional subelements of <near-scheme> include <invalidation-strategy> for specifying how the front-tier and back-tier objects are kept synchronized and <listener> for specifying a listener which are notified of events occurring on the cache.

Example 16–4 demonstrates a near cache configuration.

Example 16–4  Near Cache Configuration

```xml
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<cache-config xmlns="http://schemas.tangosol.com/cache"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://schemas.tangosol.com/cache
  assembly://Coherence/Tangosol.Config/cache-config.xsd">
  <caching-scheme-mapping>
    <cache-mapping>
      <cache-name>dist-extend-near</cache-name>
      <scheme-name>extend-near</scheme-name>
    </cache-mapping>
  </caching-scheme-mapping>
  <caching-schemes>
    <near-scheme>
      <scheme-name>extend-near</scheme-name>
      <front-scheme>
        <local-scheme>
          <high-units>1000</high-units>
        </local-scheme>
      </front-scheme>
      <back-scheme>
        <remote-cache-scheme>
          <scheme-ref>extend-dist</scheme-ref>
        </remote-cache-scheme>
      </back-scheme>
      <invalidation-strategy>all</invalidation-strategy>
    </near-scheme>
    <remote-cache-scheme>
      <scheme-name>extend-dist</scheme-name>
      <service-name>ExtendTcpCacheService</service-name>
    </remote-cache-scheme>
  </caching-schemes>
</cache-config>
```
Connection Error Detection and Failover

When a Coherence*Extend client service detects that the connection between the client and cluster has been severed (for example, due to a network, software, or hardware failure), the Coherence*Extend client service implementation (that is, ICacheService or IInvocationService) raises a MemberEventType.Left event (by using the MemberEventHandler delegate) and the service is stopped. If the client application attempts to subsequently use the service, the service automatically restarts itself and attempts to reconnect to the cluster. If the connection is successful, the service raises a MemberEventType.Joined event; otherwise, an irrecoverable error exception is thrown to the client application.

A Coherence*Extend service has several mechanisms for detecting dropped connections. Some mechanisms are inherit to the underlying protocol (such as TCP/IP in Extend-TCP), whereas others are implemented by the service itself. The latter mechanisms are configured by using the <outgoing-message-handler> element. For details on this element, see Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence. In particular, the <request-timeout> value controls the amount of time to wait for a response before abandoning the request. The <heartbeat-interval> and <heartbeat-timeout> values control the amount of time to wait for a response to a ping request before the connection is closed.

Starting a Coherence DefaultCacheServer Process

To start a DefaultCacheServer that uses the cluster-side Coherence cache configuration described earlier to allow Coherence for .NET clients to connect to the Coherence cluster by using TCP/IP, you must do the following:

1. Change the current directory to the Oracle Coherence library directory (%COHERENCE_HOME%/lib on Windows and $COHERENCE_HOME/lib on UNIX).
2. Make sure that the paths are configured so that the Java command runs.
3. Start the DefaultCacheServer command line application with the
   -Dtangosol.coherence.cacheconfig system property set to the location of the
   cluster-side Coherence cache configuration descriptor described earlier.

Example 16–5 illustrates a sample command line.
**Obtaining a Cache Reference with .NET**

A reference to a configured cache can be obtained by name by using the CacheFactory class:

**Example 16–6 Obtaining a Reference to a Cache**

```csharp
INamedCache cache = CacheFactory.GetCache("example-local-cache");
```

**Cleaning Up Resources Associated with a Cache**

Instances of all INamedCache implementations, including LocalCache, should be explicitly released by calling the INamedCache.Release() method when they are no longer needed, to free up any resources they might hold.

If the particular INamedCache is used for the duration of the application, then the resources are cleaned up when the application is shut down or otherwise stops. However, if it is only used for a period, the application should call its Release() method when finished using it.

Alternatively, you can leverage the fact that INamedCache extends IDisposable and that all cache implementations delegate a call to IDisposable.Dispose() to INamedCache.Release(). If you want to obtain and release a cache instance within a single method, you can do so with a using block:

**Example 16–7 Obtaining and Releasing a Reference to a Cache**

```csharp
using (INamedCache cache = CacheFactory.GetCache("my-cache"))
{
    // use cache as usual
}
```

After the using block terminates, IDisposable.Dispose() is called on the INamedCache instance, and all resources associated with it are released.

**Using Network Filters**

A network filter is a mechanism that allows transformation of data sent through TCP/IP sockets to be performed in a pluggable, layered fashion. Coherence for .NET supports custom filters, thus enabling users to modify the contents of the network traffic and is commonly used to add compression and encryption to data.

This section includes the following topics:

- Custom Filters
- Configuring Filters

**Custom Filters**

To create a filter, create a .NET class that implements the Tangosol.IO.IWrapperStreamFactory interface and optionally implements the
Tangosol.Util.IXmlConfigurable interface. The IWrapperStreamFactory interface
defines two methods:

**Example 16–8  Methods on the IWrapperStreamFactory Interface**

Stream GetInputStream(Stream stream);
Stream GetOutputStream(Stream stream);

that provide the I/O stream to be wrapped ("filtered") (on input—received message, or
output—sending message) and expects a stream back that wraps the original stream.
This method is called for each incoming and outgoing message.

**Configuring Filters**

There are two steps to configuring a filter. The first is to declare the filter in the
<filters> XML element in an operational override file. For more information on
configuring filters, see the Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence.

```xml
...<cluster-config>
  <filters>
    <filter>
      <filter-name>gzip</filter-name>
      <filter-class>Tangosol.Net.CompressionFilter, Coherence</filter-class>
    </filter>
    </filters>
  </cluster-config>
...```

**Note:** GZip compression filter is supported in .NET framework
version 2.0 or higher.

The second step is to attach the filter to one or more specific services. To specify the
filter for a specific service, for example the ExtendTcpCacheService service, add a
<filter-name> element to the <use-filters> element of the service declaration in the
cache configuration file.

```xml
...<remote-cache-scheme>
  <scheme-name>extend-direct</scheme-name>
  <service-name>ExtendTcpCacheService</service-name>
  <initiator-config>
    ...<use-filters>
      <filter-name>gzip</filter-name>
    </use-filters>
    ...</initiator-config>
  </remote-cache-scheme>
...```

If the filter implements IXmlConfigurable, after instantiating the filter, Coherence sets
the Config property with the following XML element:

```xml
<config>
  <param1>value1</param1>
  <param2>value2</param2>
</config>
This chapter provides instructions for using Portable Object Format (POF) serialization when creating .NET clients.

The following section is included in this chapter:

- Overview of Building Integration Objects (.NET)
- Creating an IPortableObject Implementation
- Implementing a Java Version of a .NET Object
- Registering Custom Types on the .NET Client
- Registering Custom Types in the Cluster
- Evolvable Portable User Types
- Making Types Portable Without Modification
- Using POF Object References
- Using POF Annotations to Serialize Objects

Overview of Building Integration Objects (.NET)

Coherence caches are used to cache value objects. Enabling .NET clients to successfully communicate with a Coherence JVM requires a platform-independent serialization format that allows both .NET clients and Coherence JVMs (including Coherence*Extend Java clients) to properly serialize and deserialize value objects stored in Coherence caches. The Coherence for .NET client library and Coherence*Extend clustered service use a serialization format known as Portable Object Format (POF). POF allows value objects to be encoded into a binary stream in such a way that the platform and language origin of the object is irrelevant. For more information on the POF binary stream, see Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence.

POF supports all common .NET types out-of-the-box. Custom .NET classes can also be serialized to a POF stream by completing the following steps:

1. Create a .NET class that implements the IPortableObject interface. (See "Creating an IPortableObject Implementation" on page 17-2)

2. Create a matching Java class that implements the PortableObject interface in the same way. (See "Creating a PortableObject Implementation (Java)" on page 17-4)

3. Register your custom .NET class on the client. (See "Registering Custom Types on the .NET Client" on page 17-4)
4. Register your custom Java class on each of the servers running the Coherence*Extend clustered service. (See "Registering Custom Types in the Cluster" on page 17-6)

After these steps are complete, you can cache your custom .NET classes in a Coherence cache in the same way as a built-in data type. Additionally, you can retrieve, manipulate, and store these types from a Coherence or Coherence*Extend JVM using the matching Java classes.

Creating an IPortableObject Implementation

Each class that implements IPortableObject can self-serialize and deserialize its state to and from a POF data stream. This is achieved in the ReadExternal (deserialize) and WriteExternal (serialize) methods. Conceptually, all user types are composed of zero or more indexed values (properties) which are read from and written to a POF data stream one by one. The only requirement for a portable class, other than the requirement to implement the IPortableObject interface, is that it must have a default constructor which allows the POF deserializer to create an instance of the class during deserialization.

Example 17–1 illustrates a user-defined portable class:

Example 17–1 A User-Defined Portable Class

```java
public class ContactInfo : IPortableObject
{
    private string name;
    private string street;
    private string city;
    private string state;
    private string zip;
    public ContactInfo()
    {
    }
    public ContactInfo(string name, string street, string city, string state, string zip)
    {
        Name = name;
        Street = street;
        City = city;
        State = state;
        Zip = zip;
    }
    public void ReadExternal(IPofReader reader)
    {
        Name = reader.ReadString(0);
        Street = reader.ReadString(1);
        City = reader.ReadString(2);
        State = reader.ReadString(3);
        Zip = reader.ReadString(4);
    }
    public void WriteExternal(IPofWriter writer)
    {
        writer.WriteString(0, Name);
        writer.WriteString(1, Street);
        writer.WriteString(2, City);
        writer.WriteString(3, State);
        writer.WriteString(4, Zip);
    }
}
```
Implementing a Java Version of a .NET Object

The use of POF allows key and value objects to be stored within the cluster without the need for parallel Java implementations. This is ideal for performing basic get and put based operations. In addition, the PofExtractor and PofUpdater APIs add flexibility in working with non-primitive types in Coherence. For many extend client cases, a corresponding Java classes in the grid is not required. Because POF extractors and POF updaters can navigate the binary, the entire key and value does not have to be deserialized into object form. This implies that indexing can be achieved by simply using POF extractors to pull a value to index on.

When to Include a Parallel Java Implementation

A parallel Java implementation is required whenever the Java-based cache servers must directly interact with a data object rather then simply holding onto a serialized representation of it. For example, a Java class is still required when using a cache store. In this case, the deserialized version of the key and value is passed to the cache store to write to the back end. In addition, queries, filters, entry processors, and aggregators require a Java implementation if direct access to the object is desired.

If a Java implementation is required, then the implementation must be located on the cache servers. The approach to making the Java version serializable over POF is similar to the above example and is demonstrated in "Creating a PortableObject Implementation (Java)" on page 17-4. See the IPortableObject and IPofSerializer APIs for details. These APIs are compatible with the .NET approaches.

Deferring the Key Association Check

Key classes do not require a cluster-side Java implementation even if the key class specifies data affinity using the IKeyAssociation interface. Key classes are checked on the client side and a decorated binary is created and used by the cluster. However, existing client implementations that do rely on a Java key class for key association must set the defer-key-association-check parameter in order to force the use of the Java key class. Existing client applications that use key association but want to leverage client-side key binaries, must port the getAssociatedKey() implementation from the existing Java class to the corresponding client class (see IKeyAssociation.AssociatedKey).

To force key association processing to be done on the cluster side instead of by the extend client, set the <defer-key-association-check> element, within a <remote-cache-scheme> element, in the client-side cache configuration to true. For example:

```
<remote-cache-scheme>
  ...
  <defer-key-association-check>true</defer-key-association-check>
</remote-cache-scheme>
```

Note: If the parameter is set to true, a Java key class implementation must be found on the cluster even if key association is no being used.
Creating a PortableObject Implementation (Java)

An implementation of the portable class in Java is very similar to the one in .NET. `Example 17–2` illustrates the Java version of the .NET class in `Example 17–1`.

**Example 17–2  A User-Defined Class in Java**

```java
public class ContactInfo implements PortableObject {
    private String m_sName;
    private String m_sStreet;
    private String m_sCity;
    private String m_sState;
    private String m_sZip;
    public ContactInfo()
    {
    }
    public ContactInfo(String sName, String sStreet, String sCity, String sState, String sZip)
    {
        setName(sName);
        setStreet(sStreet);
        setCity(sCity);
        setState(sState);
        setZip(sZip);
    }
    public void readExternal(PofReader reader)
        throws IOException
    {
        setName(reader.readString(0));
        setStreet(reader.readString(1));
        setCity(reader.readString(2));
        setState(reader.readString(3));
        setZip(reader.readString(4));
    }
    public void writeExternal(PofWriter writer)
        throws IOException
    {
        writer.writeString(0, getName());
        writer.writeString(1, getStreet());
        writer.writeString(2, getCity());
        writer.writeString(3, getState());
        writer.writeString(4, getZip());
    }

    // accessor methods omitted for brevity
}
```

Registering Custom Types on the .NET Client

Each POF user type is represented within the POF stream as an integer value. As such, POF requires an external mechanism that allows a user type to be mapped to its encoded type identifier (and the opposite is true as well). This mechanism uses an XML configuration file to store the mapping information. This is illustrated in `Example 17–3`. See *Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence* for a detailed reference of the POF configuration elements.
Example 17–3 Storing Mapping Information in the POF User Type Configuration File

<?xml version="1.0"?>
<pof-config xmlns="http://schemas.tangosol.com/pof">
  <user-type-list>
    <!-- include all "standard" Coherence POF user types -->
    <include>assembly://Coherence/Tangosol.Config/coherence-pof-config.xml</include>
    <!-- include all application POF user types -->
    <user-type>
      <type-id>1001</type-id>
      <class-name>My.Example.ContactInfo, MyAssembly</class-name>
    </user-type>
  </user-type-list>
</pof-config>

There are few things to note:

- Type identifiers for your custom types should start from 1001 or higher, as the numbers below 1000 are reserved for internal use. As shown in the above example, the <user-type-list> includes the coherence-pof-config.xml file. This is where Coherence specific user types are defined and should be included in all of your POF configuration files.

- You need not specify a fully qualified type name within the class-name element. The type and assembly name is enough.

After you have configured mappings between type identifiers and your custom types, you must configure Coherence for .NET to use them by adding a serializer element to your cache configuration descriptor. Assuming that user type mappings from Example 17–3 are saved into my-dotnet-pof-config.xml, you must specify a serializer element as illustrated in Example 17–4:

Example 17–4 Using a Serializer in the Cache Configuration File

<remote-cache-scheme>
  <scheme-name>extend-direct</scheme-name>
  <service-name>ExtendTcpCacheService</service-name>
  <initiator-config>...
    <serializer>
      <class-name>Tangosol.IO.Pof.ConfigurablePofContext, Coherence</class-name>
      <init-params>
        <init-param>
          <param-type>string</param-type>
          <param-value>my-dotnet-pof-config.xml</param-value>
        </init-param>
      </init-params>
    </serializer>
  </initiator-config>
</remote-cache-scheme>

If a serializer is not explicitly specified, the ConfigurablePofContext type is used for the POF serializer and uses a default configuration file called pof-config.xml. The Coherence .NET application looks for the default POF configuration file in both the folder where the application is deployed and, for Web applications, in the root of the Web application. If a POF configuration file is not found, it tries to located the file by the contents of the pof-config element in the Coherence for .NET application configuration file. For example:
Registering Custom Types in the Cluster

Each Coherence node running the TCP/IP Coherence*Extend clustered service requires a similar POF configuration for the custom types to be able to send and receive objects of these types.

The cluster-side POF configuration file looks similar to the one created on the client. The only difference is that instead of .NET class names, you must specify the fully qualified Java class names within the class-name element.

Example 17–6 illustrates a sample cluster-side POF configuration file called my-java-pof-config.xml:

```xml
<?xml version="1.0"?
  <user-type-list>
    <!-- include all 'standard' Coherence POF user types -->
    <include>coherence-pof-config.xml</include>
    <!-- include all application POF user types -->
    <user-type>
      <type-id>1001</type-id>
      <class-name>com.mycompany.example.ContactInfo</class-name>
    </user-type>
  </user-type-list>
</pof-config>
```

After your custom types have been added, you must configure the server to use your POF configuration when serializing objects. This is illustrated in Example 17–7:

```xml
<proxy-scheme>
  <service-name>ExtendTcpProxyService</service-name>
  <acceptor-config>
    ...
    <serializer>
      <class-name>com.tangosol.io.pof.ConfigurablePofContext</class-name>
      <init-params>
        <init-param>
          <param-type>string</param-type>
          <param-value>my-java-pof-config.xml</param-value>
        </init-param>
      </init-params>
```
PIF-POF includes native support for both forward- and backward-compatibility of the serialized form of portable user types. In .NET, this is accomplished by making user types implement the `IEvolvablePortableObject` interface instead of the `IPortableObject` interface. The `IEvolvablePortableObject` interface is a marker interface that extends both the `IPortableObject` and `IEvolvable` interfaces. The `IEvolvable` interface adds three properties to support type versioning.

An `IEvolvable` class has an integer version identifier \( n \), where \( n \geq 0 \). When the contents, or semantics, or both of the serialized form of the `IEvolvable` class changes, the version identifier is increased. Two versions identifiers, \( n_1 \) and \( n_2 \), indicate the same version if \( n_1 = n_2 \); the version indicated by \( n_2 \) is newer than the version indicated by \( n_1 \) if \( n_2 > n_1 \).

The `IEvolvable` interface is designed to support the evolution of types by the addition of data. Removal of data cannot be safely accomplished if a previous version of the type exists that relies on that data. Modifications to the structure or semantics of data from previous versions likewise cannot be safely accomplished if a previous version of the type exists that relies on the previous structure or semantics of the data.

When an `IEvolvable` object is deserialized, it retains any unknown data that has been added to newer versions of the type, and the version identifier for that data format. When the `IEvolvable` object is subsequently serialized, it includes both that version identifier and the unknown future data.

When an `IEvolvable` object is deserialized from a data stream whose version identifier indicates an older version, it must default and calculate the values for any data fields and properties that have been added since that older version. When the `IEvolvable` object is subsequently serialized, it includes its own version identifier and all of its data. Note that there is no unknown future data in this case; future data can only exist when the version of the data stream is newer than the version of the `IEvolvable` type.

**Example 17–8** demonstrates how the `ContactInfo` .NET type can be modified to support class evolution:

**Example 17–8  Modifying a Class to Support Class Evolution**

```csharp
public class ContactInfo : IEvolvablePortableObject
{
    private string name;
    private string street;
    private string city;
    private string state;
    private string zip;
    // IEvolvable members
    private int version;
    private byte[] data;
    public ContactInfo()
    {
    }
    public ContactInfo(string name, string street, string city, string state, string zip)
    {
    }
```
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{  
    Name = name;  
    Street = street;  
    City = city;  
    State = state;  
    Zip = zip;  
}

public void ReadExternal(IPofReader reader)
{
    Name = reader.ReadString(0);
    Street = reader.ReadString(1);
    City = reader.ReadString(2);
    State = reader.ReadString(3);
    Zip = reader.ReadString(4);
}

public void WriteExternal(IPofWriter writer)
{
    writer.WriteString(0, Name);
    writer.WriteString(1, Street);
    writer.WriteString(2, City);
    writer.WriteString(3, State);
    writer.WriteString(4, Zip);
}

public int DataVersion
{
    get { return version; }
    set { version = value; }
}

public byte[] FutureData
{
    get { return data; }
    set { data = value; }
}

public int ImplVersion
{
    get { return 0; }
}

// property definitions ommitted for brevity

Likewise, the ContactInfo Java type can also be modified to support class evolution by implementing the EvolvablePortableObject interface:

Example 17-9  Modifying a Java Type Class to Support Class Evolution

public class ContactInfo
    implements EvolvablePortableObject
{
    private String m_sName;
    private String m_sStreet;
    private String m_sCity;
    private String m_sState;
    private String m_sZip;

    // Evolvable members
    private int m_nVersion;
    private byte[] m_abData;

    public ContactInfo()
    {}
public ContactInfo(String sName, String sStreet, String sCity,
   String sState, String sZip)
{
    setName(sName);
    setStreet(sStreet);
    setCity(sCity);
    setState(sState);
    setZip(sZip);
}

public void readExternal(PofReader reader)
   throws IOException
{
    setName(reader.readString(0));
    setStreet(reader.readString(1));
    setCity(reader.readString(2));
    setState(reader.readString(3));
    setZip(reader.readString(4));
}

public void writeExternal(PofWriter writer)
   throws IOException
{
    writer.writeString(0, getName());
    writer.writeString(1, getStreet());
    writer.writeString(2, getCity());
    writer.writeString(3, getState());
    writer.writeString(4, getZip());
}

public int getDataVersion()
{
    return m_nVersion;
}

public void setDataVersion(int nVersion)
{
    m_nVersion = nVersion;
}

public Binary getFutureData()
{
    return m_binData;
}

public void setFutureData(Binary binFuture)
{
    m_binData = binFuture;
}

public int getImplVersion()
{
    return 0;
}

// accessor methods omitted for brevity
Making Types Portable Without Modification

In some cases, it may be undesirable or impossible to modify an existing user type to make it portable. In this case, you can externalize the portable serialization of a user type by creating an implementation of the IPofSerializer in .NET, or an implementation of the PofSerializer interface in Java, or both.

Example 17–10 illustrates, an implementation of the IPofSerializer interface for the ContactInfo type.

Example 17–10  An Implementation of IPofSerializer for the .NET Type

```csharp
public class ContactInfoSerializer : IPofSerializer
{
    public object Deserialize(IPofReader reader)
    {
        string name   = reader.ReadString(0);
        string street = reader.ReadString(1);
        string city   = reader.ReadString(2);
        string state  = reader.ReadString(3);
        string zip    = reader.ReadString(4);

        ContactInfo info = new ContactInfo(name, street, city, state, zip);
        info.DataVersion = reader.VersionId;
        info.FutureData  = reader.ReadRemainder();

        return info;
    }

    public void Serialize(IPofWriter writer, object o)
    {
        ContactInfo info = (ContactInfo) o;

        writer.WriteString(0, info.Name);
        writer.WriteString(1, info.Street);
        writer.WriteString(2, info.City);
        writer.WriteString(3, info.State);
        writer.WriteString(4, info.Zip);
        writer.WriteRemainder(info.FutureData);
    }
}
```

An implementation of the PofSerializer interface for the ContactInfo Java type would look similar:

Example 17–11  An Implementation of PofSerializer for the Java Type Class

```java
public class ContactInfoSerializer
    implements PofSerializer
{
    public Object deserialize(PofReader in)
        throws IOException
    {
        String sName   = in.readString(0);
        String sStreet = in.readString(1);
        String sCity   = in.readString(2);
        String sState  = in.readString(3);
        String sZip    = in.readString(4);
```
ContactInfo info = new ContactInfo(sName, sStreet, sCity, sState, sZip);
info.setDataVersion(in.getVersionId());
info.setFutureData(in.readRemainder());

return info;
}

public void serialize(PofWriter out, Object o)
throws IOException
{
ContactInfo info = (ContactInfo) o;

out.setVersionId(Math.max(info.getDataVersion(), info.getImplVersion()));
out.writeString(0, info.getName());
out.writeString(1, info.getStreet());
out.writeString(2, info.getCity());
out.writeString(3, info.getState());
out.writeString(4, info.getZip());
out.writeRemainder(info.getFutureData());
}

To register the IPofSerializer implementation for the ContactInfo .NET type, specify the class name of the IPofSerializer within a serializer element under the user-type element for the ContactInfo user type in the POF configuration file. This is illustrated in Example 17–12:

**Example 17–12  Registering the IPofSerializer Implementation of the .NET Type**

```xml
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<pof-config xmlns="http://schemas.tangosol.com/pof"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://schemas.tangosol.com/pof
assembly://Coherence/Tangosol.Config/pof-config.xsd">
    <user-type-list>
        <!-- include all "standard" Coherence POF user types -->
        <include>assembly://Coherence/Tangosol.Config/coherence-pof-config.xml</include>
        <!-- include all application POF user types -->
        <user-type>
            <type-id>1001</type-id>
            <class-name>My.Example.ContactInfo, MyAssembly</class-name>
            <serializer>
                <class-name>My.Example.ContactInfoSerializer, MyAssembly</class-name>
            </serializer>
        </user-type>
    </user-type-list>
</pof-config>
```

Similarly, you can register the PofSerializer implementation for the ContactInfo Java type. This is illustrated in Example 17–13.

**Example 17–13  Registering the PofSerializer Implementation of the Java Type**

```xml
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<pof-config xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/coherence/coherence-pof-config"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://xmlns.oracle.com/coherence/coherence-pof-config
```

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Using POF Object References

POF supports the use of object identities and references for objects that occur more than once in a POF stream. Objects are labeled with an identity and subsequent instances of a labeled object within the same POF stream are referenced by its identity.

Using references avoids encoding the same object multiple times and helps reduce the data size. References are typically used when a large number of sizeable objects are created multiple times or when objects use nested or circular data structures. However, for applications that contain large amounts of data but only few repeats, the use of object references provides minimal benefits due to the overhead incurred in keeping track of object identities and references.

The use of object identity and references has the following limitations:

- Object references are only supported for user defined object types.
- Object references are not supported for IEvolvable objects.
- Object references are not supported for keys.
- Objects that have been written out with a POF context that does not support references cannot be read by a POF context that supports references. The opposite is also true.
- POF objects that use object identity and references cannot be queried using POF extractors. Instead, use the IValueExtractor API to query object values or disable object references.
- The use of the IPofNavigator and IPofValue API has the following restrictions when using object references:
  - Only read operations are allowed. Write operations result in an UnsupportedOperationException.
  - User objects can be accessed in non-uniform collections but not in uniform collections.
  - For read operations, if an object appears in the data stream multiple times, then the object must be read where it first appears before it can be read in the subsequent part of the data. Otherwise, an IOException: missing identity:<ID> may be thrown. For example, if there are 3 lists that all contain the same person object, p. The p object must be read in the first list before it can be read in the second or third list.

The following topics are included in this section:
Enabling POF Object References

Object references are not enabled by default and must be enabled either within a pof-config.xml configuration file or programmatically when using the SimplePofContext class.

To enable object references in the POF configuration file, include the <enable-references> element within the <pof-config> element, and set the value to true. For example:

```xml
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<pof-config xmlns="http://schemas.tangosol.com/pof"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
...  
<enable-references>true</enable-references>
</pof-config>
```

To enable object references when using the SimplePofContext class, call the setReferenceEnabled method and set it to true. For example:

```java
SimplePofContext ctx = new SimplePofContext();
ctx.IsReferenceEnabled = true;
```

Registering POF Object Identities for Circular and Nested Objects

Circular or nested objects must manually register an identity when creating the object. Otherwise, a child that references the parent will not find the identity of the parent in the reference map. Object identities can be registered from a serializer during the deserialization routine using the Tangosol.IO.Pof.IPofReader.RegisterIdentity method.

The following examples demonstrate two objects (Customer and Product) that contain a circular reference and a serializer implementation that registers an identity on the Customer object.

The Customer object is defined as follows:

```java
public class Customer
{
    String m_name;
    Product m_product;

    public Customer(String name)
    {
        m_name = name;
    }

    public Customer(String name, Product product)
    {
        m_name = name;
        m_product = product;
    }
```
public String getName()
{
    return m_name;
}

public Product getProduct()
{
    return m_product;
}

public void setProduct(Product product)
{
    m_product = product;
}

The Product object is defined as follows:

public class Product
{
    private Customer m_customer;

    public Product(Customer customer)
    {
        m_customer = customer;
    }

    public Customer getCustomer()
    {
        return m_customer;
    }

The serializer implementation registers an identity during deserialization and is defined as follows:

public class CustomerSerializer : IPofSerializer
{
    public void Serialize(IPofWriter pofWriter, object o)
    {
        var c = (Customer) o;
        pofWriter.WriteString(0, c.getName());
        pofWriter.WriteObject(1, c.getProduct());
        pofWriter.WriteRemainder(null);
    }

    public object Deserialize(IPofReader pofReader)
    {
        String name = pofReader.ReadString(0);
        var customer = new Customer(name);
        pofReader.RegisterIdentity(customer);
        customer.setProduct((Product) pofReader.ReadObject(1));
        pofReader.ReadRemainder();
        return customer;
    }
}
Using POF Annotations to Serialize Objects

POF annotations provide an automated way to implement the serialization and deserialization routines for an object. POF annotations are serialized and deserialized using the PofAnnotationSerializer class which is an implementation of the IPofSerializer interface. Annotations offer an alternative to using the IPortableObject and IPofSerializer interfaces and reduce the amount of time and code that is required to make objects serializable.

The following topics are included in this section:

- Annotating Objects for POF Serialization
- Registering POF Annotated Objects
- Enabling Automatic Indexing
- Providing a Custom Codec

Annotating Objects for POF Serialization

Two annotations are available to indicate that a class and its properties are POF serializable:

- [Portable] – Marks the class as POF serializable. The annotation is only permitted at the class level and has no members.

- [PortableProperty] – Marks a property, accessor, or member variable as a POF serialized property. Annotated methods must conform to accessor notation (Get, Set, Is). Members can be used to specify POF indexes as well as custom codecs that are executed before or after serialization or deserialization. Index values may be omitted and automatically assigned. If a custom codec is not entered, the default codec is used.

The following example demonstrates annotating a class, property, and member variable. In addition PortableProperty indexes are explicitly specified.

```csharp
[Portable]
public class Person
{
    [PortableProperty(0)]
    public string GetFirstName()
    {
        return m_firstName;
    }

    private String m_firstName;

    [PortableProperty(1)]
    public string LastName;
    {
        get; set;
    }

    [PortableProperty(2)]
    private int m_age;
}
```
Registering POF Annotated Objects

POF annotated objects must be registered in a `pof-config.xml` file within a `<user-type>` element. See *Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence* for a detailed reference of the POF configuration elements. POF annotated objects use the `PofAnnotationSerializer` serializer if an object does not implement `IPortableObject` and is annotated as Portable; however, the serializer is automatically assumed if an object is annotated and does not need to be included in the user type definition. The following example registers a user type for an annotated `Person` object:

```xml
<?xml version='1.0'?>
<pof-config xmlns="http://schemas.tangosol.com/pof">
    <user-type-list>
        <!-- include all 'standard' Coherence POF user types -->
        <include>assembly://Coherence/Tangosol.Config/coherence-pof-config.xml</include>
        <!-- User types must be above 1000 -->
        <user-type>
            <type-id>1001</type-id>
            <class-name>My.Examples.Person, MyAssembly</class-name>
        </user-type>
    </user-type-list>
</pof-config>
```

Enabling Automatic Indexing

POF annotations support automatic indexing which alleviates the need to explicitly assign and manage index values. Omit the index value when defining the `[PortableProperty]` annotation. Index allocation is determined by the property name. Any property that does assign an explicit index value is not assigned an automatic index value. The following table demonstrates the ordering semantics of the automatic index algorithm. Notice that automatic indexing maintains explicitly defined indexes (as shown for property `c`) and assigns an index value if an index is omitted.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Explicit Index</th>
<th>Determined Index</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>c</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>a</td>
<td>omitted</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>b</td>
<td>omitted</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note:** Automatic indexing does not currently support evolvable classes.

To enable automatic indexing, the `PofAnnotationSerializer` serializer class must be explicitly defined when registering the object as a user type in the POF configuration file. The `autoIndex` boolean parameter in the constructor enables automatic indexing and must be set to `true`. For example:

```xml
<user-type>
    <type-id>1001</type-id>
    <class-name>Examples.Person</class-name>
    <serializer>
        <class-name>Tangosol.IO.Pof.PofAnnotationSerializer, Coherence</class-name>
        <init-params>
            <param-type>int</param-type>
        </init-params>
    </serializer>
</user-type>
```
Providing a Custom Codec

Codecs allow code to be executed before or after serialization or deserialization. A codec defines how to encode and decode a portable property using the IPofWriter and IPofReader interfaces. Codecs are typically used for concrete implementations that could get lost when being deserialized or to explicitly call a specific method on the IPofWriter interface before serializing an object.

To create a codec, create a class that implements the ICodec interface. The following example demonstrates a codec that defines the concrete implementation of a linked list type:

```csharp
public class LinkedListCodec<T> : ICodec
{
    public object Decode(IPofReader reader, int index)
    {
        return reader.ReadCollection(index, (IEnumerable)new LinkedList<T>());
    }

    public void Encode(IPofWriter writer, int index, object value)
    {
        writer.WriteCollection(index, (IEnumerable)value);
    }
}
```

To assign a codec to a property, enter the codec as a member of the [PortableProperty] attribute. If a codec is not specified, a default codec (DefaultCodec) is used. The following example demonstrates assigning the above LinkedListCodec codec:

```csharp
[PortableProperty(typeof(LinkedListCodec<string>))]
```
This chapter provides instructions for adding the Coherence for .NET client library to an application and describes the Coherence for .NET API, which allows .NET applications to use Coherence clustered services from outside the Coherence cluster.

Documentation of the Coherence for .NET API is available in two locations. The .NET API Reference for Oracle Coherence and also in the doc directory of the Coherence for .NET distribution.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- Setting Up the Coherence .NET Client Library
- Using the Coherence .NET APIs

**Setting Up the Coherence .NET Client Library**

To use the Coherence for .NET library in your .NET applications, you must add a reference to the Coherence.dll library in your project and create the necessary configuration files.

Creating a reference to the Coherence.dll:

1. In your project go to **Project->Add Reference...** or right click **References** in the Solution Explorer and choose **Add Reference...**. The Add Reference Window displays.

2. From the **Add Reference** window, choose the **Browse** tab and find the Coherence.dll library on your file system as shown in **Figure 18–1**.
Figure 18–1 Add Reference Window

3. Click OK.

Next, you must create the necessary configuration files and specify their paths in the application configuration settings. This is done by adding an application configuration file to your project (if one does not exist) and adding a Coherence for .NET configuration section (that is, <coherence/>) to it.

Note: If these configuration files are not specified in the app.config/web.config, Coherence looks for them in both the folder where the application is deployed or, for Web applications, in the root of the Web application.

Example 18–1 Sample Application Configuration File

```xml
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<configuration>
  <configSections>
    <section name="coherence" type="Tangosol.Config.CoherenceConfigHandler, Coherence"/>
  </configSections>
  <coherence>
    <cache-factory-config>my-coherence.xml</cache-factory-config>
    <cache-config>my-cache-config.xml</cache-config>
    <pof-config>my-pof-config.xml</pof-config>
  </coherence>
</configuration>
```

Elements within the Coherence for .NET configuration section are:
■ cache-factory-config—contains the path to a operational configuration descriptor used by the CacheFactory to configure IConfigurableCacheFactory and Logger.

■ cache-config—contains the path to a cache configuration file which contains the cache configuration (see "Configuring Coherence*Extend" on page 16-1). This cache configuration descriptor is used by DefaultConfigurableCacheFactory.

■ pof-config—contains the path to the configuration descriptor used by the ConfigurablePofContext to register custom types used by the application. For detailed instructions on using POF, see Chapter 18, "Using the Coherence .NET Client Library."

Figure 18–2 illustrates what the solution should look like after adding the configuration files:

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Using the Coherence .NET APIs

This section highlights the primary Coherence .NET APIs that are used to interact with Coherence caches within a .NET application. The following topics are included in this section:

■ CacheFactory
■ IConfigurableCacheFactory
■ DefaultConfigurableCacheFactory
■ Logger
■ Using the Common.Logging Library
■ INamedCache
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- IQueryCache
- QueryRecorder
- IObserverableCache
- IInvocableCache
- Filters
- Value Extractors
- Entry Processors
- Entry Aggregators

CacheFactory

The CacheFactory is the entry point for Coherence for .NET client applications. The CacheFactory is a factory for INamedCache instances and provides various methods for logging. If not configured explicitly, it uses the default configuration file coherence.xml which is an assembly embedded resource. It is possible to override the default configuration file by adding a cache-factory-config element to the Coherence for .NET configuration section in the application configuration file and setting its value to the path of the desired configuration file.

Example 18–2 Configuring a Factory for INamedCache Instances

```xml
<configuration>
  <configSections>
    <section name="coherence" type="Tangosol.Config.CoherenceConfigHandler, Coherence"/>
  </configSections>
  <coherence>
    <cache-factory-config>my-coherence.xml</cache-factory-config>
    ...
  </coherence>
</configuration>
```

This file contains the configuration of two components exposed by the CacheFactory by using static properties:

- CacheFactory.ConfigurableCacheFactory—the IConfigurableCacheFactory implementation used by the CacheFactory to retrieve, release, and destroy INamedCache instances.
- CacheFactory.Logger—the Logger instance used to log messages and exceptions.

When you are finished using the CacheFactory (for example, during application shutdown), the CacheFactory should be shutdown by using the Shutdown() method. This method terminates all services and the Logger instance.

IConfigurableCacheFactory

The IConfigurableCacheFactory implementation is specified by the contents of the <configurable-cache-factory-config> element:

- class-name—specifies the implementation type by its assembly qualified name.
- **init-params**—defines parameters used to instantiate the IConfigurableCacheFactory. Each parameter is specified by using a corresponding **param-type** and **param-value** child element.

**Example 18–3 Configuring a ConfigurableCacheFactory Implementation**

```xml
<coherence>
  <configurable-cache-factory-config>
    <class-name>Tangosol.Net.DefaultConfigurableCacheFactory, Coherence</class-name>
    <init-params>
      <init-param>
        <param-type>string</param-type>
        <param-value>simple-cache-config.xml</param-value>
      </init-param>
      </init-params>
  </configurable-cache-factory-config>
</coherence>
```

If an IConfigurableCacheFactory implementation is not defined in the configuration, the default implementation is used (DefaultConfigurableCacheFactory).

**DefaultConfigurableCacheFactory**

The DefaultConfigurableCacheFactory provides a facility to access caches declared in the cache configuration descriptor described earlier (see the Client-side Cache Configuration Descriptor section). The default configuration file used by the DefaultConfigurableCacheFactory is $AppRoot/coherence-cache-config.xml, where $AppRoot is the working directory (for a Windows Forms application) or the root of the application (for a Web application).

If you want to specify another cache configuration descriptor file, you can do so by adding a **cache-config** element to the Coherence for .NET configuration section in the application configuration file with its value set to the path of the configuration file.

**Example 18–4 Specifying a Different Cache Configuration Descriptor File**

```xml
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<configuration>
  <configSections>
    <section name="coherence" type="Tangosol.Config.CoherenceConfigHandler, Coherence"/>
  </configSections>
  <coherence>
    <cache-config>my-cache-config.xml</cache-config>
    ...  
  </coherence>
</configuration>
```

**Logger**

The Logger is configured using the **logging-config** element:
- **destination**—determines the type of LogOutput used by the Logger. Valid values are:
  - common-logger for Common.Logging
  - stderr for Console.Error
  - stdout for Console.Out
- file path if messages should be directed to a file
- **severity-level**—specifies the log level that a message must meet or exceed to be logged.
- **logger-name**—specifies the name of the logger. The default value is `Coherence`.
- **message-format**—determines the log message format.
- **character-limit**—determines the maximum number of characters that the logger daemon processes from the message queue before discarding all remaining messages in the queue.

**Example 18–5 Configuring a Logger**

```xml
<logging-config>
  <destination>common-logger</destination>
  <logger-name>Coherence</logger-name>
  <severity-level>5</severity-level>
  <message-format>(thread={thread}): {text}</message-format>
  <character-limit>8192</character-limit>
</logging-config>
```

The **CacheFactory** provides several static methods for retrieving and releasing `INamedCache` instances:

- **GetCache(String cacheName)**—retrieves an `INamedCache` implementation that corresponds to the `NamedCache` with the specified `cacheName` running within the remote Coherence cluster.
- **ReleaseCache(INamedCache cache)**—releases all local resources associated with the specified instance of the cache. After a cache is release, it can no longer be used.
- **DestroyCache(INamedCache cache)**—destroys the specified cache across the Coherence cluster.

Methods used to log messages and exceptions are:

- **IsLogEnabled(int level)**—determines if the Logger would log a message with the given severity level.
- **Log(Exception e, int severity)**—logs an exception with the specified severity level.
- **Log(String message, int severity)**—logs a text message with the specified severity level.
- **Log(String message, Exception e, int severity)**—logs a text message and an exception with the specified severity level.

Logging levels are defined by the values of the `CacheFactory(LogLevel` enum values (in ascending order):

- **Always**
- **Error**
- **Warn**
- **Info**
- **Debug**—(default log level)
Using the Common.Logging Library

Common.Logging is an open source library that enables you to plug in various popular open source logging libraries behind a well-defined set of interfaces. The libraries currently supported are Log4Net (versions 1.2.9 and 1.2.10) and NLog. Common.Logging is currently used by the Spring.NET framework and are likely to be used in the future releases of IBatis.NET and NHibernate, so you might want to consider it if you are using one or more of these frameworks in combination with Coherence for .NET, as it allows logging to be consistently configured throughout the application layers.

Coherence for .NET does not include the Common.Logging library. To use the common-logger Logger configuration, download the Common.Logging assembly and include a reference to it in your project. You can download the Common.Logging assembly for .NET from the following location:

http://netcommon.sourceforge.net/

The Coherence for .NET Common.Logging Logger implementation was compiled against the signed release version of these assemblies.

INamedCache

The INamedCache interface extends IDictionary, so it can be manipulated in ways similar to a dictionary. When obtained, INamedCache instances expose several properties:

- CacheName—the cache name.
- Count—the cache size.
- IsActive—determines if the cache is active (that is, it has not been released or destroyed).
- Keys—collection of all keys in the cache mappings.
- Values—collection of all values in the cache mappings.

The value for the specified key can be retrieved by using cache[key]. Similarly, a new value can be added, or an old value can be modified by setting this property to the new value: cache[key] = value.

The collection of cache entries can be accessed by using GetEnumerator() which iterates over the mappings in the cache.

The INamedCache interface provides several methods used to manipulate the contents of the cache:

- Clear()—removes all the mappings from the cache.
- Contains(Object key)—determines if the cache has a mapping for the specified key.
- GetAll(ICollection keys)—returns all values mapped to the specified keys collection.
- Insert(Object key, Object value)—places a new mapping into the cache. If a mapping for the specified key exists, its value is overwritten by the specified value and the old value is returned.
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- Insert(Object key, Object value, long millis)—places a new mapping into the cache, but with an expiry period specified by several milliseconds.
- InsertAll(IDictionary dictionary)—copies all the mappings from the specified dictionary to the cache.
- Remove(Object key)—Removes the mapping for the specified key if it is present and returns the value it was mapped to.

INamedCache interface also extends the following three interfaces: IQueryCache, IObservableCache, and IInvocableCache.

IQueryCache

The IQueryCache interface exposes the ability to query a cache using various filters.

- GetKeys(IFilter filter)—returns a collection of the keys contained in this cache for entries that satisfy the criteria expressed by the filter.
- GetEntries(IFilter filter)—returns a collection of the entries contained in this cache that satisfy the criteria expressed by the filter.
- GetEntries(IFilter filter, IComparer comparer)—returns a collection of the entries contained in this cache that satisfy the criteria expressed by the filter. It is guaranteed that the enumerator traverses the collection in the order of ascending entry values, sorted by the specified comparer or according to the natural ordering if the “comparer” is null.

Additionally, the IQueryCache interface includes the ability to add and remove indexes. Indexes are used to correlate values stored in the cache to their corresponding keys and can dramatically increase the performance of the GetKeys and GetEntries methods.

- AddIndex(IValueExtractor extractor, bool isOrdered, IComparer comparator)—adds an index to this cache that correlates the values extracted by the given IValueExtractor to the keys to the corresponding entries. Additionally, the index information can be optionally ordered.
- RemoveIndex(IValueExtractor extractor)—removes an index from this cache.

Example 18–6 illustrates code that performs an efficient query of the keys of all entries that have an age property value greater or equal to 55.

**Example 18–6  Querying Keys on a Particular Value**

IValueExtractor extractor = new ReflectionExtractor("getAge");

cache.AddIndex(extractor, true, null);
 ICollection keys = cache.GetKeys(new GreaterEqualsFilter(extractor, 55));

QueryRecorder

The QueryRecorder class produces an explain or trace record for a given filter. The class is an implementation of a parallel aggregator that is capable querying all nodes in a cluster and aggregating the results. The class supports two record types: an Explain record that provides the estimated cost of evaluating a filter as part of a query operation and a Trace record that provides the actual cost of evaluating a filter as part of a query operation. Both query records take into account whether or not an index can be used by a filter. See Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence for detailed information on understanding the data provided in an explain plan record and trace record.
To create a query record, create a new `QueryRecorder` instance that specifies a `RecordType` parameter. Include the instance and the filter to be tested as parameters of the `Aggregate` method. The following example creates an explain record:

```csharp
INamedCache cache = CacheFactory.GetCache(MyCache);
IFilter filter = new OrFilter(
    new GreaterFilter(IdentityExtractor.Instance, 100),
    new LessFilter(IdentityExtractor.Instance, 30));
QueryRecorder aggregator = new QueryRecorder(QueryRecorder.RecordType.Explain);
IQueryRecord record = (IQueryRecord) cache.Aggregate(filter, aggregator);
Console.WriteLine(record.ToString());
```

To create a trace record, change the `RecordType` parameter to `Trace`:

```csharp
QueryRecorder aggregator = new QueryRecorder(QueryRecorder.RecordType.Trace);
```

**IObservableCache**

The `IObservableCache` interface enables an application to receive events when the contents of a cache changes. To register interest in change events, an application adds a `Listener` implementation to the cache that receives events that include information about the event type (inserted, updated, deleted), the key of the modified entry, and the old and new values of the entry.

- `AddCacheListener(ICacheListener listener)`—adds a standard cache listener that receives all events (inserts, updates, deletes) emitted from the cache, including their keys, old, and new values.
- `RemoveCacheListener(ICacheListener listener)`—removes a standard cache listener that was previously registered.
- `AddCacheListener(ICacheListener listener, object key, bool isLite)`—adds a cache listener for a specific key. If `isLite` is true, the events may not contain the old and new values.
- `RemoveCacheListener(ICacheListener listener, object key)`—removes a cache listener that was previously registered using the specified key.
- `AddCacheListener(ICacheListener listener, IFilter filter, bool isLite)`—adds a cache listener that receive events based on a filter evaluation. If `isLite` is true, the events may not contain the old and new values.
- `RemoveCacheListener(ICacheListener listener, IFilter filter)`—removes a cache listener that previously registered using the specified filter.

Listeners registered using the filter-based method receives all event types (inserted, updated, and deleted). To further filter the events, wrap the filter in a `CacheEventFilter` using a `CacheEventMask` enumeration value to specify which type of events should be monitored.

In Figure 18–7 a filter evaluates to true if an Employee object is inserted into a cache with an `IsMarried` property value set to true.

**Example 18–7 Filtering on an Inserted Object**

```csharp
new CacheEventFilter(CacheEventMask.Inserted, new EqualsFilter("IsMarried", true));
```
In Example 18–8 a filter evaluates to `true` if any object is removed from a cache.

**Example 18–8 Filtering on Removed Object**

```csharp
new CacheEventFilter(CacheEventMask.Deleted);
```

In Example 18–9 a filter that evaluates to `true` if when an `Employee` object `LastName` property is changed from `Smith`.

**Example 18–9 Filtering on a Changed Object**

```csharp
new CacheEventFilter(CacheEventMask.UpdatedLeft, new EqualsFilter("LastName", "Smith"));
```

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**Responding to Cache Events**

A feature of the `INamedCache` interface is the ability to add cache listeners that receive events emitted by a cache as its contents change. These events are sent from the server and dispatched to registered listeners by a background thread.

The .NET Single-Threaded Apartment model prohibits windows form controls created by one thread from being updated by another thread. If one or more controls should be updated because of an event notification, you must ensure that any event handling code that must run as a response to a cache event is executed on the UI thread. The `WindowsFormsCacheListener` helper class allows end users to ignore this fact and to handle Coherence cache events (which are always raised by a background thread) as if they were raised by the UI thread. This class ensures that the call is properly marshalled and executed on the UI thread.

Here is the sample of using this class:

**Example 18–10 Marshalling and Executing a Call on the UI Thread**

```csharp
public partial class ContactInfoForm : Form
{
    ...
    listener = new WindowsFormsCacheListener(this);
    listener.EntryInserted += new CacheEventHandler(AddRow);
    listener.EntryUpdated += new CacheEventHandler(UpdateRow);
    listener.EntryDeleted += new CacheEventHandler(DeleteRow);
    ...
    cache.AddCacheListener(listener);
    ...
}
```

The `AddRow`, `UpdateRow` and `DeleteRow` methods are called in response to a cache event:

**Example 18–11 Calling Methods in Response to a Cache Event**

```csharp
private void AddRow(object sender, CacheEventArgs args)
{
    ...
}

private void UpdateRow(object sender, CacheEventArgs args)
{
    ...
}

private void DeleteRow(object sender, CacheEventArgs args)
{
```
The CacheEventArgs parameter encapsulates the IObservableCache instance that raised the cache event; the CacheEventType that occurred; and the Key, NewValue and OldValue of the cached entry.

IInvocableCache

An IInvocableCache is a cache against which both entry-targeted processing and aggregating operations can be invoked. The operations against the cache contents are executed by (and thus within the localized context of) a cache. This is particularly useful in a distributed environment, because it enables the processing to be moved to the location at which the entries-to-be-processed are being managed, thus providing efficiency by localization of processing.

- Invoke(object key, IEntryProcessor agent)—invokes the passed processor against the entry specified by the passed key, returning the result of the invocation.
- InvokeAll(ICollection keys, IEntryProcessor agent)—invokes the passed processor against the entries specified by the passed keys, returning the result of the invocation for each.
- InvokeAll(IFilter filter, IEntryProcessor agent)—invokes the passed processor against the entries that are selected by the given filter, returning the result of the invocation for each.
- Aggregate(ICollection keys, IEntryAggregator agent)—performs an aggregating operation against the entries specified by the passed keys.
- Aggregate(IFilter filter, IEntryAggregator agent)—performs an aggregating operation against the entries that are selected by the given filter.

Filters

The IQueryCache interface provides the ability to search for cache entries that meet a given set of criteria, expressed using a IFilter implementation.

All filters must implement the IFilter interface:

- Evaluate(object o)—apply a test to the specified object and return true if the test passes, false otherwise.

Coherence for .NET includes several IFilter implementations in the Tangosol.Util.Filter namespace.

The code in Example 18–12 retrieves the keys of all entries that have a value equal to 5.

Example 18–12  Retrieving Keys Equal to a Numeric Value

EqualsFilter equalsFilter = new EqualsFilter(IdentityExtractor.Instance, 5);
ICollection keys = cache.GetKeys(equalsFilter);

The code in Example 18–13 retrieves all keys that have a value greater or equal to 55.

Example 18–13  Retrieving Keys Greater Than or Equal To a Numeric Value

GreaterEqualsFilter greaterEquals = new GreaterEqualsFilter(IdentityExtractor.Instance, 55);
ICollection keys = cache.GetKeys(greaterEquals);
The code in Example 18–14 retrieves all cache entries that have a value that begins with Belg.

**Example 18–14 Retrieving Keys Based on a String Value**

```csharp
LikeFilter likeFilter = new LikeFilter(IdentityExtractor.Instance, "Belg\", '\', true);
ICollection entries = cache.GetEntries(likeFilter);
```

The code in Example 18–15 retrieves all cache entries that have a value that ends with an (case sensitive) or begins with An (case insensitive).

**Example 18–15 Retrieving Keys Based on a Case-Sensitive String Value**

```csharp
OrFilter orFilter = new OrFilter(new LikeFilter(IdentityExtractor.Instance, "%an", '\', false), new LikeFilter(IdentityExtractor.Instance, "An\", '\', true));
ICollection entries = cache.GetEntries(orFilter);
```

**Value Extractors**

Extractors are used to extract values from an object. All extractors must implement the `IValueExtractor` interface:

- `Extract(object target)`—extract the value from the passed object.

Coherence for .NET includes the following extractors:

- `IdentityExtractor` is a trivial implementation that does not actually extract anything from the passed value, but returns the value itself.
- `KeyExtractor` is a special purpose implementation that serves as an indicator that a query should be run against the key objects rather than the values.
- `ReflectionExtractor` extracts a value from a specified object property.
- `MultiExtractor` is composite `IValueExtractor` implementation based on an array of extractors. All extractors in the array are applied to the same target object and the result of the extraction is a `IList` of extracted values.
- `ChainedExtractor` is composite `IValueExtractor` implementation based on an array of extractors. The extractors in the array are applied sequentially left-to-right, so a result of a previous extractor serves as a target object for a next one.

POF extractors and POF updaters offer the same functionality as `ChainedExtractors` through the use of the `SimplePofPath` class. For details about POF extractors and POF updaters, see `Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence` and refer to the .NET API Reference for Oracle Coherence.

The code in Example 18–16 retrieves all cache entries with keys greater than 5:

**Example 18–16 Retrieving Cache Entries Greater Than a Numeric Value**

```csharp
IValueExtractor extractor = new KeyExtractor(IdentityExtractor.Instance);
IFilter filter = new GreaterFilter(extractor, 5);
ICollection entries = cache.GetEntries(filter);
```

The code in Example 18–17 retrieves all cache entries with values containing a City property equal to city1:
Example 18–17 Retrieving Cache Entries Based on a String Value

```
IValueExtractor extractor = new ReflectionExtractor("City");
IFilter filter = new EqualsFilter(extractor, "city1");
ICollection entries = cache.GetEntries(filter);
```

Entry Processors

An entry processor is an agent that operates against the entry objects within a cache. All entry processors must implement the IEntryProcessor interface:

- Process(IInvocableCacheEntry entry)—process the specified entry.
- ProcessAll(ICollection entries)—process a collection of entries.

Coherence for .NET includes several IEntryProcessor implementations in the Tangosol.Util.Processor namespace.

The code in Example 18–18 demonstrates a conditional put. The value mapped to key1 is set to 680 only if the current mapped value is greater than 600.

Example 18–18 Conditional Put of a Key Value Based on a Numeric Value

```
IFilter greaterThen600 = new GreaterFilter(IdentityExtractor.Instance, 600);
IEntryProcessor processor = new ConditionalPut(greaterThen600, 680);
cache.Invoke("key1", processor);
```

The code in Example 18–19 uses the UpdaterProcessor to update the value of the Degree property on a Temperature object with key BGD to the new value 26.

Example 18–19 Setting a Key Value Based on a Numeric Value

```
cache.Insert("BGD", new Temperature(25, 'c', 12));
IValueUpdater updater = new ReflectionUpdater("setDegree");
IEntryProcessor processor = new UpdaterProcessor(updater, 26);
object result = cache.Invoke("BGD", processor);
```

Entry Aggregators

An entry aggregator represents processing that can be directed to occur against some subset of the entries in an IInvocableCache, resulting in an aggregated result. Common examples of aggregation include functions such as minimum, maximum, sum and average. However, the concept of aggregation applies to any process that must evaluate a group of entries to come up with a single answer. Aggregation is explicitly capable of being run in parallel, for example in a distributed environment.

All aggregators must implement the IEntryAggregator interface:

- Aggregate(ICollection entries)—process a collection of entries to produce an aggregate result.

Coherence for .NET includes several IEntryAggregator implementations in the Tangosol.Util.Aggregator namespace.

The code in Example 18–20 returns the size of the cache:

Example 18–20 Returning the Size of the Cache

```
IEntryAggregator aggregator = new Count();
object result = cache.Aggregate(cache.Keys, aggregator);
```
The code in Example 18–21 returns an IDictionary with keys equal to the unique values in the cache and values equal to the number of instances of the corresponding value in the cache:

**Example 18–21  Returning an IDictionary**

```csharp
IEntryAggregator aggregator =
GroupAggregator.CreateInstance(IdentityExtractor.Instance, new Count());
object           result     = cache.Aggregate(cache.Keys, aggregator);
```

**Note:**  Example 18–20 and Example 18–21 are simple examples and not practical for passing a large amount of keys or keys that are themselves very large. In such scenarios, use the GroupAggregator.CreateInstance(String, IEntryAggregator, IFilter) method and pass an AlwaysFilter object.

Like cached value objects, all custom IFilter, IExtractor, IProcessor and IAggregator implementation classes must be correctly registered in the POF context of the .NET application and cluster-side node to which the client is connected. As such, corresponding Java implementations of the custom .NET types must be created, compiled, and deployed on the cluster-side node. Note that the actual execution of these custom types is performed by the Java implementation and not the .NET implementation.

See Chapter 17, ”Building Integration Objects (.NET).” for additional details.
This chapter provides instructions for using continuous query caching in a .NET client to ensure that a query always retrieves the latest results from a cache in real-time.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- Overview of Performing Continuous Queries (.NET)
- Understanding the Continuous Query Caching Implementation
- Constructing a Continuous Query Cache
- Cleaning Up Continuous Query Cache Resources
- Caching Only Keys Versus Keys and Values
- Listening to a Continuous Query Cache
- Making a Continuous Query Cache Read-Only

**Overview of Performing Continuous Queries (.NET)**

Queries provide the ability to obtain a point in time query result from a Coherence cache and it is possible to receive events that would change the result of that query. However, the continuous query feature combines a query result with a continuous stream of related events to maintain an up-to-date query result in a real-time fashion. This capability is called *Continuous Query*, because it has the same effect as if the desired query had zero latency and the query were being executed several times every millisecond.

Coherence for .NET implements the Continuous Query functionality by materializing the results of the query into a Continuous Query Cache, and then keeping that cache up-to-date in real-time using event listeners on the query. In other words, a Coherence for .NET Continuous Query is a cached query result that never gets out-of-date.

**Understanding Use Cases for Continuous Query Caching**

There are several different general use cases for Continuous Query Caching:

- It is an ideal building block for Complex Event Processing (CEP) systems and event correlation engines.
- It is ideal for situations in which an application repeats a particular query, and would benefit from always having instant access to the up-to-date result of that query.
A Continuous Query Cache is analogous to a materialized view, and is useful for accessing and manipulating the results of a query using the standard INamedCache API, and receiving an ongoing stream of events related to that query.

A Continuous Query Cache can be used in a manner similar to a near cache, because it maintains an up-to-date set of data locally where it is being used, for example on a particular server node or on a client desktop; note that a Near Cache is invalidation-based, but the Continuous Query Cache actually maintains its data in an up-to-date manner.

An example use case is a trading system desktop in which a trader's open orders and all related information must always be maintained in an up-to-date manner. By combining the Coherence*Extend functionality with Continuous Query Caching, an application can support literally tens of thousands of concurrent users.

Note: Continuous Query Caches are useful in almost every type of application, including both client-based and server-based applications, because they provide the ability to very easily and efficiently maintain an up-to-date local copy of a specified sub-set of a much larger and potentially distributed cached data set.

Understanding the Continuous Query Caching Implementation

The Coherence for .NET implementation of Continuous Query is found in the Tangosol.Net.Cache.ContinuousQueryCache class. This class, like all Coherence for .NET caches, implements the standard INamedCache interface, which includes the following capabilities:

- Cache access and manipulation using the IDictionary interface: INamedCache extends the standard IDictionary interface from the .NET Collections Framework, which is the same interface implemented by the .NET Hashtable class.
- Events for all objects modifications that occur within the cache: INamedCache extends the IObservableCache interface.
- Querying the objects in the cache: INamedCache extends the IQueryCache interface.
- Distributed Parallel Processing and Aggregation of objects in the cache: INamedCache extends the IInvocableCache interface.

Since the ContinuousQueryCache class implements the INamedCache interface, which is the same API provided by all Coherence for .NET caches, it is extremely simple to use, and it can be easily substituted for another cache when its functionality is called for.

Constructing a Continuous Query Cache

There are two items that define a Continuous Query Cache:

- The underlying cache that it is based on;
- A query of that underlying cache that produces the sub-set that the Continuous Query Cache caches.

The underlying cache is any Coherence for .NET cache, including another Continuous Query Cache. A cache is usually obtained from a CacheFactory, which allows the developer to simply specify the name of the cache and have it automatically configured based on the application's cache configuration information; for example:
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INamedCache cache = CacheFactory.GetCache("orders");

The query is the same type of query that would be used to query any other cache; for example:

Filter filter = new AndFilter(new EqualsFilter("getTrader", traderid),
  new EqualsFilter("getStatus", Status.OPEN));

Normally, to query a cache, a method from the IQueryCache is used; for examples, to obtain a snap-shot of all open trades for this trader:

ICollection setOpenTrades = cache.GetEntries(filter);

Similarly, the Continuous Query Cache is constructed from those same two pieces:

ContinuousQueryCache cacheOpenTrades = new ContinuousQueryCache(cache, filter);

Cleaning Up Continuous Query Cache Resources

Instances of all INamedCache implementations, including ContinuousQueryCache, should be explicitly released by calling the INamedCache.Release() method when they are no longer needed, to free up any resources they might hold.

If the particular INamedCache is used for the duration of the application, then the resources is cleaned up when the application is shut down or otherwise stops. However, if it is only used for a period, the application should call its Release() method when finished using it.

Alternatively, you can leverage the fact that INamedCache extends IDisposable and that all cache implementations delegate a call to IDisposable.Dispose() to INamedCache.Release(). If you want to obtain and release a cache instance within a single method, you can do so by using a using block:

Example 19–1 Obtaining and Releasing a Reference to a Continuous Query Cache

using (INamedCache cache = CacheFactory.GetCache("my-cache"))
{
    // use cache as usual
}

After the using block terminates, IDisposable.Dispose() is called on the INamedCache instance, and all resources associated with it are released.

Caching Only Keys Versus Keys and Values

When constructing a Continuous Query Cache, it is possible to specify that the cache should only keep track of the keys that result from the query, and obtain the values from the underlying cache only when they are asked for. This feature may be useful for creating a Continuous Query Cache that represents a very large query result set, or if the values are never or rarely requested. To specify that only the keys should be cached, use the constructor that allows the IsCacheValues property to be configured; for example:

Example 19–2 Caching Only the Keys in a Continuous Query Cache

ContinuousQueryCache cacheOpenTrades = new ContinuousQueryCache(cache, filter, false);
If necessary, the `IsCacheValues` property can also be modified after the cache has been instantiated; for example:

```csharp
cacheOpenTrades.IsCacheValues = true;
```

**IsCacheValues Property and Event Listeners**

If the Continuous Query Cache has any standard (non-lite) event listeners, or if any of the event listeners are filtered, then the `IsCacheValues` property is automatically set to `true`, because the Continuous Query Cache uses the locally cached values to filter events and to supply the old and new values for the events that it raises.

### Listening to a Continuous Query Cache

Since the Continuous Query Cache is itself observable, it is possible for the client to place one or more event listeners onto it. For example:

**Example 19–3  Placing a Listener on a Continuous Query Cache**

```csharp
ContinuousQueryCache cacheOpenTrades = new ContinuousQueryCache(cache, filter);
cacheOpenTrades.AddListener(listener);
```

Assuming some processing has to occur against every item that is in the cache and every item added to the cache, there are two approaches. First, the processing could occur then a listener could be added to handle any later additions:

**Example 19–4  Processing Data, then Placing the Listener**

```csharp
ContinuousQueryCache cacheOpenTrades = new ContinuousQueryCache(cache, filter);
foreach (ICacheEntry entry in cacheOpenTrades.Entries)
{
    // .. process the cache entry
}
cacheOpenTrades.AddListener(listener);
```

However, that code is incorrect because it allows events that occur in the split second after the iteration and before the listener is added to be missed! The alternative is to add a listener first, so no events are missed, and then do the processing:

**Example 19–5  Placing the Listener, then Processing Data**

```csharp
ContinuousQueryCache cacheOpenTrades = new ContinuousQueryCache(cache, filter);
cacheOpenTrades.AddListener(listener);
foreach (ICacheEntry entry in cacheOpenTrades.Entries)
{
    // .. process the cache entry
}
```

However, the same entry may appear in both an event an in the `IEnumerator`, and the events can be asynchronous, so the sequence of operations cannot be guaranteed.

The solution is to provide the listener during construction, and it receives one event for each item that is in the Continuous Query Cache, whether it was there to begin with (because it was in the query) or if it was added during or after the construction of the cache:

**Example 19–6  Providing the Listener During Continuous Query Cache Construction**

```csharp
ContinuousQueryCache cacheOpenTrades = new ContinuousQueryCache(cache, filter, listener);
```
Achieving a Stable Materialized View

The Continuous Query Cache implementation faced the same challenge: How to assemble an exact point-in-time snapshot of an underlying cache while receiving a stream of modification events from that same cache. The solution has several parts. First, Coherence for .NET supports an option for synchronous events, which provides a set of ordering guarantees. Secondly, the Continuous Query Cache has a two-phase implementation of its initial population that allows it to first query the underlying cache and then subsequently resolve all of the events that came in during the first phase. Since achieving these guarantees of data visibility without any missing or repeated events is fairly complex, the Continuous Query Cache allows a developer to pass a listener during construction, thus avoiding exposing these same complexities to the application developer.

Support for Synchronous and Asynchronous Listeners

By default, listeners to the Continuous Query Cache have their events delivered asynchronously. However, the Continuous Query Cache does respect the option for synchronous events as provided by the CacheListenerSupport.ISynchronousListener interface.

Making a Continuous Query Cache Read-Only

The Continuous Query Cache can be made into a read-only cache; for example:

Example 19–7 Making a Continuous Query Cache Read-Only

```csharp
cacheOpenTrades.IsReadOnly = true;
```

A read-only Continuous Query Cache does not allow objects to be added to, changed in, removed from or locked in the cache.

When a Continuous Query Cache has been set to read-only, it cannot be changed back to read/write.
Making a Continuous Query Cache Read-Only
This chapter provides instructions for performing remote invocations on Coherence caches from .NET clients.

The following section is included in this chapter:

- Overview of Performing Remote Invocations
- Configuring and Using the Remote Invocation Service

**Overview of Performing Remote Invocations**

Coherence for .NET provides a Remote Invocation Service which allows execution of single-pass agents (called `IInvocable` objects) within the cluster-side JVM to which the client is connected. Agents are simply runnable application classes that implement the `IInvocable` interface. Agents can execute any arbitrary action and can use any cluster-side services (cache services, grid services, and so on) necessary to perform their work. The agent operations can also be stateful, which means that their state is serialized and transmitted to the grid nodes on which the agent is run.

**Configuring and Using the Remote Invocation Service**

A Remote Invocation Service is configured using the `<remote-invocation-scheme>` element in the cache configuration descriptor. For example:

```
<remote-invocation-scheme>
  <scheme-name>example-invocation</scheme-name>
  <service-name>ExtendTcpInvocationService</service-name>
  <initiator-config>
    <tcp-initiator>
      <remote-addresses>
        <socket-address>
          <address>localhost</address>
          <port>9099</port>
        </socket-address>
      </remote-addresses>
    </tcp-initiator>
    <outgoing-message-handler>
      <request-timeout>30s</request-timeout>
    </outgoing-message-handler>
  </initiator-config>
</remote-invocation-scheme>
```
A reference to a configured Remote Invocation Service can then be obtained by name by using the CacheFactory class:

**Example 20–2 Obtaining a Reference to a Remote Invocation Service**

```csharp
IInvocationService service = (IInvocationService) CacheFactory.GetService("ExtendTcpInvocationService");
```

To execute an agent on the grid node to which the client is connected requires only one line of code:

**Example 20–3 Executing an Agent on a Grid Node**

```csharp
IDictionary result = service.Query(new MyTask(), null);
```

The single result of the execution are keyed by the local Member, which can be retrieved by calling CacheFactory.ConfigurableCacheFactory.LocalMember.

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**Note:** Like cached value objects, all IInvocable implementation classes must be correctly registered in the POF context of the .NET application and cluster-side node to which the client is connected. As such, a Java implementation of the IInvocable task (a com.tangosol.net.Invocable implementation) must be created, compiled, and deployed on the cluster-side node. Note that the actual execution of the task is performed by the Java Invocable implementation and not the .NET IInvocable implementation.

See Chapter 16, "Configuration and Usage for .NET Clients" for additional details.
Performing Transactions (.NET)

This chapter provides instructions for using the Transaction Framework API to ensure cache operations are performed within a transaction when using a .NET client. The instructions do not provide detailed transaction API usage. See “Using the Transaction Framework API” in Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence for detailed transaction API usage.

The following sections are included in this chapter and are required to perform transactions:

- Using the Transaction API within an Entry Processor
- Creating a Stub Class for a Transactional Entry Processor
- Registering a Transactional Entry Processor User Type
- Configuring the Cluster-Side Transactional Caches
- Configuring the Client-Side Remote Cache
- Using a Transactional Entry Processor from a .NET Client

Using the Transaction API within an Entry Processor

.NET clients perform cache operations within a transaction by leveraging the Transaction Framework API. The transaction API is not supported natively on .NET and must be used within an entry processor. The entry processor is implemented in Java on the cluster and an entry processor stub class is implemented in C# on the client. Both classes use POF to serialize between Java and C#.

Example 21–1 demonstrates an entry processor that performs a simple update operation within a transaction using the transaction API. At run time, the class must be located on the classpath of the Coherence proxy server.

Example 21–1  Entry Processor for Extend Client Transaction

```java
package coherence.tests;

import com.tangosol.coherence.transaction.Connection;
import com.tangosol.coherence.transaction.ConnectionFactory;
import com.tangosol.coherence.transaction.DefaultConnectionFactory;
import com.tangosol.coherence.transaction.OptimisticNamedCache;
import com.tangosol.coherence.transaction.exception.PredicateFailedException;
import com.tangosol.coherence.transaction.exception.RollbackException;
import com.tangosol.coherence.transaction.exception.UnableToAcquireLockException;
import com.tangosol.util.Filter;
```
import com.tangosol.util.InvocableMap;
import com.tangosol.util.extractor.IdentityExtractor;
import com.tangosol.util.filter.EqualsFilter;
import com.tangosol.util.processor.AbstractProcessor;

public class MyTxProcessor extends AbstractProcessor implements PortableObject {
    public Object process(InvocableMap.Entry entry) {
        // obtain a connection and transaction cache
        ConnectionFactory connFactory = new DefaultConnectionFactory();
        Connection conn = connFactory.createConnection("TransactionalCache");
        OptimisticNamedCache cache = conn.getNamedCache("MyTxCache");
        conn.setAutoCommit(false);

        // get a value for an existing entry
        String sValue = (String) cache.get("existingEntry");

        // create predicate filter
        Filter predicate = new EqualsFilter(IdentityExtractor.INSTANCE, sValue);

        try {
            // update the previously obtained value
            cache.update("existingEntry", "newValue", predicate);
        }
        catch (PredicateFailedException e) {
            // value was updated after it was read
            conn.rollback();
            return false;
        }
        catch (UnableToAcquireLockException e) {
            // row is being updated by another transaction
            conn.rollback();
            return false;
        }
        try {
            conn.commit();
        }
        catch (RollbackException e) {
            // transaction was rolled back
            return false;
        }
        return true;
    }

    public void readExternal(PofReader in) throws IOException {
    }

    public void writeExternal(PofWriter out) throws IOException {
    }
}

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21-2 Oracle Fusion Middleware Developing Remote Clients for Oracle Coherence
Creating a Stub Class for a Transactional Entry Processor

An entry processor stub class allows a client to use the transactional entry processor on the cluster. The stub class is implemented in C# and uses POF for serialization. POF allows an entry processor to be serialized between C# and Java. The entry processor stub class does not require any transaction logic and is a skeleton of the transactional entry processor. See Chapter 17, "Building Integration Objects (.NET)," for detailed information on using POF with .NET.

Example 21–2 demonstrate an entry processor stub class for the transactional entry processor created in Example 21–1.

Example 21–2  Transaction Entry Processor .NET Stub Class

```csharp
using Tangosol.IO.Pof;
using Tangosol.Net.Cache;
using Tangosol.Util.Processor;

namespace Coherence.Tests
{
    public class MyTxProcessor : AbstractProcessor, IPortableObject
    {
        public MyTxProcessor()
        {
        }

        public override object Process(IInvocableCacheEntry entry)
        {
            return null;
        }

        public void ReadExternal(IPofReader reader)
        {
        }

        public void WriteExternal(IPofWriter writer)
        {
        }
    }
}
```

Registering a Transactional Entry Processor User Type

Custom user types must be registered for the Java transactional entry processor in the cluster-side POF configuration file and for the client stub in the client-side POF configuration file. Both registrations must use the same type ID. The following example demonstrates registering both the MyTxProcessor class that was created in Example 21–1 and the client stub class that was created in Example 21–2, respectively.

Cluster-side POF configuration:

```xml
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<pof-config xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
            xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/coherence/coherence-pof-config"
            xsi:schemaLocation="http://xmlns.oracle.com/coherence/coherence-pof-config")
```
Configuring the Cluster-Side Transactional Caches

Transactions require a transactional cache to be defined in the cluster-side cache configuration file. Transactional caches are used by the Transaction Framework to provide transactional guarantees. See "Defining Transactional Caches" in Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence for details on transactional caches.

The following example creates a transactional cache that is named MyTxCache, which is the cache name that was used by the entry processor in Example 21–1. The configuration also includes a proxy scheme and a distributed cache scheme that are required to execute the entry processor from a remote client. The proxy is configured to accept client TCP/IP connections on localhost at port 9099. See Chapter 4, "Setting Up Coherence*Extend," for detailed information on configuring cluster-side caches when using Coherence*Extend.

```xml
<?xml version='1.0'?>
<cache-config xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/coherence/coherence-cache-config"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://xmlns.oracle.com/coherence/coherence-cache-config
  coherence-cache-config.xsd">
  <caching-scheme-mapping>
    <cache-mapping>
      <cache-name>MyTxCache</cache-name>
      <scheme-name>example-transactional</scheme-name>
    </cache-mapping>
    <cache-mapping>
      <cache-name>dist-example</cache-name>
      <scheme-name>example-distributed</scheme-name>
    </cache-mapping>
  </caching-scheme-mapping>
</cache-config>
```
Configuring the Client-Side Remote Cache

Remote clients require a remote cache to connect to the cluster's proxy and run a transactional entry processor. The remote cache is defined in the client-side cache configuration file. See Chapter 4, "Setting Up Coherence*Extend," for detailed information on configuring client-side caches.

The following example configures a remote cache to connect to a proxy that is located on localhost at port 9099. In addition, the name of the remote cache (dist-example) must match the name of a cluster-side cache that is used when initiating the transactional entry processor.

```
<?xml version='1.0'?>
<cache-config xmlns="http://schemas.tangosol.com/cache"
    xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
    xsi:schemaLocation="http://schemas.tangosol.com/cache
    assembly://Coherence/Tangosol.Config/cache-config.xsd">
    <caching-scheme-mapping>
        <cache-mapping>
            <cache-name>dist-example</cache-name>
            <scheme-name>extend</scheme-name>
        </cache-mapping>
    </caching-scheme-mapping>
</cache-config>
```
Using a Transactional Entry Processor from a .NET Client

A client invokes an entry processor stub class the same way any entry processor is invoked. However, at run time, the cluster-side entry processor is invoked on the cluster. The client is unaware that the invocation has been delegated to the Java class. The following example demonstrates a client that uses the entry processor stub class and results in an invocation of the transactional entry processor that was created in Example 21–1:

```csharp
INamedCache cache = CacheFactory.GetCache("dist-example");
object result = cache.Invoke( "AnyKey", new MyTxProcessor());

Console.Out.WriteLine("Result of extend transaction execution: " + result );
```
Managing ASP.NET Session State

This chapter provides instructions for managing ASP.NET session state in a Coherence cluster. The instructions include how to enable and configure the Coherence session provider.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- Overview
- Setting Up Coherence Session Management
- Selecting a Session Model
- Specifying a Serializer
- Sharing Session State Across Applications

Overview

Coherence for .NET allows ASP.NET session state to be managed in a Coherence cluster, which has some benefits compared to out-of-the-box options offered by Microsoft:

- Session state is stored in a highly available Coherence cluster, making sessions resilient to Web server failures
- Sessions are stored in memory which allows for much faster access than when they are serialized to disk using SQL Server session provider
- Unlike relational databases, Coherence cluster is easy to scale out to support additional load
- In some cases, session data can be accessed at in-process speed by leveraging Coherence near caching features

ASP.NET applications are configured to use Coherence for session state management by modifying the web.config file and configuring the custom session state provider. In addition, the Coherence session provider includes configuration options that can significantly improve performance and scalability of applications.

Setting Up Coherence Session Management

The following steps are required to use Coherence for ASP.NET session management:

- Configure Coherence for .NET client library by specifying an operational configuration, cache configuration, and POF configuration file (if using POF for session serialization). For details, see "Setting Up the Coherence .NET Client Library" on page 18-1.
Enable the Coherence Session Provider

ASP.NET uses a provider model to allow custom session state management implementations. Coherence for .NET implements a custom provider that fulfils the contract defined by Microsoft. To use the Coherence provider, add the following provider configuration to an application's `web.config` file:

```xml
<system.web>
  <sessionState mode="Custom"
    customProvider="CoherenceSessionProvider"
    cookieless="false"
    timeout="20">
    <providers>
      <add name="CoherenceSessionProvider"
           type="Tangosol.Web.CoherenceSessionStore, Coherence"/>
    </providers>
  </sessionState>
</system.web>
```

The above example configures an ASP.NET application to use the `CoherenceSessionStore` provider with the default settings. The Coherence session provider can be customized, as described in this chapter, to take full advantage of its included features.

Configure the Cluster-Side ASP Session Caches

The Coherence session provider requires two cache scheme definitions within the cluster's cache configuration file: A storage cache and an overflow cache. The storage cache is used for storing session data and the overflow cache is used if the session size exceeds the limit specified in the `externalAttributeSize` attribute of the `CoherenceSessionProvider` defined in the `Web.config` file.

When defining the session storage cache and the session overflow cache, the service name must be `AspNetSessionCache` and the cache names must be `aspnet-session-storage` and `aspnet-session-overflow`, respectively. In addition, the storage cache must be configured to use the `ConfigurablePofContext` class as the serializer. The scheme name and backing map configuration can be configured as required.

The following cache scheme definition creates two distributed caches that are used by the session provider: one for session storage and one for session overflow.

```xml
<cache-config xmlns="http://schemas.tangosol.com/cache"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
```

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```xml
<cache-config xmlns="http://schemas.tangosol.com/cache"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
```
<caching-scheme-mapping>
  <cache-mapping>
    <cache-name>aspnet-session-storage</cache-name>
    <scheme-name>extend-direct</scheme-name>
  </cache-mapping>
  <cache-mapping>
    <cache-name>aspnet-session-overflow</cache-name>
    <scheme-name>aspnet-session-overflow-scheme</scheme-name>
  </cache-mapping>
</caching-scheme-mapping>

<caching-schemes>
  <distributed-scheme>
    <scheme-name>aspnet-session-scheme</scheme-name>
    <service-name>AspNetSessionCache</service-name>
    <serializer>
      <class-name>com.tangosol.io.pof.ConfigurablePofContext</class-name>
      <init-params>
        <init-param>
          <param-type>string</param-type>
          <param-value>coherence-pof-config.xml</param-value>
        </init-param>
      </init-params>
    </serializer>
    <backing-map-scheme>
      <local-scheme/>
    </backing-map-scheme>
    <autostart>true</autostart>
  </distributed-scheme>

  <distributed-scheme>
    <scheme-name>aspnet-session-overflow-scheme</scheme-name>
    <scheme-ref>dist-default</scheme-ref>
    <service-name>AspNetSessionCache</service-name>
    <autostart>true</autostart>
  </distributed-scheme>
</caching-schemes>
</cache-config>

Configure a Client-Side ASP Session Remote Cache

The Coherence session provider requires an extend client's cache configuration file to include remote cache schemes for the session storage and session overflow caches. As with any remote cache, the cache on the cluster and the cache on the client must use the same name. See "Defining a Remote Cache" on page 4-8 for additional details.

The following example configures a client-side ASP session remote cache scheme that is used by the Coherence session provider to store session data on the cluster.

```xml
<?xml version='1.0'?>
<cache-config xmlns="http://schemas.tangosol.com/cache"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  <caching-scheme-mapping>
    <cache-mapping>
      <cache-name>aspnet-session-storage</cache-name>
      <scheme-name>extend-direct</scheme-name>
    </cache-mapping>
  </caching-scheme-mapping>
</cache-config>
```
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<cache-mapping>
  <cache-mapping>
    <cache-name>aspnet-session-overflow</cache-name>
    <scheme-name>extend-direct</scheme-name>
  </cache-mapping>
</caching-scheme-mapping>

<caching-schemes>
  <remote-cache-scheme>
    <scheme-name>extend-direct</scheme-name>
    <service-name>ExtendTcpCacheService</service-name>
    <initiator-config>
      <tcp-initiator>
        <remote-addresses>
          <socket-address>
            <address>localhost</address>
            <port>9099</port>
          </socket-address>
        </remote-addresses>
      </tcp-initiator>
      <outgoing-message-handler>
        <request-timeout>30s</request-timeout>
      </outgoing-message-handler>
    </initiator-config>
  </remote-cache-scheme>
</caching-schemes>

Overriding the Default Session Cache Name

The Coherence session provider's default behavior is to use a remote session cache named aspnet-session-storage. The remote cache example in "Configure a Client-Side ASP Session Remote Cache" on page 22-3 demonstrates creating a remote cache with the default name. However, a session provider can be configured to use a remote cache with a name other than the default.

To override the default session cache name, add a cacheName attribute within the provider configuration. The following example specifies a cache named my-session-cache.

<system.web>
  <sessionState mode="Custom"
    customProvider="CoherenceSessionProvider"
    cookieless="false"
    timeout="20">
    <providers>
      <add name="CoherenceSessionProvider"
        type="Tangosol.Web.CoherenceSessionStore, Coherence"/>
      <add name="MySessionStore"/>
    </providers>
  </sessionState>
</system.web>
Selecting a Session Model

A session model describes how the Coherence session provider physically represents and stores session state in the cluster. The provider includes three different session model implementations out of the box:

- **Traditional Model** – Stores all session state as a single entity but serializes and deserializes attributes individually
- **Monolithic Model** – Stores all session state as a single entity, serializing and deserializing all attributes as a single operation
- **Split Model** – Extends the Traditional Model but separates the larger session attributes into independent physical entities

The traditional model is the default. It is similar to the `SessionStateItemCollection` provided by ASP.NET - it deserializes session items lazily to avoid deserialization penalty for items that are not accessed. However, there are certain scenarios where monolithic or split model are better choices.

Refer to "Session Model" in *Administering HTTP Session Management with Oracle Coherence*Web for details about each model and their pros and cons. The discussion can help determine which model is the best fit for a particular application. The discussion is centered around Coherence*Web; however, the general concepts are the same for ASP.NET Sessions.

Specify the Session Model

The split model is the recommended session model for most applications. However, the traditional model may be more optimal for applications that are known to have small HTTP session objects.

The monolithic model is designed to solve a specific class of problems related to multiple session attributes that have references to the same shared object, and that must maintain that object as a shared object. When migrating to the Coherence session provider from the ASP.NET InProc provider, the monolithic model ensures that all shared objects are serialized and deserialized properly.

To specify the Coherence session provider’s session model, add a `model` attribute within the provider configuration. The following example specifies a split model.

```xml
<system.web>
  <sessionState mode="Custom"
    customProvider="CoherenceSessionProvider"
    cookieless="false"
    timeout="20">
    <providers>
      <add name="CoherenceSessionProvider"
         type="Tangosol.Web.CoherenceSessionStore, Coherence"
         model="split"
         externalAttributeSize="512"/>
    </providers>
  </sessionState>
  ...
</system.web>
```

The valid values for the `model` attribute are `traditional`, `monolithic`, `split`, or a fully qualified name of the class that implements `Tangosol.Web.ISessionModelManager` interface and provides a constructor that accepts a single `Tangosol.IO.ISerializer` argument. The interface allows custom model implementations to be created if necessary.
In the example above, the session provider is configured to use the split model. The split model supports the `externalAttributeSize` attribute, which specifies the minimum size (in bytes) of the attributes that should be stored separately. If the `externalAttributeSize` attribute is omitted, the default value of 1024 bytes is used.

### Registering the Backing Map Listener

Session attributes are partitioned into two regions when utilizing the split session model. Core HTTP session attributes, such as session ID, creation time, last access, and so on, are managed within one partition and large attributes are split out into another partition. This allows support for very large HTTP session objects without incurring overhead for frequently accessed small attributes.

With the .NET session provider implementation, core attributes and large attributes are stored in separate caches. Therefore, the backing map listener (class `AspNetSessionStoreProvider$SessionCleanupListener`) is recommended to keep both caches synchronized. This ensures that if a session is terminated explicitly by the user and removed by eviction or expiry, that both the removal of the core and large segments of the session are coherently removed from the two caches.

The following example demonstrates registering the `AspNetSessionStoreProvider$SessionCleanupListener` backing map listener on the cluster-side ASP.NET session cache:

```xml
<caching-schemes>
  <distributed-scheme>
    <scheme-name>aspnet-session-scheme</scheme-name>
    <service-name>AspNetSessionCache</service-name>
    <serializer>
      <class-name>com.tangosol.io.pof.ConfigurablePofContext</class-name>
      <init-params>
        <init-param>
          <param-type>string</param-type>
          <param-value>coherence-pof-config.xml</param-value>
        </init-param>
      </init-params>
    </serializer>
    <backing-map-scheme>
      <local-scheme>
        <class-name>com.tangosol.net.cache.LocalCache</class-name>
        <listener>
          <class-scheme>
            com.tangosol.net.internal.AspNetSessionStoreProvider$SessionCleanupListener
          </class-scheme>
          <init-params>
            <init-param>
              <param-type>com.tangosol.net.BackingMapManagerContext</param-type>
              <param-value>{manager-context}</param-value>
            </init-param>
          </init-params>
        </listener>
      </local-scheme>
    </backing-map-scheme>
  </distributed-scheme>
</caching-schemes>
```
Specifying a Serializer

The Coherence session provider can be configured to use a specific serializer for serializing session items. To specify a serializer, add a `serializer` attribute within provider definition. The following example specifies the binary serializer.

```xml
<system.web>
    <sessionState mode="Custom"
        customProvider="CoherenceSessionProvider"
        cookieless="false"
        timeout="20">

    <providers>
        <add name="CoherenceSessionProvider"
            type="Tangosol.Web.CoherenceSessionStore, Coherence"
            model="split"
            externalAttributeSize="512"
            serializer="binary"/>
    </providers>

</sessionState>
</system.web>
```

The valid values for the `serializer` attribute are `binary` (default), `pof`, or a fully qualified name of the class that implements the `Tangosol.IO.ISerializer` interface. The interface is used to create a custom serializer if necessary. However, the existing serializers are sufficient more often than not.

Using POF for Session Serialization

Portable Object Format (POF) is the recommended serialization format when using Coherence to manage ASP.NET sessions and provides many benefits over standard .NET binary serialization. In particular, POF serialization is faster and has a significantly more compact format. The compact format typically results in a binary form that is 3 to 5 times smaller than the standard binary serializer. This translates directly into a lower memory footprint within the cluster and can result in significant cost savings.

To use POF, ensure that all custom classes that are stored either directly or indirectly within the session are registered within the POF context and either implement the `IPortableObject` interface or have an external `IPofSerializer` configured. For detailed instructions on using POF, see Chapter 17, "Building Integration Objects (.NET)."

The following discussion summarizes some implementation details that should be considered when using POF. For a detailed description of the POF format, see "The PIF-POF Binary Format" in the appendix of the Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence.

When session items are deserialized by the POF serializer, there is no guarantee that the type of the resulting object equals the type of the original value. For example, integer values between -1 and 22 (inclusive) are returned as `Int32` values, regardless of the original type, so they may require a cast to the appropriate type.

Collections may also be deserialized to a different type. For example, an `ArrayList` might be stored within the session, but an immutable object array may be received after the object is read back. This is expected behavior and the reason why the `IPofReader` interface provides a template to read values as an argument to all methods that read collections from the POF stream.
Session items are not typed and there is no way to specify how they should be deserialized. Therefore, a default collection type is always received. This is typically acceptable when reading from the collection. However, if the collection must be modified, either of the following two options can be used:

- Create an instance of a mutable collection of a desired type and add elements from the deserialized collection to it. When using this option, do not forget to update corresponding session items with the new collection, or the changes are not saved.
- Instead of storing "bare" collections directly, create a wrapper class that implements necessary serialization logic and register it within the POF context. This allows full control over collection serialization and can avoid the issues described above.

These steps do require extra work; however, the performance gains and reduced memory footprint are likely worth the trouble.

**Sharing Session State Across Applications**

In some cases, it is beneficial to be able to share sessions across ASP.NET applications. By default, a session key is determined by combining the application identifier (as returned by the `HostingEnvironment.ApplicationID` property) with the session identifier. This effectively prevents session sharing.

The Coherence session provider can be configured to use a specific application identifier. To specify an application identifier, add an `applicationId` attribute within a provider definition. The following example specifies `MyApplication` as the application ID.

```xml
<system.web>
  <sessionState mode="Custom"
    customProvider="CoherenceSessionProvider"
    cookieless="false"
    timeout="20">
    <providers>
      <add name="CoherenceSessionProvider"
        type="Tangosol.Web.CoherenceSessionStore, Coherence"
        applicationId="MyApplication"
        model="split"
        externalAttributeSize="512"
        serializer="pof"/>
    </providers>
  </sessionState>
</system.web>
```

To enable session sharing across the applications, configure multiple applications with the same `applicationId` and ensure that they share the cookie containing the session identifier.
Part V contains the following chapters:

- Chapter 23, "Introducing Coherence REST"
- Chapter 24, "Building Your First Coherence REST Application"
- Chapter 25, "Performing Grid Operations with REST"
- Chapter 26, "Deploying Coherence REST"
- Chapter 27, "Modifying the Default REST Implementation"
This chapter provides an introduction to Coherence REST support. Users should be familiar with Web services and JAX-RS to use Coherence REST.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- Overview of Coherence REST
- Dependencies for Coherence REST
- Overview of Configuration for Coherence REST
- Understanding Data Format Support
- Authenticating and Authorizing Coherence REST Clients

Overview of Coherence REST

Coherence REST provides easy access to Coherence caches and cache entries over the HTTP protocol. It is similar to Coherence*Extend, as it allows remote clients to access data stored in Coherence without being members of the cluster themselves. However, unlike Coherence*Extend, which is a proprietary protocol, Coherence REST uses HTTP as the underlying protocol and can marshal data in both JSON and XML representation formats.

The benefit of Coherence REST is that it allows applications written in others languages, such as Ruby and Python (that are not natively supported by Coherence), to interact with cached data.

Dependencies for Coherence REST

Coherence REST depends on the libraries listed in Table 23–1 below. The Jersey and Jackson JARS are included in the ORACLE_HOME/oracle_common/modules directory. Grizzly JARS can be downloaded from the Grizzly project page:

http://grizzly.java.net/
Overview of Configuration for Coherence REST

Coherence REST is configured using two configuration files. The files include:

- **Cache Configuration Deployment Descriptor** – This file is used to define client-side cache services and the HTTP acceptor which accepts connections from remote REST clients over HTTP. The acceptor includes the address and port of the cluster-side HTTP server to which clients connects. The schema for this file is the coherence-cache-config.xsd file. See Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence for a complete reference of the `<http-acceptor>` element.

  At runtime, the first cache configuration file that is found on the classpath is used. The tangosol.coherence.cacheconfig system property can also be used to explicitly specify a cache configuration file. The file can also be set programmatically. See Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence for general information about the cache configuration deployment descriptor.

- **REST Configuration Deployment Descriptor** – This file is used to configure the Jersey resource configuration class as well as custom aggregators and custom entry processors. The default name of the descriptor is coherence-rest-config.xml and the schema is defined in the coherence-rest-config.xsd file. The file must be found on the classpath and the name can be overridden using the tangosol.coherence.rest.config system property.
Understanding Data Format Support

Coherence REST supports both XML and JSON formats as input and output. To use these formats, the correct bindings are required when creating a user type. Both formats are demonstrated in this section.

The following topics are included in this section:

- Using XML as the Data Format
- Using JSON as the Data Format

Using XML as the Data Format

Objects that are represented in XML must have the appropriate JAXB bindings defined in order to be stored in a cache. The following example creates an object that uses annotations to add JAXB bindings:

```java
@XmlElement(name="Address")
@XmlAccessorType(XmlAccessType.PROPERTY)
public class Address {
    private String street;
    private String city;
    private String country;

    public String getStreet() {
        return street;
    }

    public void setStreet(String street) {
        this.street = street;
    }

    public String getCity() {
        return city;
    }

    public void setCity(String city) {
        this.city = city;
    }

    public String getCountry() {
        return country;
    }

    public void setCountry(String country) {
        this.country = country;
    }
}

@XmlElement(name="Person")
@XmlAccessorType(XmlAccessType.PROPERTY)
public class Person {
    private Long id;
    private String name;
    private Address address;

    public Long getId() {
        return id;
    }
```
Using JSON as the Data Format

Objects that are represented in JSON must have the appropriate Jackson bindings or JAXB bindings defined in order to be stored in a cache. The default Coherence REST JSON marshaller gives priority to Jackson bindings. If Jackson bindings are not found, JAXB bindings are used instead. Using Jackson annotations gives user more power on controlling the output JSON format. However, in case when both XML and JSON formats are needed, JAXB annotations can be enough for both formats.

The following example creates an object that uses annotations to add Jackson bindings:

```java
@JsonTypeInfo(use=JsonTypeInfo.Id.CLASS, include=JsonTypeInfo.As.PROPERTY, property="@type")
public class Address {
    private String street;
    private String city;
    private String country;

    public String getStreet() {
        return street;
    }

    public void setStreet(String street) {
        this.street = street;
    }

    public String getCity() {
        return city;
    }

    public void setCity(String city) {
        this.city = city;
    }
}
```
Authenticating and Authorizing Coherence REST Clients

Coherence REST provides both authentication and authorization to restrict access to cluster resources. Authentication support includes both HTTP basic authentication and SSL authentication. Authorization is implemented using Coherence*Extend-styled authorization, which relies on interceptor classes that provide fine-grained access for named cache and invocation service operations. For detailed instructions on Coherence REST security, see Securing Oracle Coherence.
Building Your First Coherence REST Application

This chapter demonstrates basic tasks that are required to build and run Coherence REST applications. Many of the concepts demonstrated in this chapter are detailed in subsequent chapters.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- Overview of the Coherence REST Example
- Step 1: Configure the Cluster Side
- Step 2: Create a User Type
- Step 3: Configure REST Services
- Step 4: Start the Cache Server Process
- Step 5: Access REST Services From a Client

Overview of the Coherence REST Example

This chapter is organized into a set of steps that are used to configure and run a basic Coherence REST application. The steps demonstrate fundamental concepts, such as: configuring a proxy server responsible for handling HTTP requests, configuring a remote cache, and using the Coherence REST API.

The example in this chapter uses an embedded HTTP server in order to deploy a standalone application that does not require an application server. For details about deployment options with application servers, such as WebLogic and GlassFish, see Chapter 26, "Deploying Coherence REST."

Coherence for Java must be installed to complete the steps in this chapter. In addition, the following user-defined variables are used in this example:

- **DEV_ROOT** - The path to root folder where user is performing all of the listed steps, or in other words all of the following folders are relative to DEV_ROOT.
- **COHERENCE_HOME** - The path to folder containing Coherence JARs (coherence.jar and coherence-rest.jar)

Step 1: Configure the Cluster Side

Coherence REST requires both a cache and a proxy scheme. The proxy scheme must define an HTTP acceptor to handle an incoming HTTP request. The cache and proxy are configured in the cluster-side cache configuration deployment descriptor. For this example, the proxy is configured to accept client HTTP requests on localhost and
port 8080. A distributed cache named dist-http-example is defined and is used to store client data in the cluster.

To configure the cluster side:

1. Create an XML file named example-server-config.xml in the DEV_ROOT\config folder.

2. Copy the following XML to the file:

   ```xml
   <?xml version="1.0"?>
   <cache-config xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
     xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/coherence/coherence-cache-config"
     xsi:schemaLocation="http://xmlns.oracle.com/coherence/coherence-cache-config
     coherence-cache-config.xsd">
   <caching-scheme-mapping>
     <cache-mapping>
       <cache-name>dist-http-example</cache-name>
       <scheme-name>dist-http</scheme-name>
     </cache-mapping>
   </caching-scheme-mapping>
   <caching-schemes>
     <distributed-scheme>
       <scheme-name>dist-http</scheme-name>
       <backing-map-scheme>
         <local-scheme/>
       </backing-map-scheme>
       <autostart>true</autostart>
     </distributed-scheme>
     <proxy-scheme>
       <service-name>ExtendHttpProxyService</service-name>
       <acceptor-config>
         <http-acceptor>
           <local-address>
             <address>localhost</address>
             <port>8080</port>
           </local-address>
         </http-acceptor>
       </acceptor-config>
       <autostart>true</autostart>
     </proxy-scheme>
   </caching-schemes>
   </cache-config>
   
   3. Save and close the file.

**Step 2: Create a User Type**

Create the Person user type, which is stored in the cache and used to demonstrate basic REST operations.

To create the Person object:

1. Create a text file in a DEV_ROOT\example folder.

2. Copy the following Java code to the file:

   ```java
   package example;
   import java.io.Serializable;
   import javax.xml.bind.annotation.XmlAccessType;
   ```
Step 3: Configure REST Services

The Coherence REST services require metadata about the cache that it exposes. The metadata includes the cache entry's key and value types as well as key converters and value marshalls. The key and value types are required in order for Coherence to be able to use built-in converters and marshalls (XML and JSON supported).

To configure the REST services:

1. Create an XML file named coherence-rest-config.xml in DEV_ROOT\config folder.

2. Copy the following XML to the file:

   ```xml
   <?xml version="1.0"?>
   <rest xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
     xmlns=http://xmlns.oracle.com/coherence/coherence-rest-config"
     xsi:schemaLocation="http://xmlns.oracle.com/coherence/coherence-rest-config"
     coherence-rest-config.xsd">
   <resources>
   <resource>
   <cache-name>dist-http-example</cache-name>
   <key-class>java.lang.String</key-class>
   <value-class>example.Person</value-class>
   </resource>
   </resources>
   ```

3. Save the file as Person.java and close the file.

4. Compile Person.java:

   ```bash
   javac example\Person.java
   ```
Step 4: Start the Cache Server Process

REST services are exposed as part of a cache server process (DefaultCacheServer). The cache server's classpath must be configured to find all the configuration files that were created in the previous steps as well as the Person.class. The classpath must also contain the required dependency libraries (see "Dependencies for Coherence REST" on page 23-1). For the sake of brevity, all of the above files are placed in $DEV_ROOT/libs folder.

The $DEV_ROOT folder should appear as follows:

```

\config\example-server-config.xml
\config\coherence-rest-config.xml
\example\Person.class
\libs\jersey-server-1.18.jar
\libs\jersey-servlet-1.18.jar
\libs\jersey-core-1.18.jar
\libs\jersey-json-1.18.jar
\libs\jersey-multipart-1.18.jar
\libs\jersey-grizzly2-1.12.jar
\libs\jackson-core-asl-1.9.2.jar
\libs\jackson-jaxrs-1.9.2.jar
\libs\jackson-mapper-asl-1.9.2.jar
\libs\jackson-vc-1.9.2.jar
```

The following command line starts a cache server process and explicitly names the cache configuration file created in Step 1 by using the tangosol.coherence.cacheconfig system property. In addition it sets all the needed libraries and configuration files to classpath variable:

```
java -cp DEV_ROOT/config;DEV_ROOT;DEV_ROOT/libs/jersey-server-1.18.jar;DEV_ROOT/libs/jersey-servlet-1.18.jar;DEV_ROOT/libs/jersey-core-1.18.jar;DEV_ROOT/libs/jersey-json-1.18.jar;DEV_ROOT/libs/jersey-multipart-1.18.jar;DEV_ROOT/libs/jersey-grizzly2-1.12.jar;DEV_ROOT/libs/jackson-core-asl-1.9.2.jar;DEV_ROOT/libs/jackson-jaxrs-1.9.2.jar;DEV_ROOT/libs/jackson-mapper-asl-1.9.2.jar;DEV_ROOT/libs/jackson-xc-1.9.2.jar;COHERENCE_HOME/coherence.jar;COHERENCE_HOME/coherence-rest.jar -Dtangosol.coherence.clusterport=8080 -Dtangosol.coherence.ttl=0
```

An example script for UNIX-based system follows:

```
#!/bin/bash

export CLASSPATH=$DEV_ROOT/config:$DEV_ROOT

_DEVROOT_/lib/jackson-core-asl-1.9.2.jar:$DEVROOT_/lib/jackson-jaxrs-1.9.2.jar:
$DEVROOT_/lib/jackson-mapper-asl-1.9.2.jar:$DEVROOT_/lib/jackson-xc-1.9.2.jar:
$DEVROOT_/lib/jersey-core-1.18.jar:$DEVROOT_/lib/jersey-jaxrs-1.18.jar:
$DEVROOT_/lib/jersey-multipart-1.18.jar:$DEVROOT_/lib/jersey-server-1.18.jar:
$DEVROOT_/lib/jersey-servlet-1.18.jar:$DEVROOT_/lib/jersey-grizzly2-1.12.jar:
$COHERENCE_HOME/lib/coherence.jar:$COHERENCE_HOME/lib/coherence-rest.jar
```
Step 5: Access REST Services From a Client

Client applications use Coherence REST services to perform cache operations. There are many application platforms that provide client libraries to build HTTP-based clients. For example, the Jersey project provides Java support for client-side communication with HTTP-based REST Web services. The following sections demonstrate the semantics for PUT, GET, and Post operations that a client would use to access the dist-http-example cache. An example Java client built using Jersey follows and requires the Jersey-client-1.18.jar library. See Chapter 25, "Performing Grid Operations with REST," for complete details on the Coherence REST API.

Put Operations
- PUT http://localhost:8080/dist-http-example/1
  Request Body: {'name': 'chris', 'age': 30}
  PUT http://localhost:8080/dist-http-example/2
  Request Body: {'name': 'adam', 'age': 26}

GET Operations
- GET http://localhost:8080/dist-http-example/1.json
- GET http://localhost:8080/dist-http-example/1.xml
- GET http://localhost:8080/dist-http-example?q=name is 'adam'
- GET http://localhost:8080/dist-http-example;p=name
- GET http://localhost:8080/dist-http-example/count()
- GET http://localhost:8080/dist-http-example-double-average(age)

Post Operation
- POST http://localhost:8080/dist-http-example/increment(age,1)

Sample Jersey REST Client

package example;
import java.io.IOException;
import java.net.MalformedURLException;
import java.net.URISyntaxException;
import javax.ws.rs.core.MediaType;
import com.sun.jersey.api.client.Client;
import com.sun.jersey.api.client.ClientResponse;
import com.sun.jersey.api.client.WebResource;

public class RestExample {
    public static void PUT(String url, MediaType mediaType, String data) {
        process(url, "put", mediaType, data);
    }
    public static void GET(String url, MediaType mediaType) {
        process(url, "get", mediaType, null);
    }
    public static void POST(String url, MediaType mediaType, String data) {
        process(url, "post", mediaType, data);
    }
    public static void DELETE(String url, MediaType mediaType) {
        process(url, "delete", mediaType, null);
    }

    public static void process(String sUrl, String action, MediaType mediaType, String data) {
        Client client = Client.create();
        ClientResponse response = null;
        WebResource webResource = client.resource(sUrl);
        if (action.equalsIgnoreCase("get")) {
            response = webResource.type(mediaType).get(ClientResponse.class);
        } else if (action.equalsIgnoreCase("post")) {
            response = webResource.type(mediaType).post(ClientResponse.class, data);
        } else if (action.equalsIgnoreCase("put")) {
            response = webResource.type(mediaType).put(ClientResponse.class, data);
        } else if (action.equalsIgnoreCase("delete")) {
            response = webResource.type(mediaType).delete(ClientResponse.class, data);
        }
        int status = response.getStatus();
        System.out.println("status:" + status + "Result: " + response.getEntity(String.class));
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) throws URISyntaxException, MalformedURLException, IOException {
        PUT("http://localhost:8080/dist-http-example/1", MediaType.APPLICATION_JSON_TYPE, "{"name":"chris","age":32}"");
        PUT("http://localhost:8080/dist-http-example/2", MediaType.APPLICATION_JSON_TYPE, "{"name":"﻿ジョンA","age":66}"");
        PUT("http://localhost:8080/dist-http-example/3", MediaType.APPLICATION_JSON_TYPE, "{"name":"adm","age":88}"");
        POST("http://localhost:8080/dist-http-example/increment(age,1)", MediaType.APPLICATION_JSON_TYPE, null);
        GET("http://localhost:8080/dist-http-example/3", MediaType.APPLICATION_JSON_TYPE);
        GET("http://localhost:8080/dist-http-example/count()", MediaType.APPLICATION_JSON_TYPE);
    }
}
Chapter 25: Performing Grid Operations with REST

This chapter provides instructions for performing grid operations using the Coherence REST API. The Coherence REST API pre-defines many operations that can be used to interact with a cache. In addition, custom operations such as aggregators and entry processors can be created as required.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- Specifying Key and Value Types
- Performing Single-Object REST Operations
- Performing Multi-Object REST Operations
- Performing Partial-Object REST Operations
- Performing Queries with REST
- Performing Aggregations with REST
- Performing Entry Processing with REST
- Understanding Concurrency Control
- Specifying Cache Aliases

Specifying Key and Value Types

The Coherence REST services require metadata about the cache that they expose. The metadata includes the cache entry’s key and value types as well as key converters and value marshalers. The key and value types are required in order for Coherence to be able to use built-in converters and marshalers (both XML and JSON are supported).

To define the key and value types for a cache entry, edit the `coherence-rest-config.xml` file and include the `<key-class>` and the `<value-class>` elements within the `<resource>` element whose values are set to key and value types, respectively. See "resource" on page A-12 for a detailed reference of the `<resource>` element.

The following example defines a `String` key class and a value class for a `Person` user type:

```xml
<resources>
  <resource>
    <cache-name>person</cache-name>
    <key-class>java.lang.String</key-class>
    <value-class>example.Person</value-class>
  </resource>
</resources>
```
Performing Single-Object REST Operations

Performing Single-Object REST Operations
The REST API includes support for performing GET, PUT, and DELETE operations on
a single object in a cache.
GET Operation
GET http://host:port/cacheName/key

Returns a single object from the cache based on a key. A 404 (Not Found) status code
returns if the object with the specified key does not exist. The get operation supports
partial results (see "Performing Partial-Object REST Operations" on page 25-4 for
details). Conditional gets are supported if an object implements the
com.tangosol.util.Versionsable interface. The version is added to the response and
used to determine if a client has the latest version of an object. If a client already has
the latest version of an object, a 304 (Not Modified) status code returns.
The following sample output demonstrates the response of a GET operation:
* Client out-bound request
> GET http://127.0.0.1:8080/dist-http-example/1
> Accept: application/xml
* Client in-bound response
< 200
< Content-Length: 212
< Content-Type: application/xml
<
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?><Person><id>1</id><name>
Mark</name><address><street>500 Oracle Parkway</street><city>Redwood Shores</city>
<country>United States</country></address></Person>
* Client out-bound request
> GET http://127.0.0.1:8080/dist-http-example/1
> Accept: application/json
* Client in-bound response
< 200
< Content-Type: application/json
<
{"@type":"rest.Person","address":{"@type":"rest.Address","city":"Redwood Shores",
"country":"United States","street":"500 Oracle Parkway"},"id":1,"name":"Mark"}

PUT Operations
PUT http://host:port/cacheName/key

Creates or updates a single object in the cache. A 200 (OK) status code returns if the
object was updated. If optimistic concurrency check fails, a 409 (Conflict) status
code returns with the current object as an entity. See "Understanding Concurrency
Control" on page 25-14 for details.
The following sample output demonstrates the response of a PUT operation:
* Client out-bound request
> PUT http://127.0.0.1:8080/dist-test-sepx/1
> Content-Type: application/xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?><Person><id>1</id><name>

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Performing Multi-Object REST Operations

Multi-object operations allow users to retrieve or delete multiple objects in a single network request and can significantly reduce the network usage and improve network performance.

**Note:** PUT operations are not supported as it may produce tainted data. Specifically, it would require that individual objects (in serialized form) within the entity body to be in the same order as the corresponding keys in the URL. In addition, since updates result in a replacement, an entire object serialized form must be provided which can lead to overhead.

GET Operations

GET http://host:port/cacheName/({key1, key2, ...})

Returns a set of objects from the cache based on the specified keys. The ordering of returned objects is undefined and does not need to match the key order in the URL. Missing objects are silently omitted from the results. A 200 (OK) status code always returns. An empty result set is returned if there are no objects in the result set. The get operation supports partial results (see "Performing Partial-Object REST Operations" on page 25-4 for details).

DELETE Operations

DELETE http://host:port/cacheName/({key1, key2, ...})

Deletes multiple objects from the cache based on the specified keys. A 200 (OK) status code always returns even if no objects for the specified keys were present in the cache.
Performing Partial-Object REST Operations

An application may not want (or need) to retrieve a whole object. For example, in order to populate a drop down with a list of options, the application may only need two properties of a potentially large object with many other properties. In order to support this use case, each read operation should accept a list of object properties that the user is interested in as a matrix parameter \( p \).

The following example performs a get operation that retrieves just the \( id \) and \( name \) attributes for a person:

```
GET http://localhost:8080/people/123;p=id,name
```

To include a \( country \) attribute of the address as well, the request URL is as follows:

```
GET http://localhost:8080/people/123;p=id,name,address:(country)
```

This approach allows an application to selectively retrieve only the properties that are required using a simple, URL-friendly notation.

The following sample output demonstrates the response of a GET operation:

```
* Client out-bound request
  > GET http://127.0.0.1:8080/dist-test-sepj/1;p=name
  > Accept: application/json

* Client in-bound response
  < 200
  < Transfer-Encoding: chunked
  < Content-Type: application/json
  <
  {"name":"Mark"}
```

Performing Queries with REST

Coherence REST allows users to query a cache. CohQL is the default query syntax; however, additional query syntaxes can be created and used as required.

The section includes the following sections:

- Using Direct Queries
- Using Named Queries
- Specifying a Query Sort Order
- Limiting the Size of a Query
- Retrieving Only Keys
- Using Custom Query Engines

Using Direct Queries

Direct queries are query expression that are submitted as the value of the parameter \( q \) in a REST URL. By default, the query expression must be specified as a URL-encoded CohQL expression (the predicate part of CohQL). See Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence for details on the CohQL syntax. The syntax of a direct query is as follows:

```
GET http://host:port/cacheName?q=query
```
For example, to query the person cache for person objects where age is less than 18:

GET http://host:port/person?q=age%3C18

Direct queries are disabled by default. To enabled direct queries, edit the coherence-rest-config.xml file and add a <direct-query> element for each resource to be queried and set the enabled attribute to true. For example:

```
<resource>
  <cache-name>persons</cache-name>
  <key-class>java.lang.Integer</key-class>
  <value-class>example.Person</value-class>
  <direct-query enabled="true"/>
</resource>
```

A 403 (Forbidden) response code is returned if a query is performed on a resource that does not have direct queries enabled.

**Using Named Queries**

Named queries are query expression that are configured for a resource in the coherence-rest-config.xml file. By default, the query expression must be specified as a CohQL expression (the predicate part of CohQL). Since this expression is configured in an XML file, any special characters (such as < and >) must be escaped using the corresponding entity. See Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence for details on the CohQL syntax. In addition, named queries can include context values as required. The syntax of a named query is as follows:

GET http://host:port/cacheName/namedQuery?param1=value1,param2=value2...

To specify named queries, add any number of <query> elements, within a <resource> element, that each contain a query expression and name binding. For more information on the <query> element, see "query" on page A-10. For example:

```
<resource>
  <cache-name>persons</cache-name>
  <key-class>java.lang.Integer</key-class>
  <value-class>example.Person</value-class>
  <query>
    <name>minors</name>
    <expression>age &lt; 18</expression>
  </query>
  <query>
    <name>first-name</name>
    <expression>name is :name</expression>
  </query>
</resource>
```

To use a named query, enter the name of the query within the REST URL. The following example uses the minors named query that is defined in the above example.

GET http://host:port/persons/minors

Parameters provide flexibility by allowing context values to be replaced in the query expression. The following example uses the :name parameter that is defined in the first-name query expression above to only query entries whose name property is Mark.

```
http://host:port/persons/first-name?name=Mark
```

Parameter names must be prefixed by a colon character (:paramName). Parameter bindings do not have access to type information, so it’s possible to get a false where a
true is expected on the comparison operators. To avoid such behavior, specify type hints as part of a query parameter (:paramName;int). Table 25–1 lists the supported type hints.

**Table 25–1 Parameter Type Hints**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Hint</th>
<th>Type</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>i, int</td>
<td>java.lang.Integer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>s, short</td>
<td>java.lang.Short</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>l, long</td>
<td>java.lang.Long</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>f, float</td>
<td>java.lang.Float</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>d, double</td>
<td>java.lang.Double</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td>java.math.BigInteger</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>D</td>
<td>java.math.BigDecimal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>date</td>
<td>java.util.Date</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>uuid</td>
<td>com.tagosol.util.UUID</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>uid</td>
<td>com.tangosol.util.UID</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>package.MyClass</td>
<td>package.MyClass</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Named queries can also be used in conjunction with aggregation and entry processing. For more information on aggregation and entry processing, see "Performing Aggregations with REST" on page 25-10 and "Performing Entry Processing with REST" on page 25-12, respectively. For example:

http://host:port/persons/first-name?name=Mark/long-max(age)

http://host:port/persons/first-name?name=Mark/increment(age,1)

**Specifying a Query Sort Order**

The `sort` matrix parameter is an optional parameter used within a REST URL that provides the ability to order the returned results of a query. The `sort` parameter is available for both direct queries and named queries. The value of the `sort` parameters is a comma-separated list of properties to sort on, each of which can have an optional `:asc` (default) or `:desc` qualifier that determines the order of the sort. For example, to sort a list of people by last name with family members sorted from the oldest to the youngest, the `sort` parameter is defined as follows:

GET http://host:port/persons/minors;sort=lastName,age:desc

The following example uses the `sort` parameter as part of a direct query.

GET http://host:port/persons;sort=lastName,age:desc?q=age%3C18

**Limiting the Size of a Query**

Queries that are unrestricted or executed against large caches can potentially return large result sets that may consume a client's available memory. There are two ways to limit the size of a query: using the `start` and `count` matrix parameters and using the `max-results` attribute. Both methods are supported for direct and named queries.
The `start` and `count` parameters are optional integer arguments that determine the subset of the results to return. The following example uses the parameters as part of a named query and returns the first 10 entries sorted by name.

\[\text{http://host:port/persons/minors;start=0;count=10;order=\text{name:asc}}\]

The following example uses the parameters as part of a direct query.

\[\text{GET http://host:port/persons;start=0?age<18}}\]

The `max-results` attribute is used within the `coherence-rest-config.xml` file and explicitly limits a query or a resource to a maximum number of results regardless of how many are requested by the client. For example:

```xml
<resource max-results="50">
  <cache-name>persons</cache-name>
  <key-class>java.lang.Integer</key-class>
  <value-class>example.Person</value-class>
  <direct-query enabled="true" max-results="25">
    <query max-results="25">
      <name>minors</name>
      <expression>age < 18</expression>
    </query>
  </direct-query>
</resource>
```

The `max-results` value for a direct or named query overrides the resource's `max-results` value if both are specified. If a query includes a `count` parameter and a `max-results` element is also specified, the lesser value is used.

### Retrieving Only Keys

It is possible to retrieve just keys of entries stored in cache. Key operations do not support paging and sorting, therefore those query parameters, if submitted, are ignored. The following key retrieval operations are supported:

- **GET** \[http://host:port/cacheName/keys\] Returns the keys of all entries in the cache.

- **GET** \[http://host:port/cacheName/keys?q=query\] Returns the keys of all entries satisfying the direct query criteria.

- **GET** \[http://host:port/cacheName/namedQuery/keys\] Returns the keys of all entries that satisfy the named query criteria.

### Using Custom Query Engines

A query engine executes queries for both direct and named queries. The default query engine executes queries that are expressed using a CohQL syntax (the predicate part of CohQL). Implementing a custom query engine allows the use of different query expression syntaxes or the ability to execute queries against data sources other than Coherence (for example, to query a database for entries that are not present in a cache).

This section includes the following topics:

- **Implementing Custom Query Engines**
- **Enabling Custom Query Engines**
Implementing Custom Query Engines

Custom query engines must implement the
com.tangosol.coherence.rest.query.QueryEngine and
com.tangosol.coherence.rest.query.Query interfaces. Custom implementations can also extend the com.tangosol.coherence.rest.query.AbstractQueryEngine base class which provides convenience methods for parsing query expression and handling parameter bindings. The base class also supports parameter replacement at execution time and type hints that are submitted as part of the query parameter value. Both parameter names and type hints follow the CohQL specification and can be used for other query engine implementations. For details on specifying parameters and type hints, see "Using Named Queries" on page 25-5.

For details on the API, see Java API Reference for Oracle Coherence for the
AbstractQueryEngine.ParsedQuery class and the
AbstractQueryEngine.parseQueryString(String) and
AbstractQueryEngine.createBindings(Map, Map).

The following example is a simple query engine implementation that executes SQL queries directly against a database and forces cache read-through. In reality, a query engine implementation would probably support runtime parameter binding, which is not shown in the example.

```java
public class SqlQueryEngine
extends AbstractQueryEngine
{
protected Connection m_con;
private static final String DB_DRIVER = "oracle.jdbc.OracleDriver";
private static final String DB_URL = "jdbc:oracle:thin:@localhost:1521:orcl";
private static final String DB_USERNAME = "username";
private static final String DB_PASSWORD = "password";

public SqlQueryEngine()
{
  configureConnection();
}

@Override
public Query prepareQuery(String sQuery, Map<String, Object> mapParams)
{
  ParsedQuery parsedQuery = parseQueryString(sQuery);
  String sSQL = createSelectPKQuery(parsedQuery.getQuery());
  return new SqlQuery(sSQL);
}

protected void configureConnection()
{
  try
  {
    Class.forName(DB_DRIVER);
    m_con = DriverManager.getConnection(DB_URL, DB_USERNAME, DB_PASSWORD);
    m_con.setAutoCommit(true);
  }
  catch (Exception e)
  {
    throw new RuntimeException(e);
  }
}

protected String createSelectPKQuery(String sSQL)
{
```

```
return 'SELECT id,name,age FROM ' +
sSQL.substring(sSQL.toUpperCase().indexOf("FROM") + 4);
}

private class SqlQuery
  implements Query
{
  protected String m_sql;

  public SqlQuery(String sql)
  {
    m_sql = sql;
  }

  @Override
  public Collection values(NamedCache cache, String sOrder, int nStart,
    int cResults)
  {
    // force read through
    Set setKeys = keySet(cache);
    return cache.getAll(setKeys).values();
  }

  @Override
  public Set keySet(NamedCache cache)
  {
    Set setKeys = new HashSet();
    try
    {
      PreparedStatement stmt = m_con.prepareStatement(m_sql);
      ResultSet result = stmt.executeQuery();
      while (result.next())
      {
        Object oKey = result.getLong(1);
        setKeys.add(oKey);
        Person person = new Person(result.getString("name"),
          result.getInt("age"));
        cache.put(oKey, person);
      }
      stmt.close();
    } catch (SQLException e)
    {
      throw new RuntimeException(e);
    }
    return setKeys;
  }
}

Enabling Custom Query Engines

Custom query engines are enabled in the coherence-rest-config.xml file. To enable a
custom query engine, first register the implementation by adding an <engine>
element, within the <query-engines> element, that includes a name for the query
engine and the fully qualified name of the implementation class. For more information
on the <engine> element, see "engine" on page A-6. For example:
<query-engines>
Performing Aggregations with REST

Aggregations can be performed on data in a cache. Coherence REST includes a set of pre-defined aggregators and custom aggregators can be created as required.

The following topics are included in this section:

■ Aggregation Syntax for REST
■ Listing of Pre-Defined Aggregators
■ Creating Custom Aggregators

Aggregation Syntax for REST

The following examples demonstrate how to perform aggregations using REST. If the aggregation succeeds, a 200 (OK) status code returns with the aggregation result as an entity.

■ Aggregates all entries in the cache.

GET http://host:port/cacheName/aggregator(args, ...)

■ Aggregates query results. The query must be specified as a URL-encoded CohQL expression (the predicate part of CohQL).

GET http://host:port/cacheName/aggregator(args, ...)?q=query
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- Aggregates specified entries.

```plaintext
GET http://host:port/cacheName/namedQuery/aggregator(args, ...)?param1=value1
```

Coherence REST provides a simple strategy for aggregator creation (out of aggregator related URL segments). Out-of-box, Coherence REST can resolve any registered (either built-in or user registered) aggregator with a constructor that accepts a single parameter of type `com.tangosol.util.ValueExtractor` (such as `LongMax`, `DoubleMax`, and so on). If an aggregator call within a URL doesn’t contain any parameters, the aggregator is created using `com.tangosol.util.extractor.IdentityExtractor`.

If an aggregator segment within the URL doesn’t contain any parameters nor a constructor accepting a single `ValueExtractor` exists, Coherence REST tries to instantiate the aggregator using a default constructor which is the desired behavior for some built-in aggregators (such as `Count`).

The following example retrieves the oldest person in a cache:

```plaintext
GET http://host:port/people/long-max(age)
```

The following example calculates the max number in a cache containing only numbers:

```plaintext
GET http://host:port/numbers/comparable-max()
```

The following example calculates the size of the people cache:

```plaintext
GET http://host:port/people/count()
```

Listing of Pre-Defined Aggregators

The following pre-defined aggregators are supported:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Aggregator Name</th>
<th>Aggregator</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>big-decimal-average</td>
<td>BigDecimalAverage.class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>big-decimal-max</td>
<td>BigDecimalMax.class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>big-decimal-min</td>
<td>BigDecimalMin.class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>big-decimal-sum</td>
<td>BigDecimalSum.class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>double-average</td>
<td>DoubleAverage.class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>double-max</td>
<td>DoubleMax.class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>double-min</td>
<td>DoubleMin.class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>double-sum</td>
<td>DoubleSum.class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>long-max</td>
<td>LongMax.class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>long-min</td>
<td>LongMin.class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>long-sum</td>
<td>LongSum.class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>comparable-max</td>
<td>ComparableMax.class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>comparable-min</td>
<td>ComparableMin.class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>distinct-values</td>
<td>DistinctValues.class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Count.class</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Creating Custom Aggregators

Custom aggregator types can be defined by specifying a name to be used in the REST URL and a class implementing either the com.tangosol.util.InvocableMap.EntryAggregator interface or the com.tangosol.coherence.rest.util.aggregator.AggregatorFactory interface.

An EntryAggregator implementation is used for simple scenarios when aggregation is either performed on single property or on cache value itself (as most of the pre-defined aggregators do).

The AggregatorFactory interface is used when a more complex creation strategy is required. The implementation must be able to resolve the URL segment containing aggregator parameters and use the parameters to create the appropriate aggregator.

Custom aggregators are configured in the coherence-rest-config.xml file within the <aggregators> elements. See "aggregator" on page A-4 for a detailed reference. The following example configures both a custom EntryAggregator implementation and a custom AggregatorFactory implementation:

```
<aggregators>
  <aggregator>
    <name>my-simple-aggr</name>
    <class-name>com.foo.MySimpleAggregator</class-name>
  </aggregator>
  <aggregator>
    <name>my-complex-aggr</name>
    <class-name>com.foo.MyAggregatorFactory</class-name>
  </aggregator>
</aggregators>
```

Performing Entry Processing with REST

Entry Processors can be invoked on one or more objects in a cache. Coherence REST includes a set of pre-defined entry processors and custom entry processors can be created as required.

The following topics are included in this section:

- Entry Processor Syntax for REST
- Listing of Pre-defined Entry Processors
- Creating Custom Entry Processors

Entry Processor Syntax for REST

The following examples demonstrate how to perform entry processing using REST. If the processing succeeds, a 200 (OK) status code returns with the processing result as an entity.

- Process all entries in the cache.
  
  ```
  POST http://host:port/cacheName/processor{args, ...}
  ```

- Process query results.
  
  ```
  POST http://host:port/cacheName/processor(args, ...)?q=query
  ```

  ```
  POST http://host:port/cacheName/namedQuery?param1=value1/processor(args, ...)
  ```
Performing Entry Processing with REST

- Process specified entries.

  POST http://host:port/cacheName/(key1, key2, ...)/processor (args, ...)

Unlike aggregators, processors (even the pre-defined processors) have more diverse creation patterns, so Coherence REST does not assume anything about processor creation. Instead, for each entry processor implementation, there needs to be an implementation of the `com.tangosol.coherence.rest.util.processor.ProcessorFactory` interface that can handle an input string from a URL section and instantiate the processor instance. Out-of-box, Coherence REST provides two such factories for `NumberIncrementor` and `NumberMultiplier`.

The following example increments each person’s age in a cache by 5:

GET http://localhost:8080/people/increment(age, 5)

The following example multiplies each number in a cache containing only numbers by the factor 10:

GET http://localhost:8080/numbers/multiply(10)

### Listing of Pre-defined Entry Processors

The following pre-defined processors are supported:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Processor Name</th>
<th>Processor</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>increment</td>
<td>A <code>NumberIncrementor</code> instance that always returns the new (incremented) value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>post-increment</td>
<td>A <code>NumberIncrementor</code> instance that always returns the old (not incremented) value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>multiply</td>
<td>A <code>NumberMultiplier</code> instance that always returns the new (multiplied) value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>post-multiply</td>
<td>A <code>NumberMultiplier</code> instance that always returns the old (not multiplied) value</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Creating Custom Entry Processors

Custom entry processors can be defined by specifying a name to be used in a REST URL and a class that implements the `com.tangosol.coherence.rest.util.processor.ProcessorFactory` interface.

Custom entry processors are configured in the `coherence-rest-config.xml` file within the `<processors>` elements. See “processors” on page A-9 for a detailed reference. The following example configures a custom `ProcessorFactory` implementation:

```xml
<processors>
  <processor>
    <name>my-processor</name>
    <class-name>com.foo.MyProcessorFactory</class-name>
  </processor>
</processors>
```
Understanding Concurrency Control

Coherence REST supports optimistic concurrency only as it maps cleanly to the HTTP protocol. When an application submits a GET request for an object that implements the com.tangosol.util.Versionable interface, the current version identifier is returned in an HTTP ETag (as well as in the representation of the object, assuming the version identifier is included in the JSON/XML serialized form). If the application then submits the same GET request for the resource, but this time with an If-None-Match header with the same ETag value, Coherence REST returns a status of 304, indicating that the application has the latest version of the resource.

Likewise, when an application submits a PUT request to update an object that implements the com.tangosol.util.Versionable interface, Coherence REST performs an update only if the existing and new object versions match; otherwise a 409 Conflict status is returned along with the current object so that the client can reapply the changes and retry.

The following example illustrates these concepts:

```java
import com.sun.jersey.api.client.Client;
import com.sun.jersey.api.client.ClientResponse;
import com.sun.jersey.api.client.WebResource;
import javax.ws.rs.core.MediaType;
import org.codehaus.jettison.json.JSONObject;
public class ConcurrencyTests {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
        Client client = Client.create();
        String url = "http://localhost:" + getPort() + "/dist-test1/2";
        WebResource webResource = client.resource(url);

        // perform a GET of a server-side resource that implements Versionable
        ClientResponse response = webResource
            .accept(MediaType.APPLICATION_JSON).get(ClientResponse.class);
        assert 200 == response.getStatus(); /* OK */

        // verify that the current version of the resource is 1
        JSONObject json = new JSONObject(response.getEntity(String.class));
        String version = json.getString("versionIndicator");
        assert "1".equals(version);
        assert new EntityTag("1").equals(response.getEntityTag());

        // perform a conditional GET of the same resource and verify that we
        // get a response status of 304: Not Modified
        response = webResource
            .accept(MediaType.APPLICATION_JSON)
            .header("If-None-Match", "" + version + "," ).get(ClientResponse.class);
        assert 304 == response.getStatus(); /* Not Modified */

        // simulate a version change on the server-side by rolling back the
        // version indicator on our representation of the resource
        json.put("versionIndicator", String.valueOf(0));

        // perform a conditional PUT of the same resource and verify that we
        // get a response status of 409: Conflict
        response = webResource
            .accept(MediaType.APPLICATION_JSON)
```

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Specifying Cache Aliases

Cache aliases are used to specify simplified cache names that are used when a cache name is not ideal for the REST URL path segment. The simplified names are mapped to the real cache names.

To define a cache alias, edit the coherence-rest-config.xml file and include the <name> attribute within the <resource> element whose value is set to a simplified cache name.

The following example creates a cache alias named people for a cache with the name dist-extend-not-ideal-name-for-a-cache*:

```
<resources>
  <resource name="people">
    <cache-name>dist-extend-not-ideal-name-for-a-cache*</cache-name>
    ...
  </resource>
</resources>
```
This chapter provides instructions for deploying Coherence REST to an embedded HTTP server, WebLogic Server, and GlassFish server. Generic servlet container instructions are also provided. For details on securing Coherence REST, see Securing Oracle Coherence.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- Deploying with the Embedded HTTP Server
- Deploying to WebLogic Server
- Deploying to a Java EE Server (Generic)

### Deploying with the Embedded HTTP Server

Coherence provides two embedded HTTP servers that can be used to host REST Web services: `com.tangosol.coherence.rest.server.DefaultHttpServer` (backed by Oracle’s lightweight HTTP server) and `com.tangosol.coherence.rest.server.GrizzlyHttpServer` (backed by Grizzly). See "Changing the Embedded HTTP Server" on page 27-2 for details on changing the default HTTP server.

The HTTP server must be enabled on a Coherence proxy server. To enable the HTTP server, edit the proxy’s cache configuration file and add an `<http-acceptor>` element, within the `<proxy-scheme>` element, and include the host and port for the HTTP server.

The following example configures the HTTP server to accept requests on localhost 127.0.0.1 and port 8080. The example explicitly defines the HTTP server class and Jersey resource configuration class and uses `/` as the context path for the Coherence REST application. However; these are default values and need not be included. The context path can be changed as required and additional Coherence REST applications can be defined with different context paths. See Developing Applications with Oracle Coherence for a detailed reference of all `<http-acceptor>` subelements.

```xml
<proxy-scheme>
  <service-name>ExtendHttpProxyService</service-name>
  <acceptor-config>
    <http-acceptor>
      <class-name>
        com.tangosol.coherence.rest.server.DefaultHttpServer
      </class-name>
      <local-address>
        <address>127.0.0.1</address>
        <port>8080</port>
      </local-address>
      <resource-config>
```
Deploying to WebLogic Server

WebLogic Server includes a Coherence integration that standardizes the way Coherence applications are packaged, deployed, and managed within a WebLogic Server domain. Coherence REST must follow the integration standards. For details on configuring a Coherence cluster in a WebLogic Server domain, see *Administering Clusters for Oracle WebLogic Server*. In addition, Coherence applications must be packaged as a Grid ARchive (GAR). For details on creating a GAR, see, *Developing Oracle Coherence Applications for Oracle WebLogic Server*.

This section contains the following tasks:

- **Task 1: Configure a WebLogic Server Domain for Coherence REST**
- **Task 2: Package the Coherence REST Web Application**
- **Task 3: Package the Coherence Application**
- **Task 4: Package the Enterprise Application**
- **Task 5: Deploy the Enterprise Application**

### Task 1: Configure a WebLogic Server Domain for Coherence REST

To configure a domain for Coherence REST:

1. Create a managed Coherence server in your WebLogic Server domain that will host Coherence REST. The server should be configured as a storage disabled member of a Coherence cluster. If more than one managed Coherence server is required for a Coherence REST solution, the servers should be managed as a tier in a WebLogic Server cluster. For details on configuring managed Coherence servers, see *Administering Clusters for Oracle WebLogic Server*.

2. Deploy `COHERENCE_HOME/lib/coherence-rest.jar` as a shared library that is targeted to the managed Coherence server.

   **Note:** The `coherence-rest.jar` can also be added to the system classpath or included in the `/lib` directory of the GAR file.

3. Coherence REST requires the JAXB provider from the GlassFish reference implementation. WebLogic Server uses the Eclipse MOXy JAXB provider by default. To configure WebLogic Server to use the GlassFish JAXB provider, set the following system properties when starting WebLogic Server:

   ```
   ```
Task 2: Package the Coherence REST Web Application

To package the Coherence REST Web application:

1. Create a Web application directory structure as follows:

   /WEB-INF/
   /WEB-INF/classes/
   /WEB-INF/lib/

2. Copy the following JAR files from the ORACLE_HOME/oracle_common/modules/ directory to the /WEB-INF/lib directory:

   - jackson-core-asl-1.9.2.jar
   - jackson-jaxrs-1.9.2.jar
   - jackson-mapper-asl-1.9.2.jar
   - jackson-xc-1.9.2.jar
   - jersey-core-1.18.jar
   - jersey-json-1.18.jar
   - jersey-multipart-1.18.jar
   - jersey-server-1.18.jar
   - jersey-servlet-1.18.jar

3. Create a Web application deployment descriptor (web.xml) and include a servlet definition for the REST application as follows:

   ```xml
   <web-app>
   ...
   <listener>
     <listener-class>
       com.tangosol.coherence.rest.servlet.DefaultServletContextListener
     </listener-class>
   </listener>
   <servlet>
     <servlet-name>Coherence REST</servlet-name>
     <servlet-class>com.sun.jersey.spi.container.servlet.ServletContainer</servlet-class>
     <init-param>
       <param-name>com.sun.jersey.config.property.resourceConfigClass</param-name>
     </init-param>
   </servlet>
   ```

   **Note:** A default servlet context listener is included in the coherence-rest.jar that shuts down the cluster member during the REST application shutdown. The listener is registered as shown below. If the cluster member is not shut down, a variety of exceptions are thrown post shutdown.

   ```xml
   <web-app>
   ...
   <listener>
     <listener-class>
       com.tangosol.coherence.rest.servlet.DefaultServletContextListener
     </listener-class>
   </listener>
   <servlet>
     <servlet-name>Coherence REST</servlet-name>
     <servlet-class>com.sun.jersey.spi.container.servlet.ServletContainer</servlet-class>
     <init-param>
       <param-name>com.sun.jersey.config.property.resourceConfigClass</param-name>
     </init-param>
   </servlet>
   ```

   -Djavax.xml.bind.JAXBContext=com.sun.xml.bind.v2.ContextFactory

   For more details on configuring the GlassFish JAXB provider for WebLogic Server, see *Oracle® Fusion Middleware Getting Started With JAX-WS Web Services for Oracle WebLogic Server*. 
<param-value>
    com.tangosol.coherence.rest.server.ContainerResourceConfig
</param-value>

<init-param>
    <load-on-startup>1</load-on-startup>
</init-param>

<servlet>
    <servlet-name>Coherence REST</servlet-name>
    <url-pattern>/rest/*</url-pattern>
</servlet>

<servlet-mapping>
    <servlet-name>Coherence REST</servlet-name>
    <url-pattern>/rest/*</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>

4. Save the web.xml file to the /WEB-INF/ directory.

5. Create a WAR file using the jar utility. For example, issue the following command from a command prompt at the root of the Web application directory:

   jar -cvf coherence_rest.war *

Task 3: Package the Coherence Application

To package the Coherence application:

1. Copy the coherence-rest-config.xml file to the root of your Coherence application. The structure should be as follows:

   /com/myco/MyClass.class
   /lib/
   /META-INF/
   /META-INF/coherence-application.xml
   /META-INF/coherence-cache-config.xml
   /META-INF/pof-config.xml
   coherence-rest-config.xml

2. Edit the pof-config.xml file to include the coherence-rest-pof-config.xml POF configuration file that contains the Coherence REST default user types. For example:

   <pof-config>
       <user-type-list>
           <include>coherence-pof-config.xml</include>
           <include>coherence-rest-pof-config.xml</include>
           ...
       </user-type-list>
   </pof-config>

   The coherence-rest-pof-config.xml file is located in the coherence-rest.jar library and is automatically loaded at runtime.

3. Create a GAR file using the jar utility. For example, issue the following command from a command prompt at the root of the GAR directory:

   jar -cvf MyCohApp.gar *

Task 4: Package the Enterprise Application

To package the enterprise application:
1. Create an enterprise application directory structure and copy the Coherence REST WAR file and the Coherence application GAR file to the root of the EAR. For example:

```
/
/META-INF/
/META-INF/application.xml
/META-INF/weblogic-application.xml
/coherence_rest.war
/MyCohApp.gar
```

2. Edit the `application.xml` file and add a module definition for the Coherence REST Web application. For example:

```
<application>
    <module>
        <web>
            <web-uri>coherence_rest.war</web-uri>
            <context-root>/</context-root>
        </web>
    </module>
</application>
```

3. Edit the `weblogic-application.xml` file and add a library reference for the `coherence-rest.jar` shared library and a module reference for the Coherence application GAR file. For example:

```
<weblogic-application>
    <module>
        <name>person</name>
        <type>GAR</type>
        <path>MyCohApp.gar</path>
    </module>
    <library-ref>
        <library-name>coherence-rest</library-name>
    </library-ref>
</weblogic-application>
```

4. Create the EAR file using the `jar` utility. For example, issue the following command from a command prompt at the root of the EAR directory:

```
jar -cvf MyCohRestApp.ear *
```

**Task 5: Deploy the Enterprise Application**

To deploy the Enterprise application:

1. Use the WebLogic Server Administration Console or WLST tool to deploy the EAR to the managed Coherence server created in Task 1.

2. From a browser, verify the deployment by navigating to the managed Coherence server's listening port and include the cache name as part of the URL. For example: `http://host:port/rest/{cacheName}`.

**Deploying to a Java EE Server (Generic)**

This section provides instructions for deploying Coherence Rest to a Java EE environment:

The following topics are included in this section:
Packaging Coherence REST for Deployment

To package a Coherence REST application:

1. Create a basic Web application directory structure as follows:
   
   ```
   /WEB-INF
   /WEB-INF/classes
   /WEB-INF/lib
   ```

2. Copy the following JARs from the \texttt{COHERENCE_HOME/lib} directory and the \texttt{ORACLE_HOME/oracle_common/modules/} directory to the \texttt{/WEB-INF/lib} directory:
   
   - `coherence.jar`
   - `coherence-rest.jar`
   - `jackson-core-asl-1.9.2.jar`
   - `jackson-jaxrs-1.9.2.jar`
   - `jackson-mapper-asl-1.9.2.jar`
   - `jackson-xc-1.9.2.jar`
   - `jersey-core-1.18.jar`
   - `jersey-json-1.18.jar`
   - `jersey-multipart-1.18.jar`
   - `jersey-server-1.18.jar`
   - `jersey-servlet-1.18.jar`

3. Create a Web application deployment descriptor (\texttt{web.xml}) and include a servlet definition for the REST application as follows:

   ```
   <web-app>
   ...
   <listener>
     <listener-class>
       com.tangosol.coherence.rest.servlet.DefaultServletContextListener
     </listener-class>
   </listener>
   </web-app>
   ```

   \textbf{Note:} A default servlet context listener is included in the \texttt{coherence-rest.jar} that shuts down the cluster member during the REST application shutdown. The listener is registered as shown above. If the cluster member is not shut down, a variety of exceptions are thrown post shutdown.
<param-name>com.sun.jersey.config.property.resourceConfigClass</param-name>
<param-value>
com.tangosol.coherence.rest.server.ContainerResourceConfig
</param-value>
</init-param>
<load-on-startup>1</load-on-startup>
</servlet>
<servlet-mapping>
<servlet-name>Coherence REST</servlet-name>
<url-pattern>/*</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
...
</web-app>

4. Save the web.xml file to the /WEB-INF/ directory.
5. Copy the coherence-rest-config.xml file to the /WEB-INF/classes directory.
7. Create a Web ARchive file (WAR) using the jar utility. For example, issue the following command from a command prompt at the root of the Web application directory:

```bash
jar -cvf coherence_rest.war *
```

The archive should contain the following files

/WEB-INF/web.xml
/WEB-INF/classes/coherence-rest-config.xml
/WEB-INF/classes/tangosol-coherence-override.xml
/WEB-INF/classes/coherence-cache-config.xml
/WEB-INF/lib/coherence.jar
/WEB-INF/lib/coherence-rest.jar
/WEB-INF/lib/jersey-server-1.18.jar
/WEB-INF/lib/jersey-servlet-1.18.jar
/WEB-INF/lib/jersey-core-1.18.jar
/WEB-INF/lib/jersey-json-1.18.jar
/WEB-INF/lib/jersey-multipart-1.18.jar
/WEB-INF/lib/jersey-grizzly2-1.12.jar
/WEB-INF/lib/jackson-core-asl-1.9.2.jar
/WEB-INF/lib/jackson-jaxrs-1.9.2.jar
/WEB-INF/lib/jackson-mapper-asl-1.9.2.jar
/WEB-INF/lib/jackson-xc-1.9.2.jar

Deploying to GlassFish

To deploy Coherence REST to GlassFish server:

1. From the GlassFish administration console (http://localhost:4848/), click Configuration->JVM Settings.
2. Click the JVM Options tab and add the following option:

```bash
-Dcom.sun.enterprise.overrideablejavaxpackages=javax.ws.rs,javax.ws.rs.core,javax.ws.rs
```
3. Package Coherence REST as a WAR file as described in "Packaging Coherence REST for Deployment" on page 26-6. In addition, override the version of Jersey distributed in GlassFish with the version of Jersey distributed with Coherence
REST by setting the class loader delegation to false in WEB-INF/sun-web.xml or WEB-INF/glassfish-web.xml. For example:

```xml
<sun-web-app error-url="">
  <class-loader delegate="false"/>
</sun-web-app>
```

4. Deploy the WAR using the GlassFish administration console.

5. From a browser, verify the deployment by navigating to http://localhost:8080/coherence_rest/{cacheName}.

Deploying to a Servlet Container

Coherence REST can be deployed to any servlet container by packaging Coherence REST as a WAR file. See "Packaging Coherence REST for Deployment" on page 26-6 for details. Refer to your vendors documentation for details on deploying WAR files. In addition, See the Jersey user guide for additional servlet container deployment options:

http://jersey.java.net/nonav/documentation/latest/user-guide.html#d4e194
This chapter provides instructions for changing the default behavior of the Coherence REST implementation.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- Using Custom Providers and Resources
- Changing the Embedded HTTP Server

Using Custom Providers and Resources

Custom providers and resources can be created as required. This section demonstrates how to register custom providers, and how to override Coherence's default root resource.

The `com.tangosol.coherence.rest.server.DefaultResourceConfig` class supports package scanning, which can be used to register custom providers or resources. The following example demonstrates registering a custom provider and resource using package scanning:

```java
public class MyResourceConfig extends DefaultResourceConfig {
    public MyResourceConfig() {
        super("com.my.providers;com.my.resources");
    }
}
```

As an alternative, the following example demonstrates how to override one or more of the `register` methods defined in the `DefaultResourceConfig` class in order to use custom providers, a custom root resource, or to add filters and filter factories.

```java
public class MyResourceConfig extends DefaultResourceConfig {
    protected void registerRootResource() {
        // remove if you don't want Coherence defaults to be registered
        super.registerRootResource();
        getClasses().add(MyRootResource.class);
    }
}
```

**Note:** Never override (unregister) Coherence default Providers without overriding the root resource class as well (the `DefaultRootResource` class depends on the default providers to provide the necessary dependencies and configuration).
protected void registerProviders()
{
    // remove if you don't want Coherence defaults to be registered
    super.registerProviders();
    getSingletons().add(new MyProvider());
}

protected void registerContainerRequestFilters()
{
    // remove if you don't want Coherence defaults to be registered
    super.registerContainerRequestFilters();
    getContainerRequestFilters().add(new MyRequestFilter());
}

protected void registerContainerResponseFilters()
{
    // remove if you don't want Coherence defaults to be registered
    super.registerContainerResponseFilters();
    getContainerResponseFilters().add(new MyResponseFilter());
}

protected void registerResourceFilterFactories()
{
    // remove if you don't want Coherence defaults to be registered
    super.registerResourceFilterFactories();
    getResourceFilterFactories().add(new MyResourceFilterFactory());
}

Custom resource configuration class are enabled in the cache configuration file by adding the fully qualified name of the class using the `<resource-config>` element within an HTTP acceopter configuration. The class is mapped to a specific context path. For example:

```
<proxy-scheme>
    <service-name>ExtendHttpProxyService</service-name>
    <acceptor-config>
        <http-acceptor>
            ...
            <resource-config>
                <context-path>/MyApplicationContext</context-path>
                <instance>
                    <class-name>package.MyResourceConfig</class-name>
                </instance>
            </resource-config>
        </http-acceptor>
    </acceptor-config>
    <autostart>true</autostart>
</proxy-scheme>
```

The default context path (/) is used if no context path is provided. Multiple resource configuration class definitions can be added and mapped to different context paths.

**Changing the Embedded HTTP Server**

Coherence REST uses Oracle's lightweight HTTP server by default to handle requests. However, the implementation is not recommended for production environments and
is typically used during development and testing. As an alternative, Coherence includes a Grizzly HTTP server implementation and the Simple HTTP server can be used as well. Refer to the Jersey documentation for instructions on integrating additional HTTP servers, which are beyond the scope of this documentation.

http://jersey.java.net/

The following topics are included in this section:

- Using Grizzly HTTP Server
- Using Simple HTTP Server

Using Grizzly HTTP Server

Coherence REST provides a Grizzly 2 HTTP server implementation (com.tangosol.coherence.rest.server.GrizzlyHttpServer) that can be used instead of the default HTTP server. For more information on the Grizzly HTTP server see:

http://grizzly.java.net/

The Grizzly server is enabled in the cache configuration file by adding the fully qualified name of the implementation as a value of the <class-name> element within an HTTP acceptor configuration. For example:

<proxy-scheme>
  <service-name>ExtendHttpProxyService</service-name>
  <acceptor-config>
    <http-acceptor>
      <class-name>com.tangosol.coherence.rest.server.GrizzlyHttpServer</class-name>
      ...
    </http-acceptor>
  </acceptor-config>
  <autostart>true</autostart>
</proxy-scheme>

Using Simple HTTP Server

The Simple framework can be used as an embedded HTTP server since it’s supported within Jersey. For more information on the Simple framework see:

http://www.simpleframework.org/

To use the Simple framework as an embedded HTTP server, extend the com.tangosol.coherence.rest.server.AbstractHttpServer class and then enable the class in the cache configuration file.

The following example creates a SimpleHttpServer class:

```java
public class SimpleHttpServer extends AbstractHttpServer {
    public void start() {
        Closeable connection = m_connection;
        if (connection == null) {
            try {
                connection = SimpleServerFactory.create("http://" +
                    getLocalAddress() + ":*" + getLocalPort(), getResourceConfig());
            }
        }
    }
```
catch (IOException e)
{
    throw new WrapperException(e);
}

m_connection = connection;
}

public void stop()
{
    Closeable connection = m_connection;
    if (connection != null)
    {
        try
        {
            connection.close();
        }
        catch (IOException e)
        {
            throw new WrapperException(e);
        }
        finally
        {
            m_connection = null;
        }
    }
}

protected Closeable m_connection;
}

The **SimpleHttpServer** class must be enabled in the cache configuration file by adding the fully qualified name as a value of the `<class-name>` element within an HTTP acceptor configuration. For example:

```xml
<proxy-scheme>
    <service-name>ExtendHttpProxyService</service-name>
    <acceptor-config>
        <http-acceptor>
            <class-name>package.SimpleHttpServer</class-name>
        </http-acceptor>
    </acceptor-config>
    <autostart>true</autostart>
</proxy-scheme>
```
Part VI contains the following appendices:

- Appendix A, "REST Configuration Elements"
- Appendix B, "Integrating with F5 BIG-IP LTM"
This appendix provides a detailed reference of the REST configuration deployment descriptor and includes a brief overview of the descriptor.

This appendix includes the following sections:

- REST Configuration File
- Element Reference

### REST Configuration File

The REST configuration deployment descriptor specifies the configuration for the REST implementation. The default name of the descriptor is `coherence-rest-config.xml` and must be found on the classpath. The name can be overridden using the `tangosol.coherence.rest.config` system property. For example:

```
-Dtangosol.coherence.rest.config=MyConfig.xml
```

The REST configuration deployment descriptor schema is defined in the `coherence-rest-config.xsd` file. The XSD file is located in the root of the `coherence.jar` library and at the following Web URL:

```
http://xmlns.oracle.com/coherence/coherence-rest-config/1.1/coherence-rest-config.xsd
```

The `<rest>` element is the root element of the configuration file and typically includes an XSD and Coherence namespace reference and the location of the `coherence-rest-config.xsd` file. For example:

```
<rest xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
      xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/coherence/coherence-rest-config"
      xsi:schemaLocation="http://xmlns.oracle.com/coherence/coherence-rest-config
coherence-rest-config.xsd">
```
Notes:

- The schema located in the coherence.jar library is always used at run time even if the xsi:schemaLocation attribute references the Web URL.

- The xsi:schemaLocation attribute can be omitted to disable schema validation.

- When deploying Coherence into environments where the default character set is EBCDIC rather than ASCII, ensure that the deployment descriptor file is in ASCII format and is deployed into its run-time environment in the binary format.
Table A–1 lists all non-terminal REST configuration elements.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Element</th>
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<td>rest</td>
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<tr>
<td>rest</td>
<td>root element</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
aggregator

Used in: aggregators

Description

The aggregator element is used to define custom aggregators that are used to aggregate data in a cache. Each aggregator element must contain a single binding between a name and an aggregator class or aggregator factory class.

Elements

Table A–2 describes the subelements of the aggregator element.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Element</th>
<th>Required/ Optional</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>&lt;name&gt;</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>Specifies a name to be used in a REST URL that is bound to an aggregator class or aggregator factory class.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;class&gt;</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>Specifies the fully qualified name of a custom aggregator class or custom aggregator factory class that is bound to a name. The class must implement the com.tangosol.util.EntryAggregator or com.tangosol.coherence.rest.util.aggregator.AggregatorFactory interfaces, respectively.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
aggregators

Used in: rest

Description

The aggregators element contains any number of custom aggregator definitions.

Elements

Table A–3 describes the subelements of the aggregators element.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Element</th>
<th>Required/Optional</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>&lt;aggregator&gt;</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>Specifies a single binding between a name and an aggregator class or aggregator factory class.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**engine**

Used in: query-engines

**Description**

The **engine** element contains a single binding between a name and a query engine implementation class. Custom query engines must implement the `com.tangosol.coherence.rest.query.QueryEngine` and `com.tangosol.coherence.rest.query.Query` interfaces. Custom implementations can also extend the `com.tangosol.coherence.rest.query.AbstractQueryEngine` base class which provides useful methods for parsing query expressions and handling parameter bindings.

**Elements**

Table A–4 describes the subelements of the **engine** element.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Element</th>
<th>Required/Optional</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>&lt;name&gt;</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>Specifies a name for the query engine.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;class-name&gt;</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>Specifies the fully qualified name of the query engine implementation class.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
marshaller

Used in: resource

Description

The marshaller element contains bindings between cache entry key/value classes and a marshaller class that is used to marshall and unmarshall instances of those classes.

Elements

Table A–5 describes the subelements of the marshaller element.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Element</th>
<th>Required/Optional</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>&lt;media-type&gt;</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>Specifies the name of the medium that is used to for marshalling. Coherence provides default implementations for XML and JSON data output.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;class-name&gt;</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>Specifies the fully qualified name of a custom class that implements the com.tangosol.coherence.rest.io.Marshaller interface. The implementation is used to marshall/unmarshall cache entry values that are stored in the cache. Marshallers are configured for each object type and media type.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**processor**

Used in: processors

**Description**

The `processor` element is used to define custom entry processors that are used to process data in a cache. Each `processor` element must contain a single binding between a name and the processor factory class.

**Elements**

Table A–6 describes the subelements of the `processor` element.

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<tr>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>&lt;name&gt;</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>Specifies a name to be used in a REST URL that is bound to a processor factory class.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;class-name&gt;</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>Specifies the fully qualified name of a custom processor factory class that is bound to a name. The class must implement the <code>com.tangosol.coherence.rest.util.processor.ProcessorFactory</code> interface.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
processors

Used in: rest

Description

The processors element contains any number of custom processor definitions.

Elements

Table A–7 describes the subelements of the processors element.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Element</th>
<th>Required/Optional</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>&lt;processor&gt;</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>Specifies a single binding between a name and a processor factory class.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
query

Used in: resources

Description

The query element defines a named query for a resource. Named queries allow configured query expressions to be executed by name in the REST URL.

GET http://host:port/cacheName/namedQuery?param1=value1,param2=value2...

A named query definition consists of a binding between a query name and the query expression to execute. Multiple named queries can be configured for a resource. The query element supports the following attributes:

- **max-results** – Specifies the maximum number of results to return for a named query. This value overrides the <resource> element's max-results attribute.

- **engine** – Specifies a query engine implementation that is responsible for executing query expressions against a cache. The default value if the attribute is not specified is DEFAULT, which indicates a query expression must be specified as a URL-encoded CohQL expression (the predicate part of CohQL). For details on configuring a custom query engine implementation, see the <query-engines> element.

Elements

Table A–8 describes the subelements of the query element.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Element</th>
<th>Required/Optional</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>&lt;name&gt;</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>Specifies a name for the query.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;expression&gt;</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>Specifies a query expression that is bound to the query name.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
query-engines

    Used in: rest

**Description**

The `query-engines` element contains any number of custom query engine definitions. A query engine executes query expressions against a cache. Direct queries and named queries rely on an underlying query engine to perform their queries. A default query engine is provided for executing query expressions that are specified as a URL-encoded CohQL expression (the predicate part of CohQL). However, custom query engines can be defined as required.

**Elements**

Table A–9 describes the subelements of the `query-engines` element.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Element</th>
<th>Required/Optional</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;engine&gt;</code></td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>Specifies a single binding between a name and a query engine implementation class.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table A–9  query-engines Subelements
resource

Used in: resources

Description

The resource element provides the metadata that is used to marshall and unmarshall cache entries. The metadata includes a single binding between a cache name and cache entry key and value classes.

The following attributes are available:

- **name** – Specifies an alias for the `<cache-name>` element when the name is not ideal for the REST URL path segment. The value defaults to the value of the `<cache-name>` element if a value is not specified.
- **max-results** – Specifies the maximum number of results to return for a query. This value is overridden if a max-results attribute is also defined within the `<query>` or `<direct-query>` element.

Elements

Table A-10 describes the subelements of the resource element.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Element</th>
<th>Required/Optional</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;cache-name&gt;</code></td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>Specifies the name of the cache exposed by this resource. The cache must be defined in the cache configuration file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;key-class&gt;</code></td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>Specifies the type of the entry keys stored in this cache.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;value-class&gt;</code></td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>Specifies the type of the entry values stored in this cache.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;key-converter&gt;</code></td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>Specifies the fully qualified name of a class that implements the com.tangosol.coherence.rest.KeyConverter interface. The class is used to convert cache entry keys to string and string representations of the keys that are used in the REST URL into an appropriate object instance that can be used to access cache entries. The com.tangosol.coherence.restefault.KeyConverter class is used by default if no value is provided. The default class offers reasonable to string and from string conversions for Java primitives, dates, and UUIDs. See java API Reference for Oracle Coherence for details.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table A–10  (Cont.)  resource Subelements

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<tr>
<th>Element</th>
<th>Required/Optional</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>&lt;marshaller&gt;</td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>Specifies the fully qualified name of a class that implements the com.tangosol.coherence.rest.io.Marshaller interface. The class is used to</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>marshall/unmarshall cache entry values that are stored in a cache. Coherence provides default implementations for XML and JSON data output.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;query&gt;</td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>Specifies the configuration information for named queries, which allow configured query expressions to be executed by name in the REST URL.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;direct-query&gt;</td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>Specifies the configuration information for direct queries, which allow query expressions to be included in the REST URL as the value of the parameter q.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>GET <a href="http://host:port/cacheName?q=query">http://host:port/cacheName?q=query</a></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The following attributes are available:

- enabled – Specifies whether a resource supports direct queries. Valid values are true and false. The default value is false.
- max-results – Specifies the maximum number of results to return for a direct query. This value overrides the <resource> element's max-results attribute.
- engine – Specifies a query engine implementation that is responsible for executing query expressions against a cache. The default value if the attribute is not specified is DEFAULT, which indicates a query expression must be specified as a URL-encoded CohQL expression (the predicate part of CohQL). For details on configuring a custom query engine implementation, see the <query-engines> element.
resources

Used in: rest

Description
The resources element contains any number of resource definitions. A resource definition provides the metadata that is used to marshall and unmarshall cache entries.

Elements
Table A–11 describes the subelements of the resources element.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Element</th>
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<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>&lt;resource&gt;</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>Specifies a single binding between a cache name and cache entry key and value classes.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**rest**

*root element*

**Description**

The rest element is the root element of the `coherence-rest-config.xml` file which is used to configure the Coherence REST implementation. The implementation uses REST Web services to allow remote clients to access data in the cluster over HTTP and does not require the use of POF serialization.

**Elements**

Table A–12 describes the subelements of each `rest` element.

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<tr>
<th>Element</th>
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</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;resources&gt;</code></td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>Specifies any number of resource definitions that provide the metadata that is used to marshall and unmarshall cache entries.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;processors&gt;</code></td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>Specifies any number of custom processor definitions that are used to process data in a cache.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;aggregators&gt;</code></td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>Specifies any number of custom aggregator definitions that are used to aggregate data in a cache.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;query-engines&gt;</code></td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>Specifies any number of custom query engine definitions. A query engine is responsible for executing queries.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
This appendix provides instructions for using the F5 BIG-IP Local Traffic Manager (LTM) hardware load balancer to balance Coherence*Extend client connections. Instructions are also included to use the BIG-IP system to off load SSL processing.

The instructions are specific to using the BIG-IP Configuration Utility as it pertains to Coherence*Extend setup. Refer to the Help included with the utility for complete usage instructions. In addition, the instructions were created based on BIG-IP LTM 10.2.1 and may not be accurate for future releases of BIG-IP LTM.

This appendix includes the following sections:

- Basic Concepts
- Creating Nodes
- Configuring a Load Balancing Pool
- Configuring a Virtual Server
- Configuring Coherence*Extend to Use BIG-IP LTM
- Using Advanced Health Monitoring
- Enabling SSL Offloading

**Basic Concepts**

The F5 BIG-IP LTM is a hardware device that sits between one or more computers running Coherence*Extend clients (client tier) and one or more computers running Coherence*Extend proxy servers (proxy tier). The LTM spreads client connections across multiple clustered proxy servers using a broad range of techniques to secure, optimize, and load balance application traffic.

*Figure B–1* shows a conceptual view of the BIG-IP system that is setup between external network clients and internal network servers.
Creating Nodes

A node is a logical object on the BIG-IP system that identifies the IP address of a physical resource on the network. For Coherence*Extend, configure a node for each computer on the internal network that hosts one or more proxy servers.

To create a node:

1. Log into the BIG-IP Configuration Utility.
2. From the Main tab of the navigation pane, expand **Local Traffic** and click **Nodes**.
3. In the upper-right corner of the screen, click **Create**. The New Node screen displays.
4. For the Address setting, type the IP address of the node.
5. Specify, retain, or change each of the other settings.
6. Click **Finished**.

*Figure B–2* shows an example node configuration.
Configuring a Load Balancing Pool

A load balancing pool is a group of logical devices, such as proxy servers, that receive and process traffic. Instead of sending client traffic to the destination IP address specified in the client request, the BIG-IP system sends the request to any of the servers that are members of that pool. This helps efficiently distribute the load on your server resources.

When you create a pool, you assign pool members to the pool. A pool member is a logical object that represents a server endpoint on the network. For Coherence*Extend, create a pool member for each proxy server JVM running on your proxy tier computers.

The specific pool member to which the BIG-IP system chooses to send the request is determined by the load balancing method that you have assigned to that pool. A load balancing method is an algorithm that the BIG-IP system uses to select a pool member for processing a request. For example, the default load balancing method is Round Robin, which causes the BIG-IP system to send each incoming request to the next available member of the pool, thereby distributing requests evenly across the servers in the pool.

The following topics are included in this section:
Creating a Load Balancing Pool

To create a load balancing pool:

1. Log into the BIG-IP Configuration Utility.
2. From the Main tab of the navigation pane, expand Local Traffic and click Pools. The Pools screen displays.
3. In the upper-right corner of the screen, click Create. The New Pool screen displays.
4. From the Configuration list, select Advanced.
5. For the Name setting, type a name for the pool.
6. Specify, retain, or change each of the other settings.
7. Click Finished.

Figure B–3 demonstrates an example pool configuration.

Figure B–3 Example Pool Configuration
Adding a Load Balancing Pool Member

To add pool members to load balancing pool:

1. From the Members tab, click the number shown. This lists the existing members of the pool.
2. In the right side of the screen, click Add. The New Pool Member screen displays.
3. In the Address box, select Node List and select an IP address.
4. In the Service Port box, type the port number on which the corresponding proxy server is listening.
5. Retain or change each of the other settings.
6. Click Finished.

Figure B–4 shows an example pool configuration. It shows two proxy server pool members running on the previously created node and listening on ports 9099 and 9100, respectively. Additionally, the pool is configured to use a Least Connections load balancing policy.

Figure B–4  Example Pool Members
Configuring a Virtual Server

A virtual server is a traffic-management object on the BIG-IP system that is represented by an IP address and port. Clients on an external network can send application traffic to a virtual server, which then directs the traffic according to your configuration instructions. The main purpose of a virtual server is often to balance traffic load across a pool of servers on an internal network. Virtual servers increase the availability of resources for processing client requests. For Coherence*Extend, you should configure a virtual server that directs traffic to the pool of proxy servers that you configured earlier.

To create a virtual server:

1. Log into the BIG-IP Configuration Utility.
2. From the Main tab of the navigation screen, expand Local Traffic and click Virtual Servers. The Virtual Servers screen displays.
3. From the upper right portion of the screen, click Create. The New Virtual Server screen displays.
4. In the Name box, type a name for the virtual server.
5. In the Destination box, assign an external IP address on the BIG-IP device and in the Service Port box, specify a listen port. This is the IP address and port to which Coherence*Extend clients connect.
6. From the SNAT Pool list, select Automap.
7. Select the pool created earlier in the Default Pool drop-down box.
8. Retain or change each of the other settings.
9. Click Finished.

Figure B-5 shows an example virtual configuration that listens for TCP/IP connections on 10.196.21.3:9099.
Additionally, this virtual server directs traffic to the configured pool as shown in Figure B–6.
Coherence*Extend must be configured to use a BIG-IP LTM virtual server. The configuration must be completed both on the cluster side and the client side cache configuration files.

To configure Coherence*Extend to use BIG-IP LTM:

1. Open the proxy server's cache configuration file.
2. Edit the proxy scheme definition and specify a client load balancing strategy by entering client within the <load-balancer> element. For example:

```xml
<proxy-scheme>
  <service-name>ExtendTcpProxyService</service-name>
  <acceptor-config>
    <tcp-acceptor>
      <local-address>
        <address>192.168.1.2</address>
        <port>9099</port>
      </local-address>
    </tcp-acceptor>
  </acceptor-config>
</proxy-scheme>
```
Using Advanced Health Monitoring

A health monitor helps ensure that a server is in an operational state and able to receive traffic. The BIG-IP system contains many different preconfigured health monitors that you can associate with pools, depending on the type of traffic you want to monitor.

For Coherence*Extend, you can use a TCP health monitor to monitor a pool of proxy servers. This type of monitor marks a proxy server up if the BIG-IP device can establish a TCP/IP connection with the proxy server. While this is a fairly decent indication that a proxy server is functional, it does not guarantee that the proxy server can actually process client traffic. For more detailed monitoring, BIG-IP enables you to create custom health monitors that send a Coherence*Extend ping request to a proxy server and validate that an appropriate response is returned. This ensures that the proxy server is up and able to process client traffic.

**Note:** BIG-IP LTM monitors do not support SSL over TCP. Health monitoring checks, such as ping, are sent as clear text. To ensure all communication with a proxy server is secure, use SSL offloading. For details, see "Enabling SSL Offloading" on page B-14.
The following topics are included in this section:

- Creating a Custom Health Monitor to Ping Coherence
- Associating a Custom Health Monitor With a Load Balancing Pool

**Creating a Custom Health Monitor to Ping Coherence**

To create a custom Coherence*Extend health monitor that sends a Coherence*Extend ping request to a proxy server to ensure that it is operational:

1. Log into the BIG-IP Configuration Utility.
2. From the Main tab of the navigation pane, expand Local Traffic and click Monitors. The Monitors screen displays.
3. In the upper-right corner of the screen, click Create. The New Monitor screen displays.
4. Enter a name for the monitor in the Name box.
5. Select TCP in the Type drop-down box.
6. Enter the following in the Send String box:
   \x07\x00\x03\x00\x00\x42\x00\x40
7. Enter the following in the Receive String box:
   \x09\x00\x04\x02\x00\x42\x00\x03\x64\x40
8. Click Finished.

*Figure B–7* shows an example custom Coherence*Extend health monitor configuration.
The preceding approach only works with BIG-IP version 10.2.1 or higher. On older versions of BIG-IP, you must manually configure an external health monitor. To do so, create an executable shell script called `extend_ping` in the `/usr/bin/monitors` directory of the BIG-IP device with the following contents:

```bash
#!/bin/bash
###############################################################################
###  EXTERNAL MONITOR FOR COHERENCE*EXTEND
###   INPUTS:
###     $1    The IPV6 formatted IP address of the pool member to test
###     $2    The port number of the pool member to test
###     $3+   White space delimited parms as listed in the monitor "args"
###   OUTPUTS:
###     If null is returned, the member is "down"
###     If any string of one or more characters is returned, the member is "up"
###############################################################################
IP=${1:-"127.0.0.1"}
IP=${IP##*:} # This removes the leading ::ffff:
PORT=${2:-"80"}
TIMEOUT=${3:-1}
SLEEP=${4:-1}
```
PID_FILE="/var/run/extend_ping.$IP.$PORT.pid"
HEX_REQUEST="0700030000420040"
HEX_RESPONSE="09000402004200036440"

###
### Terminate existing process, if any
###
if [ -f $PID_FILE ]
then
  kill -9 `cat $PID_FILE` > /dev/null 2>&1
fi
echo "$$" > $PID_FILE

###
### Ping the server and return a user friendly result
###
RESULT=`/bin/echo "$HEX_REQUEST" | /usr/bin/xxd -r -p | /usr/bin/nc -i \
  $SLEEP -w $TIMEOUT $IP $PORT | /usr/bin/xxd -p | /bin/grep \
  "$HEX_RESPONSE" 2>/dev/null`
if [ "$RESULT" != "" ] ; then
  /bin/echo "$IP:$PORT is "$UP"
fi
rm -f $PID_FILE

To configure BIG-IP to use the extend_ping script:

1. From the Main tab of the navigation pane, expand Local Traffic and click Monitors. The Monitors screen displays.
2. In the upper-right corner of the screen, click Create. The New Monitor screen displays.
3. Enter a name for the monitor in the Name box.
4. Select External in the Type drop-down box.
5. Enter the following in the External Program box:
   
   /usr/bin/monitors/extend_ping

6. Click Finished.

Figure B–8 shows an example external Coherence*Extend health monitor configuration.
Associating a Custom Health Monitor With a Load Balancing Pool

Custom health monitors must be associated with a load balancing pool. After creating a custom Coherence*Extend monitor, associate it with the Coherence*Extend load balancing pool.

To associate a custom health monitor with a load balancing pool:

1. Log into the BIG-IP Configuration Utility.
2. From the Main tab of the navigation pane, expand Local Traffic and click Pools. The Pools screen displays.
3. Click the name of your Coherence*Extend pool. The Pool screen displays.
4. Select the name of your custom Coherence*Extend health monitor in the Health Monitors box.
5. Click Update.

Figure B–9 shows a Coherence*Extend pool that uses a custom health monitor.
Coherence*Extend can be configured to use SSL to secure communication between client and proxy server processes. However, this confidentiality comes at a price. Specifically, enabling SSL dramatically increases CPU utilization in the proxy tier and increases the latency of each request. BIG-IP SSL Acceleration frees up proxy servers from the difficult task of encrypting and decrypting data secured for privacy reasons. CPU-intensive decryption is migrated onto a high-performance device designed to handle SSL transactions more efficiently. This approach is known as SSL offloading.

The following steps are required to enable SSL offloading and should be completed in the order presented:

1. Enable SSL in the Coherence*Extend client cache configuration file. See *Securing Oracle Coherence* for details on configuring an extend client to use SSL.

2. Import the Server’s SSL Certificate and Key

3. Create the Client SSL Profile

4. Associate the Client SSL Profile
Import the Server’s SSL Certificate and Key

To import the server’s SSL certificate and key to the BIG-IP system:

1. Log into the BIG-IP Configuration Utility.
2. From the Main tab of the navigation pane, expand Local Traffic and hover over SSL Certificates then select Import. The SSL Certificate screen displays.
3. From the Import Type drop-down box, select PKCS12.
4. Enter a name for the certificate in the Certificate Name box.
5. Click Choose File and browse to the server’s PKCS12 file.
6. Enter the password for the PKCS12 file.
7. Click Import.

Figure B–10 shows an example server SSL certificate configuration:

![Figure B–10 Example SSL Certificate Configuration in BIG-IP System](image)

Create the Client SSL Profile

To create the client SSL profile:
1. From the Main tab of the navigation pane, expand Local Traffic and hover over Profiles then SSL and select Client. The Client SSL Profiles screen displays.

2. In the upper-right corner of the screen, click Create. The New Client SSL profile screen displays.

3. Enter a name for the client SSL profile in the Name box.

4. Click the Custom check box on the right.

5. Select the name of the server certificate that you imported earlier in both the Certificate and Key drop-down boxes.

6. Click Finished.

Figure B–11 shows an example client SSL profile configuration:

Figure B–11 Example SSL Profile Configuration

Associate the Client SSL Profile

To modify the Coherence*Extend virtual server configuration to use the client SSL profile:

1. From the Main tab of the navigation screen, expand Local Traffic and click Virtual Servers. The Virtual Servers screen displays.
2. Click the name of the virtual server.
3. Select the name of the client SSL profile in the SSL Profile (Client) drop-down box.
4. Click Update.

Figure B–12 shows an example virtual server configuration that uses a client SSL profile:

*Figure B–12  Example Virtual Server Configuration That Includes a Client SSL Profile*