

ObjectScript Reference

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Object/SQL Basics

• Call a class method	do ##class(package.class).method(arguments) set variable = ##class(package.class).method(arguments) Note: place a . before each pass-by-reference argument
• Call an instance method	do object.method(arguments) set variable = object.method(arguments) Note: place a . before each pass-by-reference argument
• Determine if variable is an object reference	if \$isObject(variable) Note: returns 1 (true), 0 (false)

ObjectScript Commands

• Continue	Stop current loop iteration, continue looping.
• Do	Execute method, procedure, or routine.
• For {}, While {}, Do {} While	Execute block of code repeatedly.
• Halt	Stop InterSystems IRIS process and close Terminal.
• If {} Elseif {} Else {}	Evaluate conditions and branch.
• Kill	Destroy variable(s).
• Quit, Return (v2013.1+)	Terminate method, procedure, or routine. Optionally return value to calling method. Terminate loops.
• Set	Set value of variable.
• Try {} Catch {}, Throw	Handle errors.
• Write	Display text strings, value of variable or expression.
• ZWrite	Display array, list string, bit string.

ObjectScript Branching Functions

• Return result for value of expression	\$case(expression, value1:result1, value2:result2, ..., :result)
• Return result for first true condition	\$select(condition1:result1, condition2:result2, ..., 1:resultN)

ObjectScript String Functions

• Extract characters from string	\$extract(string, start, end)
• Right-justify string within <i>width</i> characters	\$justify(string, width)
• Retrieve length of string	\$length(string)
• Retrieve number of delimited pieces in string	\$length(string, delimiter)
• Build a list string	set listString = \$listbuild(substrings separated by comma)
• Retrieve substring from list string	\$list(listString, position)
• Put substring into list string	set \$list(listString, position) = substring
• Retrieve number of substrings in list string	\$listlength(listString)
• Retrieve piece from delimited string	\$piece(string, delimiter, pieceNumber)
• Set piece into delimited string	set \$piece(string, delimiter, pieceNumber) = piece
• Replace/remove substring in string	\$replace(string, searchString, replaceString)
• Reverse a string	\$reverse(string)
• Replace/remove characters in string	\$translate(string, searchChars, replaceChars)

ObjectScript Existence Functions

• Check if variable exists	\$data(variable)
• Return value of existing variable, or default	\$get(variable, default)
• Return next valid subscript in sparse array	\$order(array(subscript))

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Additional ObjectScript Functions

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| • Increment ^global by increment | <code>\$increment(^global, increment)</code>
<code>\$sequence(^global, increment)</code> |
| • Match a regular expression | <code>\$match(string, regularexpression)</code> |
| • Generate random number | <code>\$random(count) + start</code> Note: start through (start+count-1) |

Utilities

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| • Change namespace | <code>do ^%CD</code>
<code>znospace "namespace"</code> |
| • Display a global | <code>do ^%G</code>
<code>zwrite global</code> |

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List Collections

• Create a new standalone list	set <i>listObject</i> =##class(%ListOfDataTypes).%New()
• Work with a list property	Use methods below on a list collection property
• Insert an element at the end of a list	do <i>listObject</i> .Insert(<i>value</i>) do <i>object.listProperty</i> .Insert(<i>value</i>)
• Insert an element into a list	do <i>listObject</i> .SetAt(<i>value</i> , <i>position</i>) do <i>object.listProperty</i> .SetAt(<i>value</i> , <i>position</i>)
• Remove an element from a list	do <i>listObject</i> .RemoveAt(<i>position</i>) do <i>object.listProperty</i> .RemoveAt(<i>position</i>)
• Retrieve an element of a list	set <i>variable</i> = <i>listObject</i> .GetAt(<i>position</i>) set <i>variable</i> = <i>object.listProperty</i> .GetAt(<i>position</i>)
• Retrieve the size of a list	set <i>variable</i> = <i>listObject</i> .Count() set <i>variable</i> = <i>object.listProperty</i> .Count()
• Clear all the elements of a list	do <i>listObject</i> .Clear() do <i>object.listProperty</i> .Clear()

Array Collections

• Create a new standalone array	set <i>arrayObject</i> =##class(%ArrayOfDataTypes).%New()
• Work with an array property	Use methods below on an array collection property
• Insert an element into an array	do <i>arrayObject</i> .SetAt(<i>value</i> , <i>key</i>) do <i>object.arrayProperty</i> .SetAt(<i>value</i> , <i>key</i>)
• Remove an element from an array	do <i>arrayObject</i> .RemoveAt(<i>key</i>) do <i>object.arrayProperty</i> .RemoveAt(<i>key</i>)
• Retrieve an element of an array	set <i>variable</i> = <i>arrayObject</i> .GetAt(<i>key</i>) set <i>variable</i> = <i>object.arrayProperty</i> .GetAt(<i>key</i>)
• Retrieve the size of an array	set <i>variable</i> = <i>arrayObject</i> .Count() set <i>variable</i> = <i>object.arrayProperty</i> .Count()
• Clear all elements of an array	do <i>arrayObject</i> .Clear() do <i>object.arrayProperty</i> .Clear()

Relationships

• Parent-to-children object linking	do <i>parentObject.childRefProperty</i> .Insert(<i>childObject</i>) set <i>childObject.parentRefProperty</i> = <i>parentObject</i>
• One-to-many object linking	do <i>oneObject.manyRefProperty</i> .Insert(<i>manyObject</i>) set <i>manyObject.OneRefProperty</i> = <i>OneObject</i>
• Retrieve a property of a child object	set <i>variable</i> = <i>parentObject.childRefProperty</i> .GetAt(<i>position</i>).property
• Retrieve a property of a many object	set <i>variable</i> = <i>oneObject.manyRefProperty</i> .GetAt(<i>position</i>).property
• Retrieve the count of child/many objects	set <i>variable</i> = <i>parentObject.childRefProperty</i> .Count() set <i>variable</i> = <i>oneObject.manyRefProperty</i> .Count()
• Open a many/child object directly	set <i>object</i> = ##class(<i>package.class</i>).IDKEYOpen(<i>parentID</i> , <i>childsub</i>)
• Retrieve the id of a child object	set <i>status</i> = ##class(<i>package.class</i>).IDKEYExists(<i>parentID</i> , <i>childsub</i> , .childID)
• Clear the child/many objects	do <i>parentObject.childRefProperty</i> .Clear() do <i>oneObject.manyRefProperty</i> .Clear()

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Streams

• Create a new stream	set <i>streamObject</i> =##class(%Stream.GlobalCharacter).%New() set <i>streamObject</i> =##class(%Stream.GlobalBinary).%New() or use methods below on a stream property
• Add text to a stream	do <i>streamObject</i> .Write(<i>text</i>) do <i>object.streamProperty</i> .Write(<i>text</i>)
• Add a line of text to a stream	do <i>streamObject</i> .WriteLine(<i>text</i>) do <i>object.streamProperty</i> .WriteLine(<i>text</i>)
• Read <i>len</i> characters of text from a stream	write <i>streamObject</i> .Read(<i>len</i>) write <i>object.streamProperty</i> .Read(<i>len</i>)
• Read a line of text from a stream	write <i>streamObject</i> .ReadLine(<i>len</i>) write <i>object.streamProperty</i> .ReadLine(<i>len</i>)
• Go to the beginning of a stream	do <i>streamObject</i> .Rewind() do <i>object.streamProperty</i> .Rewind()
• Go to the end of a stream, for appending	do <i>streamObject</i> .MoveToEnd() do <i>object.streamProperty</i> .MoveToEnd()
• Clear a stream	do <i>streamObject</i> .Clear() do <i>object.streamProperty</i> .Clear()
• Display the length of a stream	write <i>streamObject</i> .Size write <i>object.streamProperty</i> .Size

Unit Testing Macros

• Assert equality	do \$\$\$AssertEquals(<i>value1</i> , <i>value2</i> , <i>message</i>)
• Assert inequality	do \$\$\$AssertNotEquals(<i>value1</i> , <i>value2</i> , <i>message</i>)
• Assert status is OK	do \$\$\$AssertStatusOK(<i>status</i> , <i>message</i>)
• Assert status isn't OK	do \$\$\$AssertStatusNotOK(<i>status</i> , <i>message</i>)
• Assert condition is true	do \$\$\$AssertTrue(<i>condition</i> , <i>message</i>)
• Assert condition isn't true	do \$\$\$AssertNotTrue(<i>condition</i> , <i>message</i>)
• Log message	do \$\$\$LogMessage(<i>message</i>)

Other Macros

• Return a good status	quit \$\$\$OK
• Return an error status	quit \$\$\$ERROR(\$\$\$GeneralError, <i>message</i>)
• Check if status is good	if \$\$\$ISOK(<i>status</i>)
• Check if status is an error	if \$\$\$ISERR(<i>status</i>)
• Return a null object reference	quit \$\$\$NULLOREF
• Place a new line within a string	write <i>string1</i> _\$\$\$NL_ <i>string2</i>