

IMS TCP/IP OTMA Connection Programmer's Reference

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Chapter 1. Protocols

This section describes the transaction protocols. These protocols include:

- Conversational support
- · Send only
- Receive only

Conversational support

A conversational program is a message processing program (MPP) that processes transactions made up of several steps. The MPP does not process the entire transaction at once.

The conversational support for IMS TCP/IP OTMA Connection (IMS TOC) includes having conversational transactions that let you retain uninterrupted connection (continuity) for messages coming from a given client. Typically, a conversation is terminated when the message is sent and dequeued and the application program has placed blanks in the SPA, or the conversation is terminated when a COMMIT CONFIRMED messaged is received from the client. For conversational support for IMS TOC, conversations require a send-then-commit mode and are nonrecoverable.

This section describes and shows various conversational protocols.

OTMA conversational protocols

Send-then-commit, sync level=none

The send-then-commit flow (see Figure 1 on page 2) sends IMS output before IMS completes synchronization-point (hereafter referred to as sync-point) processing. To use the send-then-commit flow, specify Commit Mode 1 in the state-data section of the message prefix.

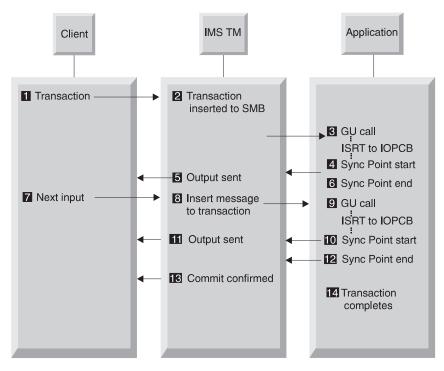


Figure 1. Send-then-commit flow

- The transaction pipe is not synchronized.
- The synchronization level is specified as NONE in the state-data section of the message prefix. Therefore, IMS does not request a response (an ACK) when sending output.
- · Send-then-commit, sync level=confirm

The send-then-commit flow (see Figure 2 on page 3) assumed no synchronization for the transactions as they are processed by IMS. This section shows a flow in which all transactions are confirmed as they are received (each message requests a response).

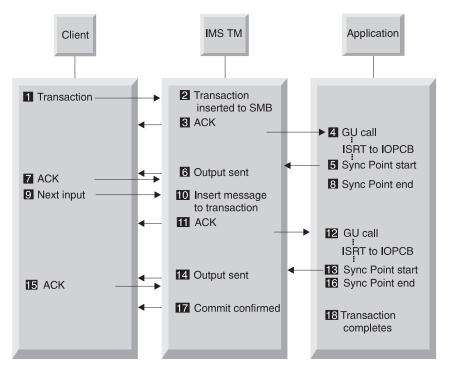


Figure 2. Send-then-commit flow

- Commit Mode 1 is specified in the state-data section of the message prefix.
- The transaction pipe is not synchronized.
- The synchronization level is specified as Confirm in the state-data section.

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• Send-then-commit, sync level=none, transaction terminated from the program The send-then-commit flow (see Figure 3 on page 4) sends IMS output before IMS completes sync-point processing. To use the send-then-commit flow, specify Commit Mode 1 in the state-data section of the message prefix.

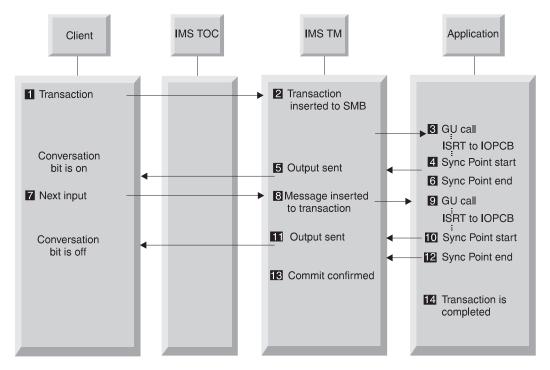


Figure 3. Send-then-commit flow

- The transaction pipe is not synchronized.
- The synchronization level is specified as NONE in the state-data section of the message prefix. Therefore, IMS does not request a response (an ACK) when sending output.
- The transaction is terminated from the program.
- IMS TOC will close the socket as soon as Commit confirmed has been sent by IMS.
- · Send-then-commit, sync level=none, transaction is terminated from client

The send-then-commit flow (see Figure 4 on page 5) sends IMS output before IMS completes sync-point processing. To use the send-then-commit flow, specify Commit Mode 1 in the state-data section of the message prefix.

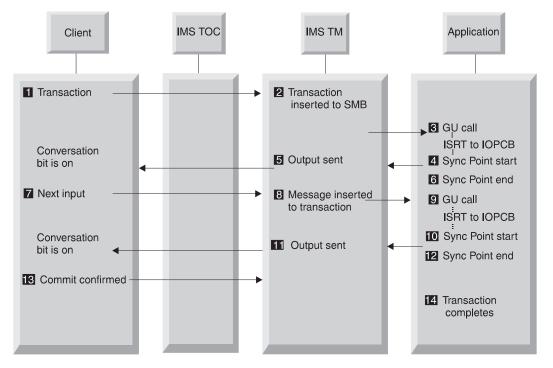


Figure 4. Send-then-commit flow

- The transaction pipe is not synchronized.
- The synchronization level is specified as NONE in the state-data section of the message prefix. Therefore, IMS does not request a response (an ACK) when sending output.
- The transaction is terminated from client.
- Send-then-commit, sync level=confirm, ACK response

The send-then-commit flow (see Figure 5 on page 6) assumed no synchronization for the transactions as they are processed by IMS. This section shows a flow in which all transactions are confirmed as they are received (each message requests a response).

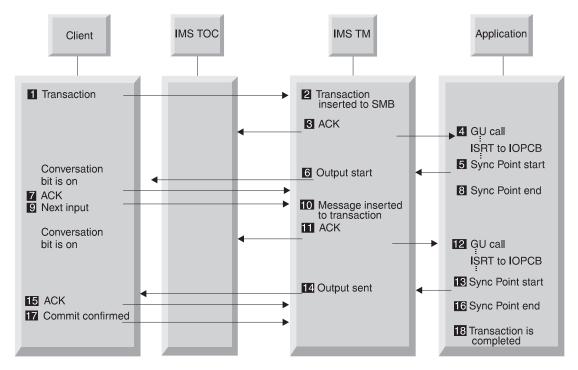


Figure 5. Send-then-commit flow

- Commit Mode 1 is specified in the state-data section of the message prefix.
- The transaction pipe is not synchronized.
- The synchronization level is specified as Confirm in the state-data section.
- ACK can be replied to by a remote workstation before the check response requested bit.
- · Send-then-commit, sync level=confirm, NAK response

The send-then-commit flow (see Figure 6 on page 7) assumed no synchronization for the transactions as they are processed by IMS. This section shows a flow in which all transactions are confirmed as they are received (each message requests a response).

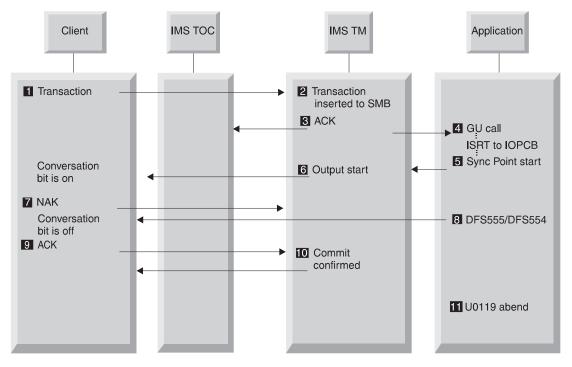


Figure 6. Send-then-commit flow

- Commit Mode 1 is specified in the state-data section of the message prefix.
- The transaction pipe is not synchronized.
- The synchronization level is specified as Confirm in the state-data section.
- NAK can be replied to by either IMS TOC or a remote workstation before the check requested bit.
- If the client forgets to send the NAK/ACK before it closes the socket, IMS TOC will send the NAK to IMS and it will cause a U0119 abend.
- **Send-then-commit, sync level=confirm**, nonpersistent socket, ACK response The send-then-commit flow (see Figure 7 on page 8) assumed no synchronization for the transactions as they are processed by IMS. This section shows a flow in which all transactions are confirmed as they are received (each message requests a response).

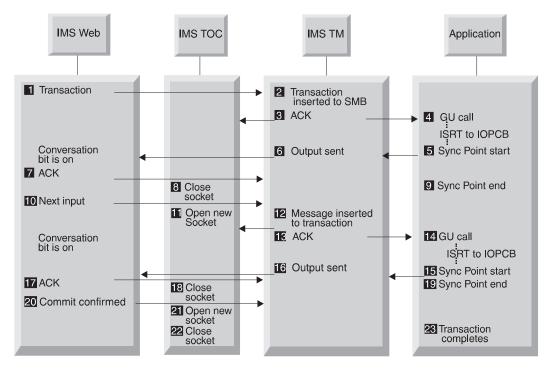


Figure 7. Send-then-commit flow

- Commit Mode 1 is specified in the state-data section of the message prefix.
- The transaction pipe is not synchronized.
- The synchronization level is specified as Confirm in the state-data section.
- The server token in the state-data should be used to send the next input message.
- ACK can be replied to by a remote workstation before the check response requested bit.
- IMS TOC will close the socket after it receives the ACK.
- If the client goes away and the conversation bit is still on before a Commit Confirm is sent, the STOPCLNT command can be used to clear the control block.
- Send-then-commit, sync level=confirm, nonpersistent socket, NAK response

The send-then-commit flow (see Figure 8 on page 9) assumed no synchronization for the transactions as they are processed by IMS. This section shows a flow in which all transactions are confirmed as they are received (each message requests a response).

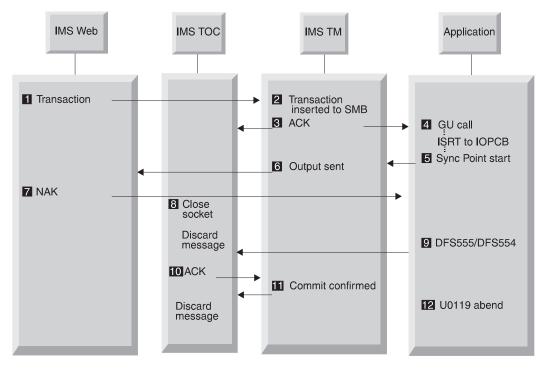


Figure 8. Send-then-commit flow

- Commit Mode 1 is specified in the state-data section of the message prefix.
- The transaction pipe is not synchronized.
- The synchronization level is specified as Confirm in the state-data section.
- The server token in the state-data should be used to send the next input message.
- NAK can be replied to by a remote workstation before the check response requested bit.
- IMS TOC will close the socket after it receives the NAK. The client control block will still be present in IMS TOC.
- IMS sends the DFS555/554 message.
- IMS TOC will ACK the DFS555/554 message and discard it.
- IMS will issue a Commit Confirm to IMS TOC and IMS TOC will discard it.
- If the client forgets to send the NAK/ACK before it closes the socket, IMS TOC will send the NAK to IMS and it will cause a U0119 abend.

Requirement: To support conversations, the user exit routine must also support the above protocol. Check that the EXPREA_CONVERS bit is on.

Send only protocol

· Commit-then-send with commit confirmed flag on

The commit-then-send flow, also known as the IMS standard flow, enqueues IMS output before sending it to the client. However, in this case for non-response transactions, the client does not expect any output from IMS (see Figure 9 on page 10).

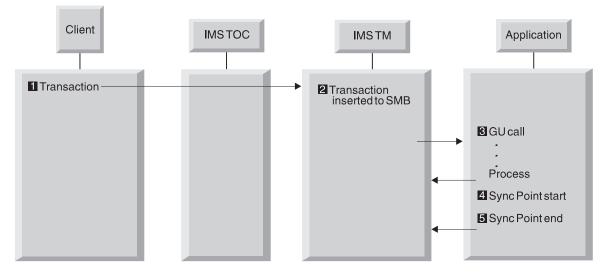


Figure 9. Send only protocol

- · Commit mode 0 is specified in the state-data section of the message prefix.
- The transaction bit and the commit confirmed bit is specified in the control-data section of the message prefix.

Receive only protocol

· Commit-then-send (receive asynchronization output)

The commit-then-send flow, also known as the IMS standard flow, enqueues IMS output before sending it to the client (see Figure 10).

Requirement: Use this protocol with the timeout function, otherwise the client will hang if there is no more message to send.

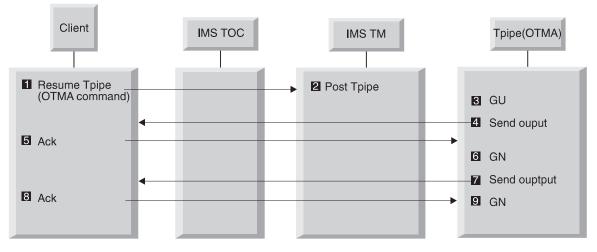


Figure 10. Receive only protocol

The sample flow shown assumes the following:

• The client sends the OTMA command RESUME TPIPE to ask IMS OTMA to post the named Tpipe (the client name).

- The client receives the output from IMS.
- The client sends ACK to IMS (required for commit-then-send).
- The client receives the next output from IMS.
- The client sends ACK to IMS.
- The client waits for the next output from IMS.

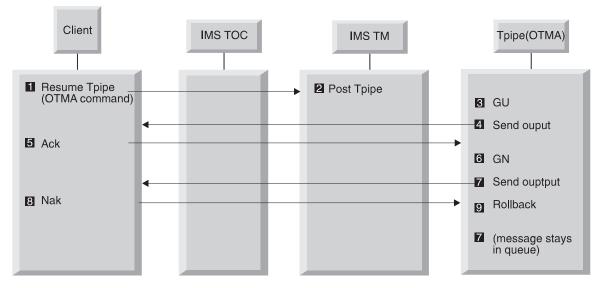


Figure 11. Receive only protocol

- The client sends the OTMA command RESUME TPIPE to ask IMS OTMA to post the named Tpipe (the client name).
- The client receives the output from IMS.
- The client sends ACK to IMS (required for commit-then-send).
- The client receives the next output from IMS.
- The client sends NAK to IMS.
- The message stays in the queue.

Chapter 2. Security support

IMS TOC allows security support by checking the RACF flag. There are two ways to activate the RACF flag:

 You can set the flag in the configuration file, HWSCFG00, by setting the flag to Y as follows:

HWS ID=HWS01 RACF=Y

• You can also use the HWS command, SETRACF, to set the flag as follows: SETRACF ON

To check the setting of the RACF flag, you can issue the VIEW HWS command. After you issue this command, you should see: HWSC0001 HWSID=HW01 RACF=Y

If you turn the RACF flag ON, IMS TOC will call RACROUTE REQUEST=VERIFY to verify a userid and password, the client can encrypt the password and decrypt the password in the user exit routine. HWSWEB00 provides a sample password decryption. (See "HWSWEB00 user message exit" on page 24.) The HWSWEB00 user exit was created for IMS Web to allow you flexibility to do the security checking in the user exit.

Chapter 3. IMS TCP/IP OTMA Connection commands

This section describes the following commands:

- "CLOSEHWS"
- "OPENDS"
- "OPENPORT" on page 16
- "RECORDER" on page 16
- "SETRACF" on page 16
- "STOPCLNT" on page 17
- "STOPDS" on page 17
- "VIEWDS" on page 18
- "VIEWHWS" on page 19
- "VIEWPORT" on page 20

All IMS TCP/IP OTMA Connection commands must be immediately preceded on the command line of the MVS system console by the reply number of the outstanding IMS TOC reply message (for example, *nn*HWSCMD where *nn* is the reply number).

CLOSEHWS

The CLOSEHWS command terminates the IMS TOC.

Parameters

None

Usage All work that is currently in progress, or that is queued for processing, is completed before the IMS TOC is terminated. No new work is accepted after this command has been entered and accepted.

The IMS TOC shuts down in the following order:

- 1. All active units of work for TCP/IP clients/browsers are completed.
- 2. Communication between the IMS TOC and IMS is terminated.
- 3. The IMS TOC terminates.

Example

To close the IMS TOC:

nnCLOSEHWS

OPENDS

The OPENDS command starts communication between the IMS TOC and a datastore.

Parameters

datastore_id

Specifies the name of the datastore. This name must be defined to the IMS TOC through the configuration member HWSCFGxx, and must match one of the IDs that is defined in the DATASTORE configuration statement or statements.

Usage Use this command to reestablish communication with a datastore after communication fails between the IMS TOC and the datastore. For example, use this command to restart communication when all activity for the datastore in the IMS TOC is terminated, or after a STOPDS command has terminated communication with the datastore.

Use the VIEWDS command to display information about datastores if you are not sure about the activity of a particular datastore.

The OPENDS command does not affect a datastore that is already active or a datastore that is not defined to the IMS TOC in the configuration member HWSCFGxx.

Example

To open communication to datastore IMSA: nn0PENDS IMSA

OPENPORT

The OPENPORT command reestablishes IMS TOC communication with TCP/IP to allow listening on TCP/IP ports.

Parameters

portid

Identifies the number of the port to be opened. This port number must match one of the port numbers that is defined in the PORTID substatement of the TCPIP configuration statement in the HWSCFGxx configuration member.

Usage Use this command to reestablish a TCP/IP connection to allow listening on a TCP/IP port. Use this command when communication stops between the IMS TOC and a TCP/IP port, but the IMS TOC has not terminated.

Example

To reestablish the TCP/IP connection between the IMS TOC and port 9999 so that the IMS TOC can listen on that port: nn0PENPORT 9999

RECORDER

The RECORDER command opens and closes the line trace dataset.

Parameters

open

close

Usage Use this command to open or close the line trace dataset, HWSCDRD.

Example

RECORDER OPEN RECORDER CLOSE

SETRACF

The SETRACF command turns on and off the RACF flag.

Parameters

ON/OFF

Identifies if the RACF flag is turned on or off.

Usage To enable or disable the RACF user identification and verification.

Example

To turn on the RACF: nnSETRACF ON

STOPCLNT

The STOPCLNT command immediately terminates communication with a client using a specific TCP/IP port.

Parameters

portid

Identifies the port that the client is using for the TCP/IP connection with the IMS TOC. This port number must match a port number that is defined in the PORTID substatement of the TCPIP configuration statement in the HWSCFGxx configuration member.

clientid

Specifies the name of the client (the client name is dynamically generated by the IMS Web Runtime component).

Usage Work currently in progress for that client is ended.

Use this command whenever a client is unable to accept response messages being sent to it, or when a client is waiting for a nonexistent response message (for example, when an error occurred that caused a response message to be lost before it was sent back to the client).

Use the VIEWPORT command to display the name and state of the client.

Example

To force the IMS TOC to terminate communication with client CLIENT01, who is communicating with the IMS TOC using port 9999: nnSTOPCLNT 9999 CLIENT01

STOPDS

The STOPDS command immediately terminates communication between the IMS TOC and a datastore.

Parameters

datastore_id

Specifies the name of the datastore. This name must match an ID that is defined in a DATASTORE configuration statement of the HWSCFGxx configuration member.

Usage Work currently in progress for a datastore is ended and communications with that datastore and its threads are terminated. Messages that are queued for the datastore are released and the originator of the queued messages is notified. No new messages are accepted after the STOPDS command is accepted.

Use this command to release messages that are queued for an unavailable datastore or for a datastore whose queued work belongs to unavailable clients. It can also be used for any type of error situation that requires immediate termination of communication with a datastore.

Use the OPENDS command to open communication with the datastore at a later time.

Example

To stop communication to datastore IMSA: nnSTOPDS IMSA

STOPPORT

The STOPPORT command immediately terminates listening on a TCP/IP port.

Parameters

portid

Identifies the number of the port on which listening is to stop. This port number must match one of the port numbers that is defined in the PORTID substatement of the TCPIP configuration statement in the HWSCFGxx configuration member.

Usage

Work currently in progress is allowed to continue for existing clients. Only the listening for new request messages on the port is terminated immediately. When existing work has completed, the port is no longer active.

Use the VIEWPORT command to display the state of the port and any clients using that port.

Example

To stop listening on port 9999: nnSTOPPORT 9999

VIEWDS

The VIEWDS command displays the current activity of a datastore.

Parameters

datastore_id

Specifies the name of the datastore for which information is to be displayed or ALL. If a datastore name is used, this name must match the ID parameter of a DATASTORE configuration statement of the HWSCFGxx configuration file and only the information for this datastore is displayed. If ALL is used, information for all datastores that are defined in a DATASTORE configuration statement in the HWSCFGxx configuration member is displayed.

Usage This command displays the current information for one or all datastores. The information displayed for each datastore is:

Datastore Name

Name of the datastore, as defined in the ID substatement of the DATASTORE configuration statement in the IMS TOC configuration member HCTCFGxx.

Status

State of the datastore, ACTIVE, NOT ACTIVE or NOT DEFINED.

Group XCF group name for the group to which the IMS TOC and IMS OTMA belong.

Member

IMS TOC member name in the XCF group listed.

Target Member

IMS OTMA member name in the XCF group listed.

Example

To view the information for a single datastore, IMSA: *nn*VIEWDS IMSA

To view the information for all datastores defined to the IMS TOC: *nn*VIEWDS ALL

VIEWHWS

The VIEWHWS command displays the current activity of the IMS TOC.

Parameters

None.

Usage Information displayed includes:

HWS ID

Name of the IMS TOC, as defined in the ID substatement of the HWS configuration statement in the HWSCFGxx configuration member.

Datastore Name

Name of the datastore, as defined in the ID substatement of the DATASTORE configuration statement in the HWSCFGxx configuration member or No active Datastores.

Status (Datastore)

State of the datastore, whether ACTIVE, NOT ACTIVE or NOT DEFINED.

Group XCF group name for the group to which the IMS TOC and IMS OTMA belong.

Member

IMS TOC member name in the XCF group listed.

Target Member

IMS OTMA member name in the XCF group listed.

Port Identifies the port or ports that are defined in the PORTID substatement of the TCPIP configuration statement in the HWSCFGxx configuration member or No active Ports.

Status (Port)

State of the port, whether ACTIVE or INACTIVE.

Client Specifies the name of the client (the client name is dynamically generated by the IMS Web Server) or NO active Clients.

Status (Client)

State of the client's thread, whether ACTIVE or IDLE.

You can use the VIEWDS command to display information for datastores only or the VIEWPORT command to display information for ports only.

Example

To view the IMS TOC: nnVIEWHWS

VIEWPORT

The VIEWPORT command displays the current activity of a port.

Parameters

portid

Specifies the number of the port for which information is to be displayed or ALL. If a port number is used, this number must match a port number that is defined in the PORT substatement of the TCPIP configuration statement in the HWSCFGxx configuration member and the information is displayed for this port only. If ALL is used, information is displayed for all ports that are defined in the TCPIP configuration statement in the HWSCFGxx configuration member.

Usage Information displayed includes:

Port Identifies the port or ports that are defined in the PORTID substatement of the TCPIP configuration statement in the HWSCFGxx configuration member.

Status (Port)

State of the port, whether ACTIVE or INACTIVE.

Client Specifies the name of the client (the client name is dynamically generated by the IMS Web Runtime component).

Status (Client)

State of the client's thread, whether ACTIVE or IDLE.

Example

To view the information for a single port, 9999: *nn*VIEWPORT 9999

To view the information for all ports defined to the IMS TOC: *nn*VIEWPORT ALL

Chapter 4. IMS client for Java

This section describes the contents of JAVASAMP.exe and how to run the sample Java client. Refer to the *IMS TCP/IP OTMA Connection User's Guide* for downloading and installation instructions, as well as how to modify the Java client.

Contents of JAVASAMP.exe

JAVASAMP.exe is a self-extracting, compressed file (see the attention statement in the next paragraph) that contains a sample Java client along with documentation. JAVASAMP.exe is packaged with IMS TCP/IP OTMA Connection (IMS TOC) in HWSMH*vrm*.exe, where *vrm* represents the level (version, release, modification) of IMS TCP/IP OTMA Connection. This sample client for Java consists of code used to prepare a Java program that accesses IMS applications and data.

Attention: IMS TOC and the IMS Client for Java sample program are packaged using Info-ZIP's compression utility to create a self-extracting executable archive (zip) file. This program uses UnZip internally to extract the archived files. Info-ZIP's software (Zip, UnZip and related utilities) is free and can be obtained as source code or executables from various anonymous-ftp sites, including ftp.uu.net:/pub/archiving/zip/* or from the Web at http://www.cdrom.com/pub/infozip/.

Requirement: Both IMS Version 5 OTMA and the IMS TCP/IP OTMA Connection are prerequisites to using the sample.

The client source code is written in Java and includes the following files:

- · ClientLauncher.java
- ClientLauncherApplet.java
- ClientLauncherFrame.java
- · FrameInput.java
- CanvasAbout.java
- · IMSCanvas.java
- SampleTran.java
- AboutDialog.java
- · QuitDialog.java

The following files are also contained in the JAVASAMP file:

- ClientLauncher.html
- ims2.gif (used by the applet)

The documentation files are:

- JavaSampleChanges.text
- JavaSampleChanges.html
- JavaSampleInstallation.text
- JavaSampleInstallation.html

Running the sample Java client

You can use the sample Java program as a Java applet or a Java application, depending on how you start it. The overhead of implementing Java clients in this way is minor, compared with the benefits.

In order for Java to run correctly on NT when a Netscape browser is used, you must define a user variable in your NT environment, as follows: CLASSPATH=.;

Requirement: If you want to run the Java client as an applet, it must be loaded from the machine to which you want to connect even if the Web browser you are going to use to view the applet in on a remote machine.

Running the client as a Java application

In order to run the sample Java client as an application, you must have installed the Java Development Kit on your workstation. After the sample Java source code has been compiled, enter java ClientLauncher at a command line prompt to run the sample client as a Java application.

Running a client applet locally

Open ClientLauncher.html as a local file from a Java-enabled Web browser that supports JDK 1.1.3 and an applet for socket codes.

Running the client as a remote applet

Before you can run the sample Java client as a remote applet, your Internet server must be running on the host where the IMS TCP/IP OTMA Connection is running (must have the same MVS image). Copy all class, .gif, and .html files to your MVS Internet Connection Server html directory in the same MVS image where the IMS TCP/IP OTMA Connection is running, and then bring up the ClientLauncher (ClientLauncher.html) in a Java-enabled Web browser.

ClientLauncher starts a new Transaction Input client frame every time you click the Start A Client button. If you start more than one client windows, the newer windows hide the existing client window. All of these client frame windows run independently, so you must close each window individually if you are running the sample Java client as an applet. If you are running the sample client as a Java application, you can either close the client frame windows individually (as you must do if the sample Java client is running as an applet) or all at the same time by closing the original window (the ClientLauncher running as an application). When you close the ClientLauncher application, all client frame windows that were generated by that application close automatically.

Chapter 5. User message exits for IMS TOC

Three message exits are provided with IMS TOC. Each of the message exits allows you to call IMSSEC, the security message exit, issue the RACF function in these user message exit routines, or use the IMS TOC user RACF function.

HWSIMSO0 user message exit

HWSIMSO0 is shipped as object code only (OCO) with IMS TOC. The message exit is shipped as OCO to allow IMS TOC and the user message exit provided by TCP/IP to be able to stay in sync without requiring an upgrade of both products at the same time when message exit functions change. If the installation uses this message exit as its default, you must concatenate the RESLIB that contains the IMS TOC-supplied message exit in front of the TCP/IP RESLIB to ensure the correct message exit is used.

Recommendation: If the HWSIMSO0 user message exit does not provide the installation options, modify and use HWSSMPL0. See the *IMS TCP/IP OTMA Connection User's Guide and Reference* for information about installing this message exit.

The HWSIMSO0 user message exit provides the following functions:

- Performs data translation of ASCII to EBCDIC for input messages.
- · Performs data translation of EBCDIC to ASCII for output messages.
- Builds the IMS TOC message structure (BPE and OTMA headers).
- If IMSSEC (the security message exit) is link-edited with this message exit then the security message exit is called.
- Defaults to COMMIT MODE=1.
- Defaults to SYNC LEVEL=NONE.
- Sets up RACF options.
- Analyzes the following message header options:
 - COMMIT MODE to override default.
 - SYNC LEVEL to override default.
 - MFS MOD name.
 - ACK/NACK/DEALLOCATE.
 - RACF options.
 - If no Client ID is passed to the exit, the message exit will generate the Client ID.

Restriction: Do not use the TCP/IP supplied message exit (EZAIMSO0) for IMS TOC 2.1 or later. This message exit does not support IMS TOC 2.1 or later.

If any errors occur with the TCP/IP translate table, report those problems to TCP/IP and notify them of the TCP/IP release you are currently using. When corrections have been made to the translate table, simply relink-edit this exit to pick up the corrected translate tables. If any errors occur with the IMS TOC user message exit (HWSIMSO0) code, report those problems to IMS TOC for corrections.

HWSWEB00 user message exit

HWSWEB00 and the related MACROS are shipped as source code. The reason this message exit is shipped as source code is to allow you the ability to modify the message exit for installation uniqueness.

HWSWEB00 provides two password decryption methods:

- Text string decryption
- Binary number decryption

If you choose to use the IMS Web Runtime default encryption method, you must enable one of the decryption methods in this exit. The default for the exit is password decryption disabled. You can also replace the default encryption method with your own method.

Requirement: HWSWEB00 is the user message exit for IMS Web. If you change the IMS Web workstation security, be sure and change this message exit too.

See the *IMS TCP/IP OTMA Connection User's Guide and Reference* for information about installing this message exit.

HWSSMPL0 user message exit

HWSSMPL0 and the related MACROS are shipped as source code. The reason this message exit is shipped as source code is to allow you the ability to modify the message exit for installation uniqueness.

See the *IMS TCP/IP OTMA Connection User's Guide and Reference* for information about installing this message exit.

The HWSSMPL0 user message exit provides the following functions:

- Performs data translation of ASCII to EBCDIC for input messages.
- Performs data translation of EBCDIC to ASCII for output messages.
- Builds the IMS TOC message structure (BPE and OTMA headers).
- If IMSSEC (the security message exit) is link-edited with this message exit then the security message exit is called.
- Defaults to COMMIT MODE=1.
- Defaults to SYNC LEVEL=NONE.
- Sets up RACF options.
- · Analyzes the following message header options:
 - COMMIT MODE to override default.
 - SYNC LEVEL to override default.
 - MFS MOD name.
 - ACK/NACK/DEALLOCATE.
 - RACF options.
 - If no Client ID is passed to the exit, the message exit will generate the Client ID.

HWSJAVA0 user message exit

HWSJAVA0 and the related macros are shipped as source code. The reason this message exit is shipped as source code is to allow you the ability to modify the message exit for installation uniqueness. This exit gives you the flexibility to exit your messages and do your own security checking.

See the *IMS TCP/IP OTMA Connection User's Guide and Reference* for information about installing this message exit.

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