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Preface

TIBCO Rendezvous® is a messaging infrastructure product.

TIBCO is proud to announce the latest release of TIBCO Rendezvous®. This release is the latest in a long history of TIBCO products that leverage the power of the Information Bus® to enable truly event-driven IT environments. To find out more about how TIBCO Rendezvous and other TIBCO products are powered by TIB® technology, please visit us at www.tibco.com.

This manual describes the TIBCO Rendezvous API for COM and programming systems that use COM. It is part of the documentation set for Rendezvous Software Release 8.4.0.

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Manual Organization

The organization of this book mirrors the underlying object structure of the Rendezvous COM component. Each chapter describes a group of closely related objects and the methods that pertain to them.

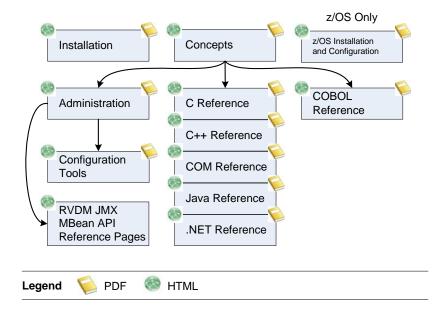
Within each object, methods appear in alphabetical order.

Related Documentation

This section lists documentation resources you may find useful.

TIBCO Rendezvous Documentation

The documentation road map shows the relationships between the books and online references in this product's documentation set.



The following documents form the Rendezvous documentation set:

TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

Read this book first. It contains basic information about Rendezvous components, principles of operation, programming constructs and techniques, advisory messages, and a glossary. All other books in the documentation set refer to concepts explained in this book.

TIBCO Rendezvous C Reference

Detailed descriptions of each datatype and function in the Rendezvous C API. Readers should already be familiar with the C programming language, as well as the material in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.

TIBCO Rendezvous C++ Reference

Detailed descriptions of each class and method in the Rendezvous C++ API. The C++ API uses some datatypes and functions from the C API, so we recommend the TIBCO Rendezvous C Reference as an additional resource. Readers should already be familiar with the C++ programming language, as well as the material in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.

TIBCO Rendezvous Java Reference

Detailed descriptions of each class and method in the Rendezvous Java language interface. Readers should already be familiar with the Java programming language, as well as the material in *TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts*.

TIBCO Rendezvous .NET Reference

Detailed descriptions of each class and method in the Rendezvous .NET interface. Readers should already be familiar with either C# or Visual Basic .NET, as well as the material in *TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts*.

TIBCO Rendezvous COM Reference

Detailed descriptions of each class and method in the Rendezvous COM component. Readers should already be familiar with the programming environment that uses COM and OLE automation interfaces, as well as the material in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.

TIBCO Rendezvous Administration

Begins with a checklist of action items for system and network administrators. This book describes the mechanics of Rendezvous licensing, network details, plus a chapter for each component of the Rendezvous software suite. Readers should have TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts at hand for reference.

• TIBCO Rendezvous Configuration Tools

Detailed descriptions of each Java class and method in the Rendezvous configuration API, plus a command line tool that can generate and apply XML documents representing component configurations. Readers should already be familiar with the Java programming language, as well as the material in TIBCO Rendezvous Administration.

TIBCO Rendezvous Installation

Includes step-by-step instructions for installing Rendezvous software on various operating system platforms.

TIBCO Rendezvous Release Notes

Lists new features, changes in functionality, deprecated features, migration and compatibility information, closed issues and known issues.

Typographical Conventions

The following typographical conventions are used in this manual.

Table 1 General Typographical Conventions

Convention	llee.
Convention	Use
TIBCO_HOME	Many TIBCO products must be installed within the same home directory. This
ENV_HOME	directory is referenced in documentation as <i>TIBCO_HOME</i> . The value of <i>TIBCO_HOME</i> depends on the operating system. For example, on Windows
TIBRV_HOME	systems, the default value is C:\tibco.
	Other TIBCO products are installed into an <i>installation environment</i> . Incompatible products and multiple instances of the same product are installed into different installation environments. An environment home directory is referenced in documentation as <i>ENV_HOME</i> . The default value of <i>ENV_HOME</i> depends on the operating system. For example, on Windows systems the default value is C:\tibco.
	TIBCO Rendezvous installs into a version-specific directory inside <i>TIBCO_HOME</i> . This directory is referenced in documentation as <i>TIBRV_HOME</i> . The value of <i>TIBRV_HOME</i> depends on the operating system. For example on Windows systems, the default value is C:\tibco\rv\8.4.
code font	Code font identifies commands, code examples, filenames, pathnames, and output displayed in a command window. For example:
	Use MyCommand to start the foo process.
bold code	Bold code font is used in the following ways:
font	• In procedures, to indicate what a user types. For example: Type admin.
	 In large code samples, to indicate the parts of the sample that are of particular interest.
	 In command syntax, to indicate the default parameter for a command. For example, if no parameter is specified, MyCommand is enabled: MyCommand [enable disable]

 $Table\ 1\quad General\ Typographical\ Conventions\ (Cont'd)$

Convention	Use
italic font	Italic font is used in the following ways:
	• To indicate a document title. For example: See TIBCO FTL Concepts.
	 To introduce new terms For example: A portal page may contain several portlets. Portlets are mini-applications that run in a portal.
	 To indicate a variable in a command or code syntax that you must replace. For example: MyCommand PathName
Key combinations	Key name separated by a plus sign indicate keys pressed simultaneously. For example: Ctrl+C.
	Key names separated by a comma and space indicate keys pressed one after the other. For example: Esc, Ctrl+Q.
	The note icon indicates information that is of special interest or importance, for example, an additional action required only in certain circumstances.
**	The tip icon indicates an idea that could be useful, for example, a way to apply the information provided in the current section to achieve a specific result.
Λ	The warning icon indicates the potential for a damaging situation, for example, data loss or corruption if certain steps are taken or not taken.

Table 2 Syntax Typographical Conventions

Convention	Use
[]	An optional item in a command or code syntax.
	For example:
	MyCommand [optional_parameter] required_parameter
I	A logical OR that separates multiple items of which only one may be chosen.
	For example, you can select only one of the following parameters:
	MyCommand para1 param2 param3

Table 2 Syntax Typographical Conventions

Convention	Use
{ }	A logical group of items in a command. Other syntax notations may appear within each logical group.
	For example, the following command requires two parameters, which can be either the pair param1 and param2, or the pair param3 and param4.
	<pre>MyCommand {param1 param2} {param3 param4}</pre>
	In the next example, the command requires two parameters. The first parameter can be either param1 or param2 and the second can be either param3 or param4:
	MyCommand {param1 param2} {param3 param4}
	In the next example, the command can accept either two or three parameters. The first parameter must be param1. You can optionally include param2 as the second parameter. And the last parameter is either param3 or param4.
	MyCommand param1 [param2] {param3 param4}

Connecting with TIBCO Resources

How to Join TIBCOmmunity

TIBCOmmunity is an online destination for TIBCO customers, partners, and resident experts. It is a place to share and access the collective experience of the TIBCO community. TIBCOmmunity offers forums, blogs, and access to a variety of resources. To register, go to http://www.tibcommunity.com.

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Entry to this site requires a user name and password. If you do not have a user name, you can request one.

This chapter presents concepts specific to the TIBCO Rendezvous $^{\mathbb{R}}$ COM component. For concepts that pertain to Rendezvous software in general, see the book *TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts*.

Topics

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- Programming Environments, page 3
- Objects, page 4
- Callback Methods and Event Handlers, page 6
- Strings and Character Encodings, page 7
- Numeric Datatypes and Arrays, page 8
- Date and Time, page 9
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General Description

The Rendezvous COM component is a set of COM automation objects that allow a variety of programming language environments to access Rendezvous message middleware. The Rendezvous COM component supports several qualities of Rendezvous service—ordinary messages, fault tolerance, certified message delivery, and distributed queues.

The range of programming environments includes Visual Basic, Delphi, Visual C++, J++, Microsoft Office products, as well as scripts in Internet Explorer and Active Server Pages.

The automation objects feature dual interfaces—a custom vtable interface (for most programming languages, including Visual Basic) and a dispatch table interface (for scripting environments).



TIBCO Rendezvous no longer adds new features to the Microsoft COM interface.

However, we continue to maintain a COM interface to support legacy applications.

Programming Environments

This document is oriented toward programmers using the Visual Basic (VB) programming environment. This book presents method names using VB dot notation, and code fragments using VB syntax. It is also possible to use Rendezvous COM in other environments that accept COM components.

The release contains example programs for several environments—such as VB, Excel (VBA), VBScript, and JavaScript—however, the examples are not exhaustive.

Constants

The Rendezvous component defines all constants using enumerators in the type library. These constants are available in all programming environments.

To view these constants in VB, use the object browser.

Constants include message datatypes, queue limit policies, queue default priority, fault tolerance actions, distributed queue constants, queue dispatch constants, and error status codes.

Object Safety in Scripting Environments

Scripts can use the Rendezvous COM component without explicit confirmation in the object safety dialog box.

Certified delivery transports can write data to their ledger files. This is the only situation in which the Rendezvous component makes permanent changes to the host system.

Events in Excel

Excel drops events during certain operations (for example, while calculating a spreadsheet or editing a sheet). This behavior can result in missed Rendezvous messages and timer events.

Error Handling

See Error Overview on page 290.

Objects

This COM component implements Rendezvous objects in two layers. Each COM object is an outer shell, with a corresponding internal implementation object.

Programs create the outer object using the techniques of the programming environment, such as the New or CreateObject methods. Programs initialize the internal implementation using the Create method of the object class.

Once an object's internal structure is initialized, we say that the outer COM object is valid.

Programs can delete the internal implementation (which stops its activity) by using the Destroy method of an outer COM object. However, destroying the object in this way affects only the inner structure (in this situation we say that the remaining outer object is *invalid*). In contrast, VB programs delete an outer object by severing all references to it; to sever a variable reference, either set the object variable to Nothing, or exit the scope of the variable. (Other programming languages use similar constructs.) As a side effect of deleting the outer object, the inner object is also tacitly destroyed.

Creation

Object creation involves three steps—declare a variable, create the outer COM object, create the inner structure. To illustrate, these examples create message objects (the sequence is analogous for other objects).

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To create an empty message object in a VB program, use this sequence:
    Dim myMsg as TibrvMsg 'Declare the variable
    set myMsg = new TibrvMsg 'Create the COM shell object
    myMsg.create
                                 'Init the internal message
structure
To create an empty message object in VBScript, use this sequence:
    Dim myMsg as Object
                                 'Declare the variable
    set myMsg = CreateObject("TIBRVCOM.TibrvMsg") 'Create the
COM obj
                                 'Init the internal message
   myMsg.create
structure
To create an empty message object in JavaScript, use this sequence:
                                 //Declare the variable
   msg = new ActiveXObject("TIBRVCOM.TibRvMsg"); //Create the
JS/COM obj
                                 //Init the internal message
   msg.create();
structure
```

Deletion

VB program code can delete an object by severing *all* variable references to it. Sever each variable reference in one of two ways:

- Explicit—set the variable to Nothing.
- Implicit—exit the scope of the variable.

Calling methods of a variable that is set to Nothing can yield error 91.

Destroy Method

The destroy method invalidates the internal implementation of an object. The outer object remains as an empty shell.

A program may call the destroy method of an object more than once without error.

Validity

The isValid method tests the validity of an object. If its internal implementation is intact, then it is valid. (In contrast, checking that the value of a variable is not Nothing merely tests that the variable refers to an outer object.)

Calling any *other* methods of an object that is invalid yields the error TIBRVCOM_NOT_INITIALIZED. Conversely, calling the create method on a valid object yields the error TIBRVCOM_ALREADY_INITIALIZED.

Callback Methods and Event Handlers

Event processing in COM is more complicated than in other supported languages in the Rendezvous software family.

In the other languages, dispatching an event object triggers Rendezvous software to call back into your program code—invoking a callback method (or callback function) to process the event.

In COM, dispatching an event object triggers a longer sequence. That is, dispatch triggers a callback in the tibrycom DLL, which fires a COM event, which in turn invokes the program's event handler method (which is associated with the event object). For consistency with other languages, this manual uses the term *callback method* to refer to that event handler method—even though (strictly speaking) COM cannot directly call back into the program.

Limitations

In the single-threaded apartment model (STA), the Rendezvous component does not trigger dispatch while a program callback method is already running. Visual Basic is subject to this limitation.

This restriction does not apply in the multi-threaded apartment model (MTA).

Strings and Character Encodings

Rendezvous software uses strings in several roles:

- String data inside message fields
- Field names
- Subject names (and other associated strings that are not strictly inside the message)
- Certified delivery (CM) correspondent names
- Group names (fault tolerance)

These strings exist in two representations:

- VB and COM BSTRs (binary strings) use the Unicode 2-byte character set (also called wide characters).
- Rendezvous wire format (internal implementation) uses the character encoding appropriate to the locale (that is, the system default ANSI code page associated with the default language installed on the computer).

For example, the United States is locale English_USA.1252, and uses the Latin-1 character encoding (also called ISO 8859-1); Japan is locale Japanese_Japan.932, and uses the Shift-JIS character encoding.

These strings can use either 1-byte or 2-byte character sets.

Rendezvous strings must not contain any null characters. (Rendezvous software could truncate strings with embedded null characters. COM software stops processing BSTRs at the first null character.)

When two programs exchange messages within the same locale, the automatic translation between these two representations is correct. However, when a message sender and receiver use different locales, the receiving program must retranslate between code pages as needed.

Numeric Datatypes and Arrays

In many cases, Rendezvous methods present numeric data using a larger datatype. For example, field identifiers are limited to the range of 16-bit unsigned integers, but COM methods present them as 32-bit signed integers (with zeroes padding the high 16 bits). For details, see Decoding and Type Conversion on page 56.

Some methods use 64-bit integer data (for example, TibrvMsg.getProperty() can extract a CM sequence number). The Rendezvous COM component represents such values using the object TibrvInt64.

The Rendezvous COM component does not support arrays in scripting languages, such as VBScript and JavaScript.

Date and Time

Programs represent date and time values as a VB Date, or as a Object that contains a Date.

Rendezvous does not do time zone conversions, which are the responsibility of sending and receiving programs.

When printing time values, TibrvMsg.toString() treats all date and time values as UTC time; for more information, see Converting Dates to Strings on page 88.

The range of the VB type Date is from January 1, 100 to December 31, 9999. Notice that this range is narrower than the range for the corresponding Rendezvous type TIBRVCOM_MSG_DATETIME.

See Also DateTime Format, page 77 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

Closure Data

Several object creation calls require a closure argument. These methods store the closure data on the object, and pass it to the callback method.

The closure data is an Object.

Multi-Threading

Table 3 compares the two models for multi-thread behavior in COM. Rendezvous 7.0 (and later) supports both models. Rendezvous objects are thread-safe in either model.

Table 3 Thread Models

Apartment Model	Free Thread Model		
Single-threaded apartments (STA)	Multi-threaded apartments (MTA)		
Restrictions			
Programs using this model require the Windows message queue.	Programs must <i>not</i> use a GUI in threads that use this model.		
Windows GUI programs automatically administer the Windows message queue. Use this model in the GUI thread.	Such programs can <i>not</i> use the Rendezvous automatic dispatch queue group; instead, they must <i>explicitly</i> dispatch Rendezvous events.		
Such programs can use the Rendezvous automatic dispatch queue group.	, , ,		

Tibrv.getAutoDispatchQueueGroup() on page 20 See Also

Chapter 2 **Programmer's Checklist**

Topics

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- Referencing the Rendezvous COM Component, page 15
- Shared Library Files, page 16

Checklist

Developers of Rendezvous programs can use this checklist during the three phases of the development cycle: installing Rendezvous software, coding your program, and running your program.

Install

- Install the Rendezvous software release.
- Register (only one) Rendezvous component in the Windows registry, using either these commands:

```
regsvr32 path\bin\tibrvcom.dll
regsvr32 path\bin\tibrvsdcom.dll
```

Code

- The project must set a reference to the Rendezvous component; see Referencing the Rendezvous COM Component on page 15.
- Excel programs (and other applications that use VBA) must enable macros in order to execute code using the Rendezvous component.
- The type library contains constant definitions that are available in all programming environments. To view these constants in VB, use the object browser. Select the appropriate constant library for your program (one includes secure daemon features, the other does not).

Run

- rvd must be in one of the path directories.
- rvd requires valid licensing. See Licensing Information on page 11 in TIBCO Rendezvous Administration.

Referencing the Rendezvous COM Component

This Rendezvous COM component is *not* an ActiveX control (in contrast, in release 5 and earlier, it was packaged as a control). As a result, programmers no longer create control objects in forms using drag-and-drop gestures from the control tool in the programming environment. Instead, programmers set the project to reference this component.

Select the Appropriate Component

Reference *only one* of these two components:

- TIBCO Rendezvous TibrvCOM *m.n* Type Library—for programs that connect to ordinary daemons (rvd, rvrd).
- TIBCO Rendezvous Secure Daemon TibrvsdCOM m.n Type Library—for programs that connect to secure daemons (rvsd, rvsrd) using SSL. For further details, see TibrvSdContext on page 26.

VB

For example, in VB, select **Project>References...** In the resulting dialog box, check either the item TibrvCOM or the item TibrvsdCOM—but not both simultaneously. Visual Basic reads the type library to define all the objects, constants and capabilities of the Rendezvous component.

Excel

For example, in Excel, select **Tools>References...** In the resulting dialog box, check either the item TibrvCOM or the item TibrvsdCOM—but not both simultaneously. Excel reads the type library to define all the objects, constants and capabilities of the Rendezvous component.

Shared Library Files

VB Programs must be able to access Rendezvous shared library files (C libraries). Table 4 details the environment variables that direct VB programs to the Rendezvous installation directory. The installation directory must contain the required shared library files.

Table 4 Environment Variables for Shared Library Files

Platform	Environment Variable
Windows	PATH must include \install_dir\bin
	The installation procedure sets this variable automatically.

Chapter 3 Rendezvous Environment

This chapter describes the methods related to the internal machinery upon which Rendezvous software depends.

Topics

- Tibrv, page 18
- TibrvSdContext, page 26

Tibrv

Class

The Rendezvous environment. Purpose

Remarks Each program creates only one instance of Tibrv, and uses its methods to open

and close the Rendezvous environment, refer to Rendezvous resources, and

extract version information.

All other objects require an open Tibry environment, and are inoperative when the environment is not open. The only exceptions to this rule are the objects defined in Chapter 4, Data, on page 33 (namely, TibrvMsg, TibrvMsgField, and

TibrvInt64).

Method	Description	Page
Open and Close		
Tibrv.open	Start Rendezvous internal machinery.	25
Tibrv.close	Stop and destroy Rendezvous internal machinery.	19
Tibrv.isOpen()	Determine whether the Rendezvous machinery is open.	24
Accessors		
Tibrv.getAutoDispatchQueueGroup()	Return a reference to the automatic dispatch queue group object.	20
Tibrv.getDefaultQueue()	Return a reference to the default queue object.	21
Tibrv.getProcessTransport()	Return a reference to the intra-process transport object.	22
<pre>Tibrv.getVersion() Tibrv.getCmVersion() Tibrv.getFtVersion()</pre>	Return the version string.	23

Tibrv.close

Method

Declaration Tibry.close

> Purpose Stop and destroy Rendezvous internal machinery.

Remarks After Tibry. close destroys the internal machinery, Rendezvous software becomes inoperative:

- Events no longer arrive in queues.
- All events, queues and queue groups are unusable, so programs can no longer dispatch events.
- All transports are unusable, so programs can no longer send outbound messages.

After closing a Tibry object, all events, transports, queues and queue groups associated with that environment are invalid; all calls to any methods of these objects will fail.

Reference Count

A reference count protects against interactions between programs and third-party packages that call Tibry.open and Tibry.close. Each call to Tibry.open increments an internal counter; each call to Tibry. close decrements that counter. A call to Tibry. open actually creates internal machinery only when the reference counter is zero; subsequent calls merely increment the counter, but do not duplicate the machinery. A call to Tibrv. close actually destroys the internal machinery only when the call decrements the counter to zero; other calls merely decrement the counter. In each program, the number of calls to Tibrv. open and Tibry, close must match.

To ascertain the actual state of the internal machinery, use Tibrv.isOpen() on page 24.

See Also Tibrv.open on page 25

Tibrv.getAutoDispatchQueueGroup()

Method

Declaration set autoDispatchGroup = Tibrv.getAutoDispatchQueueGroup()

Purpose Return a reference to the automatic dispatch queue group object.

Remarks This method returns a special queue group, which detects the presence of an event in any of its queues, and automatically dispatches the queues (according to their priority) until no more events are waiting.

To automatically dispatch a queue, add it to this queue group.

To disable automatic dispatch of queue, remove it from this group, and arrange explicit dispatch calls instead. (It is crucial to dispatch all queues promptly otherwise queues can overflow or discard events. A queue without a discard limit can cause the program to exceed available process storage.)

The automatic dispatch queue group is a convenience for programmers developing GUI applications. GUI programs operate best with automatic event dispatch. We do not recommend using explicit dispatch in GUI application programs; see also Multi-Threading on page 11.

Each process can have at most one automatic dispatch queue group. A program can use this queue group in at most one (STA) thread. Programs cannot destroy this queue group.

If Rendezvous is not open, this method throws the error TIBRVCOM_TIBRV_NOT_OPEN.

Parameter	Description
autoDispatchGroup	TibrvQueueGroup
	Return the automatic dispatch queue group.



Automatic dispatch continues until all the queues in this group are empty. During that time, COM does not service GUI events.

VB GUI programs can ameliorate that difficulty by including DoEvents statements in callback methods—but this solution requires attention to reentrance issues.

See Also

TibryQueue on page 133 TibrvQueueGroup on page 151 TibrvQueueGroup.add on page 153 TibrvQueueGroup.remove on page 159

Tibrv.getDefaultQueue()

Method

Declaration set defaultQueue = Tibrv.getDefaultQueue()

Purpose Return a reference to the default queue object.

If Rendezvous is not open, this method reports the error Remarks TIBRVCOM_TIBRV_NOT_OPEN, and returns a null object.

> Each process has exactly one default queue. Tibrv. open automatically creates the default queue. Programs cannot destroy the default queue.

Parameter	Description
defaultQueue	TibrvQueue
	Return the default queue.

See Also TibrvQueue on page 133

Tibrv.getProcessTransport()

Method

Declaration set processTransport = Tibrv.getProcessTransport()

Purpose Return a reference to the intra-process transport object.

Remarks A program can use the intra-process transport to send messages to itself.

> If Rendezvous is not open, this method reports the error TIBRVCOM_TIBRV_NOT_OPEN, and returns a null object.

Each process has exactly one intra-process transport. Tibrv.open automatically creates it. Programs cannot destroy the intra-process transport.

Parameter	Description
processTransport	TibrvTransport
	Return the intra-process transport.

TibrvTransport on page 164 See Also

Tibrv.getVersion()

Method

Declaration version = Tibrv.getVersion() version = Tibrv.getCmVersion() version = Tibrv.getFtVersion()

Return the version string. Purpose

Remarks

getVersion() returns the version numbers of the Rendezvous COM component and the underlying C implementation of the core library.

getCmVersion() returns the version number of the underlying C implementation of the certified delivery library.

getFtVersion() returns the version number of the underlying C implementation of the fault tolerance library.

Version strings use this template:

TibrvCOM Component Version a.b.c using C API version x.y.z

It is important that *x.y* represent a DLL at least as recent as the component *a.b.* If not, you must reinstall a later version of Rendezvous software.

Parameter	Description
version	String
	Return a string describing the software version numbers.

Tibrv.isOpen()

Method

Declaration open = Tibrv.isOpen()

Purpose Determine whether the Rendezvous machinery is open.

Remarks This method returns True after the method Tibrv. open has returned successfully.

> Otherwise this method returns False. The value False usually indicates one of these situations:

- The program has not opened the Rendezvous environment.
- Attempts to open the environment failed.
- The environment was open, but the program closed it with Tibrv.close.

Parameter	Description
open	Boolean
	Return a state indicator.

See Also

Tibrv.open on page 25 Tibrv.close on page 19

Tibrv.open

Method

Declaration Tibrv.open

> Purpose Start Rendezvous internal machinery.

Remarks This call creates the internal machinery that Rendezvous software requires for its operation:

- Internal data structures.
- Default event queue.
- Intra-process transport.
- Event driver.

Until the first call to Tibry. open creates the internal machinery, all events, transports, queues and queue groups are unusable. Messages and their methods do not depend on the internal machinery.

Reference Count

A reference count protects against interactions between programs and third-party packages that call Tibry.open and Tibry.close. Each call to Tibry.open increments an internal counter; each call to Tibry.close decrements that counter. A call to Tibry. open actually creates internal machinery only when the reference counter is zero; subsequent calls merely increment the counter, but do not duplicate the machinery. A call to Tibry. close actually destroys the internal machinery only when the call decrements the counter to zero; other calls merely decrement the counter. In each program, the number of calls to Tibry. open and Tibry, close must match.

See Also Tibrv.close on page 19

TibrvSdContext

Class

Purpose This class defines static methods for interacting with secure Rendezvous

daemons.

Remarks Each program creates only one instance of TibrvSdContext, and uses its static

methods to configure user names, passwords and certificates, and to register trust

in daemon certificates.



Before using any methods of this class, ensure that your programming environment reference the secure daemon TibrvsdCOM component; see Referencing the Rendezvous COM Component on page 15.

Programs that use methods of this class must also use the type library Secure Daemon TIBRVSDCOMLib (rather than TIBRVCOMLib) when defining callback methods.

Method	Description	Page
TibrvSdContext.setDaemonCert()	Register trust in a secure daemon.	27
TibrvSdContext.setUserCertWithKey()	Register a (PEM) certificate with private key for identification to secure daemons.	29
TibrvSdContext.setUserCertWithKeyBin()	Register a (PKCS #12) certificate with private key for identification to secure daemons.	30
TibrvSdContext.setUserNameWithPassword()	Register a user name with password for identification to secure daemons.	32

TibrvSdContext.setDaemonCert()

Method

Declaration TibrvSdContext.setDaemonCert daemonName, daemonCert

Purpose Register trust in a secure daemon.

> When any program transport connects to a secure daemon, it verifies the daemon's identity using SSL protocols. Certificates registered using this method identify trustworthy daemons. Programs divulge user names and passwords to daemons that present registered certificates.

Parameter	Description
daemonName	String
	Register a certificate for a secure daemon with this name. For the syntax and semantics of this parameter, see Daemon Name, below.
daemonCert	String
	Register this public certificate. The text of this certificate must be in PEM encoding. See also Certificate on page 28.

Daemon Name

Remarks

The daemon name is a three-part string of the form:

ssl:host:port_number

This string must be identical to the string you supply as the daemon argument to the transport creation call; see Tibry Transport create on page 166.

Colon characters (:) separate the three parts.

ssl indicates the protocol to use when attempting to connect to the daemon.

host indicates the host computer of the secure daemon. You can specify this host either as a network IP address, or a hostname. Omitting this part specifies the local host.

port_number specifies the port number where the secure daemon listens for SSL connections.

(This syntax is similar to the syntax connecting to remote daemons, with the addition of the prefix ssl.)

In place of this three-part string, you can also supply the null string (vbNullString). This form lets you register a catch-all certificate that applies to any secure daemon for which you have not explicitly registered another certificate. For example, you might use this form when several secure daemons share the same certificate.

Certificate

For important details, see CA-Signed Certificates on page 177 in TIBCO Rendezvous Administration.

In place of an actual certificate, you can also supply the null string (vbNullString). The program accepts any certificate from the named secure daemon. For example, you might use this form when testing a secure daemon configuration, before generating any actual certificates.

Any Name and **Any Certificate**

Notice that supplying the null string (vbNullString) as either argument eliminates one of the two security checks before transmitting sensitive identification data to a secure daemon. We strongly discourage using the null string for both parameters simultaneously, because that would eliminate all security checks, leaving the program vulnerable to unauthorized daemons.

See Also TibrvSdContext on page 26

TibrvSdContext.setUserCertWithKey()

Method

Declaration

TibrvSdContext.setUserCertWithKey userCertWithKey, password

Purpose

Register a (PEM) certificate with private key for identification to secure daemons.

Remarks

When any program transport connects to a secure daemon, the daemon verifies the program's identity using SSL protocols.

The Rendezvous API includes two methods that achieve similar effects:

- This call accepts a certificate in PEM text format.
- TibrvSdContext.setUserCertWithKeyBin() accepts a certificate in PKCS #12 binary format.

Parameter	Description
userCertWithKey	String
	Register this user certificate with private key. The text of this certificate must be in PEM encoding.
password	String
	Use this password to decrypt the private key.



For important information about password security, see Security Factors on page 177 in TIBCO Rendezvous Administration.

CA-Signed Certificate

You can also supply a certificate signed by a certificate authority (CA). To use a CA-signed certificate, you must supply not only the certificate and private key, but also the CA's public certificate (or a chain of such certificates). Concatenate these items in one string. For important details, see CA-Signed Certificates on page 177 in TIBCO Rendezvous Administration.

Exceptions

An exception that reports status TIBRVCOM_INVALID_FILE can indicate either disk I/O failure, or invalid certificate data, or an incorrect password.

See Also

TibrvSdContext on page 26 TibrvSdContext.setUserCertWithKeyBin() on page 30

TibrvSdContext.setUserCertWithKeyBin()

Method

Declaration TibrvSdContext.setUserCertWithKeyBin

> userCertWithKey, userCertWithKey_size,

password

Purpose Register a (PKCS #12) certificate with private key for identification to secure

daemons.

Remarks When any program transport connects to a secure daemon, the daemon verifies

the program's identity using SSL protocols.

The Rendezvous API includes two methods that achieve similar effects:

This call accepts a certificate in PKCS #12 binary format.

TibrvSdContext.setUserCertWithKey() accepts a certificate in PEM text format.

Parameter	Description
userCertWithKey	Object
	Register this user certificate with private key. The binary data of this certificate must be in PKCS #12 format.
userCertWithKey_size	Long
	Length of the certificate data (in bytes).
password	String
	Use this password to decrypt the private key.



For important information about password security, see Security Factors on page 177 in TIBCO Rendezvous Administration.

CA-Signed Certificate

You can also supply a certificate signed by a certificate authority (CA). To use a CA-signed certificate, you must supply not only the certificate and private key, but also the CA's public certificate (or a chain of such certificates). For important details, see CA-Signed Certificates on page 177 in TIBCO Rendezvous Administration.

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See Also TibrvSdContext on page 26

TibrvSdContext.setUserCertWithKey() on page 29

www.rsasecurity.com/rsalabs/pkcs

TibrvSdContext.setUserNameWithPassword()

Method

Declaration TibrvSdContext.setUserNameWithPassword userName, password

Purpose Register a user name with password for identification to secure daemons.

Remarks When any program transport connects to a secure daemon, them daemon verifies the program's identity using SSL protocols.

Parameter	Description
userName	Register this user name for communicating with secure daemons.
password	Register this password for communicating with secure daemons.



For important information about password security, see Security Factors on page 177 in TIBCO Rendezvous Administration.

See Also TibrvSdContext on page 26

Chapter 4 Data

This chapter describes messages and the data they contain.

Topics

- Message Ownership and Control, page 34
- Field Objects, page 35
- Validity of Data Extracted from Message Fields, page 36
- Field Names and Field Identifiers, page 38
- TibrvMsg, page 40
- TibrvMsgField, page 93
- TibrvInt64, page 101

See Also

Strings and Character Encodings, page 7

Message Ownership and Control

The *internal structure* of each Rendezvous message belongs either to Rendezvous software or to your program. These three situations determine message ownership:

- When a program creates the internal structure of a message object (by calling TibrvMsg.create, TibrvMsg.createCopy() or TibrvMsg.createFromByteArray), the program owns that message. The program is responsible for destroying that message (by deleting all variable references to the outer message object).
- When a program receives a reply message as the return value of TibrvTransport.sendRequest(), the *program* owns that message. The program is responsible for destroying that message.
- When a program receives a message in a callback method, Rendezvous software owns that message. Rendezvous software destroys such messages when the callback method returns (unless the program explicitly detaches the message and assigns it to a global variable).
- When a program's callback method detaches an inbound message and sets a persistent reference to it, then the *program* owns the message, and must explicitly delete it.
- When a program receives a parent message, a, and extracts a submessage, b, from a field of a, then the program owns b. (That is, extracting b automatically detaches it.) When a is destroyed, b remains, and the program must explicitly delete it.

Rendezvous software *controls* the storage in which all messages reside. Programs can change the contents of a message only by using Rendezvous methods that add, remove or update fields.

See Also

TibrvMsg.destroy on page 53 TibrvMsg.detach on page 54

Field Objects

When a program must extract information about a message field—such as its field name, field identifier, or datatype—it can extract the field as a TibrvMsgField object. A TibrvMsgField object contains complete detail about the field.

The methods TibrvMsg.getField(), TibrvMsg.getFieldByIndex(), and TibrvMsg.getFieldInstance() return TibrvMsgField objects.

All TibrvMsgField objects always belongs to your program, so the program is always responsible for deleting the field object.

Reference Datatypes

Five datatypes are called *reference datatypes*: array, message, opaque, XML, and string.

When a message field contains a reference datatype, and a program extracts it as a field object, then the data in the field object depends on a reference to a snapshot in the parent message. For details, see Snapshot Reference on page 36.

See Also

Validity of Data Extracted from Message Fields, page 36 TibrvMsgField on page 93 TibrvMsg.getField() on page 63

Validity of Data Extracted from Message Fields

To extract data values from the fields of a message, programs use the *get* methods. All of these methods extract a *snapshot* of the message data—that is, the data value as it exists at a particular time. If the program later modifies the message by removing or updating the field, the snapshot remains unchanged.

Rendezvous messages implement snapshot semantics using two separate strategies—snapshot copy and snapshot reference.

Snapshot Copy

A snapshot *copy* is independent of the original message. The program can modify this snapshot at any time without affecting the original message. The program can update or delete the original field form the message at any time without affecting the snapshot copy.

These methods always return an independent snapshot copy of the data:

- TibrvMsg.get()
- TibrvMsg.getByIndex()
- TibrvMsg.getInstance()
- TibrvMsgField.getData()

Snapshot Reference

A snapshot *reference* is a reference to data that still resides within the original message. The validity of the reference depends on the continued validity of the original message.

These are the only methods that can produce a snapshot reference; moreover, these methods only produce a snapshot reference when the datatype of the field is array, message, opaque, XML, or string:

- TibrvMsg.getField()
- TibrvMsg.getFieldByIndex() (see TibrvMsg.getByIndex() on page 60)
- TibrvMsg.getFieldInstance() (see TibrvMsg.getInstance() on page 68)

Extracting the data from the resulting field object with TibrvMsgField.getData() uses the reference to yield an independent snapshot copy of the data.



When a field object contains a reference datatype (array, message, opaque, XML, or string), the data in the field object depends on a reference into the parent message. If the parent message is deleted, the program can no longer extract these datatypes from the field object; attempting to extract them references freed storage, which is illegal, and can cause serious consequences.

Deleting Snapshot References

Ordinarily, snapshot references remain part of the message until the program destroys the message. However, repeated getField calls can cause snapshots to accumulate within a message, causing unbounded memory growth.

For example, consider the result of a program that calls a method repeatedly on the same message, where each call creates a new snapshot within the storage associated with that message. Message storage grows, and destroying the message is the only way to free that storage.

A pair of methods give programs explicit control over snapshot references, so you can avoid such situations:

- TibrvMsg.markReferences
- TibrvMsg.clearReferences

When a program repeatedly extracts snapshot references data and does not destroy the parent messages, consider using these methods to control the proliferation of references.

See Also TibrvMsg.markReferences on page 77

Multiple Subscription Snapshots

Rendezvous software also protects the integrity of messages distributed to multiple subscriptions. When a callback method modifies an inbound message (whether detached or not), Rendezvous software still presents the original message content to subsequent callback methods.

Field Names and Field Identifiers

In Rendezvous 5 and earlier releases, programs would specify fields within a message using a field name. In Rendezvous 6 and later releases, programs can specify fields in two ways:

- A *field name* is a character string. Each field can have at most one name. Several fields can have the same name.
- A *field identifier* is a 16-bit unsigned integer, which must be unique within the message. That is, two fields in the same message cannot have the same identifier. However, a nested submessage is considered a separate identifier space from its enclosing parent message and any sibling submessages.

An identifier has the range of a 16-bit unsigned integer, [0, 65535]. We represent identifiers with Long values (32-bit signed integers) in this range.

Message methods specify fields using a combination of a field name and a unique field identifier. When absent, the default field identifier is zero.

To compare the speed and space characteristics of these two options, see Search Characteristics on page 38.

Rules and Restrictions

It is illegal for a field to have *both* a null field name (vbNullString) *and* a non-zero identifier.

Adding a New Field

When a program adds a new field to a message, it can specify a field name, a field identifier, or both. If the program supplies an identifier, Rendezvous software checks that it is unique within the message; if the identifier is already in use, the operation fails and reports the error TIBRVCOM_ID_IN_USE.

Search Characteristics

In general, an identifier search completes in constant time. In contrast, a name search completes in linear time proportional to the number of fields in the message. Name search is quite fast for messages with 16 fields or fewer; for messages with more than 16 fields, identifier search is faster.

Space Characteristics

The smallest field name is a one-character string, which occupies three bytes in Rendezvous wire format. That one ASCII character yields a name space of 127 possible field names; a larger range requires additional characters.

Field identifiers are 16 bits, which also occupy three bytes in Rendezvous wire format. However, those 16 bits yield a space of 65535 possible field identifiers; that range is fixed, and cannot be extended.

Finding a Field Instance

When a message contains several field instances with the same field name, these methods find a specific instance by name and number (they do not use field identifiers):

- TibrvMsg.getInstance() on page 68
- TibrvMsg.removeInstance on page 81

Release 5 Interaction

Rendezvous 5 (and earlier) did not support array datatypes. Some older programs circumvented this limitation by using several fields with the same name to simulate arrays. This work-around is no longer necessary, since release 6 (and later) supports one-dimensional array datatypes within message fields. The method TibrvMsg.getInstance() ensures backward compatibility, so new programs can still receive and manipulate messages sent from older programs. Nonetheless, we encourage programmers to use array types as appropriate, and we discourage storing several fields with the same name in a message.

TibrvMsg

Class

Purpose Represent Rendezvous messages.

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Method	Description	Page
Life Cycle		
TibrvMsg.create	Initialize the message object.	50
TibrvMsg.createCopy()	Copy a message object.	51
TibrvMsg.destroy	Destroy a message object.	53
TibrvMsg.detach	Detach an inbound message from Rendezvous storage; the program assumes responsibility for destroying the message.	54
TibrvMsg.isDetached()	Test the ownership of a message object.	75
TibrvMsg.isValid()	Test the validity of a message object.	76
TibrvMsg.reset	Clear a message, preparing it for re-use.	82
Fields		
TibrvMsg.add	Add a field to a message.	45
TibrvMsg.addField	Add a field object to a message.	48
TibrvMsg.get()	Get the value of a specified field from a message.	55
TibrvMsg.getByIndex()	Get the value of a field from a message by an index.	60
TibrvMsg.getField()	Get a specified field from a message.	63
TibrvMsg.getFieldByIndex()	Get a field from a message by an index.	65
TibrvMsg.getFieldInstance()	Get the value of a specific field instance from a message.	66

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Method	Description	Page
TibrvMsg.getInstance()	Get the value of a specific field instance from a message.	68
TibrvMsg.remove	Remove a field from a message.	79
TibrvMsg.removeInstance	Remove a specified instance of a field from a message.	81
TibrvMsg.update	Update a field within a message.	89
TibrvMsg.updateField	Update a field within a message.	92
Address Information and Properties		
TibrvMsg.getProperty()	Extract a property from a message.	72
TibrvMsg.getReplySubject()	Extract the reply subject from a message.	73
TibrvMsg.getSendSubject()	Extract the subject from a message.	74
TibrvMsg.setProperty	Set a property on a message.	85
TibrvMsg.setReplySubject	Set the reply subject for a message.	86
TibrvMsg.setSendSubject	Set the subject for a message.	87
Archive		
TibrvMsg.createFromByteArray	Initialize a message with data from a byte sequence.	52
TibrvMsg.getAsByteArray()	Convert the data from a message to a byte sequence.	59
Accessors		
TibrvMsg.getByteSize()	Get the size of the message.	61
TibrvMsg.getNumFields()	Extract the number of fields in a message.	70
String		
TibrvMsg.toString()	Format a message as a string.	88

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Method	Description	Page
References		
TibrvMsg.markReferences	Mark references in this message.	77
TibrvMsg.clearReferences	Clear references in this message.	49
Encoding		
TibrvMsg.getDefaultInboundEncoding()	Get the global default encoding for inbound messages.	62
TibrvMsg.getMsgEncoding()	Get the character encoding of a message.	69
TibrvMsg.getOutboundEncoding()	Get the global encoding for outbound messages.	71
TibrvMsg.setDefaultInboundEncoding	Set the global default encoding for inbound messages.	83
TibrvMsg.setOutboundEncoding	Set the global encoding for outbound messages.	84

Datatype Constants

The type library defines these constants, which denote wire format datatypes.

Table 5 Datatype Constants (Sheet 1 of 2)

Constant	Comments
TIBRVCOM_MSG_NO_TAG	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_MSG	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_DATETIME	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_OPAQUE	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_STRING	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_XML	Byte-array, compressed for network transmission.
TIBRVCOM_MSG_BOOL	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_I8	

Table 5 Datatype Constants (Sheet 2 of 2)

Constant	Comments
TIBRVCOM_MSG_U8	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_I16	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_U16	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_I32	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_U32	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_I64	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_U64	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_F32	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_F64	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_IPPORT16	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_IPADDR32	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_I8ARRAY	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_U8ARRAY	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_I16ARRAY	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_U16ARRAY	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_I32ARRAY	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_U32ARRAY	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_I64ARRAY	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_U64ARRAY	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_F32ARRAY	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_F64ARRAY	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_USER_FIRST	
TIBRVCOM_MSG_USER_LAST	

See Also Strings and Character Encodings, page 7 TibrvMsgField on page 93

TibrvMsg.add

Method

Declaration TibrvMsg.add fieldName, data, tibrvType, fieldId

Purpose Add a field to a message.

Remarks This method copies the information into the new message field. Subsequent

changes to the arguments do not affect the field in the message object.

Parameter	Description
fieldName	String
	Add a field with this name.
	vbNullString is a legal name. However, if fieldId is non-zero, then fieldName must be non-null.
data	Object
	Add a field with this data value.
	Pass the data as any VB type or Rendezvous object type.
	When this parameter is a TibrvMsgField object, this method cannot convert it to another type. The tibrvType parameter must be zero (or omitted).
tibrvType	Byte optional
	When absent or zero, determine the field's type from the type of the object data. In Figure 1 on page 47, filled dots indicate default encodings between homologous types.
	When present, explicitly convert the data to this type. For a list of types, see Datatype Constants on page 42. Figure 1 on page 47 indicates permissible conversions.
fieldId	Long optional
	Add a field with this identifier. All field identifiers must be unique within each message.
	An identifier has the numeric range of a 16-bit unsigned integer, [0, 65535].
	When absent or zero, add a field without an identifier.
	Zero is a special value, indicating no identifier. It is illegal to add a field that has both a null field name <i>and</i> a non-zero field identifier.

Encoding and Type Conversion

This method automatically converts VB data to its corresponding Rendezvous wire format type. Figure 1 on page 47 specifies default encodings with filled circles; you can override the default encoding by supplying an explicit tibrvType argument (numeric and supported conversions). This feature lets you add fields with datatypes that the programming language does not directly support (for example, a signed byte or an unsigned integer.

When adding a numeric value as a TIBRVMSG_BOOL, zero maps to False, and all non-zero values map to True.

When adding a boolean value as a numeric scalar type, False maps to zero, and True maps to 1.

When adding an unsigned value as a signed type, this method interprets the high bit as a sign bit. When adding a numeric value as a type with lesser precision, this method discards bits of precision without warning. When adding a numeric value as a type with smaller range, this method checks the range and reports an error if the target type cannot accommodate the value.

Encoding XML

As a convenience, Visual Basic lets you add a string value as an XML field; the resulting XML is encoded as UTF-16LE (16-bit Unicode, little-endian byte order). However, other language APIs might not support this encoding. For this reason, we discourage programmers from directly adding string values as XML fields. Instead, we recommend converting the XML document string to a byte sequence, using the encoding that corresponds to your locale. This practice ensures that all receivers can easily parse the resulting XML document. For more information, see Decoding XML on page 57.

Nested Message

When the data argument is a message object, this method adds only the data portion of the nested message; it does not include any address information or certified delivery information.

Field Name Length

The the longest possible field name is 127 bytes.

VB Native Type Add TibryMsgInt64() TibryInt64 TibrvMsg Double() Byte() Integer() Boolean Single() Single Double Byte Integer Long() String Long Date • S S S S S TIBRVCOM_MSG_BOOL P S N S S N P TIBRVCOM MSG F32 SOSN P S TIBRVCOM_MSG_F64 Р S N N + N N TIBRVCOM MSG 18 TIBRVCOM_MSG_I16 SNNSSS Р SNNSS Р TIBRVCOM_MSG_I32 SNNSSS Р TIBRVCOM_MSG_I64 SNNONN Р TIBRVCOM_MSG_U8 Р TIBRVCOM_MSG_U16 S|N|N|S|+|N|Р TIBRVCOM_MSG_U32 SNNSS+ SNNSSS+ Р TIBRVCOM_MSG_U64 TIBRVCOM_MSG_IPADDR32 NNSSS P NNSSN P TIBRVCOM_MSG_IPPORT16 TIBRVCOM MSG DATETIME TIBRVCOM_MSG_F32ARRAY • TIBRVCOM_MSG_F64ARRAY • TIBRVCOM_MSG_I8ARRAY + TIBRVCOM_MSG_I16ARRAY • TIBRVCOM_MSG_I32ARRAY • TIBRVCOM_MSG_I64ARRAY TIBRVCOM_MSG_U8ARRAY S TIBRVCOM_MSG_U16ARRAY + TIBRVCOM_MSG_U32ARRAY + TIBRVCOM_MSG_U64ARRAY TIBRVCOM_MSG_MSG • S TIBRVCOM MSG OPAQUE • TIBRVCOM_MSG_STRING • TIBRVCOM_MSG_XML S S

Figure 1 VB to Wire Format Datatype Conversion Matrix

Key	
•	Homologous types; conversion always supported; no loss of information
S	Supported conversion; always supported
Ν	Numeric conversion; out of range is an error; loss of sign or precision is OK
+	Signed interpreted as unsigned integer, or unsigned interpreted as signed
Р	Parsed conversion; supported when string has appropriate format
	Unsupported conversion

See Also TibrvMsg.addField on page 48

TibrvMsg.addField

Method

Declaration TibrvMsg.addField field

Purpose Add a field object to a message.

This method copies the information into a new message field, without type Remarks

conversion.

It is illegal to add a field that has both a null field name (vbNullString), and a

non-zero field identifier.

Parameter	Description
field	TibrvMsgField
	Add this field to the message.

TibrvMsg.add on page 45 See Also

TibrvMsg.clearReferences

Method

Declaration TibrvMsg.clearReferences

Clear references in this message. **Purpose**

This method clears references back to the most recent mark. Remarks

For a description and example, see TibrvMsg.markReferences on page 77.

See Also Validity of Data Extracted from Message Fields, page 36

> Deleting Snapshot References, page 37 TibrvMsg.markReferences on page 77

TibrvMsg.create

Method

Declaration ${\tt TibrvMsg.} \textbf{create} \texttt{ initialSize}$

Purpose Initialize the message object.

This method initializes the internal structure of the message object, allocating Remarks

storage for it.

Calling this method on a valid object yields the error

TIBRVCOM_ALREADY_INITIALIZED.

Parameter	Description
initialSize	Long; optional
	Allocate a message of this non-negative size (in bytes). (Messages can grow dynamically.)
	When absent or zero, Rendezvous allocates initial storage automatically. We recommend omitting this argument.

TibrvMsg.createCopy()

Method

Declaration set msgCopy = TibrvMsg.createCopy()

Purpose Copy a message object.

Create an independent copy of the message, copying all its fields (that is, field Remarks values are also independent copies).

> This method does not copy subject information, certified delivery information, nor other supplementary information or properties.

This method does not copy snapshot references into the new copy message.

Parameter	Description
msgCopy	TibrvMsg
	Return an independent copy of the message.

TibrvMsg.createFromByteArray

Method

Declaration TibrvMsg.createFromByteArray byteArray

Purpose Initialize a message with data from a byte sequence.

Remarks This method is an alternative to TibryMsg.create. It initializes the message with data from the byte sequence.

> To extract a byte sequence from a message, see TibrvMsg.getAsByteArray() on page 59.

The byte data includes the message header and all message fields in Rendezvous wire format. It does not include address information, such as the subject and reply subject, nor certified delivery information.

Calling this method on a valid object yields the error TIBRVCOM_ALREADY_INITIALIZED.

Parameter	Description
byteArray	Object
	Initialize the message with data from this one-dimensional byte array.

See Also TibrvMsg.create on page 50

TibrvMsg.getAsByteArray() on page 59

TibrvMsg.destroy

Method

Declaration TibrvMsg.destroy

Purpose Destroy a message object.

This method destroys only the internal structure of the message object. Remarks

Rendezvous software automatically destroys a message when program execution

leaves the scope of the object, or deletes all references to the object.

See Also Message Ownership and Control, page 34

TibrvMsg.detach

Method

Declaration TibrvMsg.detach

Purpose Detach an inbound message from Rendezvous storage; the program assumes

responsibility for destroying the message.

Remarks When Rendezvous software creates a message, it owns that message. This

> situation occurs only in the case of inbound messages presented to a data callback method; Rendezvous software destroys such messages when the callback method returns, unless the program explicitly detaches the message. After a detach operation, the program owns the message, and must explicitly destroy it to

reclaim the storage.

Example In this example, msgref is accessible after the callback method returns.

Dim msgref as TibrvMsg

Private Sub mylis_OnMsg(_ ByVal lisn as TIBRVCOMLib.ITibrvListener, _ ByVal message as TIBRVCOMLib.ITibrvMsg) set msgref = message msgref.detach

End Sub

See Also Message Ownership and Control on page 34

> TibrvMsg.destroy on page 53 TibrvMsg.isDetached() on page 75 TibrvListener_onMsg on page 120

TibrvMsg.get()

Method

Declaration data = TibrvMsg.get(fieldName, tibrvType, fieldId)

Purpose Get the value of a specified field from a message.

Remarks Programs specify the field to retrieve using the fieldName and fieldId parameters.

> This method returns an independent snapshot copy of the field value. For details, see Snapshot Copy on page 36.

> Programs can use a related method to loop through all the fields of a message; to retrieve each field of a message, see TibrvMsg.getByIndex() on page 60.

Parameter	Description
fieldName	String
	Get a field with this name. See Field Search Algorithm.
	vbNullString is a legal field name.
tibrvType	Byte optional
	Convert the data value to the object datatype corresponding to this type, if possible. For a list of types, see Datatype Constants on page 42.
	When absent or zero, automatically convert the data to its homologous type. Figure 2 on page 58 indicates default decodings between homologous types.
fieldId	Long optional
	Get the field with this identifier. See Field Search Algorithm.
	An identifier has the range of a 16-bit unsigned integer, [0, 65535].
data	Object
	Return the data value of the field.

Field Search Algorithm

TibrvMsg.get(), TibrvMsg.getField(), TibrvMsg.getInstance() and TibrvMsg.getFieldInstance() use this algorithm to find a field within a message, as specified by a field identifier and a field name.

1. If the program supplied zero as the identifier, or omitted any identifier, then begin at step 3.

If the program supplied a *non-zero* field identifier, then search for the field with that identifier.

If the search succeeds, return the field.

On failure, continue to step 2.

2. If the identifier search (in step 1) fails, and the program supplied a non-null field name, then search for a field with that name.

If the name search succeeds, and the identifier in the field is zero, return the field.

If the name search succeeds, but the actual identifier in the field is non-zero (so it does not match the identifier supplied) then report the error TIBRVCOM_ID_CONFLICT.

On failure, or if the program supplied vbNullString as the field name, report the error TIBRVCOM_NOT_FOUND.

When the program supplied zero as the identifier, or omitted any identifier, then begin here.

Search for a field with the specified name—even if that name is vbNullString.

If the search succeeds, return the field.

On failure, report the error TIBRVCOM_NOT_FOUND.

If a message contains several fields with the same name, searching by name finds the first instance of the field with that name.

When an error occurs, the method returns an empty object.

Extracting Fields from a **Nested Message**

Earlier releases of Rendezvous software allowed programs to get fields from a nested submessage by concatenating field names. Starting with release 6, Rendezvous software no longer supports this special case convenience. Instead, programs must separately extract the nested submessage using TibrvMsg.get() (or a related method), and then get the desired fields from the submessage.

Decoding and Type Conversion

This method automatically decodes the extracted field data from its Rendezvous wire format type to a corresponding VB type. In Figure 2 on page 58, filled circles (as well as + and - symbols) specify default decodings between homologous types; you can override the default decoding by supplying an explicit tibrvType argument (numeric and supported conversions).

The default conversion for extracting a TIBRVCOM_MSG_18 yields an Integer, with zeroes padding the high 8 bits. (Similarly for TIBRVCOM_MSG_I8ARRAY.)

The default conversion for extracting a TIBRVCOM_MSG_U16 yields a Long, with zeroes padding the high 16 bits. (Similarly for TIBRVCOM_MSG_U16ARRAY.)

The default conversion for extracting a TIBRVCOM_MSG_U32 yields a Long, interpreting the high bit as a sign bit. (Similarly for TIBRVCOM_MSG_U32ARRAY.)

When extracting a numeric value as a boolean, zero maps to boolean False. All non-zero numeric values map to boolean True.

When extracting a TIBRVMSG_BOOL as a numeric value, False maps to zero, and True maps to 1.

When extracting a TIBRVMSG_STRING as a boolean, if the first character is either t or T, then it maps to boolean True. All other strings map to boolean False.

Extracting a TIBRVCOM_MSG_IPADDR32 as a string yields the standard dot notation (a.b.c.d).

To determine the datatype of the original message field, use TibrvMsg.getField() and TibrvMsgField.getType().

Decoding XML

As a convenience, Visual Basic lets you extract an XML field as a string value; however, the resulting string is only valid if the XML field uses UTF-16LE encoding. Other language APIs might not support this encoding. For this reason, we discourage programmers from directly extracting an XML field as a string value. Instead, we recommend extracting the XML document as a byte array, and then explicitly converting it to a string using the encoding that corresponds to your locale. For more information, see Encoding XML on page 46.

VB Destination Type Get TibrvInt64() Date Long TibrvInt64 TibrvMsg Single() Double() Byte() Integer() Boolean Single Double Byte Integer Long() String SSSSS TIBRVCOM_MSG_BOOL S S S N N N S TIBRVCOM_MSG_F32 SNONNN S TIBRVCOM_MSG_F64 TIBRVCOM_MSG_I8 S N N + S S SNNNN S TIBRVCOM_MSG_I16 TIBRVCOM_MSG_I32 SNNNN S S TIBRVCOM_MSG_I64 SNNOSS S TIBRVCOM_MSG_U8 S N N N + • S TIBRVCOM_MSG_U16 SNNNN S TIBRVCOM_MSG_U32 S TIBRVCOM_MSG_U64 TIBRVCOM_MSG_IPADDR32 S • SS TIBRVCOM_MSG_IPPORT16 • TIBRVCOM_MSG_DATETIME S • S TIBRVCOM MSG F32ARRAY S TIBRVCOM_MSG_F64ARRAY • S TIBRVCOM_MSG_I8ARRAY ⊕ ● S TIBRVCOM_MSG_I16ARRAY TIBRVCOM_MSG_I32ARRAY S S TIBRVCOM_MSG_I64ARRAY TIBRVCOM_MSG_U8ARRAY S S TIBRVCOM_MSG_U16ARRAY ⊕ • S **⊕** TIBRVCOM_MSG_U32ARRAY TIBRVCOM_MSG_U64ARRAY S S TIBRVCOM_MSG_MSG • С TIBRVCOM MSG OPAQUE • TIBRVCOM_MSG_STRING • С TIBRVCOM_MSG_XML

Figure 2 Wire Format to VB Datatype Conversion Matrix

	Key	
•	Homologous types; conversion always supported	
S	Supported conversion; always supported	
N	Numeric conversion; loss of sign or precision OK; out of range truncated (no error)	
+	Signed interpreted as unsigned integer, or unsigned interpreted as signed	
⊕	Homologous types; conversion always supported, but sign bit interpretation as with +	
С	Caution; supported, but results sometimes can be misleading	
	Unsupported conversion	

See Also

TibrvMsg.getByIndex() on page 60 TibrvMsg.getInstance() on page 68 TibrvMsg.getField() on page 63

TibrvMsg.getAsByteArray()

Method

Declaration byteArray = TibrvMsg.getAsByteArray()

Purpose Convert the data from a message to a byte sequence.

Remarks Return a copy of the data as a byte sequence, suitable for archiving in a file. To reconstruct the message from bytes, see TibrvMsg.createFromByteArray on page 52.

> The byte data includes the message header and all message fields in Rendezvous wire format. It does not include address information, such as the subject and reply subject, nor certified delivery information.

The byte sequence can contain interior zero bytes.

Parameter	Description
byteArray	Object
	Return the message data as a one-dimensional byte array.

See Also TibrvMsg.createFromByteArray on page 52 TibrvMsg.getByteSize() on page 61

TibrvMsg.getByIndex()

Method

Declaration data = TibrvMsg.getByIndex(index)

Purpose Get the value of a field from a message by an index.

Remarks Programs can loop through all the fields of a message, to retrieve each field in turn using an integer index.

> This method returns an independent snapshot copy of the field value. For details, see Snapshot Copy on page 36.

> These two related methods differ only in the form of their return values. The first returns the field's data value; the second returns a TibrvMsgField object.

> Add, remove and update calls can perturb the order of fields (which, in turn, affects the order when a program gets fields by index).

Parameter	Description
index	Long
	Get the field with this index. Zero specifies the first field.
data	Object
	Return the data value of the field.

TibrvMsg.getByteSize()

Method

Declaration byteSize = TibrvMsg.getByteSize()

Purpose Get the size of the message.

This method returns the size of the message. Programs can use this size in Remarks conjunction with TibrvMsg.getAsByteArray(); for example, when writing the message byte array to a file, and reading it in again (using binary file I/O).

Parameter	Description
byteSize	Long
	Return the size of the wire-format message (in bytes).

See Also TibrvMsg.createFromByteArray on page 52 TibrvMsg.getAsByteArray() on page 59

TibrvMsg.getDefaultInboundEncoding()

Method

Declaration encoding = TibrvMsg.getDefaultInboundEncoding()

Purpose Get the global default encoding for inbound messages.

Remarks When an inbound message arrives without an explicit encoding tag,

TibrvMsg.getMsgEncoding() in the receiving program infers this default

encoding.

If no global default is set, this call yields vbNullString and returns normally.

Parameter	Description
encoding	String
	The program supplies a location in this parameter; the function stores the name of the encoding (as a string) in that location.

TibrvMsg.getMsgEncoding() on page 69 See Also

TibrvMsg.setDefaultInboundEncoding on page 83

TibrvMsg.getField()

Method

Declaration set field = TibrvMsg.getField(fieldName, fieldId)

Purpose Get a specified field from a message.

Remarks When a program must extract information about a message field—such as its field name, field identifier, or datatype—it can extract the field as a TibryMsgField object. A TibrvMsgField object contains complete detail about the field.

> All TibrvMsgField objects always belongs to your program, so the program is always responsible for deleting the field object.

Programs specify the field to retrieve using the fieldName and fieldId parameters. The method returns a TibrvMsgField object. Unlike TibrvMsg.get(), this method does not attempt any datatype conversions.

Programs can use a related method to loop through all the fields of a message; to retrieve each field by its integer index number, see TibrvMsg.getFieldByIndex() on page 65.

Parameter	Description
fieldName	String
	Get a field with this name. See Field Search Algorithm on page 55.
	vbNullString is a legal field name.
fieldId	Long optional
	Get the field with this identifier. See Field Search Algorithm on page 55.
	An identifier has the range of a 16-bit unsigned integer, [0, 65535].
field	TibrvMsgField
	Return the field object.



When a field object contains a reference datatype (array, message, opaque, or string), the data in the field object depends on a reference into the parent message. If the parent message is deleted, the program can no longer extract these datatypes from the field object; attempting to extract them references freed storage, which is illegal, and can cause serious consequences.

See Also Field Objects, page 35

TibrvMsg.get() on page 55 TibrvMsgField on page 93

TibrvMsg.getFieldByIndex()

Method

Declaration set field = TibrvMsg.getFieldByIndex(index)

Purpose Get a field from a message by an index.

Remarks Programs can loop through all the fields of a message, to retrieve each field in turn using an integer index.

> When a program must extract information about a message field—such as its field name, field identifier, or datatype—it can extract the field as a TibryMsgField object. A TibrvMsgField object contains complete detail about the field.

All TibrvMsgField objects always belongs to your program, so the program is always responsible for deleting the field object.

Add, remove and update calls can perturb the order of fields (which, in turn, affects the order when a program gets fields by index).

Parameter	Description
index	Long
	Get the field with this index. Zero specifies the first field.
field	TibrvMsgField
	Return the field object.



When a field object contains a reference datatype (array, message, opaque, XML, or string), the data in the field object depends on a reference into the parent message. If the parent message is deleted, the program can no longer extract these datatypes from the field object; attempting to extract them references freed storage, which is illegal, and can cause serious consequences.

See Also TibrvMsg.getByIndex() on page 60 TibrvMsgField on page 93

TibrvMsg.getFieldInstance()

Method

Declaration set field = TibrvMsg.getFieldInstance(fieldName, instance)

Purpose Get a specific instance of a field from a message.

Remarks When a message contains several field instances with the same field name, retrieve a specific instance by number (for example, get the ith field named foo). Programs can use this method in a loop that examines every field with a specified name.

The first instance of the named field is instance 1.

When a program must extract information about a message field—such as its field name, field identifier, or datatype—it can extract the field as a TibryMsgField object. A TibrvMsgField object contains complete detail about the field.

All TibrvMsgField objects always belongs to your program, so the program is always responsible for deleting the field object.

When the instance argument is greater than the actual number of instances of the field in the message, this method reports the error TIBRVCOM_NOT_FOUND.

Release 5 Interaction

Rendezvous 5 (and earlier) did not support array datatypes. Some older programs circumvented this limitation by using several fields with the same name to simulate arrays. This work-around is no longer necessary, since release 6 (and later) supports one-dimensional array datatypes within message fields. The method TibrvMsg.getInstance() ensures backward compatibility, so new programs can still receive and manipulate messages sent from older programs. Nonetheless, we encourage programmers to use array types as appropriate, and we discourage storing several fields with the same name in a message.

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Parameter	Description
fieldName	String
	Get an instance of a field with this name.
	vbNullString is a legal field name.
instance	Long
	Get this instance of the specified field name. The argument 1 denotes the first instance of the named field.

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Parameter	Description
field	TibrvMsgField
	Return the field object.



When a field object contains a reference datatype (array, message, opaque, XML, or string), the data in the field object depends on a reference into the parent message. If the parent message is deleted, the program can no longer extract these datatypes from the field object; attempting to extract them references freed storage, which is illegal, and can cause serious consequences.

See Also

TibrvMsg.getInstance() on page 68 TibrvMsgField on page 93

TibrvMsg.getInstance()

Method

Declaration data = TibrvMsg.getInstance(fieldName, instance)

Purpose Get the value of a specific field instance from a message.

Remarks When a message contains several field instances with the same field name, retrieve a specific instance by number (for example, get the ith field named foo). Programs can use this method in a loop that examines every field with a specified name.

The first instance of the named field is instance 1.

This method returns an independent snapshot copy of the field value. For details, see Snapshot Copy on page 36.

When the instance argument is greater than the actual number of instances of the field in the message, this method reports the error TIBRVCOM_NOT_FOUND.

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Parameter	Description
fieldName	String
	Get an instance of a field with this name.
	vbNullString is a legal field name.
instance	Long
	Get this instance of the specified field name. The argument 1 denotes the first instance of the named field.
data	Object
	Return the data value of the field.

See Also

TibrvMsg.getFieldInstance() on page 66 TibrvMsgField on page 93

TibrvMsg.getMsgEncoding()

Method

Declaration encoding = TibrvMsg.getMsgEncoding()

Purpose Get the character encoding of a message.

Remarks This call yields either the actual encoding stored with a message, or (if none is stored) a reasonable estimate:

- When a message is created locally, and its send subject is set, then its encoding is also set, and this call gets the actual encoding from the message. (This value is identical to the program's global outbound encoding.)
- When the message is created locally and its send subject is not set, then its encoding is also not set, and this call gets the program's global outbound encoding. If no global value is set, this call yields the string UNKNOWN.
- If the message is inbound, and bears an explicit encoding, then this call gets that encoding.
- If the message is inbound, and does *not* bear an explicit encoding, then this call gets the program's global default inbound encoding. If no global default is set, this call yields the string UNKNOWN.

Parameter	Description
encoding	String
	The program supplies a location in this parameter; the function stores the name of the encoding (as a string) in that location.

See Also

TibrvMsg.getDefaultInboundEncoding() on page 62 TibrvMsg.getOutboundEncoding() on page 71 TibrvMsg.setDefaultInboundEncoding on page 83 TibrvMsg.setOutboundEncoding on page 84 TibrvMsg.setSendSubject on page 87

TibrvMsg.getNumFields()

Method

Declaration numFields = TibrvMsg.getNumFields()

Extract the number of fields in a message. **Purpose**

This method counts the immediate fields of the message; it does not descend into Remarks

submessages to count their fields recursively.

Parameter	Description
numFields	Long
	Return the number of fields in the message.

TibrvMsg.getOutboundEncoding()

Method

Declaration encoding = TibrvMsg.getOutboundEncoding()

Get the global encoding for outbound messages. **Purpose**

If no global value is set, this call yields vbNullString and returns normally. Remarks

Parameter	Description
encoding	String
	The program supplies a location in this parameter; the function stores the name of the encoding (as a string) in that location.

See Also TibrvMsg.getMsgEncoding() on page 69

TibrvMsg.setOutboundEncoding on page 84

TibrvMsg.getProperty()

Method

Declaration value = TibrvMsg.getProperty(name)

Extract a property from a message. **Purpose**

Properties are supplementary information—they are *not* part of the message itself. Remarks

Parameter	Description
name	String
	Extract the property with this name.
value	Object
	Return this property value.
	If the property is not set, this method reports an error, and the object is empty.

Property	Description
cmSender	String
	The correspondent name of the CM transport that sent a labeled message.
	When the message is not labeled with this CM property, the method reports the error TIBRVCOM_NOT_FOUND.
cmSequenceNumber	TibrvInt64
cmSequence	The sequence number of labeled message.
(either name extracts the same property)	When the message is not labeled with this CM property, the method reports the error TIBRVCOM_NOT_FOUND, and the TibrvInt64 contains zero.
cmTimeLimit	Double
	The CM time limit of a labeled message.
	If the message is not labeled, the value is zero.
	This value is always a positive integer.

See Also TibrvMsg.setProperty on page 85

CM Label Information, page 235

Supplementary Information for Messages on page 41 in TIBCO Rendezvous

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TibrvMsg.getReplySubject()

Method

Declaration replySubject = TibrvMsg.getReplySubject()

Extract the reply subject from a message. Purpose

The reply subject string is part of a message's address information—it is *not* part Remarks of the message itself.

Parameter	Description
replySubject	String
	Return the reply subject of the message.
	The method makes a snapshot copy of the reply subject string, and supplies a pointer to that snapshot within message storage. The pointer remains valid as long as the message itself remains valid in the same location. The reply subject pointer becomes <i>invalid</i> if the program destroys the message, or returns from the data callback method that determines the scope of an inbound message. For more information, see Snapshot Reference on page 36, and Deleting Snapshot References on page 37.
	If the reply subject is not set, this method reports the error <pre>TIBRVCOM_NOT_FOUND</pre> , and the string is vbNullString.

See Also

TibrvMsg.setReplySubject on page 86 Supplementary Information for Messages on page 41 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

TibrvMsg.getSendSubject()

Method

Declaration sendSubject = TibrvMsg.getSendSubject()

Purpose Extract the subject from a message.

The subject string is part of a message's address information—it is *not* part of the Remarks message itself.

Parameter	Description
sendSubject	String
	Return the subject of the message.
	The method makes a snapshot copy of the subject string, and supplies a pointer to that snapshot within message storage. The pointer remains valid as long as the message itself remains valid in the same location. The subject pointer becomes <i>invalid</i> if the program destroys the message, or returns from the data callback method that determines the scope of an inbound message. For more information, see Snapshot Reference on page 36, and Deleting Snapshot References on page 37.
	If the destination subject is not set, this method reports the error TIBRVCOM_NOT_FOUND, and the string is vbNullString.

See Also

TibrvMsg.setSendSubject on page 87 Supplementary Information for Messages on page 41 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

TibrvMsg.isDetached()

Method

Declaration isDetached = TibrvMsg.isDetached()

Test the ownership of a message object. **Purpose**

Parameter	Description
isDetached	Boolean
	Return True if the message is detached (the program owns the object, and must destroy it).
	Return False if the message is <i>not</i> detached (Rendezvous software owns the object, and will destroy it).

TibrvMsg.destroy on page 53 See Also

TibrvMsg.detach on page 54

TibrvMsg.isValid()

Method

Declaration isValid = TibrvMsg.isValid()

Purpose Test the validity of a message object.

Parameter	Description
isValid	Boolean
	Return True if the message is valid.
	Return False if the internal structure of the message has been destroyed.

TibrvMsg.markReferences

Method

Declaration TibrvMsg.markReferences

Purpose Mark references in this message.

Remarks

Extracting a field object from a message creates a snapshot of that data. When the field contains a reference datatype, the snapshot is a reference that depends on the parent message. A reference snapshot remains associated with the message until the program destroys the message. Repeatedly extracting field objects can cause reference snapshots to accumulate within a program, causing unbounded memory growth. This method gives programs explicit control over snapshot references; by clearing references, the program declares that it no longer needs the references that arise as side effects of calls that extract a message field object.

For example, consider a program fragment that repeatedly sends a template message, extracting field objects from the message before each send call. Each call to extract a field produces a snapshot reference. By surrounding the *getField* operation with a *mark* and *clear* pair (with the *clear* call occurring at any time after the *getField* call), the program releases the reference, which helps control memory usage.

Every call to TibrvMsg.markReferences must be paired with a call to TibrvMsg.clearReferences. It is legal to mark references several times, as long as the program eventually clears all the marks. To understand this idea, it is helpful to think of get and mark as *pushdown* operations, and clear as a *pop* operation. Figure 3 on page 78 illustrates that each clear call deletes snapshots back to the most recent mark.

Unless a program explicitly marks and clears references, references persist until the message is destroyed or reset.

Example

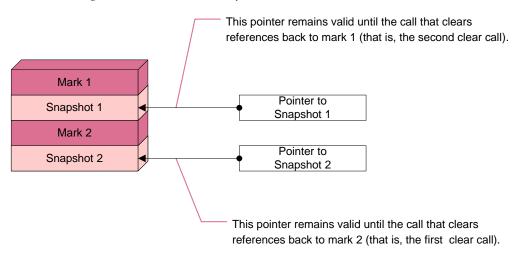
This first code fragment exits the loop with 10000 unneeded references to the field named myFld:

```
For i = 1 to 10000
 set myFld = msg.getField("fld_name")
                                           'Creates a snapshot refr
 ...myFld.getData()...
                                           'Uses the reference
 next i
```

This second code fragment clears the reference at the end of each iteration:

```
For i = 1 to 10000
 msg.markReferences
 set myFld = msg.getField("fld_name")
                                           'Creates a snapshot refr
 ...myFld.getData()...
                                           'Uses the reference
msg.clearReferences
next i
```

Figure 3 Mark and Clear References



See Also Reference Datatypes on page 35 Validity of Data Extracted from Message Fields, page 36 Deleting Snapshot References, page 37 TibrvMsg.getField() on page 63

TibrvMsg.clearReferences on page 49

TibrvMsg.remove

Method

Declaration

TibrvMsg.remove fieldName, fieldId

Purpose

Remove a field from a message.

Parameter	Description
fieldName	String
	Remove a field with this name. See Field Search Algorithm.
	vbNullString is a legal field name.
fieldId	Long optional
	Remove the field with this identifier. See Field Search Algorithm.
	An identifier has the range of a 16-bit unsigned integer, [0, 65535].

Field Search Algorithm

This method uses this algorithm to find and remove a field within a message, as specified by a field identifier and a field name.

1. If the program supplied zero as the identifier, or omitted any identifier, then begin at step 3.

If the program supplied a *non-zero* field identifier, then search for the field with that identifier. If the search succeeds, remove the field.

On the search does not find a field, continue to step 2.

2. If the identifier search (in step 1) fails, and the program supplied a non-null field name, then search for a field with that name.

On the search does not find a field, or if the program supplied vbNullString as the field name, report the error TIBRVCOM_NOT_FOUND.

If the name search succeeds, but the actual identifier in the field is non-zero (so it does not match the identifier supplied) then report the error TIBRVCOM_ID_CONFLICT.

If the search succeeds, remove the field.

3. When the program supplied zero as the identifier, or omitted any identifier, then begin here.

Search for a field with the specified name—even if that name is vbNullString.

If the search succeeds, remove the field.

If the search does not find a field, report the error TIBRVCOM_NOT_FOUND.

If a message contains several fields with the same name, searching by name removes the first instance of the field with that name.

TibrvMsg.removeInstance

Method

Declaration TibrvMsg.remove fieldName, instance

Purpose Remove a specified instance of a field from a message.

Remarks When a message contains several field instances with the same field name, remove a specific instance by number (for example, remove the ith field named foo). Programs can use this method in a loop that examines every field with a specified name.

The argument 1 denotes the first instance of the named field.

If the specified instance does not exist, the method reports the error TIBRVCOM_NOT_FOUND.

Parameter	Description
fieldName	String
	Remove a field with this name.
	vbNullString is a legal field name.
instance	Long
	Remove this instance of the field. The argument 1 specifies the first instance of the named field.

TibrvMsg.reset

Method

Declaration TibrvMsg.reset

Purpose Clear a message, preparing it for re-use.

Remarks This method is the equivalent of destroying the message object and creating a

new, except that the new object re-uses the same storage for the outer message object.

When this method returns, the message has no fields; it is like a newly created message. The message's address information and other properties are also reset.

Snapshot references of the old message are freed. Field objects previously extracted from the old message may contain references into the freed storage.

TibrvMsg.setDefaultInboundEncoding

Method

Declaration TibrvMsg.setDefaultInboundEncoding encoding

Purpose Set the global default encoding for inbound messages.

When an inbound message arrives without an explicit encoding tag, Remarks

TibrvMsg.getMsgEncoding() in the receiving program infers this default

encoding.

If no global default is set, TibrvMsg.getMsgEncoding() infers an UNKNOWN

encoding.

Parameter	Description
encoding	String
	Set the global default inbound encoding to this value.

See Also TibrvMsg.getMsgEncoding() on page 69

TibrvMsg.getDefaultInboundEncoding() on page 62

TibrvMsg.setOutboundEncoding

Method

Declaration TibrvMsg.setOutboundEncoding encoding

Purpose Set the global encoding for outbound messages.

Outbound messages bear this tag, indicating the encoding of all strings within the Remarks

message.

When no global encoding is set, outbound messages do not bear any encoding

tag.

Parameter	Description
encoding	String
	Set the global encoding to this value.

TibrvMsg.getMsgEncoding() on page 69 See Also

TibrvMsg.getOutboundEncoding() on page 71

TibrvMsg.setProperty

Method

Declaration TibrvMsg.setProperty name, value

Purpose Set a property on a message.

Properties are supplementary information—they are *not* part of the message itself. Remarks

Parameter	Description
name	String
	Set the property with this name.
value	Object
	Set this property value.

Property	Description
cmTimeLimit	Double
	The CM time limit (in whole seconds) of a message. Setting this property overrides the default time limit of the sending CM transport.
	Fractional values are truncated.

See Also

TibrvMsg.getProperty() on page 72 Supplementary Information for Messages on page 41 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

TibrvMsg.setReplySubject

Method

Declaration TibrvMsg.setReplySubject replySubject

Purpose Set the reply subject for a message.

Remarks A receiver can reply to an inbound message using its reply subject.

> Rendezvous routing daemons modify subjects and reply subjects to enable transparent point-to-point communication across network boundaries. This modification does not apply to subject names stored in message data fields; we discourage storing point-to-point subject names in data fields.

Parameter	Description
replySubject	String
	Use this string as the new reply subject, replacing any existing reply subject.
	The reply subject vbNullString removes the previous reply subject.
	The empty string is <i>not</i> a legal subject name.

See Also

TibrvMsg.getReplySubject() on page 73

Supplementary Information for Messages on page 41 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

Names and Subject-Based Addressing on page 43 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

TibrvMsg.setSendSubject

Method

Declaration TibrvMsg.setSendSubject sendSubject

Purpose Set the subject for a message.

Remarks The subject of a message can describe its content, as well as its destination set.

> Rendezvous routing daemons modify subjects and reply subjects to enable transparent point-to-point communication across network boundaries. This modification does not apply to subject names stored in message data fields; we discourage storing point-to-point subject names in data fields.

Parameter	Description
sendSubject	String
	Use this string as the new subject, replacing any existing subject.
	The subject vbNullString removes the previous subject, leaving the message unsendable.
	The empty string is <i>not</i> a legal subject name.

See Also

TibrvMsg.getSendSubject() on page 74

Supplementary Information for Messages on page 41 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

Names and Subject-Based Addressing on page 43 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

TibrvMsg.toString()

Method

Declaration formattedString = tibrvMsg.toString()

Purpose Format a message as a string.

Remarks Programs can use this method to obtain a string representation of the message for printing.

> For most datatypes, this method formats the full value of each field to the output string; however, these two types are exceptions:

TIBRVCOM_MSG_OPAQUE This method abbreviates the value of an opaque field;

for example, [472 opaque bytes].

TIBRVCOM_MSG_XML This method abbreviates the value of an XML field; for

example,[XML document: 472 bytes].

The size measures *un*compressed data.

This method formats TIBRVCOM_MSG_IPADDR32 fields as four dot-separated decimal integers.

This method formats TIBRVCOM_MSG_IPPORT16 fields as one decimal integer.

Parameter	Description
formattedString	String
	Return a string denoting the message.

Converting Dates to Strings

TibrvMsg.toString() prints times in UTC format (also known as Zulu time or GMT). The ISO-8601 standard requires appending a Z character in this notation.

TibrvMsg.toString() uses Common Era numbering for years. This system does not include a year zero. So for example, the time 1 second before 0001-01-01 00:00:00Z would print as -0001-12-31 23:59:59Z.

TibryMsg.toString() uses a proleptic Gregorian calendar. That is, when formatting dates earlier than the adoption of the Gregorian calendar, it projects the Gregorian calendar backward beyond its actual invention and adoption.

TibrvMsg.update

Method

Declaration TibrvMsg.update fieldName, data, tibrvType, fieldId Purpose Update a field within a message. Remarks This method copies the new data into the message field. This method locates a field within the message by matching the fieldName and fieldId arguments. Then it updates the message field using the data argument. (Notice that the program may not supply a different field name, field identifier, or datatype.) If no existing field matches the specifications in the fieldName and fieldId arguments, then this method adds a new field to the message. The type of the existing message field and the updating tibrvType argument must be identical; otherwise, the method reports the error TIBRVCOM_INVALID_TYPE. When updating, a new array may have a different count (number of elements); a new string, opaque or XML may have different length.

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Parameter	Description
fieldName	String
	Update a field with this name. See Field Search Algorithm on page 90.
	vbNullString is a legal name. However, if fieldId is non-zero, then fieldName must be non-null.
data	Object
	Update the field to this data value.
	Pass the data as any VB type or Rendezvous object type.
	When this parameter is a TibrvMsgField object, this method cannot convert it to another type.
	To remove a field, use TibrvMsg.remove on page 79.

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Parameter	Description
tibrvType	Byte optional
	Update a field with this type.
	When absent or zero, determine the field's type from the type of the data.
	Default encodings and possible conversions are identical to methods that add fields; see Figure 1 on page 47.
fieldId	Long optional
	Update the field with this identifier. All field identifiers must be unique within each message. See Field Search Algorithm on page 90.
	An identifier has the range of a 16-bit unsigned integer, [0, 65535].
	Zero is a special default value, indicating no identifier. It is illegal to add a field that has both a null field name <i>and</i> a non-zero field identifier.

Field Search Algorithm

The methods TibrvMsg.update and TibrvMsg.updateField use this algorithm to find and update a field within a message, as specified by a field identifier and a field name.

1. If the program supplied zero as the identifier, or omitted any identifier, then begin at step 3.

If the program supplied a *non-zero* field identifier, then search for the field with that identifier.

If the search succeeds, then update that field.

On failure, continue to step 2.

2. If the identifier search (in step 1) fails, and the program supplied a non-null field name, then search for a field with that name.

If the search succeeds, then update that field.

If the name search succeeds, but the actual identifier in the field is non-zero (so it does not match the identifier supplied) then report the error TIBRVCOM_ID_CONFLICT.

If the search fails, *add* the field as specified (with name and identifier).

However, if the program supplied vbNullString as the field name, then do not search for the field name; instead, report the error TIBRVCOM_NOT_FOUND. 3. When the program supplied zero as the identifier, or omitted any identifier, then begin here.

Search for a field with the specified name—even if that name is vbNullString.

If the search fails, *add* the field as specified (with name and identifier).

If a message contains several fields with the same name, searching by name finds the first instance of the field with that name.

Nested Message

When the new value is a message object, this method uses only the data portion of the nested message (data); it does not include any subject address information or certified delivery information.

TibrvMsg.updateField

Method

Declaration TibrvMsg.updateField field

Purpose Update a field within a message.

Remarks This method copies the new data into the existing message field.

> This method locates a field within the message by matching the name and identifier of the field argument. Then it updates the message field using the data of the field object. (Notice that the program may not supply a field object with a different field name, field identifier, or datatype.)

If no existing field matches the specifications in the field object's name and identifier, then this method adds a new field to the message.

The type of the existing message field and the type of the updating field argument must be identical; otherwise, the method reports the error TIBRVCOM_INVALID_TYPE.

When updating, a new array may have a different count (number of elements); a new string, opaque or XML may have different length.

Parameter	Description
field	TibrvMsgField
	Update the existing message field using this field.

TibrvMsgField

Class

Purpose Represent a message field.

Remarks Programs use field objects in two situations:

- When a program must repeatedly add similar information to several messages, it may be convenient to initialize a field object with that information, and supply that object to TibryMsg.addField or TibrvMsg.updateField.
- When a program must extract information about a message field—such as its field name, field identifier, or datatype—it can extract the field as a TibrvMsgField object. A TibrvMsgField object contains complete detail about the field.

All TibrvMsgField objects *always* belong to your program, so the program is always responsible for deleting the field object.

The validity of the data in a field object depends on its origin:

- When a program creates and initializes a field (by calling New TibrvMsgField, and then TibrvMsgField.initialize), the field object's data remains valid indefinitely.
- When a program extracts a field object from a message, and the field contains a reference datatype (array, message, opaque, XML, or string), then the field object's data is a reference into the message—so the data remains valid only until the message is destroyed or deleted (or TibrvMsg.clearReferences explicitly clears the reference).

For example, consider a listener callback method that extracts a field from the inbound message. That is, it calls TibrvMsg.getField(), and receives a field object as the return value. When the callback method exits, the inbound message is destroyed, and the field object's data reference snapshot becomes invalid.

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Method	Description	Page
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TibrvMsgField.getType()	Extract the type of a field object.	98

Field Objects, page 35 See Also

TibrvMsg.addField on page 48 TibrvMsg.getField() on page 63 TibrvMsg.updateField on page 92

TibrvMsgField.getData()

Method

Declaration data = TibrvMsgField.getData() 'For non-object data.

> Set data = TibrvMsgField.getData() 'For object data

Purpose Extract the data portion of a field object.

Remarks This method *always* yields an independent snapshot copy of the field data—as does TibrvMsg.get().

Field	Description
data	0bject
	Return the data content of the field.



When a field object contains a reference datatype (array, message, opaque, XML, or string), the data in the field object depends on a reference into the parent message. If the parent message is deleted, the program can no longer extract these datatypes from the field object; attempting to extract them references freed storage, which is illegal, and can cause serious consequences.

TibrvMsgField.getId()

Method

fieldId = TibrvMsgField.getId() Declaration

Purpose Extract the field identifier of a field object.

Field	Description
fieldId	Long
	Return the identifier of the field.
	An identifier has the range of a 16-bit unsigned integer, [0, 65535]. Zero is a special default value, indicating no identifier.

TibrvMsgField.getName()

Method

Declaration fieldName = TibrvMsgField.getName()

Purpose Extract the field name of a field object.

Field	Description
fieldName	String
	Return the field name of the field.
	Names must be strings; vbNullString is a special value that indicates no name.

TibrvMsgField.getType()

Method

Declaration tibrvType = TibrvMsgField.getType()

Purpose Extract the type of a field object.

Field	Description
tibrvType	Byte
	Return the Rendezvous type designator of the field.
	For a list of types, see Datatype Constants on page 42.

TibrvMsgField.initialize

Method

Declaration TibrvMsgField.initialize fieldName, data, tibrvType, fieldId Purpose Set the contents of a message field object. Remarks This method does not verify that the data and type of the field are consistent. Methods that add the field object into a message verify consistency (for example TibrvMsg.addField and TibrvMsg.updateField). When a program creates a field object (using the New operator), the program owns the object, and can initialize it using this method—even repeatedly. This method discards any old field content, and replaces it with the new content from the method's arguments.

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Parameter	Description
fieldName	String
	Store this name in the field object.
	vbNullString is a legal name. However, if fieldId is non-zero, then fieldName must be non-null.
data	0bject
	Store this data value in the field object.
	Pass the data as any VB type or Rendezvous object type (except for TibrvMsgField).
tibrvType	Byte optional
	Store this explicit type in the field object, and convert the data to this type. For a list of types, see Datatype Constants on page 42.
	When absent or zero, determine the field's type from the type of the object data. In Figure 1 on page 47, filled dots indicate default encodings between homologous types.

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Parameter	Description	
fieldId	Long optional	
	Store this identifier in the field object. All field identifiers must be unique within each message.	
	An identifier has the range of a 16-bit unsigned integer, [0, 65535].	
	When absent or zero, add a field without an identifier.	
	Zero is a special value, indicating no identifier. It is illegal to add a field that has both a null field name <i>and</i> a non-zero field identifier.	
See Also	TibrvMsg.addField on page 48 TibrvMsg.updateField on page 92	

TibrvInt64

Class

Purpose Represent a 64-bit integer.

Remarks

Inbound messages can contain 64-bit integers, which COM and VB do not directly support. Programs can store signed or unsigned 64-bit values in this object; it is the responsibility of the program to use the high-order bit consistently (either as a sign bit or a value bit).

Certified delivery software attaches 64-bit sequence numbers to messages. TIBRVCOM includes this object to represent those sequence numbers.

Rendezvous software does not support arithmetic on this object. However, VB programmers can use the VB currency type (scaled 64-bit integer) to facilitate 64-bit arithmetic; programs must handle scale factor appropriately.

Method	Description	Page
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TibrvInt64.getAsString()	Get the value of a 64-bit integer as a string, interpreting the high order bit as a sign bit.	103
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TibrvInt64.setFromString	Set the value of a 64-bit integer.	107

TibrvMsg.get() on page 55 See Also

TibrvInt64.getAsHexString()

Method

stringValue = TibrvInt64.getAsHexString() Declaration

Purpose Get the value of a 64-bit integer as a hexidecimal string.

Notice that hexidecimal strings avoid confusion regarding the sign bit. Remarks

Parameter	Description
stringValue	String
	Return the value as a hexidecimal string.

TibrvInt64.getAsString()

Method

Declaration stringValue = TibrvInt64.getAsString()

Purpose Get the value of a 64-bit integer as a string, interpreting the high order bit as a sign bit.

Parameter	Description
stringValue	String
	Return the value as a string.

TibrvInt64.getAsUnsignedString()

Method

Declaration stringValue = TibrvInt64.getAsUnsignedString()

Get the value of a 64-bit integer as a string, interpreting the high order bit as a **Purpose** value bit (rather than a sign bit).

Parameter	Description
stringValue	String
	Return the value as a string.

TibrvInt64.getLowOrderPart()

Method

Declaration lowOrderPart = TibrvInt64.getLowOrderPart()

Get the low-order 32 bits of a 64-bit integer. Purpose

If the high order bit of this part is set, the value appears as a negative integer. Remarks

Parameter	Description
lowOrderPart	Long
	Return the 32 low order bits.

TibrvInt64.getHighOrderPart()

Method

highOrderPart = TibrvInt64.getHighOrderPart() Declaration

Purpose Get the high-order 32 bits of a 64-bit integer.

If the high order bit of this part is set, the value appears as a negative integer. Remarks

Parameter	Description
lowOrderPart	Long
	Return the 32 high order bits.

TibrvInt64.setFromString

Method

Declaration TibrvInt64.setFromString stringValue

Purpose Set the value of a 64-bit integer.

Remarks This method parses a string of decimal digits, truncating any fractional part.

> String values can be in the range $[-2^{63}, 2^{64}-1]$, that is, [-9223372036854775808, +18446744073709551615]. Notice that this range overloads the high-order bit, using it as a sign bit for string values less than zero, and as a value bit for string values greater than 2^{63} -1. It is the responsibility of the program to use the high-order bit consistently (either as a sign bit or a value bit).

Values outside the range [-2⁶³, 2⁶⁴-1] yield incorrect results, but do not produce errors.

Parameter	Description
stringValue	String
	Set the value by parsing this string.

Recommendations

For the type TIBRVCOM_MSG_I64, limit values to the range [-9223372036854775808, +9223372036854775807]. Some operating system platforms cannot correctly construct -9223372036854775808; instead, they limit the minimum to -9223372036854775807.

For the type TIBRVCOM_MSG_U64, limit values to the range [0, +18446744073709551615].

(Note that extracting this object from a message field does not retain the original type designator.)

Chapter 5 **Events and Queues**

Programs can express interest in events of two kinds—inbound messages and timers. When an event occurs, it triggers a program callback method to process the event. Events wait in queues until programs dispatch them. Dispatching an event runs its callback method to process the event.

Event queues organize events awaiting dispatch. Programs dispatch events to run callback methods.

Queue groups add flexibility and fine-grained control to the event queue dispatch mechanism. Programs can create groups of queues and dispatch them according to their queue priorities. A special queue group, called the automatic dispatch queue group, automatically dispatches its queues; we recommend this mechanism, especially for GUI applications.

This chapter presents classes, methods, interfaces and types associated with event interest and event processing.

Topics

- TibrvListener, page 110
- TibrvTimer, page 121
- TibrvQueue, page 133
- TibrvQueueGroup, page 151

See Also

Objects, page 4 Callback Methods and Event Handlers, page 6 Tibrv.getAutoDispatchQueueGroup() on page 20

TibrvListener

Class

Purpose Listen for inbound messages.

Remarks A listener object continues listening for messages until the program destroys or

deletes it.

Destroying the queue or transport of a listener automatically destroys the listener as well, but does not delete the COM listener object.

Method	Description	Page
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Activation and Dispatch

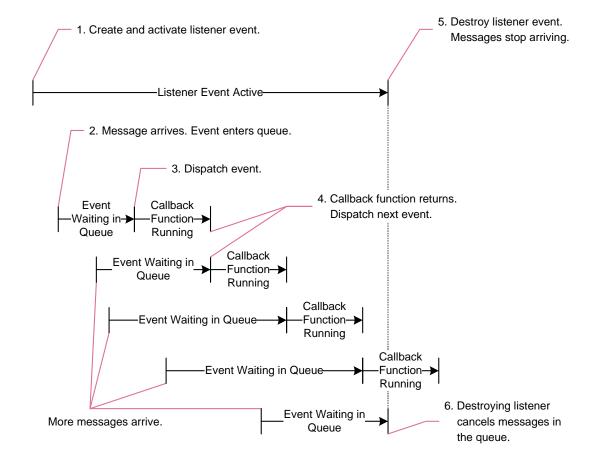
Inbound messages on the transport that match the subject trigger the event.

TibrvListener.create creates the internal structure of a listener object, and activates event processing—that is, it begins listening for all inbound messages with matching subjects. When a message arrives, Rendezvous software places the listener object and message on its queue. Dispatch removes the listener object

from the queue, and runs the callback method to process the message. (To stop receiving inbound messages on the subject, destroy or delete the listener object; this action cancels all messages already queued for the listener; see also TibrvListener.destroy on page 114.)

Figure 4 illustrates that messages can continue to accumulate in the queue, even while the callback method is processing.

Figure 4 Listener Activation and Dispatch



TibrvListener.create

Method

Declaration TibrvListener.create queue, transport, subject, closure

Purpose Create a listener object to listen for inbound messages.

Remarks For each inbound message, place this object on the event queue.

Starting a listener requires three steps:

1. Declare a variable for the listener.

Dim WithEvents myListener as TibrvListener

This declaration triggers VB to automatically define a private subroutine callback stub named myListener_OnMsg. The program must complete this method stub for each listener object.

2. Create the VB object, and assign it to that variable.

Set myListener = New TibrvListener

3. Create the internal implementation object to begin listening. myListener.create myQueue, myTransport, mySubject, 0

Calling this method on a valid object yields the error TIBRVCOM_ALREADY_INITIALIZED.

Parameter	Description
queue	TibrvQueue
	For each inbound message, place the listener object on this queue.
transport	TibrvTransport
	Listen for inbound messages on this transport.
subject	String
	Listen for inbound messages with subjects that match this specification. Wildcard subjects are permitted. The empty string and vbNullString are <i>not</i> legal subject names.
closure	Object
	Store this closure data in the listener object.

Inbox Listener

To receive unicast (point-to-point) messages, listen to a unique inbox subject name. First call TibrvTransport.createInbox() to create the unique inbox name; then call TibrvListener.create to begin listening. Remember that other programs have no information about an inbox until the listening program uses it as a reply subject in an outbound message.

See Also

TibrvListener.destroy on page 114 TibrvListener_onMsg on page 120

TibrvListener.destroy

Method

Declaration TibrvListener.destroy

Purpose Destroy the internal structure of a listener, canceling interest in its inbound

messages.

Remarks This method destroys only the internal structure of the listener object.

> Rendezvous software automatically destroys a listener (using this method) when program execution leaves the scope of the object, or sets the object to Nothing.

Destroying a listener object cancels interest in it. Upon return from

TibrvListener.destroy, the destroyed listener's message events are no longer dispatched. However, an active callback method of this listener continues to run

and return normally, even though the listener is invalid.

It is legal for a listener callback method to destroy its own listener object.

See Also TibrvListener.isValid() on page 119

TibrvListener.getClosure()

Method

Declaration closure = TibrvListener.getClosure()

Purpose Extract the closure from a listener object.

Parameter	Description
closure	Object
	Return the closure data of the listener object.

TibrvListener.getQueue()

Method

set queue = TibrvListener.getQueue() Declaration

Purpose Extract the queue from a listener object.

Parameter	Description
queue	TibrvQueue
	Return the queue of the listener object.

TibrvListener.getSubject()

Method

Declaration subject = TibrvListener.getSubject()

Purpose Extract the subject from a listener object.

Parameter	Description
subject	String
	Return the subject name of the listener object.

TibrvListener.getTransport()

Method

set transport = TibrvListener.getTransport() Declaration

Purpose Extract the transport from a listener object.

Parameter	Description
transport	TibrvTransport
	Return the transport of the listener object.

TibrvListener.isValid()

Method

Declaration isValid = TibrvListener.isValid()

Test the validity of a listener. Purpose

Remarks Notice that TibrvListener.destroy invalidates the listener immediately, even though active callback methods may continue to run.

Parameter	Description
isValid	Boolean
	Return True if the listener is valid.
	Return False if the listener has been destroyed.

See Also TibrvListener.destroy on page 114

TibrvListener_onMsg

Method

Declaration

```
Private Sub myListener_onMsg (
    ByVal listener As TIBRVCOMLib.ITibrvListener,
    ByVal message As TIBRVCOMLib.ITibrvMsg)
```

Purpose

Process inbound messages (listener events).

Remarks

Implement this method to process inbound messages.

This method receives its parameters by value, so it cannot delete them.

To stop listening to the message subject, destroy the *original* listener object associated with this callback method.

Declaring a variable of class TibrvListener with events triggers VB to automatically define a COM event callback, and a private subroutine callback stub named var_OnMsg. The program must complete this method for each listener object.

Parameter	Description
listener	TibrvListener
	This parameter receives the listener object.
message	TibrvMsg
	This parameter receives the inbound message. To preserve this message beyond exit from this callback method, the program must set a persistent reference to it, and detach it.

CM Label Information

The callback method for certified delivery messages can use the certified delivery label property cmSender to discriminate these situations:

- If extracting the cmSender property yields the error TIBRVCOM_NOT_FOUND, then the message uses the reliable protocol (that is, it was sent from an ordinary transport).
- If the cmSender property is a valid sender name, then the message uses the certified delivery protocol (that is, it is a labeled message, sent from a certified delivery transport).

See Also

TibrvMsg.detach on page 54 TibrvCmListener.create on page 227 TibrvMsg.getProperty() on page 72

TibrvTimer

Class

Purpose Timer event.

Remarks

All timers are repeating timers. To simulate a once-only timer, code the callback method to destroy the timer. To stop the timer, destroy or delete it.

Destroying the queue of a timer automatically destroys the timer as well. However, the program must also delete the timer object to reclaim resources.

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TibrvTimer.getQueue()	Extract the queue from a timer object.	129
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Activation and Dispatch

TibryTimer.create creates the internal structure of a timer object, and activates the timer event—that is, it requests notification from the operating system when the timer's interval elapses. When the interval elapses, Rendezvous software places the event object on its event queue. Dispatch removes the event object from the queue, and runs the callback method to process the timer event. When the callback method begins, Rendezvous software automatically reactivates the

event, using the same interval. On dispatch Rendezvous software also determines whether the next interval has already elapsed, and requeues the timer event if appropriate. (To stop the cycle, destroy the event object; see TibrvTimer.destroy on page 126.)

Notice that time waiting in the event queue until dispatch can increase the effective interval of the timer. It is the programmer's responsibility to ensure timely dispatch of events.

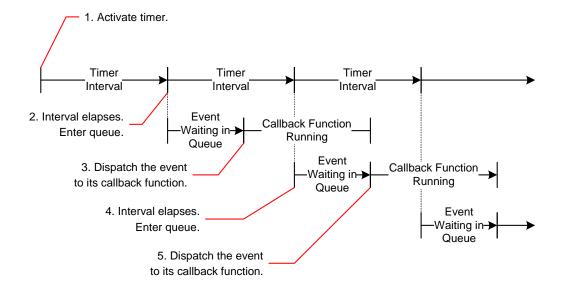
Figure 5 illustrates a sequence of timer intervals. The number of elapsed timer intervals directly determines the number of event callbacks.

At any moment the timer object appears on the event queue at most once—not several times as multiple copies. Nonetheless, Rendezvous software arranges for the appropriate number of timer event callbacks based the number of intervals that have elapsed since the timer became active or reset its interval.

Destroying or invalidating the timer object *immediately* halts the sequence of timer events. The timer object ceases to queue new events, and an event already in the queue does not result in a callback. (However, callback methods that are already running in other threads continue to completion.)

Resetting the timer interval *immediately* interrupts the sequence of timer events and begins a new sequence, counting the new interval from that moment. The reset operation is equivalent to destroying the timer and creating a new object in its place.

Figure 5 Timer Activation and Dispatch



Timer Granularity

Express the timer interval (in seconds) as a 64-bit floating point number. This representation allows microsecond granularity for intervals for over 100 years. The actual granularity of intervals depends on VB, hardware and operating system constraints.

Zero as Interval

Many programmers traditionally implement user events as timers with interval zero. Instead, we recommend implementing user events as messages on the intra-process transport. For more information, see Intra-Process Transport and User Events on page 114 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.

TibrvTimer.create

Method

Declaration

TibrvTimer.create queue, interval, closure

Purpose

Start a timer.

Remarks

All timers are repeating timers. To simulate a once-only timer, code the callback method to destroy the timer. To stop a timer, destroy or delete it.

Starting a timer requires three steps:

Declare a variable for the timer.

Dim WithEvents mvTimer as TibrvTimer

This declaration triggers VB to automatically define a private subroutine callback stub named myTimer_OnTimer. The program must complete this method for each timer object.

2. Create the VB object, and assign it to that variable.

```
Set myTimer = New TibrvTimer
```

3. Create the internal implementation object to begin counting. myTimer.create myQueue, myInterval, 0

Calling this method on a valid object yields the error TIBRVCOM_ALREADY_INITIALIZED.

Parameter	Description
queue	TibrvQueue
	At each time interval, place the timer object on this queue.
interval	Double
	The timer triggers its callback method at this repeating interval (in seconds).
closure	Object
	Store this closure data in the timer object.

Timer Granularity

Express the timer interval (in seconds) as a double (64-bit floating point number). This representation allows microsecond granularity for intervals for over 100 years. The actual granularity of intervals depends on VB, hardware and operating system constraints.

See Also TibrvTimer.destroy on page 126 TibrvTimer_onTimer on page 131

TibrvTimer.destroy

Method

Declaration TibrvTimer.destroy

Purpose Destroy a timer event.

Remarks This method destroys only the internal structure of the timer object. Rendezvous

software automatically destroys a timer (using this method) when program

execution leaves the scope of the object, or deletes the object.

Destroying a timer object cancels interest in it. Upon return from

TibryTimer.destroy, the destroyed timer is no longer dispatched. However, an active callback method of this timer continues to run and return normally, even

though the timer object is invalid.

It is legal for a timer callback method to destroy its own timer object.

See Also TibrvTimer.isValid() on page 130

TibrvTimer.getClosure()

Method

Declaration closure = TibrvTimer.getClosure()

Purpose Extract the closure from a timer object.

Parameter	Description
closure	0bject
	Return the closure data of the timer object.

TibrvTimer.getInterval()

Method

Declaration interval = TibrvTimer.getInterval()

Purpose Extract the interval from a timer object.

Parameter	Description
interval	Double
	Return the interval of the timer object.

TibrvTimer.getQueue()

Method

Declaration set queue = TibrvTimer.getQueue()

Purpose Extract the queue from a timer object.

Parameter	Description
queue	TibrvQueue
	Return the queue of the timer object.

TibrvTimer.isValid()

Method

Declaration isValid = TibrvTimer.isValid()

Test the validity of a timer. **Purpose**

Notice that TibryTimer.destroy invalidates the timer immediately, even though Remarks

active callback methods may continue to run.

Parameter	Description
isValid	Boolean
	Return True if the timer is valid.
	Return False if the timer has been destroyed.

TibrvTimer.destroy on page 126 See Also

TibrvTimer_onTimer

Method

Declaration Private Sub myTimer_onTimer (ByVal timer As TIBRVCOMLib.ITibrvTimer)

Process timer events. **Purpose**

Remarks Declaring a variable of class TibrvTimer with events triggers VB to automatically define a COM event callback, and a private subroutine callback stub named var_OnTimer. The program must complete this method for each timer object.

This method receives its parameters by value, so it cannot delete them.

To stop the timer, destroy the *original* timer object associated with this callback method.

Parameter	Description
timer	TibrvTimer
	This parameter receives the timer object.

TibrvTimer.resetInterval

Method

Declaration TibrvTimer.resetInterval newInterval

Purpose Reset the interval of a timer object.

Remarks The timer begins counting the new interval immediately.

Parameter	Description
newInterval	Double
	The timer triggers its callback method at this new repeating interval (in seconds).

Timer Granularity

Express the timer interval (in seconds) as a 64-bit floating point number. This representation allows microsecond granularity for intervals for over 100 years. The actual granularity of intervals depends on VB, hardware and operating system constraints.

Limit of **Effectiveness**

This method can affect a timer only before or during its interval—but not after its interval has elapsed.

This method neither examines, changes nor removes a timer that is already waiting in a queue for dispatch. If the next event for the timer object is already in the queue, then that event remains in the queue, representing the old interval. The change takes effect with the subsequent interval. (To circumvent this limitation, a program can destroy the old timer object and replace it with a new one.)

TibrvQueue

Class

Purpose Event queue.

Remarks Each listener and timer object is associated with a TibryQueue object; when the

event occurs, Rendezvous software places the object in its queue. Programs

dispatch queues to process events.

Default Queue Programs that need only one event queue can use the default queue (instead of

> using TibryQueue.create to create one). The default queue has priority 1, can hold an unlimited number of events, and never discards an event (since it never

exceeds an event limit).

Rendezvous software places all advisories pertaining to queue overflow on the

default queue.

Programs cannot destroy the default queue. Programs cannot change the

parameters of the default queue.

For more information, see Tibrv.getDefaultQueue() on page 21.

Priority Each queue has a single priority value, which controls its dispatch precedence

within queue groups. Higher values dispatch before lower values; queues with

equal priority values dispatch in round-robin fashion.

Automatic Dispatch Queue

Group

A special queue group, called the automatic dispatch queue group, detects the presence of an event in any of its queues, and automatically dispatches the queues (according to their priority) until no more events are waiting. To automatically dispatch a queue, add it to that queue group. To retrieve that queue group, see

Tibrv.getAutoDispatchQueueGroup() on page 20.

The type library defines these constants, which specify the possible strategies for **Limit Policy**

resolving overflow of queue limit.

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Constant	Description
TIBRVCOM_QUEUE_DEFAULT_POLICY TIBRVCOM_QUEUE_DISCARD_NONE	Never discard events; use this policy when a queue has no limit on then number of events it can contain.
TIBRVCOM_QUEUE_DISCARD_FIRST	Discard the first event in the queue (that is, the oldest event in the queue, which would otherwise be the next event to dispatch).

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Constant	Description
TIBRVCOM_QUEUE_DISCARD_LAST	Discard the last event in the queue (that is, the youngest event in the queue).
TIBRVCOM_QUEUE_DISCARD_NEW	Discard the new event (which would otherwise cause the queue to overflow its maximum events limit).

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TibrvQueue.setPriority	Set the priority of a queue.	149

See Also TibrvQueueGroup on page 151

TibrvQueue.create

Method

Declaration TibrvQueue.create

Purpose Create an event queue.

Upon creation, new queues set these default values. Remarks

Property	Default Value	Set Method
limitPolicy	TIBRVCOM_QUEUE_DISCARD_NONE	TibrvQueue.setLimitPolicy on page 147
maxEvents	zero (unlimited)	-
discardAmount	zero	-
name	tibrvQueue	TibrvQueue.setName on page 148
priority	1	TibrvQueue.setPriority on page 149

Calling this method on a valid object yields the error TIBRVCOM_ALREADY_INITIALIZED.

TibrvQueue.destroy

Method

Declaration TibrvQueue.destroy

Purpose Destroy an event queue.

Remarks This method destroys the internal mechanism of the queue, leaving an unusable

object. Rendezvous software automatically destroys a queue (using this method) when program execution leaves the scope of the object, or the program deletes the

object.

When a queue is destroyed, events that remain in the queue are discarded. Dispatch calls report an error. Automatic dispatch ignores the destroyed queue.

It is safe to call TibrvQueue.destroy more than once on the same object. Repeat calls return without error.

Programs cannot destroy the default queue.

TibrvQueue.dispatch

Method

Declaration TibrvQueue.dispatch

Purpose Dispatch an event; if no event is ready, block.

Remarks If the queue is not empty, then this call dispatches the event at the head of the queue, and then returns. If the queue is empty, then this call blocks indefinitely

while waiting for the queue to receive an event.

The Rendezvous component does not trigger dispatch while a program callback method is already running. When a program attempts to explicitly dispatch (in violation of this protective rule), the dispatch method reports the error

TIBRVCOM_EVENT_CALLBACK_ACTIVE.



Blocking effectively freezes the GUI operation of a program. Use with caution.

We recommend automatic dispatch instead.

See Also Tibrv.getAutoDispatchQueueGroup() on page 20

TibrvQueue.poll on page 146

TibrvQueue.timedDispatch on page 150

TibrvQueue.getCount()

Method

Declaration numEvents = tibrvQueue.getCount()

Purpose Extract the number of events in a queue.

Parameter	Description
numEvents	Long
	Return the number of events in the queue.

TibrvQueue.getDiscardAmount()

Method

Declaration discardAmount = TibrvQueue.getDiscardAmount()

Extract the discard amount of a queue. **Purpose**

When the queue exceeds its maximum event limit, discard a block of events. This Remarks

property specifies the number of events to discard.

Parameter	Description
discardAmount	Long
	Return the discard amount of the queue.

TibrvQueue.setLimitPolicy on page 147 See Also

TibrvQueue.getLimitPolicy()

Method

Declaration limitPolicy = TibrvQueue.getLimitPolicy()

Extract the limit policy of a queue. Purpose

Each queue has a policy for discarding events when a new event would cause the Remarks queue to exceed its maxEvents limit. For an explanation of the policy values, see

Limit Policy on page 133.

Parameter	Description
limitPolicy	Long
	Return the limit policy of the queue.

See Also TibrvQueue.setLimitPolicy on page 147

TibrvQueue.getMaxEvents()

Method

Declaration maxEvents = TibrvQueue.getMaxEvents()

Extract the maximum event limit of a queue. **Purpose**

Programs can limit the number events that a queue can hold—either to curb Remarks

queue growth, or implement a specialized dispatch semantics.

Zero specifies an unlimited number of events.

Parameter	Description
maxEvents	Long
	Return the maximum event limit of the queue.

TibrvQueue.setLimitPolicy on page 147 See Also

TibrvQueue.getName()

Method

Declaration queueName = TibrvQueue.getName()

Purpose Extract the name of a queue.

Remarks Queue names assist programmers and administrators in troubleshooting queues. When Rendezvous software delivers an advisory message pertaining to a queue,

it includes the queue's name; administrators can use queue names to identify

specific queues within a program.

The default name of every queue is tibrvQueue. We strongly recommend that you relabel each queue with a distinct and informative name, for use in debugging.

Parameter	Description
queueName	String
	Return the name of the queue.

See Also TibrvQueue.setName on page 148

TibrvQueue.getPriority()

Method

Declaration priority = Tibrvqueue.getPriority()

Extract the priority of a queue. **Purpose**

Each queue has a single priority value, which controls its dispatch precedence Remarks

within queue groups. Higher values dispatch before lower values; queues with equal priority values dispatch in round-robin fashion.

Parameter	Description
priority	Long
	Return the priority of the queue.

See Also TibrvQueue.setPriority on page 149

TibrvQueue.isValid()

Method

Declaration isValid = TibrvQueue.isValid()

Purpose Test the validity of a queue.

Parameter	Description
isValid	Boolean
	Return True if the queue is valid.
	Return False if the queue has been destroyed.

See Also TibrvQueue.destroy on page 137

TibrvQueue.poll

Method

Declaration TibrvQueue.poll

Purpose Dispatch an event, if possible.

Remarks If the queue is not empty, then this call dispatches the event at the head of the

queue, and then returns. If the queue is empty, then this call returns immediately,

reporting the error TIBRVCOM_TIMEOUT.

This call is equivalent to timedDispatch(0.0).

The Rendezvous component does not trigger dispatch while a program callback method is already running. When a program attempts to explicitly dispatch (in

violation of this protective rule), the dispatch method reports the error

TIBRVCOM_EVENT_CALLBACK_ACTIVE.

See Also Tibrv.getAutoDispatchQueueGroup() on page 20

> TibrvQueue.dispatch on page 138 TibrvQueue.timedDispatch on page 150

TibrvQueue.setLimitPolicy

Method

Declaration	TibrvQueue.setLimitPolicy limitPolicy, maxEvents, discardAmount	
Purpose	Set the limit properties of a queue.	
Remarks	This method simultaneously sets three related properties, which together describe the behavior of a queue in overflow situations. Each call must explicitly specify all three properties.	

Parameter	Description
limitPolicy	Long
	Each queue has a policy for discarding events when a new event would cause the queue to exceed its maxEvents limit. Choose from the values of Limit Policy on page 133.
	When maxEvents is zero (unlimited), the policy must be TIBRVCOM_QUEUE_DISCARD_NONE.
maxEvents	Long
	Programs can limit the number events that a queue can hold—either to curb queue growth, or implement a specialized dispatch semantics.
	Zero specifies an unlimited number of events; in this case, the policy must be TIBRVCOM_QUEUE_DISCARD_NONE.
discardAmount	Long
	When the queue exceeds its maximum event limit, discard a block of events. This property specifies the number of events to discard.
	When discardAmount is zero, the policy must be TIBRVCOM_QUEUE_DISCARD_NONE.

TibrvQueue.getDiscardAmount() on page 140 See Also TibrvQueue.getLimitPolicy() on page 141 TibrvQueue.getMaxEvents() on page 142

TibrvQueue.setName

Method

Declaration TibrvQueue.setName queueName

Purpose Set the name of a queue.

Remarks Queue names assist programmers and administrators in troubleshooting queues. When Rendezvous software delivers an advisory message pertaining to a queue,

it includes the queue's name; administrators can use queue names to identify

specific queues within a program.

The default name of every queue is tibrvQueue. We strongly recommend that you relabel each queue with a distinct and informative name, for use in debugging.

Parameter	Description
queueName	String
	Replace the name of the queue with this new name.
	It is illegal to supply vbNullString as the new queue name. However, the empty string is a legal queue name.

TibrvQueue.getName() on page 143 See Also

TibrvQueue.setPriority

Method

Declaration TibrvQueue.setPriority priority

Purpose Set the priority of a queue.

Each queue has a single priority value, which controls its dispatch precedence Remarks within queue groups. Higher values dispatch before lower values; queues with equal priority values dispatch in round-robin fashion.

> Changing the priority of a queue affects its position in all the queue groups that contain it.

Parameter	Description
priority	Long
	Replace the priority of the queue with this new value.
	The priority must be a non-negative integer. Priority zero signifies the last queue to dispatch.

See Also TibrvQueue.getPriority() on page 144

TibrvQueue.timedDispatch

Method

Declaration TibrvQueue.timedDispatch timeout

Purpose Dispatch an event, but if no event is ready to dispatch, limit the time that this call

blocks while waiting for an event.

Remarks If an event is already in the queue, this call dispatches it, and returns immediately. If the queue is empty, this call waits for an event to arrive. If an event arrives before the waiting time elapses, then it dispatches the event and returns. If the waiting time elapses first, then the call returns without dispatching an event, reporting the error TIBRVCOM_TIMEOUT.

> The Rendezvous component does not trigger dispatch while a program callback method is already running. When a program attempts to explicitly dispatch (in violation of this protective rule), the dispatch method reports the error TIBRVCOM_EVENT_CALLBACK_ACTIVE.

Parameter	Description
timeout	Double
	Maximum time (in seconds) that this call can block while waiting for an event to arrive in the queue.
	Zero indicates no blocking (immediate timeout).
	-1 indicates no timeout.



Blocking effectively freezes the GUI operation of a program. Use with caution. We recommend automatic dispatch instead.

Constants

The type library defines these constants for use with timed dispatch methods.

Constant	Value
TIBRVCOM_WAIT_FOREVER	-1
TIBRVCOM_NO_WAIT	0

See Also

Tibrv.getAutoDispatchQueueGroup() on page 20 TibrvQueue.dispatch on page 138 TibrvQueue.poll on page 146

TibrvQueueGroup

Class

Purpose Prioritized dispatch of several queues with one call.

Remarks Queue groups add flexibility and fine-grained control to the event queue dispatch

mechanism. Programs can create groups of queues and dispatch them according

to their queue priorities.

Priority Each queue has a single priority value, which controls its dispatch precedence

within queue groups. Higher values dispatch before lower values; queues with

equal priority values dispatch in round-robin fashion.

Automatic Dispatch Queue Group

A special queue group, called the automatic dispatch queue group, detects the presence of an event in any of its queues, and automatically dispatches the queues (according to their priority) until no more events are waiting. To automatically dispatch a queue, add it to that queue group. To stop automatic dispatch, remove

all queues from that group. To retrieve that queue group, see

Tibrv.getAutoDispatchQueueGroup() on page 20.

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TibrvQueueGroup.add	Add an event queue to a queue group.	153
TibrvQueueGroup.remove	Remove an event queue from a queue group.	159
Dispatch		
TibrvQueueGroup.dispatch	Dispatch an event from a queue group; if no event is ready, block.	156
TibrvQueueGroup.poll	Dispatch an event, but if no event is ready to dispatch, return immediately (without blocking).	158

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TibrvQueueGroup.timedDispatch	Dispatch an event, but if no event is ready to dispatch, limit the time that this call blocks while waiting for an event.	160

Tibrv.getAutoDispatchQueueGroup() on page 20 See Also TibrvQueue on page 133

TibrvQueueGroup.add

Method

Declaration TibrvQueueGroup.add queue

Add an event queue to a queue group. Purpose

If the queue is already in the group, adding it again has no effect. Remarks

If either the queue or the group is invalid, this method reports an error.

Parameter	Description
queue	TibrvQueue
	Add this event to the queue group.

See Also TibrvQueue on page 133

TibrvQueueGroup.create

Method

Declaration TibrvQueueGroup.create

Purpose Create an event queue group.

Remarks The new queue group is empty.

The queue group remains valid until the program explicitly destroys it.

Calling this method on a valid object yields the error

TIBRVCOM_ALREADY_INITIALIZED.

TibrvQueueGroup.add on page 153 See Also

TibrvQueueGroup.destroy on page 155

TibrvQueueGroup.destroy

Method

TibrvQueueGroup.destroy Declaration

Purpose Destroy an event queue group.

Remarks This method destroys the internal mechanism of the group, leaving an unusable

> object. Rendezvous software automatically destroys a queue group (using this method) when program execution leaves the scope of the object, or sets the object

to Nothing.

The individual queues in the group continue to exist, even though the group has

been destroyed.

Programs cannot destroy the automatic dispatch queue group. Attempts to

destroy it return without error.

See Also TibrvQueueGroup.create on page 154

TibrvQueueGroup.dispatch

Method

Declaration TibrvQueueGroup.dispatch

Purpose Dispatch an event from a queue group; if no event is ready, block.

Remarks If any queue in the group contains an event, then this call searches the queues in priority order, dispatches an event from the first non-empty queue that it finds, and then returns. If all the queues are empty, then this call blocks indefinitely

while waiting for any queue in the group to receive an event.

When searching the group for a non-empty queue, this call searches according to the priority values of the queues. If two or more queues have identical priorities, subsequent dispatch and poll calls rotate through them in round-robin fashion.

The Rendezvous component does not trigger dispatch while a program callback method is already running. When a program attempts to explicitly dispatch (in violation of this protective rule), the dispatch method reports the error TIBRVCOM_EVENT_CALLBACK_ACTIVE.



Blocking effectively freezes the GUI operation of a program. Use with caution.

We recommend automatic dispatch instead.

See Also

TibrvQueueGroup.timedDispatch on page 160 TibrvQueueGroup.poll on page 158

TibrvQueueGroup.isValid()

Method

Declaration isValid = TibrvQueueGroup.isValid()

Purpose Test the validity of a queue group.

Parameter	Description
isValid	Boolean
	Return True if the queue group is valid.
	Return False if the queue group has been destroyed.

See Also TibrvQueueGroup.destroy on page 155

TibrvQueueGroup.poll

Method

Declaration TibrvQueueGroup.poll

Purpose Dispatch an event, but if no event is ready to dispatch, return immediately

(without blocking).

Remarks If any queue in the group contains an event, then this call searches the queues in

priority order, dispatches an event from the first non-empty queue that it finds, and then returns. If all the queues are empty, then this call returns immediately, then this call returns immediately, reporting the error TIBRVCOM_TIMEOUT.

When searching the group for a non-empty queue, this call searches according the to priority values of the queues. If two or more queues have identical priorities, subsequent dispatch and poll calls rotate through them in round-robin fashion.

This call is equivalent to timedDispatch(0.0).

The Rendezvous component does not trigger dispatch while a program callback method is already running. When a program attempts to explicitly dispatch (in violation of this protective rule), the dispatch method reports the error

TIBRVCOM_EVENT_CALLBACK_ACTIVE.

See Also TibrvQueueGroup.dispatch on page 156

TibrvQueueGroup.timedDispatch on page 160

TibrvQueueGroup.remove

Method

Declaration TibrvQueueGroup.remove queue

Remove an event queue from a queue group. Purpose

If the queue is not in the group, or if the group is invalid, this call reports the error Remarks

TIBRVCOM_INVALID_QUEUE.

To stop automatic dispatch of a queue, remove it from the automatic dispatch queue group.

Parameter	Description
queue	TibrvQueue
	Remove this queue from a queue group.

See Also TibrvQueue on page 133

TibrvQueueGroup.timedDispatch

Method

Declaration TibrvQueueGroup.timedDispatch timeout

Purpose Dispatch an event, but if no event is ready to dispatch, limit the time that this call blocks while waiting for an event.

Remarks

If any queue in the group contains an event, then this call searches the queues in priority order, dispatches an event from the first non-empty queue that it finds, and then returns. If the queue is empty, this call waits for an event to arrive in any queue. If an event arrives before the waiting time elapses, then the call searches the queues, dispatches the event, and returns. If the waiting time elapses first, then the call returns without dispatching an event, reporting the error TIBRVCOM_TIMEOUT.

When searching the group for a non-empty queue, this call searches according to the priority values of the queues. If two or more queues have identical priorities, subsequent dispatch calls rotate through them in round-robin fashion.

The Rendezvous component does not trigger dispatch while a program callback method is already running. When a program attempts to explicitly dispatch (in violation of this protective rule), the dispatch method reports the error TIBRVCOM_EVENT_CALLBACK_ACTIVE.

Parameter	Description
timeout	Double
	Maximum time (in seconds) that this call can block while waiting for an event to arrive in the queue group.
	Zero indicates no blocking (immediate timeout).
	-1 indicates no timeout.



Blocking effectively freezes the GUI operation of a program. Use with caution.

We recommend automatic dispatch instead.

Constants

The type library defines these constants for use with timed dispatch methods.

Constant	Value
TIBRVCOM_WAIT_FOREVER	-1
TIBRVCOM_NO_WAIT	0

See Also TibrvQueueGroup.dispatch on page 156 TibrvQueueGroup.poll on page 158

Chapter 6 **Transports**

Transports manage network connections and send outbound messages. Listeners (and other objects) us transports for communications.

This chapter presents the various transport classes and their methods.

Topics

• TibrvTransport, page 164

See Also

Virtual Circuits on page 183 TibrvCmTransport on page 238 Distributed Queue Transport on page 276

TibrvTransport

Class

Purpose A transport object represents a delivery mechanism for messages.

Remarks A transport describes a carrier for messages—whether across a network, among processes on a single computer, or within a process. Transports manage network

connections, and send outbound messages. Listeners (and other objects) use transports for communications.

A transport also defines the delivery scope of a message—that is, the set of possible destinations for the messages it sends.

Destroying a transport object invalidates subsequent send calls on that transport, invalidates any listeners using that transport.

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See Also Chapter 7, Virtual Circuits, on page 183 Transport on page 99 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

TibrvTransport.create

Method

Declaration	TibrvTransport.create service, network, daemon
	TibrvTransport. CreateLicensed service, network, daemon, licenseTicket
Purpose	Create a network transport.
Connecting to the Rendezvous Daemon	Rendezvous daemon processes do the work of moving messages across a network. Every network transport must connect to a Rendezvous daemon. (The intra-process transport does not connect to a daemon.)
	If a Rendezvous daemon process with a corresponding daemon parameter is already running, the transport connects to it.
	If an appropriate Rendezvous local daemon is <i>not</i> running, the transport tries to start it. However, the transport does not attempt to start a <i>remote</i> daemon when none is running.
	If this method cannot connect to the Rendezvous daemon, it reports the error TIBRVCOM_DAEMON_NOT_CONNECTED.
	The first time a program successfully connects to the Rendezvous daemon process, rvd starts the clock ticking for temporary license tickets. (See Licensing Information, page 11 in TIBCO Rendezvous Administration.)
	Calling this method on a valid object yields the error TIBRVCOM_ALREADY_INITIALIZED.

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Parameter	Description
service	String
	The Rendezvous daemon divides the network into logical partitions. Each network transport communicates on a single service; a transport can communicate only with other transports on the same service.
	To communicate on more than one service, a program must create more than one transport—one transport for each service.
	You can specify the service in several ways. For details, see Service Parameter on page 103 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.
	The empty string and vbNullString both specify the default rendezvous service.

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Parameter	Description
network	String
	Every network transport communicates with other transports over a single network interface. On computers with more than one network interface, the network parameter instructs the Rendezvous daemon to use a particular network for all outbound messages from this transport.
	To communicate over more than one network, programs must create more than one transport.
	You can specify the network in several ways. For details, see Network Parameter on page 107 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.
	The empty string and vbNullString both specify the primary network interface for the host computer.
daemon	String
	The daemon parameter instructs the transport object about how and where to find the Rendezvous daemon and establish communication.
	For details, see Daemon Parameter on page 110 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.
	You can specify a daemon on a remote computer. For details, see Remote Daemon on page 111 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.
	If you specify a secure daemon, this string must be identical to as the daemonName argument of TibrvSdContext.setDaemonCert() on page 27. See also, Secure Daemon on page 111 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.
	The empty string and vbNullString both specify the default—find the local daemon on TCP socket 7500. (These defaults are not valid when the local daemon is a secure daemon.)
licenseTicket	String
	Embed this special license ticket in the transport object. When a licensed transport connects to rvd, it presents this special ticket to validate its connection (rvd uses the longest-running ticket available, which can be either this special ticket, or a ticket from the ticket file, tibrv.tkt).
	Ordinary license tickets are <i>not</i> valid for this parameter; see also, Embedded License on page 168.

Description

String

As a debugging aid, we recommend setting a unique description string for each transport. Use a string that distinguishes both the application and the role of the

transport within it. See TibrvTransport.setDescription on page 181.

Embedded License Specially-licensed third-party developers can use the second form of this method. To use this alternate form, a developer must first purchase a special license ticket. This call embeds the special ticket in the program, so that end-users do not need to purchase Rendezvous to use the program.

To purchase an embedded license, contact TIBCO Software Inc.

See Also

TibrvTransport.getDaemon() on page 171 TibrvTransport.getNetwork() on page 173 TibrvTransport.getService() on page 174

TibrvTransport.createInbox()

Method

Declaration

inboxSubject = TibrvTransport.createInbox()

Purpose

Create a unique inbox subject name.

Parameter	Description
inboxSubject	String
	Return the new inbox subject name.

Remarks

This method creates inbox names that are unique throughout the transport scope.

- For network transports, inbox subject names are unique across all processes within the local router domain—that is, anywhere that direct multicast contact is possible. The inbox name is not necessarily unique outside of the local router domain.
- For the intra-process transport, inbox names are unique throughout the process.

This method creates only the unique name for an inbox; it does not begin listening for messages on that subject name. To begin listening, pass the inbox name as the subject argument to TibrvListener.create. The inbox name is only valid for use with the same transport that created it. When calling

TibrvListener.create, you *must* pass the same transport object that created the inbox subject name.

Remember that other programs have no information about an inbox subject name until the listening program uses it as a reply subject in an outbound message.

Use inbox subject names for delivery to a specific destination. In the context of a network transport, an inbox destination specifies unicast (point-to-point) delivery.

Rendezvous routing daemons (rvrd) translate inbox subject names that appear as the send subject or reply subject of a message. They do not translate inbox subject names within the data fields of a message.

Calling this method on a valid object yields the error TIBRVCOM ALREADY INITIALIZED.



This method is the *only* legal way for programs to create inbox subject names.

See Also

TibrvMsg.setReplySubject on page 86

TibrvTransport.destroy

Method

Declaration TibrvTransport.destroy

Purpose Destroy a transport.

Remarks This method destroys the internal mechanism of the transport, leaving an unusable object. Rendezvous software automatically destroys a transport (using this method) when program execution leaves the scope of the object, or sets the object to Nothing.

Destroying a transport achieves these effects:

- The transport flushes all outbound data to the Rendezvous daemon. This effect is especially important.
- The transport invalidates all its listeners.
- Subsequent calls to other methods that use the destroyed transport report an error (usually TIBRVCOM_OBJECT_NOT_INITIALIZED).

Storage for the transport object is freed when all listeners that use it have been deleted.

See Also TibrvTransport.isValid() on page 175

TibrvTransport.getDaemon()

Method

Declaration daemon = TibrvTransport.getDaemon()

Purpose Return the TCP socket where this transport connects to the Rendezvous daemon.

It is an error to call this method on the intra-process transport. Remarks

Parameter	Description
daemon	String
	Return the daemon parameter of the network transport.

TibrvTransport.getDescription()

Method

Declaration description = TibrvTransport.getDescription()

Extract the program description parameter from a transport. **Purpose**

The description identifies your program to Rendezvous components. Browser Remarks

administration interfaces display the description string.

It is an error to call this method on the intra-process transport.

Parameter	Description
description	String
	Return the description of the transport.

See Also TibrvTransport on page 164

TibrvTransport.setDescription on page 181

TibrvTransport.getNetwork()

Method

Declaration network = TibrvTransport.getNetwork()

Purpose Return the network interface that this transport uses for communication.

It is an error to call this method on the intra-process transport. Remarks

Parameter	Description
network	String
	Return the network parameter of the network transport.

TibrvTransport.getService()

Method

Declaration service = TibrvTransport.getService()

Purpose Return the effective service that this transport uses for communication.

It is an error to call this method on the intra-process transport. Remarks

Parameter	Description
service	String
	Return the service parameter of the network transport.

TibrvTransport.isValid()

Method

Declaration isValid = TibrvTransport.isValid()

Purpose Test the validity of a transport.

Parameter	Description
isValid	Boolean
	Return True if the transport is valid.
	Return False if the transport has been destroyed.

See Also TibrvTransport.destroy on page 170

TibrvTransport.send

Method

Declaration TibrvTransport.send message

Purpose Send a message.

The message must have a valid destination subject; see TibrvMsg.setSendSubject Remarks

on page 87.

Parameter	Description
message	TibrvMsg
	Send this message.

TibrvMsg.setSendSubject on page 87 See Also

TibrvTransport.sendReply

Method

Declaration TibrvTransport.sendReply replyMsg, requestMsg

Purpose Send a reply message.

Remarks This convenience call extracts the reply subject of an inbound request message, and sends an outbound reply message to that subject. In addition to the convenience, this call is marginally faster than using separate calls to extract the subject and send the reply.

> This method overwrites any existing send subject of the reply message with the reply subject of the request message.

Parameter	Description
replyMessage	TibrvMsg
	Send this outbound reply message.
requestMessage	TibrvMsg
	Send a reply to this <i>inbound</i> request message; extract its reply subject to use as the subject of the outbound reply message.



Give special attention to the order of the arguments to this method. Reversing the inbound and outbound messages can cause an infinite loop, in which the program repeatedly resends the inbound message to itself (and all other recipients).

See Also TibrvMsg.getReplySubject() on page 73 TibrvTransport.sendRequest() on page 178

TibrvTransport.sendRequest()

Method

Declaration

set replyMessage = TibrvTransport.sendRequest(message, timeout)

Purpose

Send a request message and wait for a reply.



This call blocks all other activity in the program, including event dispatch and GUI operation. Use with caution.

Parameter	Description
message	TibrvMsg
	Send this message.
timeout	Double
	Maximum time (in seconds) that this call can block while waiting for a reply.
	-1 indicates no timeout (wait without limit for a reply).
replyMessage	TibrvMsg
	Return the reply message when it arrives.

Remarks

Programs that receive and process the request message cannot determine that the sender has blocked until a reply arrives.

The request message must have a valid destination subject; see TibrvMsg.setSendSubject on page 87.

The program owns the reply message object, and must delete it to reclaim its storage.

Operation

This method operates in several synchronous steps:

- 1. Create an inbox name, and a listener object that listens to it. Overwrite any existing reply subject of message with the inbox name.
- 2. Send the outbound message.
- Block until the listener receives a reply; if the time limit expires before a reply arrives, report the error TIBRVCOM_TIMEOUT. (The reply circumvents the event queue mechanism, so it is not necessary to explicitly call dispatch methods in the program.)

4. Return the reply as the value of this method.

TibrvTransport.setBatchMode

Method

Declaration TibrvTransport.setBatchMode mode

Purpose Set the batch mode parameter of a transport.

Remarks The batch mode determines when the transport transmits outbound message data to rvd:

- As soon as possible (the initial default for all transports)
- Either when its buffer is full, or when a timer interval expires—either event triggers transmission to the daemon

It is an error to call this method on the intra-process transport.

Parameter	Description
mode	Use this value as the new batch mode.

Constants The type library defines these constants for use with this method.

Constant	Description
TIBRVCOM_TRANSPORT_DEFAULT_BATCH	Default batch behavior. The transport transmits outbound messages to rvd as soon as possible. This value is the initial default for all transports.
TIBRVCOM_TRANSPORT_TIMER_BATCH	Timer batch behavior. The transport accumulates outbound messages, and transmits them to rvd in batches—either when its buffer is full, or when a timer interval expires. (Programs cannot adjust the timer interval.)

See Also TibryTransport on page 164

Batch Modes for Transports on page 118 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

TibrvTransport.setDescription

Method

Declaration TibrvTransport.setDescription description

Purpose Set the program description parameter of a transport.

Remarks The description identifies your program to Rendezvous components. Browser administration interfaces display the description string.

> As a debugging aid, we recommend setting a unique description string for each transport. Use a string that distinguishes both the application and the role of the transport within it.

It is an error to call this method on the intra-process transport.

Parameter	Description
description	String
	Use this string as the new program description.

See Also TibrvTransport on page 164

TibrvTransport.getDescription() on page 172

Chapter 7 Virtual Circuits

Virtual circuits feature Rendezvous communication between two terminals over an exclusive, continuous, monitored connection.

See Also Virtual Circuits on page 119 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

Topics

• Virtual Circuit Transport, page 184

Virtual Circuit Transport

A virtual circuit transport object represents a terminal in a potential circuit.

Virtual circuit terminals have the same datatype as ordinary transport objects, and can fill the same roles as ordinary transports. Programs can use them to create inbox names, send messages, create listeners and other events.

Two create methods determine the protocol role of the transport object—one method creates a terminal that accepts connections, and another method creates a terminal that attempts to connect.

The two types of terminal play complementary roles as they attempt to establish a connection. However, this difference soon evaporates. After the connection is complete, the two terminals behave identically.

Both create methods are methods of ordinary transport objects. Calling one of these methods on an ordinary transport creates a new object (the terminal), which employs the ordinary transport for network communications. Programs may use the ordinary transport for other purposes.

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TibrvTransport.getVcConnectSubject()	Return the connect subject of an accept terminal.	189
TibrvTransport.waitForVcConnection	Test the connection status of a virtual circuit.	190

Broken Connection

The following conditions can close a virtual circuit connection:

- Contact is broken between the object and its terminal.
- The virtual circuit loses data in either direction (see DATALOSS on page 272 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts).
- The partner program destroys its terminal object (or that terminal becomes invalid).

- The program destroys the object.
- The program destroys the object's ordinary transport.

Destroying VC Transports

Programs must explicitly destroy each virtual circuit transport object. Destroying a transport object precludes subsequent communications on that transport, and frees its storage. Attempting to use a destroyed transport in any way is an error.

Destroying a virtual circuit transport does *not* affect the ordinary transport that the terminal employs.

Direct Communication

Because virtual circuits rely on point-to-point messages between the two terminals, they can use direct communication to good advantage. To do so, both terminals must use network transports that enable direct communication.

For an overview, see Direct Communication on page 116 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.

For programming details, see Specifying Direct Communication on page 105 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.

Inherited Methods		Notes
Legal Methods	TibrvTransport.createInbox() TibrvTransport.destroy TibrvTransport.send TibrvTransport.sendReply TibrvTransport.sendRequest()	
Disabled Methods	TibrvTransport.createAcceptVc() TibrvTransport.createConnectVc() TibrvTransport.getDaemon() TibrvTransport.getDescription() TibrvTransport.getNetwork() TibrvTransport.getService() TibrvTransport.setBatchMode TibrvTransport.setDescription	After calling either of the two create methods on an ordinary transport (to create the terminal) these methods are disabled in the terminal.

See Also TibryTransport on page 164

Virtual Circuits on page 119 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

TibrvTransport.createAcceptVc()

Method

Declaration	<pre>set vcTransport = TibrvTransport.createAcceptVc()</pre>
Purpose	Create a virtual circuit accept object.
Remarks	Note that programs call this method on an ordinary transport. The method creates and returns a new accept transport object that employs the ordinary transport. Programs may use the ordinary transport for other purposes.
	It is illegal to call this method on a virtual circuit terminal transport object (that is, you cannot nest a virtual circuit within another virtual circuit).
	After this method returns, programs must extract the connect subject; see TibrvTransport.getVcConnectSubject() on page 189.

Parameter	Description
vcTransport	TibrvTransport
	This method creates and returns an accept transport object that employs the ordinary transport object for communications.
Test Before Using	Either of two conditions indicate that the connection is ready to use:
5 59	 The terminal transport presents the VC. CONNECTED advisory.
	• TibrvTransport.waitForVcConnection returns without error.
	Immediately after this call, test <i>both</i> conditions with these two steps (in this order):
	1. Listen on the virtual circuit transport object for the VC. CONNECTED advisory.
	2. Call TibrvTransport.waitForVcConnection with TIBRVCOM_NO_WAIT as the timeout parameter.
	For an explanation, see Testing the New Connection on page 123 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.
See Also	TibrvTransport.createConnectVc() on page 187 TibrvTransport.getVcConnectSubject() on page 189 TibrvTransport.waitForVcConnection on page 190 VC.CONNECTED on page 288 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts VC.DISCONNECTED on page 289 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

TibrvTransport.createConnectVc()

Method

Declaration set vcTransport = TibrvTransport.createConnectVc(connectSubject) Purpose Create a virtual circuit connect object. Remarks Note that programs call this method on an ordinary transport. The method creates and returns a new connect transport object that employs the ordinary transport. Programs may use the ordinary transport for other purposes. It is illegal to call this method on a virtual circuit terminal transport object (that is, you cannot nest a virtual circuit within another virtual circuit).

Parameter	Description	
vcTransport	TibrvTransport	
	This method creates and returns a connect transport object that employs the ordinary transport object for communications.	
connectSubject	String	
	The connect transport uses this connect subject to establish a virtual circuit with an <i>accept</i> transport in another program.	
	The program must receive this connect subject from the accepting program. The call to TibrvTransport.createAcceptVc() creates this subject.	

Test Before Using

Either of two conditions indicate that the connection is ready to use:

- The transport presents the VC. CONNECTED advisory.
- TibryTransport.waitForVcConnection returns without error.

Immediately after this call, test *both* conditions with these two steps (in this order):

- 1. Listen on the virtual circuit transport object for the VC. CONNECTED advisory.
- 2. Call TibryTransport.waitForVcConnection with TIBRVCOM_NO_WAIT as the timeout parameter.

For an explanation, see Testing the New Connection on page 123 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.

See Also

TibrvTransport.createAcceptVc() on page 186 TibrvTransport.getVcConnectSubject() on page 189 TibryTransport.waitForVcConnection on page 190

VC.CONNECTED on page 288 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts VC.DISCONNECTED on page 289 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

TibrvTransport.getVcConnectSubject()

Method

Declaration connectSubject = TibrvTransport.getVcConnectSubject()

Purpose Return the connect subject of an accept terminal.

Remarks After creating an accept terminal, the program must use this method to extract its connect subject, and send it in a message to another program, inviting it to establish a virtual circuit. Furthermore, the reply subject of that invitation message

must be this connect subject. To complete the virtual circuit, the second program must extract this subject from the invitation, and supply it to

TibrvTransport.createConnectVc().

It is an error to call this method on any object other than a virtual circuit accept terminal.

Parameter	Description
connectSubject	String
	The method returns the connect subject of a virtual circuit accept transport.
	After this call returns, the program must send a message to another program, inviting it to establish a virtual circuit. Furtherer, the <i>reply subject</i> of that invitation message must be this connect subject. To complete the virtual circuit, the second program must extract this subject from the invitation, and supply it to TibrvTransport.createConnectVc().

See Also TibrvTransport.createAcceptVc() on page 186 TibrvTransport.createConnectVc() on page 187

TibrvTransport.waitForVcConnection

Method

Declaration TibrvTransport.waitForVcConnection timeout

Test the connection status of a virtual circuit. Purpose

Remarks This method tests (and can block) until this virtual circuit transport object has established a connection with its opposite terminal. You may call this method for

either an accept terminal or a connect terminal.



With a non-zero argument, this call blocks all other activity in the program, including automatic dispatch of events and GUI operation. Use with caution.

This method produces the same information as the virtual circuit advisory messages—but it produces it synchronously (while advisories are asynchronous). Programs can use this method not only to test the connection, but also to block until the connection is ready to use.

For example, a program can create a terminal object, then call this method to wait until the connection completes.

Parameter	Description	
timeout	Double This parameter determines the behavior of the call:	
	 For a quick test of current connection status, supply the constant TIBRVCOM_NO_WAIT. The call returns immediately, without blocking. 	
	 To wait for a new terminal to establish a connection, supply a reasonable positive value. The call returns either when the connection is complete, or when this time limit elapses. 	
	 To wait indefinitely for a usable connection, supply the constant TIBRVCOM_WAIT_FOREVER. The call returns when the connection is complete. If the connection was already complete and is now broken, the call returns immediately. 	

Errors

If the connection is complete (ready to use), this call returns without error. Otherwise it produces an error object; the status code in that error object gives more detail about why the connection is not usable.

Status	Description
TIBRVCOM_TIMEOUT	The connection is not yet complete, but the non-negative time limit for waiting has expired.
TIBRVCOM_VC_NOT_CONNECTED	The connection was formerly complete, but is now irreparably broken.

See Also

TibrvTransport.createAcceptVc() on page 186 TibrvTransport.createConnectVc() on page 187

Testing the New Connection on page 123 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

VC.CONNECTED on page 288 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts VC.DISCONNECTED on page 289 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

Chapter 8 Fault Tolerance

Rendezvous fault tolerance software coordinates a group of redundant program processes into a fault-tolerant distributed system. Some processes actively fulfill the tasks of the program, while other processes wait in readiness. When one of the active processes fails, another process rapidly assumes active duty.

Topics

- Fault Tolerance Road Map, page 194
- TibrvFtMember, page 195
- TibrvFtMonitor, page 211

Fault Tolerance Road Map

For a complete discussion of concepts and operating principles, see Fault Tolerance Concepts on page 197 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.

For suggestions to help you design programs using fault tolerance features, see Fault Tolerance Programming on page 215 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.

For step-by-step hints for implementing fault-tolerant systems, see Developing Fault-Tolerant Programs on page 229 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.

Fault tolerance software uses advisory messages to inform programs of status changes. For details, see Fault Tolerance (RVFT) Advisory Messages on page 315 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.

If your application distributes fault-tolerant processes across network boundaries, you must configure the Rendezvous routing daemons to exchange _RVFT administrative messages. For details, see Fault Tolerance on page 407 in TIBCO *Rendezvous Administration*, and discuss with your network administrator.

TibrvFtMember

Class

Represent membership in a fault tolerance group. **Purpose**

Upon creating the internal structure of this object, the process joins a fault Remarks

tolerance group.

By destroying or deleting a member object, the process withdraws its

membership in the fault tolerance group.

Method	Description	Page
Life Cycle		
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TibrvFtMember.create

Method

Declaration

TibrvFtMember.create queue, transport, groupName, weight, activeGoal,

heartbeatInterval, preparationInterval, activationInterval, closure

Purpose

Create a member of a fault tolerance group.

Remarks

Upon creating a member object, the process becomes a member of the group.

A process may hold simultaneous memberships in several distinct fault tolerance groups. For examples, see Multiple Groups on page 219 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.

Avoid joining the same group twice. It is illegal for a process to maintain more than one membership in any one fault tolerance group. The method does not guard against this illegal situation, and results are unpredictable.

Joining a fault tolerance group requires three steps:

Declare a variable for the member.

```
Dim WithEvents myFt as TibrvFtMember
```

This declaration triggers VB to automatically define a private subroutine callback stub named myFt_OnFtAction. The program must complete this method for each member object.

2. Create the VB object, and assign it to that variable.

```
set myFt = New TibrvFtMember
```

3. Create the internal implementation object to join the group. myFt.create ...

Calling this method on a valid object yields the error TIBRVCOM ALREADY INITIALIZED.

Intervals

The heartbeat interval must be less than the activation interval. If the preparation interval is non-zero, it must be greater than the heartbeat interval and less than the activation interval. It is an error to violate these rules.

In addition, intervals must be reasonable for the hardware and network conditions. For information and examples, see Step 4: Choose the Intervals on page 237 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.

Group Name

The group name must be a legal Rendezvous subject name (see Subject Names on page 61 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts). You may use names with several elements; for examples, see Multiple Groups on page 219 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.

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Parameter	Description
queue	TibrvQueue
	Place fault tolerance events for this member on this event queue.
transport	TibrvTransport
	Use this transport for fault tolerance internal protocol messages (such as heartbeat messages).
groupName	String
	Join the fault tolerant group with this name.
	The group name must conform to the syntax required for Rendezvous subject names. For details, see Subject Names on page 61 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.
weight	Long
	Weight represents the ability of this member to fulfill its purpose, relative to other members of the same fault tolerance group. Rendezvous fault tolerance software uses relative weight values to select which members to activate; members with higher weight take precedence over members with lower weight.
	Acceptable values range from 1 to 65535. Zero is a special, reserved value; Rendezvous fault tolerance software assigns zero weight to processes with resource errors, so they only activate when no other members are available.
	For more information, see Rank and Weight on page 206 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.
activeGoal	Long
	Rendezvous fault tolerance software sends callback instructions to maintain this number of active members.
	Acceptable values range from 1 to 65535.

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Parameter	Description
heartbeatInterval	Double
	When this member is active, it sends heartbeat messages at this interval (in seconds).
	The interval must be positive. To determine the correct value, see Step 4: Choose the Intervals on page 237 in <i>TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts</i> .
preparationInterval	Double
	When the heartbeat signal from one or more active members has been silent for this interval (in seconds), Rendezvous fault tolerance software issues an early warning hint (TIBRVCOM_FT_PREPARE_TO_ACTIVATE) to the ranking inactive member. This warning lets the inactive member prepare to activate, for example, by connecting to a database server, or allocating memory.
	The interval must be non-negative. Zero is a special value, indicating that the member does not need advance warning to activate; Rendezvous fault tolerance software never issues a TIBRVCOM_FT_PREPARE_TO_ACTIVATE hint when this value is zero. To determine the correct value, see Step 4: Choose the Intervals on page 237 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.
activationInterval	Double
	When the heartbeat signal from one or more active members has been silent for this interval (in seconds), Rendezvous fault tolerance software considers the silent member to be lost, and issues the instruction to activate (TIBRVCOM_FT_ACTIVATE) to the ranking inactive member.
	When a new member joins a group, Rendezvous fault tolerance software identifies the new member to existing members (if any), and then waits for this interval to receive identification from them in return. If, at the end of this interval, it determines that too few members are active, it issues the activate instruction (TIBRVCOM_FT_ACTIVATE) to the new member.
	Then interval must be positive. To determine the correct value, see Step 4: Choose the Intervals on page 237 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.
closure	Object
	Store this closure data in the member object.

TibrvFtMember on page 195. See Also

TibrvFtMember_onFtAction on page 207.

TibrvFtMember.destroy on page 200.

Step 1: Choose a Group Name, page 230 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

Step 2: Choose the Active Goal, page 232 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

Step 4: Choose the Intervals, page 237 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

Step 5: Program Start Sequence, page 241 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

TibrvFtMember.destroy

Method

Declaration TibrvFtMember.destroy

Purpose Destroy a member of a fault tolerance group.

Remarks By destroying a member object, the program cancels or withdraws its membership in the group.

This method has two effects:

- If this member is active, stop sending the heartbeat signal.
- Reclaim the program storage associated with this member.

Once a program withdraws from a group, it no longer receives fault tolerance events. One direct consequence is that an active program that withdraws can never receive an instruction to deactivate.

This method destroys only the internal structure of the member object. Rendezvous software automatically destroys a member (using this method) when program execution leaves the scope of the object, or sets the object to Nothing.

See Also TibrvFtMember.create on page 196

TibrvFtMember.isValid() on page 206

TibrvFtMember.getClosure()

Method

Declaration closure = TibrvFtMember.getClosure()

Purpose Extract the closure of a fault tolerance member.

Parameter	Description
closure	Object
	Return the closure of the fault tolerance object.

See Also TibrvFtMember.create on page 196

TibrvFtMember.getGroupName()

Method

Declaration groupName = TibrvFtMember.getGroupName()

Extract the group name of a fault tolerance member. **Purpose**

Parameter	Description
groupName	String
	Return the name of the fault tolerance group.

TibrvFtMember.create on page 196 See Also

TibrvFtMember.getQueue()

Method

Declaration set queue = TibrvFtMember.getQueue()

Extract the event queue of a fault tolerance member. Purpose

Parameter	Description	
queue	TibrvQueue	
	Return the event queue of the fault tolerance object.	

TibrvQueue on page 133 See Also

TibrvFtMember.create on page 196

TibrvFtMember.getTransport()

Method

Declaration set transport = TibrvFtMember.getTransport()

Extract the transport of a fault tolerance member. **Purpose**

Parameter	Description
transport	TibrvTransport
	Return the transport of the fault tolerance object.

TibrvTransport on page 164 See Also

TibrvFtMember.create on page 196

TibrvFtMember.getWeight()

Method

Declaration weight = TibrvFtMember.getWeight()

Purpose Extract the weight of a fault tolerance member.

Parameter	Description
weight	Long
	Return the weight of the fault tolerance member.

TibrvFtMember.create on page 196 See Also

TibrvFtMember.isValid()

Method

Declaration isValid = TibrvFtMember.isValid()

Test validity of a fault tolerance member object. **Purpose**

Returns True if the member is valid; False if the member has been destroyed or is Remarks

otherwise invalid.

Parameter	Description
isValid	Boolean
	Return the validity of the fault tolerance object.

TibrvFtMember.destroy on page 200 See Also

TibrvFtMember_onFtAction

Method

Declaration Private Sub myFtMember_onFtAction(

ByVal ftMember As TIBRVCOMLib.ITibrvFtMember, ByVal groupName As String, ByVal action As Long)

Process fault tolerance events for a group member. Purpose

Remarks

Each member program of a fault tolerance group must implement this method. Declaring a variable of class TibrvFtMember with events triggers VB to automatically define a COM event callback, and a private subroutine callback stub named *var_*OnFtAction. The program must complete this method for each member object.

This method receives its parameters by value, so it cannot delete them.

To withdraw from a fault tolerance group, destroy or delete the *original* member object associated with this callback method.

Rendezvous fault tolerance software queues a member action event in three situations. In each case, it passes a different action argument, instructing the callback method to activate, deactivate, or prepare to activate the program.

- When the number of active members drops below the active goal, the fault tolerance callback method (in the ranking inactive member process) receives the token TIBRVCOM_FT_ACTIVATE; the callback method must respond by assuming the duties of an active member.
- When the number of active members exceeds the active goal, the fault tolerance callback method (in any active member that is outranked by another active member) receives the action token TIBRVCOM_FT_DEACTIVATE; the callback method must respond by switching the program to its inactive state.
- When the number of active members equals the active goal, and Rendezvous fault tolerance software detects that it might soon decrease below the active goal, the fault tolerance callback method (in the ranking inactive member) receives the action token TIBRVCOM_FT_PREPARE_TO_ACTIVATE; the callback method must respond by making the program ready to activate immediately. For example, preparatory steps might include time-consuming tasks such as connecting to a database. If the callback method subsequently receives the TIBRVCOM_FT_ACTIVATE token, it will be ready to activate without delay.

For additional information see Fault Tolerance Callback Actions on page 216 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.

Parameter	Description
ftMember	TibrvFtMember
	This parameter receives the member object.
groupName	String
	This parameter receives a string denoting the name of the fault tolerance group.
action	Long
	This parameter receives a token that instructs the callback method to activate, deactivate or prepare to activate. See Action Tokens on page 208.

Action Tokens

The type library defines constants to represent the fault tolerance actions. Each token designates a command to a fault tolerance callback method. The program's callback method receives one of these tokens in a parameter, and interprets it as an instruction from the Rendezvous fault tolerance software as described in this table (see also, Fault Tolerance Callback Actions on page 216 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts).

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Field	Description
TIBRVCOM_FT_PREPARE_TO_ACTIVATE	Prepare to activate (hint).
	Rendezvous fault tolerance software passes this token to the callback method to instruct the program to make itself ready to activate on short notice—so that if the callback method subsequently receives the instruction to activate, it can do so without delay.
	This token is a hint, indicating that the program might soon receive an instruction to activate. It does not guarantee that an activate instruction will follow, nor that any minimum time will elapse before an activate instruction follows.
TIBRVCOM_FT_ACTIVATE	Activate immediately.
	Rendezvous fault tolerance software passes this token to the callback method to instruct the program to activate.

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Field	Description
TIBRVCOM_FT_DEACTIVATE	Deactivate immediately.
	Rendezvous fault tolerance software passes this token to the callback method to instruct the program to deactivate.

See Also TibrvFtMember.create on page 196.

TibrvFtMember.setWeight

Method

Declaration TibrvFtMember.setWeight weight

Purpose Change the weight of a fault tolerance member within its group.

Remarks Weight summarizes the relative suitability of a member for its task, relative to other members of the same fault tolerance group. That suitability is a combination of computer speed and load factors, network bandwidth, computer and network reliability, and other factors. Programs may reset their weight when any of these

factors change, overriding the previous assigned weight.

You can use relative weights to indicate priority among group members.

Zero is a special value; Rendezvous fault tolerance software assigns zero weight to processes with resource errors, so they only activate when no other members are available. Programs must always assign weights greater than zero.

When Rendezvous fault tolerance software requests a resource but receives an error (for example, the member process cannot allocate memory, or start a timer), it attempts to send the member process a DISABLING_MEMBER advisory message, and sets the member's weight to zero, effectively disabling the member. Weight zero implies that this member is active only as a last resort—when no other members outrank it. (However, if the disabled member process does become active, it might not operate correctly.)

Parameter	Description
weight	Long
	The new weight value. See weight on page 197.

See Also Adjusting Member Weights on page 227 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.

TibrvFtMonitor

Class

Purpose Monitor a fault tolerance group.

Remarks Upon creating this object, the program monitors a fault tolerance group.

Monitors are passive—they do not affect the group members in any way.

Rendezvous fault tolerance software queues a monitor event whenever the number of active members in the group changes—either it detects a new heartbeat, or it detects that the heartbeat from a previously active member is now silent, or it receives a message from the fault tolerance component of an active member indicating deactivation or termination.

The monitor callback method receives the number of active members as an argument.

By destroying a monitor object, the program stops monitoring the fault tolerance

Destroying the queue or transport of a monitor automatically destroys the monitor as well.

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TibrvFtMonitor.create

Method

Declaration TibrvFtMonitor.create queue, transport, groupName, lostInterval, closure

Purpose Monitor a fault tolerance group.

Remarks The monitor callback method receives the number of active members as an argument.

The group need not have any members at the time of this method call.

Monitoring a fault tolerance group requires three steps:

1. Declare a variable for the monitor.

Dim WithEvents myMon as TibrvFtMonitor

This declaration triggers VB to automatically define a private subroutine callback stub named myMon_OnFtMonitor. The program must complete this method for each monitor object.

2. Create the VB object, and assign it to that variable.

```
set myMon = New TibrvFtMonitor
```

3. Create the internal implementation object to begin monitoring. myMon.create ...

Calling this method on a valid object yields the error TIBRVCOM_ALREADY_INITIALIZED.

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Parameter	Description
queue	TibrvQueue
	Place events for this monitor on this event queue.
transport	TibrvTransport
	Listen on this transport for fault tolerance internal protocol messages (such as heartbeat messages).

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Parameter	Description
groupName	String
	Monitor the fault tolerant group with this name.
	The group name must conform to the syntax required for Rendezvous subject names. For details, see Subject Names on page 61 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.
	See also, Group Name on page 214.
lostInterval	Double
	When the heartbeat signal from an active member has been silent for this interval (in seconds), Rendezvous fault tolerance software considers that member lost, and queues a monitor event.
	The interval must be positive. To determine the correct value, see Step 4: Choose the Intervals on page 237 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.
	See also, Lost Interval on page 214.
closure	Object
	Store this closure data in the monitor object.

Lost Interval

The monitor uses the lostInterval to determine whether a member is still active. When the heartbeat signal from an active member has been silent for this interval (in seconds), the monitor considers that member lost, and queues a monitor event.

We recommend setting the lostInterval identical to the group's activationInterval, so the monitor accurately reflects the behavior of the group members.

Group Name

The group name must be a legal Rendezvous subject name (see Subject Names on page 61 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts). You may use names with several elements; for examples, see Multiple Groups on page 219 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.

See Also

TibrvFtMonitor_onFtMonitor on page 221. TibrvFtMonitor.destroy on page 215.

TibrvFtMonitor.destroy

Method

Declaration TibrvFtMonitor.destroy

Stop monitoring a fault tolerance group, and free associated resources. **Purpose**

This method destroys only the internal structure of the monitor object. Remarks

> Rendezvous software automatically destroys a monitor (using this method) when program execution leaves the scope of the object, or sets the object to Nothing.

See Also TibrvFtMonitor.create on page 213

TibrvFtMonitor.getClosure()

Method

Declaration closure = TibrvFtMonitor.getClosure()

Extract the closure of a fault tolerance monitor. Purpose

Parameter	Description
closure	Object
	Return the closure of the fault tolerance monitor object.

See Also TibrvFtMonitor.create on page 213

TibrvFtMonitor.getGroupName()

Method

Declaration groupName = TibrvFtMonitor.getGroupName()

Extract the group name of a fault tolerance monitor. Purpose

Parameter	Description
groupName	String
	Return the name of the fault tolerance group.

TibrvFtMonitor.create on page 213 See Also

TibrvFtMonitor.getQueue()

Method

Declaration set queue = TibrvFtMonitor.getQueue()

Extract the event queue of a fault tolerance monitor. **Purpose**

Parameter	Description
queue	TibrvQueue
	Return the queue of the fault tolerance monitor object.

TibrvQueue on page 133 See Also

TibrvFtMonitor.create on page 213

TibrvFtMonitor.getTransport()

Method

Declaration set transport = TibrvFtMonitor.getTransport()

Extract the transport of a fault tolerance monitor. Purpose

Parameter	Description
transport	TibrvTransport
	Return the transport of the fault tolerance monitor object.

TibrvTransport on page 164 See Also

TibrvFtMonitor.create on page 213

TibrvFtMonitor.isValid()

Method

Declaration isValid = TibrvFtMonitor.isValid()

Test validity of a fault tolerance monitor object. **Purpose**

Returns True if the monitor is valid; False if the monitor has been destroyed or is Remarks

otherwise invalid.

Parameter	Description
isValid	Boolean
	Return the validity of the fault tolerance monitor object.

TibrvFtMonitor.destroy on page 215 See Also

TibrvFtMonitor onFtMonitor

Declaration Private Sub myFtMon_onFtMonitor(

> ByVal ftMonitor As TIBRVCOMLib.ITibrvFtMonitor, ByVal groupName As String, ByVal numActiveMembers As Long)

Process fault tolerance events for a monitor. Purpose

this method for each member object.

Remarks A program must define a method of this type as a prerequisite to monitor a fault tolerance group. Declaring a variable of class TibrvFtMonitor with events triggers VB to automatically define a COM event callback, and a private subroutine callback stub named *var_*OnFtMonitor. The program must complete

> Rendezvous fault tolerance software queues a monitor event whenever the number of active members in the group changes.

A program need not be a member of a group in order to monitor that group. Programs that do not monitor need not define a monitor callback method.

This method receives its parameters by value, so it cannot delete them.

To stop monitoring, destroy the *original* monitor object associated with this callback method.

Parameter	Description
ftMonitor	TibrvFtMonitor
	This parameter receives the monitor object.
groupName	String
	This parameter receives a string denoting the name of the fault tolerance group.
numActiveMembers	Long
	This parameter receives the number of group members now active.

See Also TibrvFtMonitor.create on page 213.

Chapter 9 Certified Message Delivery

Although Rendezvous communications are highly reliable, some applications require even stronger assurances of delivery. Certified delivery features offers greater certainty of delivery—even in situations where processes and their network connections are unstable.

See Also

This API implements Rendezvous certified delivery features. For a complete discussion, see Certified Message Delivery on page 139 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.

Certified delivery software uses advisory messages extensively. For example, advisories inform sending and receiving programs of the delivery status of each message. For complete details, see Certified Message Delivery (RVCM) Advisory Messages on page 291 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.

If your application sends or receives certified messages across network boundaries, you must configure the Rendezvous routing daemons to exchange _RVCM administrative messages. For details, see Certified Message Delivery on page 403 in TIBCO Rendezvous Administration.

Some programs require certified delivery to *one of n* worker processes. See Distributed Queue on page 183 in *TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts*.

Topics

- TibrvCmListener, page 224
- TibrvCmTransport, page 238

TibrvCmListener

Class

Purpose A certified delivery listener object listens for labeled messages and certified

messages.

Remarks Each call to the method TibrvCmListener.create results in a new certified

> delivery listener, which represents your program's listening interest in a stream of labeled messages and certified messages. Rendezvous software uses the same

listener object to signal each occurrence of such an event.

We recommend that programs explicitly destroy each certified delivery listener object using TibrvCmListener.destroy. Destroying or deleting a certified listener object cancels the program's immediate interest in that event, and frees its storage; nonetheless, a parameter to the destroy call determines whether certified delivery agreements continue to persist beyond the destroy call.

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TibrvCmListener.confirmMsg

Method

Declaration TibrvCmListener.confirmMsg message

Purpose Explicitly confirm delivery of a certified message.

Remarks Use this method only in programs that override automatic confirmation (see TibrvCmListener.setExplicitConfirm on page 237). The default behavior of certified listeners is to automatically confirm delivery when the callback method returns.

Parameter	Description
message	TibrvMsg
	Confirm receipt of this message.

Unregistered Message

When a CM listener receives a labeled message, its behavior depends on context:

- If a CM listener is registered for certified delivery, it presents the supplementary information to the callback method. If the sequence number is present, then the receiving program can confirm delivery.
- If a CM listener is *not* registered for certified delivery with the sender, it presents the sender's name to the callback method, but omits the sequence number. In this case, the receiving program cannot confirm delivery; TibrvCmListener.confirmMsg reports the error TIBRVCOM_NOT_PERMITTED.

Notice that the first labeled message that a program receives on a subject might not be certified; that is, the sender has not registered a certified delivery agreement with the listener. If appropriate, the certified delivery library automatically requests that the sender register the listener for certified delivery. (See Discovery and Registration for Certified Delivery on page 154 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.)

A labeled but uncertified message can also result when the sender explicitly disallows or removes the listener.

See Also

TibrvCmListener on page 224 TibrvCmListener.setExplicitConfirm on page 237

TibrvCmListener.create

Method

Declaration

TibrvCmListener.create queue, cmTransport, subject, closure

Purpose

Listen for messages that match the subject, and request certified delivery when available.

Starting a listener requires three steps:

1. Declare a variable for the listener.

Dim WithEvents myCmListener as TibrvCmListener

This declaration triggers VB to automatically define a private subroutine callback stub named myCmListener_OnCmMsg. The program must complete this method for each listener object.

2. Create the VB object, and assign it to that variable.

```
set myCmListener = New TibrvCmListener
```

3. Create the internal implementation object to begin listening. myCmListener.create ...

Calling this method on a valid object yields the error TIBRVCOM ALREADY INITIALIZED.

Parameter	Description
queue	TibrvQueue
	For each inbound message, place the listener event on this event queue.
cmTransport	TibrvCmTransport
	Listen for inbound messages on this certified delivery transport.
subject	String
	Listen for inbound messages with subjects that match this specification. Wildcard subjects are permitted. The empty string is <i>not</i> a legal subject name.
closure	Object
	Store this closure data in the event object.

Activation and Dispatch Details of listener event semantics are identical to those for ordinary listeners; see

Activation and Dispatch on page 110.

Inbox Listener

To receive unicast (point-to-point) messages, listen to a unique inbox subject name. First call TibrvTransport.createInbox() to create the unique inbox name; then call TibrvCmListener.create to begin listening. Remember that other programs have no information about an inbox until the listening program uses it as a reply subject in an outbound message.

See Also

TibrvCmListener on page 224 TibrvCmListener_onCmMsg on page 235 TibrvCmTransport.destroy on page 249 TibrvListener.getSubject() on page 117 TibrvTransport.createInbox() on page 169

TibrvCmListener.destroy

Method

Declaration TibrvCmListener.destroy cancelAgreements

Purpose Destroy a certified delivery listener.

Remarks This method destroys only the internal structure of the listener object. Rendezvous software automatically destroys a listener (using this method) when program execution leaves the scope of the object, or sets the object to Nothing.

> Destroying an event object cancels interest in it. Upon return from TibrvCmListener.destroy, the destroyed event is no longer dispatched. However, an active callback method of this event continues to run and return normally, even though the event is invalid.

It is legal for an event callback method to destroy its own event.

Parameter	Description
cancelAgreements	Boolean
	True cancels all certified delivery agreements of this listener; certified senders delete from their ledgers all messages sent to this listener.
	False leaves all certified delivery agreements in effect, so certified senders continue to store messages.

Canceling Agreements

When destroying a certified delivery listener, a program can either cancel its certified delivery agreements with senders, or let those agreements persist (so a successor listener can receive the messages covered by those agreements).

When canceling agreements, each (previously) certified sender transport receives a REGISTRATION. CLOSED advisory. Successor listeners cannot receive old messages.

Deleting an certified delivery listener object (without first destroying it) cancels its agreements.

See Also TibrvCmListener on page 224

TibrvCmListener.getClosure()

Method

Declaration closure = TibrvCmListener.getClosure()

Extract the closure of a CM listener. Purpose

Parameter	Description
closure	Object
	Return the closure of the CM listener object.

TibrvCmListener.create on page 227 See Also

TibrvCmListener.getCmTransport()

Method

Declaration set cmTransport = TibrvCmListener.getCmTransport()

Extract the CM transport of a CM listener. **Purpose**

Parameter	Description
cmTransport	TibrvCmTransport
	Return the CM transport of the CM listener object.

TibrvCmTransport on page 238 See Also

TibrvCmListener.create on page 227

TibrvCmTransport.getTransport() on page 259

TibrvCmListener.getQueue()

Method

Declaration set queue = TibrvCmListener.getQueue()

Extract the event queue of a CM listener. Purpose

Parameter	Description
queue	TibrvQueue
	Return the event queue of the CM listener object.

TibrvQueue on page 133 See Also

TibrvCmListener.create on page 227

TibrvCmListener.getSubject()

Method

Declaration subject = TibrvCmListener.getSubject()

Purpose Extract the subject of a CM listener.

Parameter	Description
subject	String
	Return the subject of the CM listener object.

TibrvCmListener.create on page 227 See Also

TibrvCmListener.isValid()

Method

Declaration isValid = TibrvCmListener.isValid()

Test validity of a CM listener object. **Purpose**

Returns True if the member is valid; False if the member has been destroyed or is Remarks

otherwise invalid.

Parameter	Description
isValid	Boolean
	Return the validity of the CM listener object.

TibrvCmListener.destroy on page 229 See Also

TibrvCmListener_onCmMsg

Method

Declaration Private Sub myCmListener_onCmMsg(

> ByVal cmListener As TIBRVCOMLib.ITibrvCmListener, ByVal message As TIBRVCOMLib.ITibrvMsg)

Purpose Process inbound messages (CM listener events).

Remarks Implement this method to process inbound messages.

> Declaring a variable of class TibrvCmListener with events triggers VB to automatically define a COM event callback, and a private subroutine callback stub named *var_*OnCmMsg. The program must complete this method for each CM listener object.

This method receives its parameters by value, so it cannot delete them.

To stop listening to the message subject, destroy the *original* listener object associated with this callback method.

Parameter	Description
cmListener	TibrvCmListener
	This parameter receives the CM listener object.
message	TibrvMsg
	This parameter receives the inbound message object. To preserve this message beyond exit from this callback method, the program must detach it.

CM Label Information

The callback method for certified delivery messages can use certified delivery label properties to discriminate these situations:

- If extracting the cmSender property yields the error TIBRVCOM_NOT_FOUND, then the message uses the reliable protocol (that is, it was sent from an ordinary transport).
- If the cmSender property is a valid sender name, then the message uses the certified delivery protocol (that is, it is a labeled message, sent from a certified delivery transport).

Once the callback method determines that the message uses the certified delivery protocol, it can discriminate further:

- If extracting the cmSequenceNumber property yields the error TIBRVCOM_NOT_FOUND, then the listener is *not registered* for certified delivery from the sender.
- If the cmSequenceNumber property is a positive sequence number, then a certified delivery agreement is in effect for this subject with the sender.

Notice that the first labeled message that a program receives on a subject might not be certified; that is, the sender has not registered a certified delivery agreement with the listener. If appropriate, the certified delivery library automatically requests that the sender register the listener for certified delivery. (See Discovery and Registration for Certified Delivery on page 154 in TIBCO *Rendezvous Concepts.*)

Release 5 Interaction

In release 6 (and later) the sequence number is a 64-bit unsigned integer, while in older releases (5 and earlier) it is a 32-bit unsigned integer.

When 32-bit senders overflow the sequence number, behavior is undefined.

When 64-bit senders send sequence numbers greater than 32 bits, 32-bit receivers detect malformed label information, and process the message as an ordinary reliable message (uncertified and unlabeled).

See Also

TibrvMsg.detach on page 54 TibrvCmListener.create on page 227 TibrvMsg.getProperty() on page 72

TibrvCmListener.setExplicitConfirm

Method

Declaration TibrvCmListener.setExplicitConfirm

Purpose Override automatic confirmation of delivery for this listener.

Remarks The default behavior of certified listeners is to automatically confirm delivery when the callback method returns (see TibrvCmListener_onCmMsg on page 235).

This call selectively overrides this behavior for this specific listener (without

affecting other listeners).

By overriding automatic confirmation, the listener assumes responsibility to

explicitly confirm each inbound certified message by calling

TibrvCmListener.confirmMsg.

Consider overriding automatic confirmation when processing inbound messages involves activity that is asynchronous with respect to the message callback

method; for example, additional network communications.

No method exists to restore the default behavior—that is, to reverse the effect of

this method.

See Also TibrvCmListener on page 224

TibrvListener_onMsg on page 120

TibrvCmListener.confirmMsg on page 226

TibrvCmTransport

Class

Purpose A certified delivery transport object implements the CM delivery protocol for

messages.

Remarks Each certified delivery transport employs a TibryTransport for network communications. The TibrvCmTransport adds the accounting mechanisms needed for delivery tracking and certified delivery.

> Several TibrvCmTransport objects can employ a TibrvTransport, which also remains available for its own ordinary listeners and for sending ordinary messages.

Programs must explicitly destroy each certified delivery transport object. Destroying a certified delivery transport object invalidates subsequent certified send calls on that object, and invalidates any certified listeners using that transport (while preserving the certified delivery agreements of those listeners).

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TibrvCmTransport.addListener

Method

Remarks

Declaration TibrvCmTransport.addListener cmName, subject

Purpose Pre-register an anticipated listener.

> Some sending programs can anticipate requests for certified delivery—even before the listening programs actually register. In such situations, the sending transport can pre-register listeners, so Rendezvous software begins storing outbound messages in the sender's ledger; when the listener requests certified delivery, it receives the backlogged messages.

If the correspondent with this cmName already receives certified delivery of this subject from this sender transport, then TibrvCmTransport.addListener has no effect.

If the correspondent with this cmName is disallowed,

TibrvCmTransport.addListener reports the error TIBRVCOM_NOT_PERMITTED. You can call TibrvCmTransport.allowListener to supersede the effect of a prior call to TibrvCmTransport.disallowListener; then call TibrvCmTransport.addListener again.

It is not sufficient for a sender to use this method to anticipate listeners; the anticipated listening programs must also require old messages when creating certified delivery transports.

Parameter	Description
cmName	String
	Anticipate a listener from a correspondent with this reusable name.
subject	String
	Anticipate a listener for this subject. Wildcard subjects are illegal.

See Also Name, page 247

TibrvCmTransport.allowListener on page 242 TibrvCmTransport.disallowListener on page 250 TibrvCmTransport.removeListener on page 263 Anticipating a Listener, page 161 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

TibrvCmTransport.allowListener

Method

Declaration TibrvCmTransport.allowListener cmName

Purpose Invite the named receiver to reinstate certified delivery for its listeners,

superseding the effect of any previous *disallow* calls.

Remarks Upon receiving the invitation to reinstate certified delivery, Rendezvous software

at the listening program automatically sends new registration requests. The

sending program accepts these requests, restoring certified delivery.

Parameter	Description
cmName	String
	Accept requests for certified delivery to listeners at the transport with this correspondent name.

See Also Name, page 247

TibrvCmTransport.disallowListener on page 250

Disallowing Certified Delivery, page 164 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

TibrvCmTransport.connectToRelayAgent

Method

Declaration TibrvCmTransport.connectToRelayAgent

Purpose Connect a certified delivery transport to its designated relay agent.

Remarks Programs may specify a relay agent when creating a CM transport object.

> Connect calls are non-blocking; they immediately return control to the program, and asynchronously attempt to connect to the relay agent (continuing until they succeed, or until the program makes a disconnect call).

When a transport attempts to connect to a relay agent, Rendezvous software automatically locates the relay agent process (if it exists). When the program successfully connects to the relay agent, they synchronize:

- The transport receives a RELAY. CONNECTED advisory, informing it of successful contact with the relay agent. (Listen for all advisory messages on the ordinary TibrvTransport that the TibrvCmTransport employs.)
 - (When a program cannot locate its relay agent, certified delivery software produces DELIVERY. NO_RESPONSE advisories; however, we recommend against designing programs to rely on this side effect.)
- If the client transport is a CM listener, the relay agent listens to the same set of subjects on behalf of the client. The relay agent also updates its confirmation state to reflect the state of the transport.
- If the client transport is a CM *sender*, the relay agent updates its acceptance state to reflect the state of the transport. The sending client updates its confirmation state to reflect the state of the relay agent.
- The transport and relay agent exchange the CM data messages that they have been storing during the time they were disconnected.

We recommend that programs remain connected for a minimum of two minutes, to allow time for this synchronization to complete. (Two minutes is a generous estimate, which is sufficient for most situations. Actual time synchronization time can be much shorter, and varies with the number of stored messages and the degree to which protocol state has changed.)

If the transport is already connected to its relay agent, then this method returns normally, and does not trigger a RELAY. CONNECTED advisory.

TibrvCmTransport.create automatically connects a transport to its designated relay agent upon creation.

The error code ${\tt TIBRVCOM_UNABLE}$ indicates that the transport does not have a **Errors**

relay agent.

See Also TibrvCmTransport.create on page 245

TibrvCmTransport.disconnectFromRelayAgent on page 251

Relay Agent, page 170 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

TibrvCmTransport.create

Method

Declaration TibrvCmTransport.create transport, cmName, requestOld, ledgerName, syncLedger, relayAgent **Purpose** Create a transport for certified delivery. Remarks The new certified delivery transport must employ a valid transport for network communications. The certified delivery transport remains valid until the program explicitly destroys it. Calling this method on a valid object yields the error TIBRVCOM_ALREADY_INITIALIZED.

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Parameter	Description
transport	TibrvTransport
	The new TibrvCmTransport employs this transport object for network communications.
	Destroying the TibrvCmTransport does not affect this TibrvTransport object.
	It is illegal to supply a virtual circuit transport object for this parameter.
cmName	String; optional
	Bind this reusable name to the new TibrvCmTransport, so the TibrvCmTransport represents a persistent correspondent with this name.
	If non-null, the name must conform to the syntax rules for Rendezvous subject names. It cannot begin with reserved tokens. It cannot be a non-reusable name generated by another call to TibrvCmTransport.create.
	If absent, the empty string ("") or vbNullString, then TibrvCmTransport.create generates a unique, non-reusable name for the duration of the transport.
	For more information, see Name on page 247.

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Parameter	Description
request0ld	Boolean; optional
	This parameter indicates whether a persistent correspondent requires delivery of messages sent to a previous certified delivery transport with the same name, for which delivery was not confirmed. Its value affects the behavior of other CM sending transports.
	If this parameter is true <i>and</i> cmName is present, then the new TibrvCmTransport requires certified senders to retain unacknowledged messages sent to this persistent correspondent. When the new TibrvCmTransport begins listening to the appropriate subjects, the senders can complete delivery. (It is an error to supply true when cmName is omitted.)
	If this parameter is false (or absent), then the new TibrvCmTransport does not require certified senders to retain unacknowledged messages. Certified senders may delete those messages from their ledgers.
ledgerName	String; optional
	If this argument is non-null, then the new TibrvCmTransport uses a file-based ledger. The argument must represent a valid file name. Actual locations corresponding to relative file names conform to operating system conventions. We strongly discourage using the empty string as a ledger file name.
	If absent, the empty string ("") or vbNullString, then the new TibrvCmTransport uses a process-based ledger.
	For more information, see Ledger File on page 247.
syncLedger	Boolean; optional
	If this argument is true, then operations that update the ledger file do not return until the changes are written to the storage medium.
	If this argument is false (or absent), the operating system writes changes to the storage medium asynchronously.

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Parameter	Description
Parameter	Description
relayAgent	String; optional
	Designate the rvrad process with this name as the new transport's relay agent.
	If absent, the empty string ("") or vbNullString, the new TibrvCmTransport does not use a relay agent.
	If non-null, the relay agent name must conform to the syntax rules for reusable names. For details, see Reusable Names on page 167 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.
	It is illegal for a relay agent to have the same name as a CM correspondent.
	For more information, see Relay Agent on page 247.
	With only a transport, create a transient correspondent, with a unique, non-reusable name. (Supplying null as the cmName has the same effect.)
	All other parameters are optional, with default values when omitted.
Name	If cmName is null, then TibrvCmTransport.create generates a unique, non-reusable name for the new certified delivery transport.
	If cmName is non-null, then the new transport binds that name. A correspondent can persist beyond transport destruction only when it has <i>both</i> a reusable name <i>and</i> a file-based ledger.
	For more information about the use of reusable names, see CM Correspondent Name on page 150 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts, and Persistent Correspondents on page 159 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts. For details of reusable name syntax, see Reusable Names on page 167 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.
Relay Agent	TibrvCmTransport.create automatically connects a transport to its designated relay agent upon creation; see TibrvCmTransport.connectToRelayAgent on page 243.
Ledger File	Every certified delivery transport stores the state of its certified communications in a ledger.
	If ledgerFile is null, then the new transport stores its ledger exclusively in process-based storage. When you destroy the transport or the process terminates, all information in the ledger is lost.

If ledgerFile specifies a valid file name, then the new transport uses that file for ledger storage. If the transport is destroyed or the process terminates with incomplete certified communications, the ledger file records that state. When a new transport binds the same reusable name, it reads the ledger file and continues certified communications from the state stored in the file.

Even though a transport uses a ledger file, it may sometimes replicate parts of the ledger in process-based storage for efficiency; however, programmers cannot rely on this replication.

The syncLedger parameter determines whether writing to the ledger file is a synchronous operation:

- To specify synchronous writing, supply true. Each time Rendezvous software writes a ledger item, the call does not return until the data is safely stored in the storage medium.
- To specify asynchronous writing (the default), supply false. Certified delivery calls may return before the data is safely stored in the storage medium, which results in greater speed at the cost of certainty. The ledger file might not accurately reflect program state in cases of hardware or operating system kernel failure (but it is accurate in cases of sudden program failure). Despite this small risk, we strongly recommend this option for maximum performance.

A program that uses an asynchronous ledger file can explicitly synchronize it by calling TibrvCmTransport.syncLedger on page 274.

Destroying a transport with a file-based ledger always leaves the ledger file intact; it neither erases nor removes a ledger file.

The ledger file must reside on the same host computer as the program that uses it.

See Also

TibrvCmTransport.destroy on page 249 TibrvCmTransport.connectToRelayAgent on page 243

TibrvCmTransport.destroy

Method

Declaration TibrvCmTransport.destroy

Purpose Destroy a certified delivery transport.

Remarks This method destroys only the internal structure of the transport object.

> Rendezvous software automatically destroys a transport (using this method) when program execution leaves the scope of the object, or sets the object to

Nothing.

Queue

Destroying a certified delivery transport with a file-based ledger always leaves

the ledger file intact; it neither erases nor removes a ledger file.

This method automatically disconnects the transport from its relay agent before destroying the object; see TibrvCmTransport.disconnectFromRelayAgent.

Distributed When calling this method to destroy a distributed queue transport, the

> distributed queue needs the listeners, queues and dispatchers (associated with the transport) to remain operational—otherwise the distributed queue can lose reliable (non-certified) task messages before they are processed. Programs must wait until after the transport has been completely destroyed before destroying

these associated objects.

See Also TibrvCmTransport.create on page 245

TibrvCmTransport.disconnectFromRelayAgent on page 251

TibrvCmTransport.disallowListener

Method

Declaration

TibrvCmTransport.disallowListener cmName

Purpose

Cancel certified delivery to all listeners at a specific correspondent. Deny subsequent certified delivery registration requests from those listeners.

Remarks

Disallowed listeners still receive subsequent messages from this sender, but delivery is not certified. In other words:

- The first labeled message causes the listener to initiate registration. Registration fails, and the listener discards that labeled message.
- The listener receives a REGISTRATION. NOT_CERTIFIED advisory, informing it that the sender has canceled certified delivery of all subjects.
- If the sender's ledger contains messages sent to the disallowed listener (for which this listener has not confirmed delivery), then Rendezvous software removes those ledger items, and does not attempt to redeliver those messages.
- Rendezvous software presents subsequent messages (from the canceling sender) to the listener without a sequence number, to indicate that delivery is not certified.

Senders can promptly revoke the acceptance of certified delivery by calling TibryCmTransport.disallowListener within the callback method that processes the REGISTRATION. REQUEST advisory.

This method disallows a correspondent by name. If the correspondent terminates, and another process instance (with the same reusable name) takes its place, the new process is still disallowed by this sender.

To supersede the effect of TibrvCmTransport.disallowListener, call TibrvCmTransport.allowListener on page 242.

Parameter	Description
cmName	String
	Cancel certified delivery to listeners of the transport with this name.

See Also

Name, page 247

TibrvCmTransport.allowListener on page 242 Disallowing Certified Delivery, page 164 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

TibrvCmTransport.disconnectFromRelayAgent

Method

Declaration TibrvCmTransport.disconnectFromRelayAgent

Purpose Disconnect a certified delivery transport from its relay agent.

Remarks Disconnect calls are non-blocking; they immediately return control to the program, and asynchronously proceed with these clean-up tasks:

- If the client transport is a CM *listener*, the relay agent attempts to synchronize its listening state with the transport (to assure that the relay agent adequately represents the listening interest of the client).
- The transport stops communicating with the relay agent.
- The transport stores subsequent outbound events—including data messages and protocol state changes. If the transport is a certified *sender*, it cancels its request for delivery confirmation of outstanding unconfirmed messages. (See also, Requesting Confirmation on page 157 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.)
- The relay agent stores subsequent inbound events for the transport including data messages and protocol state changes.
- A transport that explicitly disconnects without terminating receives a RELAY.DISCONNECTED advisory, informing it that is safe to sever the physical network connection. (Terminating transports never receive this advisory; instead, it is safe to sever the connection when the destroy call returns.)

TibrvCmTransport . destroy automatically disconnects a CM transport from its relay agent before termination.

Errors The error code TIBRVCOM_UNABLE indicates that the transport does not have a relay agent.

See Also TibrvCmTransport.connectToRelayAgent on page 243 TibrvCmTransport.destroy on page 249 Relay Agent, page 170 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

TibrvCmTransport.expireMessages

Method

Declaration TibrvCmTransport.expireMessages subject, sequenceNumber

Purpose Mark specified outbound CM messages as expired.

Remarks This call checks the ledger for messages that match *both* the subject and sequence number criteria, and *immediately* marks them as expired.

> Once a message has expired, the CM transport no longer attempts to redeliver it to registered listeners.

Rendezvous software presents each expired message to the sender in a DELIVERY. FAILED advisory. Each advisory includes all the fields of an expired message. (This call can cause many messages to expire simultaneously.)



Use with extreme caution. This call exempts the expired messages from certified delivery semantics. It is appropriate only in very few situations.

For example, consider an application program in which an improperly formed CM message causes registered listeners to exit unexpectedly. When the listeners restart, the sender attempts to redeliver the offending message, which again causes the listeners to exit. To break this cycle, the sender can expire the offending message (along with all prior messages bearing the same subject).

Parameter	Description
subject	String
	Mark messages with this subject.
	Wildcards subjects are permitted, but must exactly reflect the send subject of the message. For example, if the program sends to A.* then you may expire messages with subject A.* (however, A.> does not resolve to match A.*).
sequenceNumber	TibrvInt64
	Mark messages with sequence numbers <i>less than or equal</i> to this value.

See Also DELIVERY.FAILED on page 298 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

TibrvCmTransport.getDefaultTimeLimit()

Method

Declaration timeLimit = TibrvCmTransport.getDefaultTimeLimit()

Purpose Get the default message time limit for all outbound certified messages from a

transport.

Remarks Every labeled message has a time limit, after which the sender no longer certifies

delivery.

Sending programs can explicitly set the time limit on a message (see TibrvMsg.setProperty on page 85). If a time limit is not already set for the outbound message, the transport sets it to the transport's default time limit (extractable with this method); if this default is not set for the transport (nor for the message), the default time limit is zero (no time limit).

Time limits represent the minimum time that certified delivery is in effect.

Parameter	Description
timeLimit	Double
	Return the default message time limit of the CM transport.

See Also

TibrvCmTransport.setDefaultTimeLimit on page 271 TibrvMsg.setProperty on page 85

TibrvCmTransport.getLedgerName()

Method

Declaration ledgerName = TibrvCmTransport.getLedgerName()

Purpose Extract the ledger name of a certified delivery transport.

Parameter	Description
ledgerName	String
	Return the ledger file name of the CM transport.

The error code ${\tt TIBRVCOM_CANNOT_RETRIEVE}$ indicates that the transport does not **Errors**

have a ledger file.

Ledger File, page 247 See Also

TibrvCmTransport.getName()

Method

Declaration cmName = TibrvCmTransport.getName()

Extract the correspondent name of a certified delivery transport or distributed **Purpose** queue member.

> **Parameter Description** cmName String Return the correspondent name of the CM transport.

See Also Name, page 247

TibrvCmTransport.create on page 245

TibrvCmTransport.createDistributedQueue on page 279

TibrvCmTransport.getRelayAgent()

Method

Declaration relayAgent = TibrvCmTransport.getRelayAgent()

Extract the name of the relay agent used by a certified delivery transport. **Purpose**

Parameter	Description
relayAgent	String
	Return the relay agent name of the CM transport.

The error code ${\tt TIBRVCOM_CANNOT_RETRIEVE}$ indicates that the transport does not **Errors**

have a relay agent.

Relay Agent, page 247 See Also

TibrvCmTransport.getRequestOld()

Method

Declaration requestOld = TibrvCmTransport.getRequestOld()

Extract the request old messages flag of a certified delivery transport. Purpose

Parameter	Description
request0ld	Boolean
	Return the request old messages flag of the CM transport.

See Also requestOld on page 246

TibrvCmTransport.getSyncLedger()

Method

Declaration syncLedger = TibrvCmTransport.getSyncLedger()

Extract the sync ledger flag of a certified delivery transport. **Purpose**

Parameter	Description
syncLedger	Boolean
	Return the sync ledger flag of the CM transport.

The error code ${\tt TIBRVCOM_CANNOT_RETRIEVE}$ indicates that the transport does not **Errors**

have a ledger file.

Ledger File, page 247 See Also

TibrvCmTransport.getTransport()

Method

Declaration set transport = TibrvCmTransport.getTransport()

Extract the transport employed by a certified delivery transport or a distributed **Purpose** queue member.

Parameter	Description
transport	TibrvTransport
	Return the transport of the CM transport object.

See Also TibrvTransport on page 164

TibrvCmTransport.create on page 245

TibrvCmTransport.createDistributedQueue on page 279

TibrvCmTransport.isValid()

Method

Declaration isValid = TibrvCmTransport.isValid()

Purpose Test validity of a CM transport object.

Returns True if the transport is valid; False if the transport has been destroyed or Remarks

is otherwise invalid.

Parameter	Description
isValid	Boolean
	Return the validity of the CM transport object.

TibrvCmTransport.create on page 245 See Also

TibrvCmTransport.destroy on page 249

TibrvCmTransport_onLedgerMsg

Method

Declaration Private Sub myCmTransport_onLedgerMsg(ByVal cmTransport As TIBRVCOMLib.ITibrvCmTransport, ByVal subject As String, ByVal message As TIBRVCOMLib.ITibrvMsg, ByVal closure As Object)

Purpose Programs define this method to process ledger review messages.

Remarks TibrvCmTransport.reviewLedger calls this callback method once for each matching subject stored in the ledger.

> When this method returns, TibrvCmTransport.reviewLedger prepares the next ledger method and calls the method again.

> To stop reviewing the ledger, call TibrvCmTransport.stopReview from within this callback method; TibrvCmTransport.reviewLedger cancels the review and returns immediately.

This method receives its parameters by value, so it cannot delete them.

Declaring a variable of class TibrvCmTransport with events triggers VB to automatically define a COM event callback, and a private subroutine callback stub named *var_*OnLedgerMsg. The program must complete this method for each CM transport object (except distributed queue objects).

Parameter	Description
cmTransport	TibrvCmTransport
	This parameter receives the CM transport object.
subject	String
	This parameter receives the subject for this ledger item.
message	TibrvMsg
	This parameter receives a summary message describing the delivery status of messages in the ledger. For information about the fields of the summary message, see the table Field Name on page 262.
closure	Object
	This parameter receives closure data that the program supplied to TibrvCmTransport.reviewLedger.

Field Name	Description
subject	The subject that this message summarizes.
	This field has datatype TIBRVCOM_MSG_STRING.
seqno_last_sent	The sequence number of the most recent message sent with this subject name.
	This field has datatype TIBRVCOM_MSG_U64.
total_msgs	The total number of messages stored at this subject name.
	This field has datatype TIBRVCOM_MSG_U32.
total_size	The total storage (in bytes) occupied by all messages with this subject name.
	If the ledger contains several messages with this subject name, then this field sums the storage space over all of them.
	This field has datatype TIBRVCOM_MSG_I64.
listener	Each summary message can contain one or more fields named listener. Each listener field contains a nested submessage with details about a single registered listener.
	This field has datatype TIBRVCOM_MSG_MSG.
listener.name	Within each listener submessage, the name field contains the name of the listener transport.
	This field has datatype TIBRVCOM_MSG_STRING.
listener.last_confirmed	Within each listener submessage, the last_confirmed field contains the sequence number of the last message for which the listener confirmed delivery.
	This field has datatype TIBRVCOM_MSG_U64.

TibrvCmTransport.reviewLedger on page 266 See Also TibrvCmTransport.stopReview on page 273

TibrvCmTransport.removeListener

Method

Declaration TibrvCmTransport.removeListener cmName, subject

Purpose Unregister a specific listener at a specific correspondent, and free associated

storage in the sender's ledger.

Remarks This method cancels certified delivery of the specific subject to the correspondent with this name. The listening correspondent may subsequently re-register for certified delivery of the subject. (In contrast,

> TibrvCmTransport.disallowListener cancels certified delivery of all subjects to the correspondent, and prohibits re-registration.)

Senders can call this method when the ledger item for a listening correspondent has grown very large. Such growth indicates that the listener is not confirming delivery, and may have terminated. Removing the listener reduces the ledger size by deleting messages stored for the listener.

When a sending program calls this method, certified delivery software in the sender behaves as if the listener had closed the endpoint for the subject. The sending program deletes from its ledger all information about delivery of the subject to the correspondent with this cmName. The sending program receives a REGISTRATION. CLOSED advisory, to trigger any operations in the callback method for the advisory.

If the listening correspondent is available (running and reachable), it receives a REGISTRATION. NOT_CERTIFIED advisory, informing it that the sender no longer certifies delivery of the subject.

If the correspondent with this name does not receive certified delivery of the subject from this sender TibrvCmTransport, then TibrvCmTransport.removeListener reports the error TIBRVCOM_INVALID_SUBJECT.

Parameter	Description
cmName	String
	Cancel certified delivery of the subject to listeners of this correspondent.
subject	String
	Cancel certified delivery of this subject to the named listener. Wildcard subjects are illegal.

See Also Name, page 247

TibrvCmTransport.addListener on page 241 TibrvCmTransport.disallowListener on page 250 Canceling Certified Delivery, page 162 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

TibrvCmTransport.removeSendState

Method

Declaration TibrvCmTransport.removeSendState subject

Purpose Reclaim ledger space from obsolete subjects.

Background

In some programs subject names are useful only for a limited time; after that time, they are never used again. For example, consider a server program that sends certified reply messages to client inbox names; it only sends one reply message to each inbox, and after delivery is confirmed and complete, that inbox name is obsolete. Nonetheless, a record for that inbox name remains in the server's ledger.

As such obsolete records accumulate, the ledger size grows. To counteract this growth, programs can use this method to discard obsolete subject records from the ledger.

The DELIVERY. COMPLETE advisory is a good opportunity to clear the send state of an obsolete subject. Another strategy is to review the ledger periodically, sweeping to detect and remove all obsolete subjects.



Do not use this method to clear subjects that are still in use.

Parameter	Description
subject	String
	Remove send state for this obsolete subject.

Remarks

As a side-effect, this method resets the sequence numbering for the subject, so the next message sent on the subject would be number 1. In proper usage, this side-effect is never detected, since obsolete subjects are truly obsolete.

See Also

TibrvCmTransport.reviewLedger on page 266 TibrvCmTransport.send on page 267 DELIVERY.COMPLETE on page 296 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

TibrvCmTransport.reviewLedger

Method

Declaration TibrvCmTransport.reviewLedger subject, closure

Purpose Query the ledger for stored items related to a subject name.

Remarks The callback method receives one message for each matching subject of outbound messages stored in the ledger. For example, when FOO.* is the subject, TibrvCmTransport.reviewLedger calls its callback method separately for each matching subject—once for FOO.BAR, once for FOO.BAZ, and once for FOO.BOX.

> However, if the callback method calls TibrvCmTransport.stopReview, then TibrvCmTransport.reviewLedger returns immediately (without any further callbacks).

If the ledger does not contain any matching items, TibrvCmTransport.reviewLedger returns normally without calling the callback method.

For information about the content and format of the callback messages, see TibrvCmTransport_onLedgerMsg on page 261.

Parameter	Description
subject	String
	Query for items related to this subject name.
	If this subject contains wildcard characters ("*" or ">"), then review all items with matching subject names. The callback method receives a separate message for each matching subject in the ledger.
closure	Object
	Pass this closure data to the review callback method.

See Also

TibrvCmTransport_onLedgerMsg on page 261 TibrvCmTransport.stopReview on page 273

TibrvCmTransport.send

Method

Declaration TibrvCmTransport.send message

Purpose Send a labeled message.

Remarks This method sends the message, along with its certified delivery protocol information: the correspondent name of the TibrvCmTransport, a sequence

number, and a time limit. The protocol information remains on the message within the sending program, and also travels with the message to all receiving

programs.

Programs can explicitly set the message time limit; see TibrvMsg.setProperty on page 85. If a time limit is not already set for the outbound message, this method sets it to the transport's default time limit (see

TibrvCmTransport.setDefaultTimeLimit on page 271); if that default is not set for the transport, the default time limit is zero (no time limit).

Parameter	Description
message	TibrvMsg
	Send this message.
	Wildcard subjects are illegal.

See Also

TibrvCmTransport.sendReply on page 268 TibrvCmTransport.sendRequest() on page 269 TibrvCmTransport.setDefaultTimeLimit on page 271 TibrvMsg.setProperty on page 85

Remarks

TibrvCmTransport.sendReply

Method

Declaration TibrvCmTransport.sendReply replyMsg, requestMsg

Purpose Send a labeled reply message.

> This convenience call extracts the reply subject of an inbound request message, and sends a labeled outbound reply message to that subject. In addition to the convenience, this call is marginally faster than using separate calls to extract the subject and send the reply.

This method can send a labeled reply to an ordinary message.

This method automatically registers the requesting CM transport, so the reply message is certified.

Parameter	Description
replyMsg	TibrvMsg
	Send this <i>outbound</i> reply message.
requestMsg	TibrvMsg
	Send a reply to this <i>inbound</i> request message; extract its reply subject to use as the subject of the outbound reply message.
	If this message has a wildcard reply subject, the method produces an error.



Give special attention to the order of the arguments to this method. Reversing the inbound and outbound messages can cause an infinite loop, in which the program repeatedly resends the inbound message to itself (and all other recipients).

See Also TibrvCmTransport.send on page 267 TibrvCmTransport.sendRequest() on page 269

TibrvCmTransport.sendRequest()

Method

Declaration set replyMsg = TibrvCmTransport.sendRequest(message, timeout)

Send a labeled request message and wait for a reply. Purpose

Blocking can Stall Event Dispatch



This call blocks all other activity in the program.

Downwater	Description
Parameter	Description
replyMsg	TibrvMsg
	Return this reply message.
message	TibrvMsg
	Send this request message.
	Wildcard subjects are illegal.
timeout	Double
	Maximum time (in seconds) that this call can block while waiting for a reply.
Remarks	Programs that receive and process the request message cannot determine that the sender has blocked until a reply arrives.
	The sender and receiver must already have a certified delivery agreement, otherwise the request is not certified.
	The request message must have a valid destination subject; see TibrvMsg.setSendSubject on page 87.
	The program owns the reply message object, and must delete it to reclaim its storage.
	A certified request does not necessarily imply a certified reply; the replying program determines the type of reply message that it sends.
Operation	This method operates in several synchronous steps:

- 1. Create a TibrvCmListener that listens for messages on the reply subject of msg.
- 2. Label and send the outbound message.
- 3. Block until the listener receives a reply. (The reply event uses a private queue that is not accessible to the program.) If the time limit expires before a reply arrives, then report the error TIBRVCOM_TIMEOUT.
- 4. Return the reply message as the value of the method call.

See Also TibrvCmTransport.send on page 267 TibrvCmTransport.sendReply on page 268

TibrvCmTransport.setDefaultTimeLimit

Method

Declaration TibrvCmTransport.setDefaultTimeLimit timeLimit

Purpose Set the default message time limit for all outbound certified messages from a

transport.

Remarks Every labeled message has a time limit, after which the sender no longer certifies

delivery.

Sending programs can explicitly set the time limit on a message (see TibrvMsg.setProperty on page 85). If a time limit is not already set for the outbound message, the transport sets it to the transport's default time limit (set with this method); if this default is not set for the transport, the default time limit is zero (no time limit).

Time limits represent the minimum time that certified delivery is in effect.

Parameter	Description
timeLimit	Double
	Use this time limit (in whole seconds). The time limit must be non-negative. Fractional values are truncated to whole seconds.

See Also TibrvCmTransport.getDefaultTimeLimit() on page 253

TibrvMsg.setProperty on page 85

TibrvCmTransport.setTaskBacklogLimit...

Method

Declaration TibrvCmTransport.setTaskBacklogLimitInBytes limitBySizeInBytes

TibrvCmTransport.setTaskBacklogLimitInMessages limitByMessages

Purpose Set the scheduler task queue limits of a distributed queue transport.

Remarks The scheduler stores tasks in a queue. These properties limit the maximum size of that queue—by number of bytes or number of messages (or both). When no value is set for either these properties, the default is no limit.

> When the task messages in the queue exceed either of the two limits, Rendezvous software deletes new inbound task messages.

> Programs may call each of these methods at most once. Those calls must occur before the transport assumes the scheduler role; after a transport acts as a scheduler, the values are fixed, and subsequent attempts to change them result in status code TIBRVCOM_NOT_PERMITTED.

Description
Long
Use this size limit (in bytes).
Zero is a special value, indicating no size limit.
Long
Use this message limit (number of messages).
Zero is a special value, indicating no limit on the number of messages.

See Also Distributed Queue, page 183, in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

TibrvCmTransport.stopReview

Method

Declaration TibrvCmTransport.stopReview

Stop a ledger review. Purpose

To stop a ledger review, call this method from within Remarks

TibrvCmTransport_onLedgerMsg.

See Also TibrvCmTransport.reviewLedger on page 266

TibrvCmTransport_onLedgerMsg on page 261

TibrvCmTransport.syncLedger

Method

Declaration TibrvCmTransport.syncLedger

Purpose Synchronize the ledger to its storage medium.

Remarks When this method returns, the transport's current state is safely stored in the

ledger file.

Even when the program does not call this method, Rendezvous software

periodically synchronizes the ledger file.

Transports that use synchronous ledger files need not call this method, since the current state is automatically written to the storage medium before returning. Transports that use process-based ledger storage need not call this method, since

they have no ledger file.

Errors The error code TIBRVCOM_UNABLE indicates that the transport does not have a

ledger file.

See Also Ledger File, page 247

TibrvCmTransport.create on page 245

TibrvCmTransport.getSyncLedger() on page 258

Chapter 10 **Distributed Queue**

Programs can use distributed queues for *one of n* certified delivery to a group of worker processes.

A distributed queue is a group of distributed queue transport objects, each in a separate process. From the outside, a distributed queue group appears as though it were a single transport object; inside, the group members act in concert to process inbound task messages. Ordinary transports and CM transports can send task messages to the group. Notice that the senders are not group members, and do not do anything special to send messages to a group; rather, they send messages to ordinary subject names. Inside the group, the member acting as scheduler assigns each task message to exactly one of the other members (which act as workers); only that worker processes the task message.

Distributed queues depend upon the certified delivery methods and the fault tolerance methods.



We do not recommend sending messages across network boundaries to a distributed queue, nor distributing queue members across network boundaries. However, when crossing network boundaries in either of these ways, you must configure the Rendezvous routing daemons to exchange _RVCM and _RVCMQ administrative messages. For details, see Distributed Queues on page 411 in TIBCO Rendezvous Administration.

See Also Distributed Queue, page 183 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

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Distributed Queue Transport

Each distributed queue member uses a distributed queue transport for communications. A distributed queue transport is a special-case instance of class TibrvCmTransport.

Each distributed queue transport object employs a TibryTransport for network communications. The distributed queue transport adds the accounting and coordination mechanisms needed for one-of-n delivery.

Disabled Methods

Although each distributed queue transport is an instance of TibrvCmTransport, all methods related to sending messages are disabled in distributed queue transports. These disabled methods report the error TIBRVCOM_INVALID_TRANSPORT_OBJECT. For a list of legal and disabled methods, see Shared Methods on page 278. See also Certified Delivery Behavior in Queue Members on page 185 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.

Subscriptions

All members of a distributed queue must listen to exactly the same set of subjects. See Enforcing Identical Subscriptions on page 186 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.

Certified Task Messages

Scheduler recovery and task rescheduling are available only when the task message is a certified message (that is, a certified delivery agreement is in effect between the task sender and the distributed queue transport scheduler).

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When called on a CM transport object (which is not initialized as a distributed transport), these methods report the error TIBRVCOM_NOT_DISTRIBUTED_TRANSPORT.		
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The type library defines these constants for use with distributed queue methods. Constants

Constant	Value
TIBRVCOM_CM_DEFAULT_COMPLETE_TIME	0
TIBRVCOM_CM_DEFAULT_WORKER_WEIGHT	1
TIBRVCOM_CM_DEFAULT_WORKER_TASKS	1
TIBRVCOM_CM_DEFAULT_SCHEDULER_WEIGHT	1
TIBRVCOM_CM_DEFAULT_SCHEDULER_HB (heartbeat)	1.0

Shared Methods	
Legal Methods	TibrvCmTransport.destroy
	<pre>TibrvCmTransport.getName()</pre>
	<pre>TibrvCmTransport.getTransport()</pre>
	TibrvCmTransport.isValid()
Disabled Methods	TibrvCmTransport.addListener
	TibrvCmTransport.allowListener
	TibrvCmTransport.connectToRelayAgent
	TibrvCmTransport.create
	TibrvCmTransport.disallowListener
	TibrvCmTransport.disconnectFromRelayAgent
	<pre>TibrvCmTransport.getDefaultTimeLimit()</pre>
	TibrvCmTransport.getLedgerName()
	TibrvCmTransport.getRelayAgent()
	TibrvCmTransport.getRequestOld()
	TibrvCmTransport.getSyncLedger()
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	TibrvCmTransport.reviewLedger
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	TibrvCmTransport.sendRequest()
	TibrvCmTransport.setDefaultTimeLimit
	TibrvCmTransport.stopReview
	TibrvCmTransport.syncLedger
	TibrvTransport.send
	TibrvTransport.sendReply
	TibrvTransport.sendRequest()

When called on a distributed transport object, the disabled methods report the error TIBRVCOM_NOT_FOR_DISTRIBUTED_TRANSPORT.

TibrvCmTransport.createDistributedQueue

Method

Declaration TibrvCmTransport.createDistributedQueue transport, cmName, workerWeight, workerTasks, schedulerWeight, schedulerHeartbeat, schedulerActivation Create a transport as a distributed queue member. **Purpose** Remarks The new distributed queue transport must employ a valid TibrvTransport for network communications. Calling this method on a valid object yields the error TIBRVCOM ALREADY INITIALIZED.

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Parameter	Description
transport	TibrvTransport
	The new distributed queue TibrvCmTransport employs this TibrvTransport object for network communications.
	Destroying the distributed queue <pre>TibrvCmTransport</pre> does not affect this transport.
cmName	String
	Bind this reusable name to the new transport object, which becomes a member of the distributed queue with this name.
	The name must be non-null, and conform to the syntax rules for Rendezvous subject names. It cannot begin with reserved tokens. It cannot be a non-reusable name generated by a call to <pre>TibrvCmTransport.create</pre> . It cannot be the empty string.
	For more information, see Reusable Names on page 167 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.

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Parameter	Description	
workerWeight	Long, optional	
	When the scheduler receives a task, it assigns the task to the available worker with the greatest worker weight.	
	A worker is considered available unless either of these conditions are true:	
	 The pending tasks assigned to the worker member exceed its task capacity. 	
	 The worker is also the scheduler. (The scheduler assigns tasks to its own worker role only when no other workers are available.) 	
	When omitted, the default value is 1.	
workerTasks	Long, optional	
	Task capacity is the maximum number of tasks that a worker can accept. When the number of accepted tasks reaches this maximum, the worker cannot accept additional tasks until it completes one or more of them.	
	When the scheduler receives a task, it assigns the task to the worker with the greatest worker weight—unless the pending tasks assigned to that worker exceed its task capacity. When the preferred worker has too many tasks, the scheduler assigns the new inbound task to the worker with the next greatest worker weight.	
	The value must be a non-negative integer. When omitted, the default value is 1.	
	Zero is a special value, indicating that this distributed queue member is a dedicated scheduler (that is, it never accepts tasks).	
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	Tuning task capacity to compensate for communication time lag is more complicated than it might seem. Before setting this value to anything other than 1, see Task Capacity on page 188 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.	

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Parameter	Description
schedulerWeight	Long, optional
	Weight represents the ability of this member to fulfill the role of scheduler, relative to other members with the same name. Cooperating members use relative scheduler weight values to elect one member as the scheduler; members with higher scheduler weight take precedence.
	When omitted, the default value is 1.
	Acceptable values range from 0 to 65535. Zero is a special value, indicating that the member can never be the scheduler. For more information, see Rank and Weight on page 206 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.
schedulerHeartbeat	Double, optional
	The scheduler sends heartbeat messages at this interval (in seconds).
	All Distributed Queue Transport objects with the same name must specify the same value for this parameter. The value must be strictly positive. To determine the correct value, see Step 4: Choose the Intervals on page 237 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.
	When omitted, the default value is 1.0.
schedulerActivation	Double, optional
	When the heartbeat signal from the scheduler has been silent for this interval (in seconds), the cooperating member with the greatest scheduler weight takes its place as the new scheduler.
	All Distributed Queue Transport objects with the same name must specify the same value for this parameter. The value must be strictly positive. To determine the correct value, see Step 4: Choose the Intervals on page 237 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.
	When omitted, the default value is 3.5.

TibrvCmTransport.destroy on page 249 See Also Distributed Queue, page 183, in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

TibrvCmTransport.getCompleteTime()

Method

Declaration completeTime = TibrvCmTransport.getCompleteTime()

Purpose Extract the worker complete time limit of a distributed queue member.

Parameter	Description
completeTime	Double
	Return the complete time (in seconds).

Distributed Queue, page 183, in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts See Also

TibrvCmTransport.setCompleteTime on page 286

TibrvCmTransport.getWorkerTasks()

Method

Declaration workerTasks = TibrvCmTransport.getWorkerTasks()

Extract the worker task capacity of a distributed queue member. **Purpose**

Parameter	Description
workerTasks	Long
	Return the worker task capacity.

See Also Distributed Queue, page 183, in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

TibrvCmTransport.createDistributedQueue on page 279

TibrvCmTransport.setWorkerTasks on page 287

TibrvCmTransport.getWorkerWeight()

Method

Declaration workerWeight = TibrvCmTransport.getWorkerWeight()

Purpose Extract the worker weight of a distributed queue member.

Parameter	Description
workerWeight	Long
	Return the worker weight.

See Also Distributed Queue, page 183, in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts

TibrvCmTransport.createDistributedQueue on page 279

TibrvCmTransport.setWorkerWeight on page 288

TibrvCmTransport.isDistributed()

Method

Declaration isDistributed = TibrvCmTransport.isDistributed()

Test whether a CM transport object implements a distributed queue member. **Purpose**

Parameter	Description	
isDistributed	Boolean	
	Return True if the object implements a distributed queue member.	
	Return False if the object implements a CM transport.	

Distributed Queue, page 183, in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts See Also

TibrvCmTransport on page 238

TibrvCmTransport.create on page 245

TibrvCmTransport.createDistributedQueue on page 279

TibrvCmTransport.setCompleteTime

Method

Declaration TibrvCmTransport.setCompleteTime completeTime

Purpose Set the worker complete time limit of a distributed queue member.

Remarks If the complete time is non-zero, the scheduler waits for a worker member to complete an assigned task. If the complete time elapses before the scheduler receives completion from the worker member, the scheduler reassigns the task to

another worker member.

Zero is a special value, which specifies no limit on the completion time—that is, the scheduler does not set a timer, and does not reassign tasks when task completion is lacking. All members implicitly begin with a default complete time value of zero; programs can change this parameter using this method.

Parameter	Description
completeTime	Double
	Use this complete time (in seconds). The time must be non-negative.

See Also

Distributed Queue, page 183, in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts TibrvCmTransport.getCompleteTime() on page 282

TibrvCmTransport.setWorkerTasks

Method

Declaration TibrvCmTransport.setWorkerTasks workerTasks

Purpose Set the worker task capacity of a distributed queue member.

Remarks Task capacity is the maximum number of tasks that a worker can accept. When the number of accepted tasks reaches this maximum, the worker cannot accept additional tasks until it completes one or more of them.

> When the scheduler receives a task, it assigns the task to the worker with the greatest worker weight—unless the pending tasks assigned to that worker exceed its task capacity. When the preferred worker has too many tasks, the scheduler assigns the new inbound task to the worker with the next greatest worker weight.

The default worker task capacity is 1.

Zero is a special value, indicating that this distributed queue member is a dedicated scheduler (that is, it never accepts tasks).



Tuning task capacity to compensate for communication time lag is more complicated than it might seem. Before setting this value to anything other than 1, see Task Capacity on page 188 in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts.

Parameter	Description
workerTasks	Long
	Use this task capacity. The value must be a non-negative integer.

See Also

Distributed Queue, page 183, in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts TibrvCmTransport.createDistributedQueue on page 279 TibrvCmTransport.getWorkerTasks() on page 283

TibrvCmTransport.setWorkerWeight

Method

Declaration TibrvCmTransport.setWorkerWeight workerWeight

Purpose Set the worker weight of a distributed queue member.

Remarks Relative worker weights assist the scheduler in assigning tasks. When the scheduler receives a task, it assigns the task to the available worker with the

greatest worker weight.

The default worker weight is 1; programs can set this parameter at creation using TibrvCmTransport.createDistributedQueue, or change it dynamically using this method.

Parameter	Description
workerWeight	Long
	Use this worker weight.

See Also

Distributed Queue, page 183, in TIBCO Rendezvous Concepts TibrvCmTransport.createDistributedQueue on page 279 TibrvCmTransport.getWorkerWeight() on page 284

Chapter 11 **Errors**

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Error Overview

All Rendezvous COM objects support detailed error information.

VB programmers can see a list of codes in the object browser, in the category tibrvcom_errorCodes. Programmers using other languages can browse the type library to see these definitions.

Rendezvous COM methods return errors as HRESULT values—32-bit integers with hex representations 0x8004nnnn. These values divide into two ranges:

- Values in the range [0x80040200, 0x80040fff] represent errors from the TIBRVCOM implementation. For details, see Component Error Codes on page 297.
- Values in the range [0x80048001, 0x80048fff] represent errors from the Rendezvous API. For details, see Rendezvous Error Codes on page 293.

VB

When VB reports an error, it populates an Err object.

VB programmers can write error handlers to process such errors. Err. Number extracts the error status code. Err. Source identifies the object that reported the error. Err. Description interprets the error code as a descriptive string.

- Err. Number extracts the HRESULT numeric error code.
- Err. Source identifies the object that reported the error.
- Err. Description interprets the error code as a descriptive string.

C++

C++ programs must test the HRESULT status code after each method call. Microsoft Visual C++ defines these convenient macros:

```
#define FAILED(Status)
                          ((HRESULT)(Status) <0)
#define SUCCEEDED(Status) ((HRESULT)(Status)>=0)
```

C++ COM programmers can use the IErrorInfo interface to extract more detail from an object that returns an HRESULT indicating an error:

- GetErrorInfo() returns the error object.
- GetErrorSource() identifies the object that reported the error.
- GetErrorDescription() interprets the error code as a descriptive string.

Continuing after Errors

Although continuing after an error is not generally considered a good programming practice, it is sometimes necessary. When you must continue after an error, consider these guidelines.

- A method that usually returns an object instead returns an uninitialized object.
- A method that usually returns a value instead returns zero.
- When an error results from incorrect assignment syntax, the program may call the method again with the correct syntax. Consider these two examples:

```
On Error Resume Next
      value = msg.getByIndex(i)
      If IsEmpty(value) then
       Set value = msg.getByIndex(i)
      End If
     For i=0 To msg.getNumFields
      On Error Resume Next
      var = msg.getByIndex(i)
                                  'This won't work for objects.
      If (IsArray(var)) Then
       For j=LBound(var) To UBound(var)
        Write #1, "Array element " & CStr(j) & ": " & CStr(var(j))
       Next j
      Else
                                  'It's not an array.
       If Not IsEmpty(var) Then
                                  'Perhaps it's an scalar.
       Write #1, CStr(var)
       End If
      End If
      If IsEmpty(var)
       Set var = msg.getByIndex(i) 'Try to extract it as an object.
       Write #1, "Extracted " & TypeName(var) & " object from
message"
       If TypeName(var) = "ITIBRVMSG" Then 'It is an object.
        Write #1, var.toString
                                  'Write the object.
       End If
       If TypeName(var) = "ITibrvInt64" Then
        Write #1, var.getAsString
        Write #1, " or as unsigned " & var.getAsUnsignedString
        Write #1, Cstr(var.getHighOrderPart) & ", " & _
                  CStr(var.getLowOrderPart)
       End If
      End If
```

Constants

The interface defines these useful constants.

 Table 6
 Base Constants for HRESULT Computations

Constant Hex Code	Description
TIBRVCOM_ERROR_ITF 0x80040000	Base of all HRESULT codes from the TIBRVCOM interface.
TIBRVCOM_ERROR_TIBRVCOM 0x80040200	Base of HRESULT codes from the TIBRVCOM implementation. See Component Error Codes on page 297.
TIBRVCOM_ERROR_TIBRV 0x80048000	Base of HRESULT codes from Rendezvous API. See Rendezvous Error Codes on page 293.

Rendezvous Error Codes

Rendezvous API error codes are 32-bit integers, with hex representations 0x80048nnn.

These constants generally correspond to error codes in the Rendezvous C API when the COM interface constant TIBRVCOM_name has the value 0x80048nnn, the C constant TIBRV_name has the value nnn.

Table 7 Rendezvous HRESULT Error Codes (Sheet 1 of 4)

Constant Hex Code	Description
TIBRVCOM_INIT_FAILURE 0x80048001	Cannot create the network transport.
TIBRVCOM_INVALID_ARG 0x80048003	An argument is invalid. Check arguments other than messages, subject names, transports, events, queues and queue groups (which have separate error codes).
TIBRVCOM_NOT_INITIALIZED 0x80048004	The method cannot run because the Rendezvous environment is not initialized (open).
TIBRVCOM_ARG_CONFLICT 0x80048005	Two arguments that require a specific relation are in conflict. For example, the upper end of a numeric range is less than the lower end.
TIBRVCOM_SERVICE_NOT_FOUND 0x80048010	Transport creation failed; cannot match the service name using getservbyname().
TIBRVCOM_NETWORK_NOT_FOUND 0x80048011	Transport creation failed; cannot match the network name using getnetbyname().
TIBRVCOM_DAEMON_NOT_FOUND 0x80048012	Transport creation failed; cannot match the daemon port number.
TIBRVCOM_NO_MEMORY 0x80048013	The method could not allocate dynamic storage.
TIBRVCOM_INVALID_SUBJECT 0x80048014	The method received a subject name with incorrect syntax.
TIBRVCOM_DAEMON_NOT_CONNECTED 0x80048015	The Rendezvous daemon process (rvd) exited, or was never started. This error indicates that the program cannot start the daemon and connect to it.

Table 7 Rendezvous HRESULT Error Codes (Sheet 2 of 4)

Constant Hex Code	Description
TIBRVCOM_VERSION_MISMATCH 0x80048016	The library, header files and Rendezvous daemon are incompatible.
TIBRVCOM_SUBJECT_COLLISION 0x80048017	It is illegal to create two certified worker events on the same CM transport with overlapping subjects.
TIBRVCOM_VC_NOT_CONNECTED 0x80048018	A virtual circuit terminal was once complete, but is now irreparably broken.
TIBRVCOM_NOT_PERMITTED	1. The program attempted an illegal operation.
0x8004801b	2. Cannot create ledger file.
TIBRVCOM_INVALID_NAME 0x8004801e	The field name is too long; see Field Name Length on page 46.
TIBRVCOM_INVALID_TYPE	1. The field type is not registered.
0x8004801f	2. Cannot update field to a type that differs from the existing field's type.
TIBRVCOM_INVALID_SIZE 0x80048020	The explicit size in the field does not match its explicit type.
TIBRVCOM_INVALID_COUNT 0x80048021	The explicit field count does not match its explicit type.
TIBRVCOM_NOT_FOUND 0x80048023	Could not find the specified field in the message.
TIBRVCOM_ID_IN_USE 0x80048024	Cannot add this field because its identifier is already present in the message; identifiers must be unique.
TIBRVCOM_ID_CONFLICT 0x80048025	After field search by identifier fails, search by name succeeds, but the actual identifier in the field is non-null (so it does not match the identifier supplied).
TIBRVCOM_CONVERSION_FAILED 0x80048026	Found the specified field, but could not convert it to the desired datatype.
TIBRVCOM_RESERVED_HANDLER 0x80048027	The datatype handler number is reserved for Rendezvous internal datatype handlers.

Table 7 Rendezvous HRESULT Error Codes (Sheet 3 of 4)

Constant Hex Code	Description
TIBRVCOM_ENCODER_FAILED 0x80048028	Datatype encoder failed.
TIBRVCOM_DECODER_FAILED 0x80048029	Datatype decoder failed.
TIBRVCOM_INVALID_MSG 0x8004802a	The method received a message argument that is not a well-formed message.
TIBRVCOM_INVALID_FIELD 0x8004802b	The program supplied an invalid field as an argument.
TIBRVCOM_INVALID_INSTANCE 0x8004802c	The program supplied zero as the field instance number (the first instance is number 1).
TIBRVCOM_CORRUPT_MSG 0x8004802d	The method detected a corrupt message argument.
TIBRVCOM_ENCODING_MISMATCH 0x8004802e	The method attempted to add or update a field within a message. However, the encoding in the new value does not match the encoding of the message.
TIBRVCOM_TIMEOUT 0x80048032	A timed dispatch call returned without dispatching an event.
	A send request call returned without receiving a reply message.
	A virtual circuit terminal is not yet ready for use.
TIBRVCOM_INTR 0x80048033	Interrupted operation.
TIBRVCOM_INVALID_DISPATCHABLE 0x80048034	The method received an event queue or queue group that has been destroyed, or is otherwise unusable.
TIBRVCOM_INVALID_EVENT 0x8004803c	The method received an event that has been destroyed, or is otherwise unusable.
TIBRVCOM_INVALID_CALLBACK 0x8004803d	The method received NULL instead of a callback method.
TIBRVCOM_INVALID_QUEUE 0x8004803e	The method received a queue that has been destroyed, or is otherwise unusable.

Table 7 Rendezvous HRESULT Error Codes (Sheet 4 of 4)

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Constant Hex Code	Description
TIBRVCOM_INVALID_QUEUE_GROUP 0x8004803f	The method received a queue group that has been destroyed, or is otherwise unusable.
TIBRVCOM_INVALID_TIME_INTERVAL 0x80048040	The method received a negative timer interval.
TIBRVCOM_SOCKET_LIMIT 0x80048043	The operation failed because of an operating system socket limitation.
TIBRVCOM_OS_ERROR 0x80048044	Tibrv. open encountered an operating system error.
TIBRVCOM_EOF 0x80048047	End of file.
TIBRVCOM_INVALID_FILE 0x80048048	1. A certificate file or a ledger file is not recognizable as such.
	2. TibrvSdContext.setUserCertWithKey() or TibrvSdContext.setUserCertWithKeyBin() could not complete a certificate file operation; this status code can indicate either disk I/O failure, or invalid certificate data, or an incorrect password.
TIBRVCOM_FILE_NOT_FOUND 0x80048049	Rendezvous software could not find the specified file.
TIBRVCOM_IO_FAILED 0x8004804a	Cannot write to ledger file.
TIBRVCOM_NOT_FILE_OWNER 0x80048050	The program cannot open the specified file because another program owns it.
	For example, ledger files are associated with correspondent names.

Component Error Codes

TIBRVCOM component error codes are 32-bit integers, with hex representations 0x80040nnn. The type library defines these error code constants.

These constants correspond to string resources—when the constant TIBRVCOM_name has the value 0x80040nnn, the resource IDS_E_name has the value nnn.

Table 8 TIBRVCOM HRESULT Error Codes (Sheet 1 of 3)

Constant Hex Code	Description
TIBRVCOM_TIBRV_NOT_OPEN 0x80040200	Operation requires that Tibrv be open.
TIBRVCOM_INVALID_MSG_OBJECT 0x80040201	TibrvMsg has no internal structure.
TIBRVCOM_BAD_POINTER_ARG 0x80040202	Argument must be a pointer to existing storage.
TIBRVCOM_INVALID_ARRAY 0x80040203	Arrays must be one-dimensional.
TIBRVCOM_INVALID_DATATYPE 0x80040204	Datatype not supported for this operation.
TIBRVCOM_INVALID_QUEUE_OBJECT 0x80040205	Queue object has no internal structure.
TIBRVCOM_INVALID_TRANSPORT_OBJECT 0x80040206	Transport object has no internal structure.
TIBRVCOM_ALREADY_INITIALIZED 0x80040207	Object is already created or initialized.
TIBRVCOM_CREATE_WINDOW_FAILED 0x80040208	Unable to create hidden window for automatic dispatch.
TIBRVCOM_INVALID_FIELD_ID 0x80040209	Invalid field id—range is 0 to 65535.
TIBRVCOM_DATA_CONVERSION_RANGE 0x8004020a	Data out of range for conversion to target type.

Table 8 TIBRVCOM HRESULT Error Codes (Sheet 2 of 3)

Constant Hex Code	Description
TIBRVCOM_NOT_CREATED 0x8004020b	Unable to create object.
TIBRVCOM_OUT_OF_MEMORY 0x8004020c	Insufficient memory for operation.
TIBRVCOM_INVALID_VALUE 0x8004020d	Invalid value of data argument.
TIBRVCOM_NULL_NAME 0x8004020e	Null name parameter is illegal.
TIBRVCOM_MSG_NOT_CREATED 0x8004020f	Unable to create message object.
TIBRVCOM_NULL_SUBJECT 0x80040210	Null subject is illegal.
TIBRVCOM_CONVERSION_NOT_SUPPORTED 0x80040211	Data conversion between these types is not supported.
TIBRVCOM_DATA_CONVERSION_FAILED 0x80040212	Data conversion failed.
TIBRVCOM_CANNOT_RETRIEVE 0x80040213	Cannot retrieve the requested information.
TIBRVCOM_INVALID_PROPERTY_REQUEST 0x80040214	No property with that name exists.
TIBRVCOM_INVALID_PROPERTY_VALUE 0x80040215	Property value data type is incorrect
TIBRVCOM_NOT_DISTRIBUTED_TRANSPORT 0x80040216	Operation is valid only for distributed CM transport.
TIBRVCOM_NOT_FOR_DISTRIBUTED_TRANSPORT 0x80040217	Operation is not allowed for distributed CM transport.
TIBRVCOM_EVENT_CALLBACK_ACTIVE 0x80040218	Dispatching a queue from a callback is not allowed

Table 8 TIBRVCOM HRESULT Error Codes (Sheet 3 of 3)

Constant Hex Code	Description
TIBRVCOM_OBJECT_NOT_INITIALIZED 0x80040219	The object's internal structure has not been created (or has already been destroyed).
TIBRVCOM_UNABLE 0x8004021a	Object cannot complete the requested operation.
TIBRVCOM_INVALID_CLOSURE 0x8004021b	Invalid closure argument.

VB Error Codes

Programs can receive errors that seem related to Rendezvous software, but really originate from the VB language implementation. While it is difficult to give complete advice to application programmers regarding these errors, Table 9 summarizes some of the common errors in this group.

Table 9 VB Errors (Sheet 1 of 2)

Error	Error Text String and Description
91	Object variable or With block variable not set
	VB cannot apply a method because the variable does not contain an appropriate object.
	This error can indicate that an object has not yet been assigned to the variable, or was once present but has been set to Nothing.
	This error can also stem from incorrect assignment syntax. Remember that you must use set to assign an object; for example:
	Right: 'in General (Global) Declarations dim q as TibrvQueue
	'in a Subroutine set q = tibrv.getDefaultQueue
	Wrong: 'in General (Global) Declarations dim q as New TibrvQueue 'in a Subroutine
_	<pre>q = tibrv.getDefaultQueue</pre>
429	COM rejected a call to CreateObject().
	Check spelling of object name.
	Check that the component is registered.
	Check memory usage.

Table 9 VB Errors (Sheet 2 of 2)

Error Text String and Description Error 438 Object doesn't support this property or method Check spelling of method name and its arguments. Check that the component is registered. This error also indicates incorrect assignment syntax. Remember that you must use set to assign an object; for example: Right: 'in General (Global) Declarations dim q as TibrvQueue 'in a Subroutine set q = tibrv.getDefaultQueue Wrong: 'in General (Global) Declarations dim q as TibrvQueue 'in a Subroutine q = tibrv.getDefaultQueue

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