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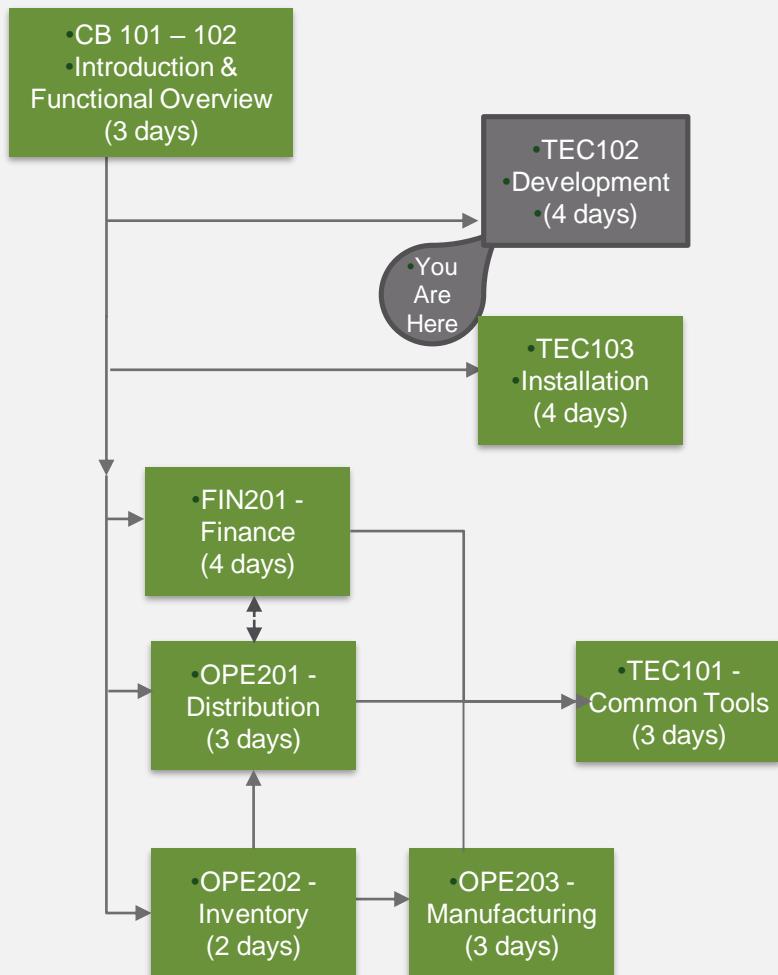
Sage ERP X3

Training

TEC102 - Development - Fundamentals



Sage ERP X3 Fundamentals



•Sage ERP X3 Advanced

Distribution

- Contracts (Purchasing and Sales)
- Loan Orders
- Packaging & Shipment Preparation
- Purchasing Signature Management
- Sales and Purchasing Prepayments
- Sales Reps and Commissions
- Sourcing: RFQs, Responses
- Carrier Management
- Inter-Site and Intercompany Transactions
- Invoice Elements (Purchasing & Sales)
- Kits, Options & Variants
- Price List Management (Advanced)

Manufacturing (4 days)

- Advanced Global Manufacturing
- Production Costing and WIP Posting

Finance

- Bank Communication & Reconciliation
- Budget Control/ Analytical Budget
- Financial Data Extraction
- Statements & Reminders
- Automatic Journals & Dimension Defaults
- Advanced Payment Transactions
- Month and Year End Processes
- Fixed Assets

Inventory (3 days)

- Allocation Rules (Advanced)
- Stock Counts
- Serial Number Management
- Reordering Replenishment Storage Plan
- Valuation Methods and Price Adjustments and cost calculations
- Quality Control & Sampling

Tools & Development

- Advanced Common Tools
- Advanced Development

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Distribution and Inventory

- Purchasing Subcontracts
- Pre-Allocations (Pegging Function)
- Radio Terminals

Manufacturing (5 days)

- Configurator
- Weighing
- Optimisation ILOG

Finance

- Multi-Legislation Set Up
- Operating Budgets
- Analytical Allocations
- Factoring

Tools & Development

- Connectors
- Java Bridge Serveur
- Components
- Eclipse
- LDAP integration
- Interface Import/Export
- Netvibes
- Crystal Reports

Objectives

At the end of this training, you will be able to :

- Get familiar with the X3 development framework
- Start using the different fundamentals tools
- Reach a first level of skills to be autonomous



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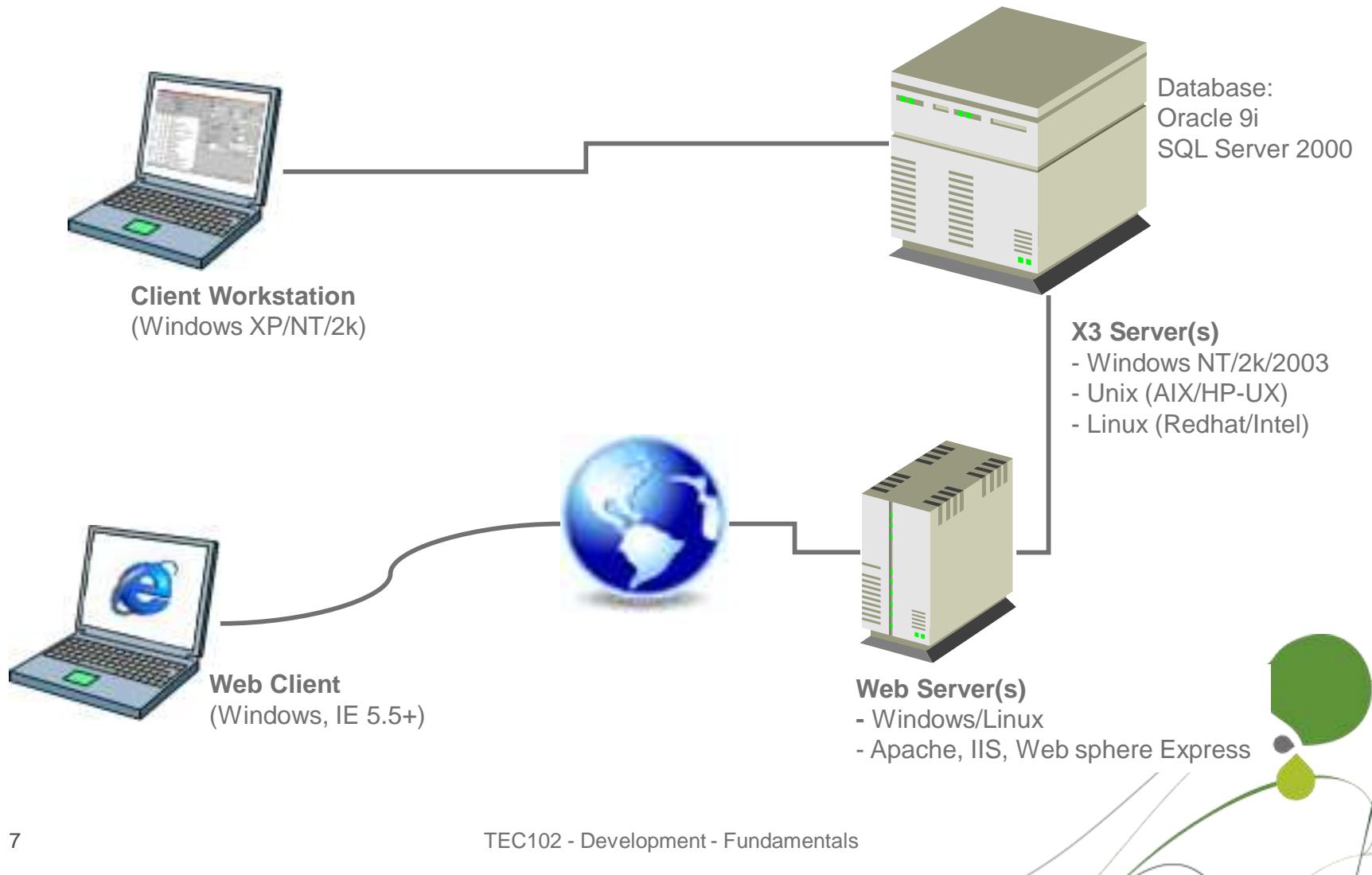
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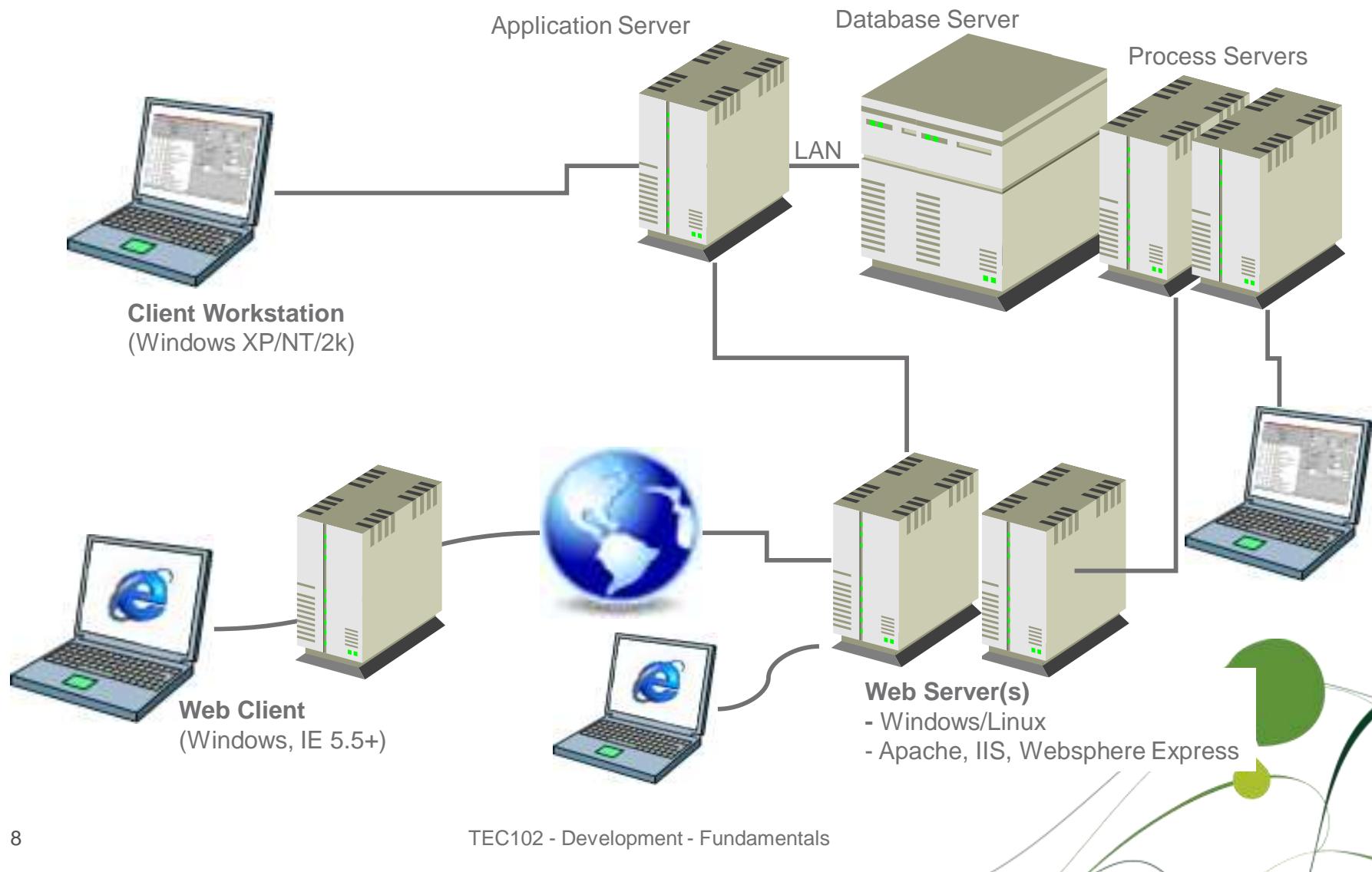


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Client/Server/Web Native Architecture



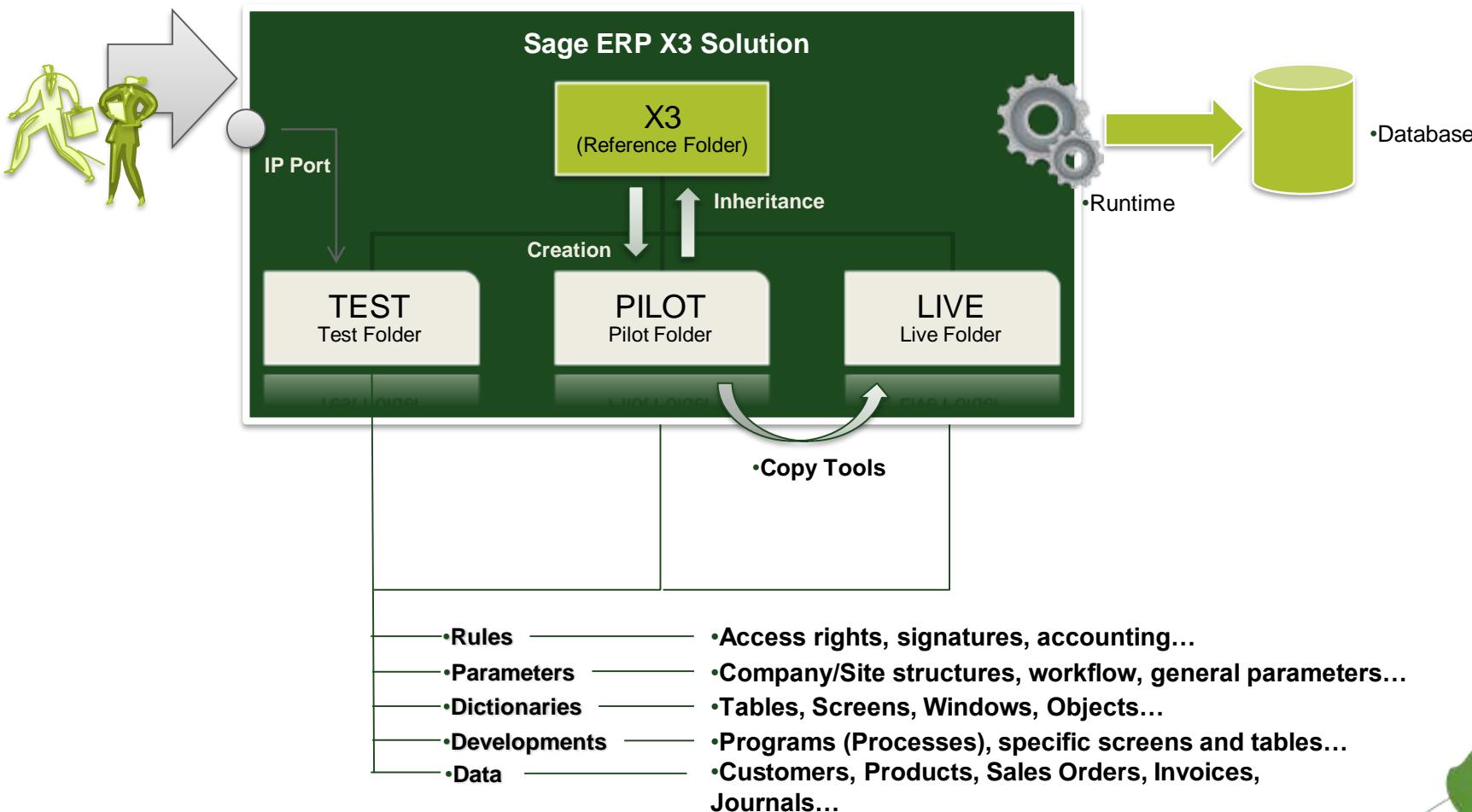
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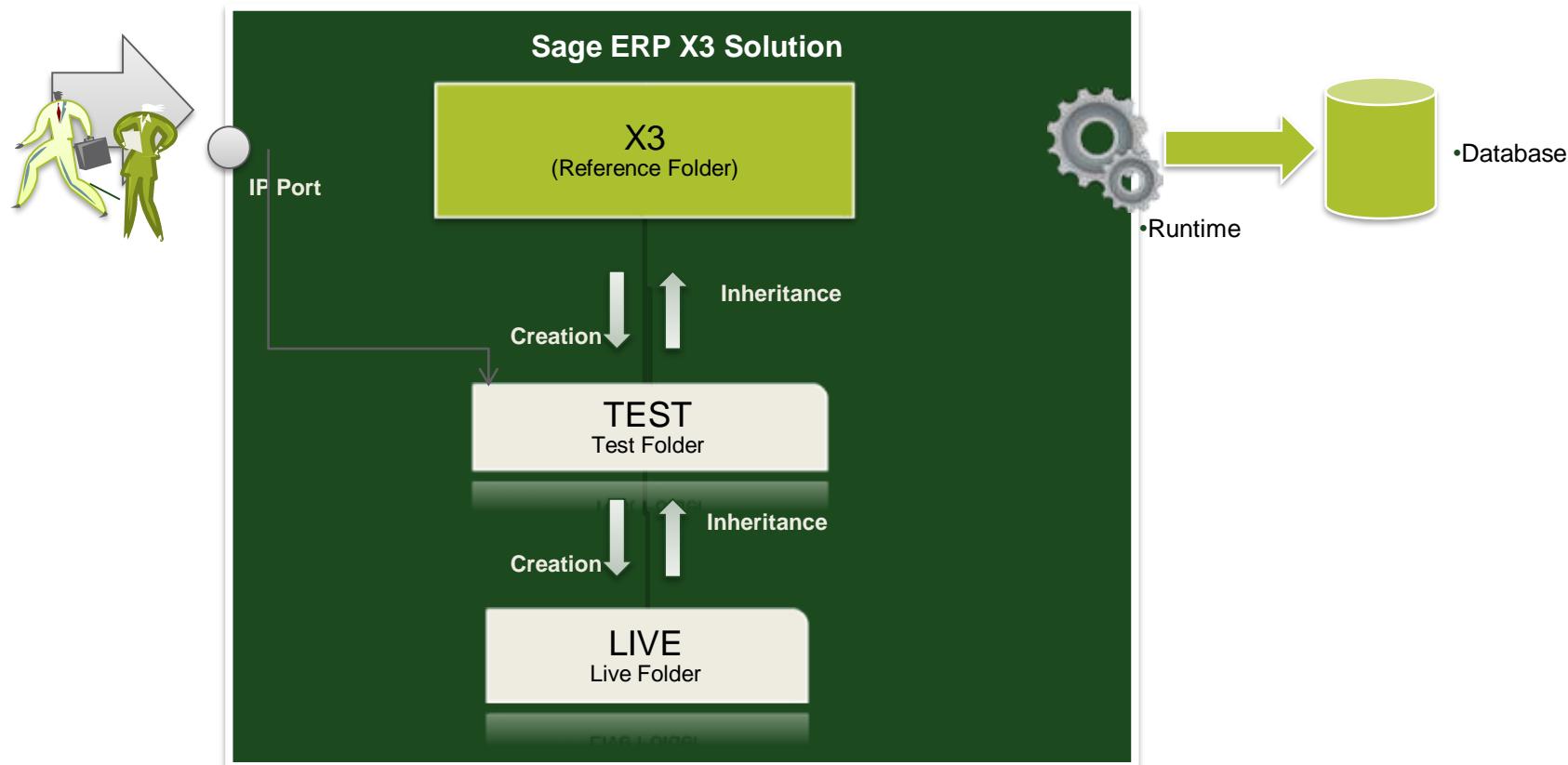


1.2 – Folder Management

Solutions and Folders (2 tier)



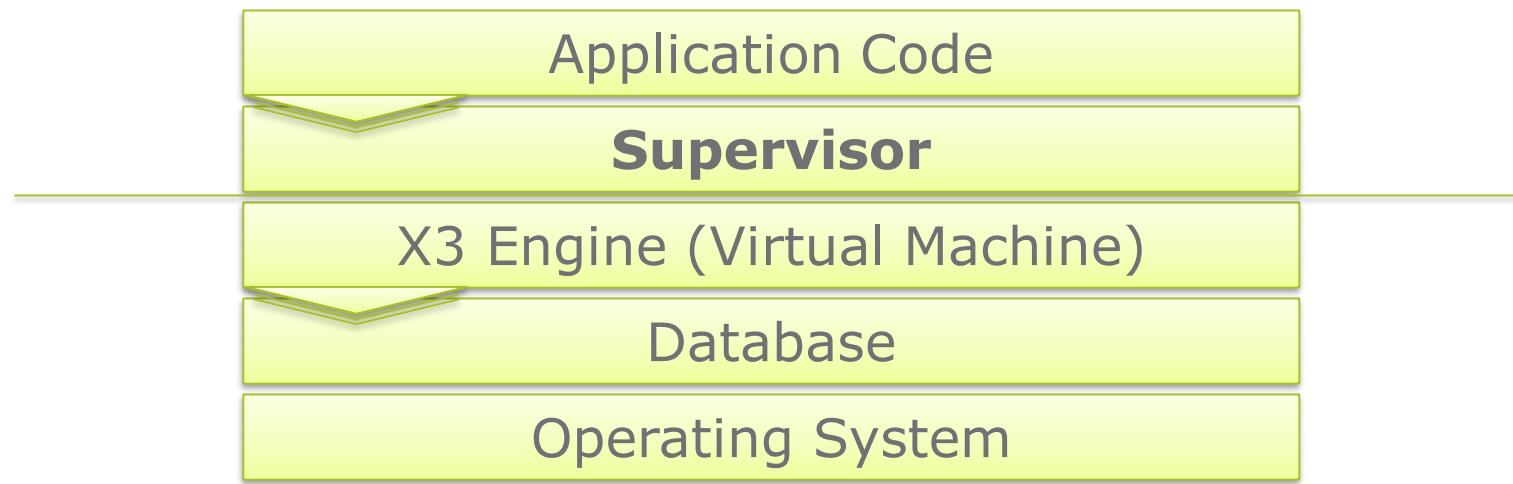
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1.3 – Application Architecture

The Supervisor As An Application Layer



A set of Global Services

Supervisor

- Database and Configuration
- User and Access Rights
- Data Inquiry Management (Statistics, Reports, Data Access...)
- Application Parameters
- Batch Job Management
- Version & Upgrade Management
- Development Platform for Specifics and Verticals

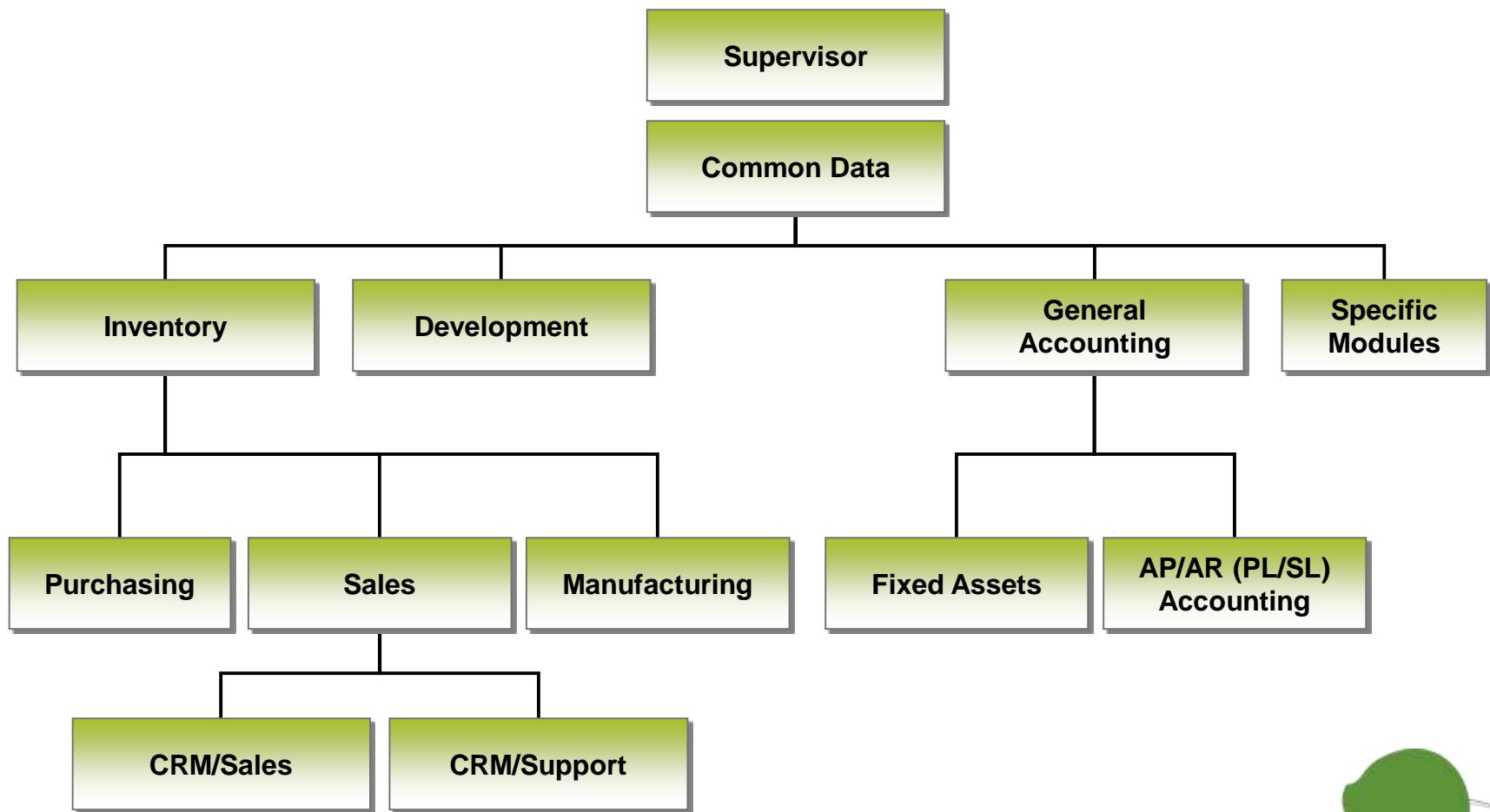


Sage X3 Functions

- Sage X3 is built into functions that may be called:
 - From a menu item
 - From an html page (e.g. Portal, Wizards...) – via a link
 - From other functions (Tunnels)
- Functions serve as a basis for:
 - Access rights (defined for User/Function combinations)
 - Menu organisation
- Functions are identified by a code (**GFUNCTION** variable, tip text in Sage X3 menus).
- They are generally built based on an Sage X3 function template that can be customised.



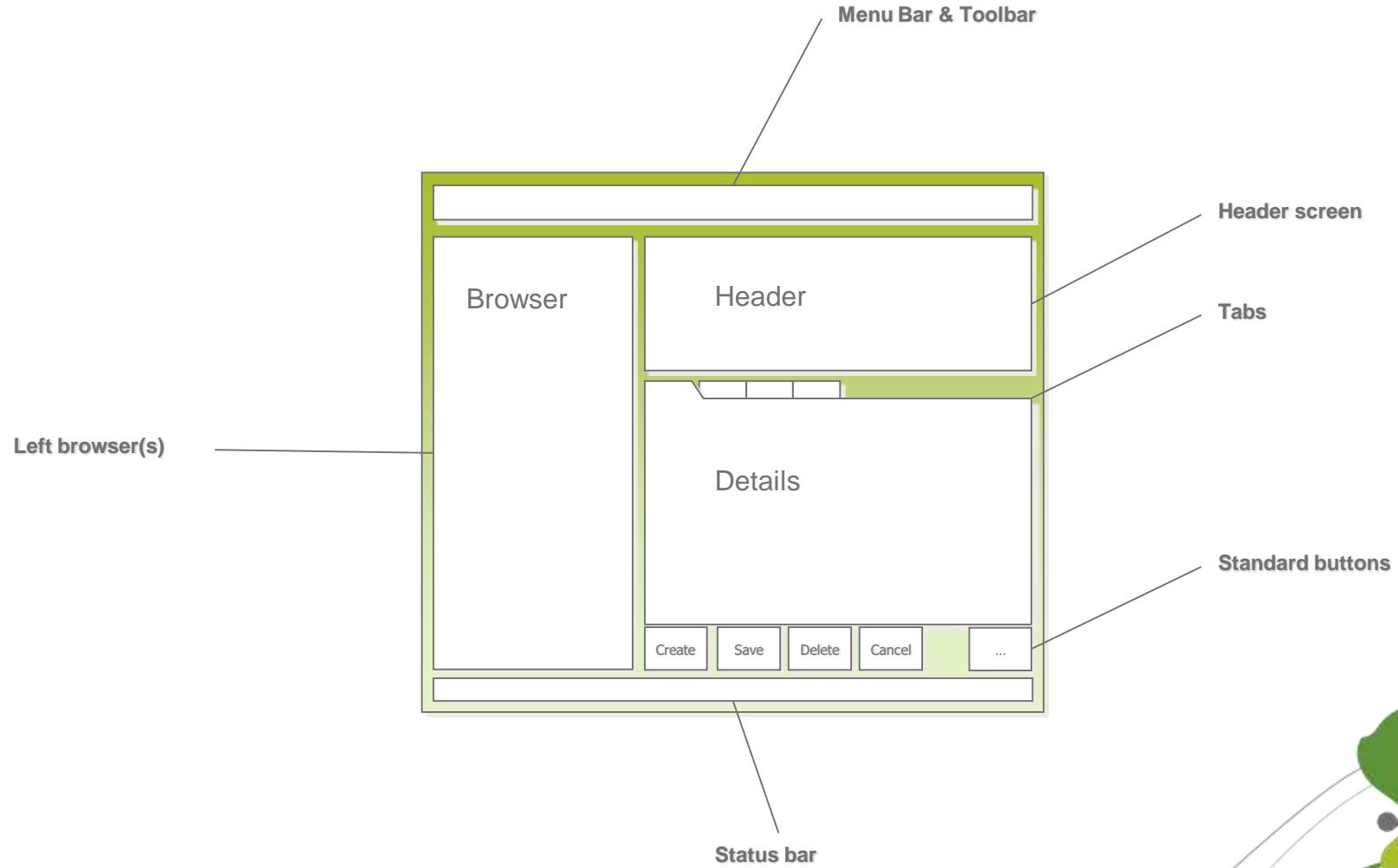
Functions Belong to Modules





1.4 – The User Interface

Common User Interface Elements



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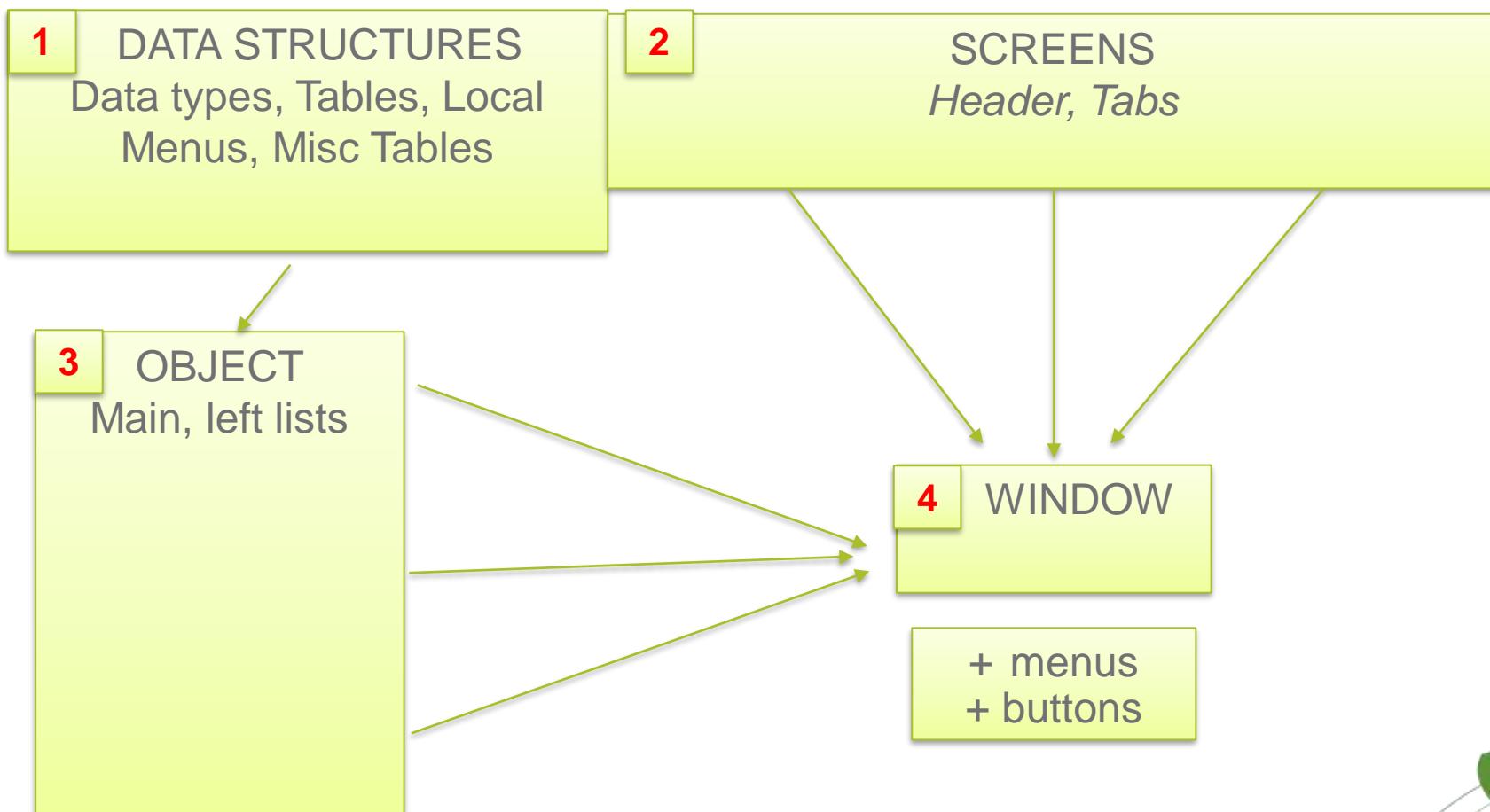
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General Development process





DATA STRUCTURE

2.1.1 – Tables & Views

Tables

Sage X3 Tables

- Sage X3 tables are described in the Table Dictionary. They represent and describe physical database tables.
- Dictionary table validation (*Validation* button):
 - Creation or
 - of *.srf* and *.fde* table definition files in the FIL directory.
 - **valfil** utility creates the table in the database, from table definition files.
 - The **valfil** utility may be run manually and accepts a number of options.

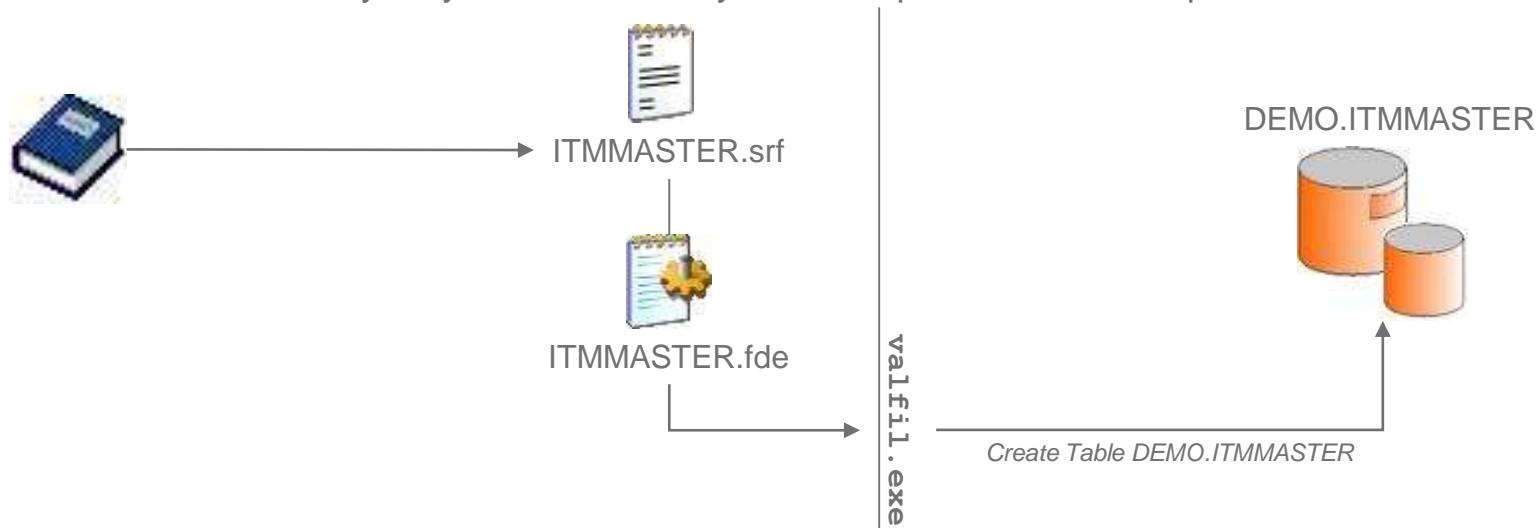


Table Fields

- Fields (Table columns) are identified mainly by the following elements:
 - Code
 - Data type and length
 - Designation (Normal / Long / Short)
 - Dimension
- Fields can be linked to a reference table (*Linked Table*)
Link Expression contains the values to link for linked tables with complex indexes.
Cancellation options specify data integrity checks to perform when linked record is deleted
- Strong or Weak Types may be used with table fields
Strong Types are mainly linked to Sage X3 Objects (e.g. Products (ITM), Customers (BPC) etc.)
Main Weak Types:
 - **A** (String)
 - **C** (Short integer)
 - **L** (Long integer)
 - **D** (Date)
 - **DCB** (Floating Point)
- Each occurrence of a dimensioned field is a column in the database table. The maximum number of columns (Field*dimension) is 512 .



Table Indexes

- Table Indexes may have to 16 components and their description may span 256 characters.
- The primary index is the first index defined against the table.
- Index component sort order:
 - Ascending order (+ sign)
 - Descending order (- sign)
 - The first component has no sign and is always ascending.
- *Duplicates* specifies unique or non-unique indexes.



Special Fields

- Special fields may be added to main object tables. They are automatically managed by the system.

CREDAT, UPDDAT: Creation and update date (*Created On..., Updated On...*)

CRETIM, UPDTIM: Creation and update time

CREUSR, UPDUSR: Creation and update user code (*Created By..., Updated By...*)

EXPNUM: Export number for chronological exports (See *Imports / Exports* chapter)

ENAFLG: Active flag. Specifies if the record is active or not. Used in selections, controls etc.

- All fields except ENAFLG are usually invisible (not included in object screens).



Special Fields



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CRESTP, UPDSTP: Creation and update timestamp



Table Buttons

- **Validation:** Validates the table.
- **Process:** Creates a temporary process that may be used to initialise fields when the table is validated.
- **Copy:** Copies the table definition from one folder to another folder (no validation). Actual data is not copied.
- **RTZ:** Deletes the table data (Empties the table).
- **Delete:** Deletes the table from the database and the table definition from the Sage X3 dictionary.





DATA STRUCTURE

2.1.1 Tables & Views

Views

Views

● Target

- Create views in the database
 - Accessible from Crystal Reports
 - Accessible from Formula Wizard
 - Accessible from processes (read only)

● Restrictions

- The view code should not be an existing table code





DATA STRUCTURE

2.1.2 Data Types

Data Types

- **Data Types** fall into 3 categories:

Basic data types

- Built into the software and not modifiable
- Examples: A (Alphanumeric), DCB (Decimal), D (Date), L (Long integer)...

User defined types

- Defined by specifying the length, format, entry options and optional actions (Events)
- Examples: MD1 (Currency Amount), BID (Bank ID Code)...

Object data types inherit the following items from their object

- Controls
- Automatic zooms and selection boxes
- Data integrity checks



Advanced Data Types

● User Defined data types

Internal Type

- Local Menu
- Short/Long Integer
- Double Precision / Floating Point Decimal
- Clob/Blob
- Alphanumeric
- Date

Sage X3 Format:

- Sage X3 expression for complex formats
- Variable formats may be specified by entering an Sage X3 expression preceded by the '=' sign

Additional Options are available depending on the basic data type.

● Object data types

The Object Code links the data type to an Sage X3 object

- Automatic tunnels and selection options when defining fields with that data type
- Automatic data integrity controls





DATA STRUCTURE

2.1.3 Local Menus

Local Menus

- **Local Menus** are lists of application texts that are used:
 - In drop-down lists, radio buttons and checkboxes
 - For application messages (Information boxes, errors, warnings etc.)
- **Organisation** of local menus:
 - Local menus are grouped in **chapters**
 - Each text in a chapter is identified by a sequential **number** starting with 1
- **In the database:**
 - Local menus are stored in table **APLSTD**
 - When a field contains a local menu item, the text number is stored in the database rather than the actual text
 - Local menus are hence externalised and translatable



Using Local Menus

Using local menus

The **M** data type identifies a Local Menu, along with the chapter number.

- Fields with that data type will present a choice of text values
 - As a drop down list
 - As Radio buttons
 - As a check box for the Yes/No menu (Chapter 1)

The **MM** data type identifies a Local Menu changeable by a user.

Local Menus used as application messages may be retrieved using the **mess** instruction.

- mess(1, 110, 1)** retrieves text 1 from chapter 110 in the connexion language.

Specific local menus may be created in chapters 1000 to 1999. Specific menus used as messages may be created in chapters 160 to 169.

Using Local Menus

● Local Menus VS Messages

If a local menu is not explicitly flag as “local menu”, then it is a message.

- Still stored in APLSTD table
- Values can't be changed by users
- Not uploaded on the user workstation (client server)
- Tend to be used for handling messages in source code (error message, etc.)
- Still translatable.



Using Local Menus

In a single chapter, texts are identified by numbers that span 1 to 123.
Chapters 1 to 999 are standard.

● Local menu ranges

1000 - 1999 & 5200 – 5999	: verticals
6200 - 6999	: customization
4000 - 4999	: Add-ons



● Messages ranges

160 - 164 & 6000 - 6199	: Customization
165 - 169 & 5000 – 5199	: verticals





DATA STRUCTURE

2.1.4 Activity Codes

Activity Codes

- **Activity codes** are signature codes that are used to:

Protect and identify specific developments (Type = **Functional**):

- Specific activity codes start with **X**, **Y** or **Z**
- Protection from patches and upgrades
- Identification for patch extraction and dictionary validation

Activate or deactivate Sage X3 elements (Type = **Functional**):

- Tables, table indexes, table fields
- Screens, screen blocks, screen fields
- Objects, individual object parameters
- Window tabs
- ...

Attach a customisable dimension to array elements (Type = **Dimension**)

- Table fields
- Screen fields (lines)

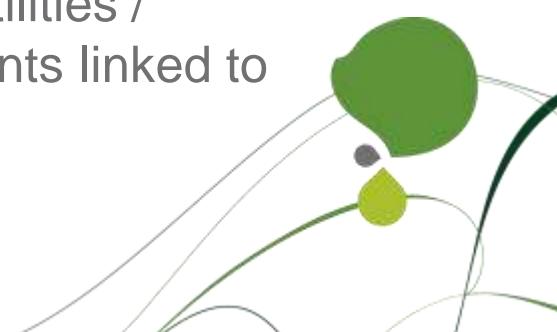
Identify localisations (Type = **Localisation**):

- Localisation activity codes start with letter **K**



Managing Activity Codes

- Managing activity codes in the ***Folders*** function:
Specific activity codes appear in the *Modifications* tab in the *Folders* function
Standard functional activity codes and localisation activity codes appear in the *Options* tab
Dimension activity codes are listed in the *Screens* tab
- After an activity code has been modified, the elements it links to must be **revalidated**:
Through full folder validation (*Folders* function)
Through the *Dictionary Validation* function (Development / Utilities / Dictionary / Validation) with a filter on the activity code.
- The *Activity Code Search* function (Development / Utilities / Searches / Activity Code) lists all the Sage X3 elements linked to a single activity code.



Using Activity Codes

- Protecting your specific developments using activity codes

From patches (Conflicts with patches containing the same elements)

From upgrades (Folder validation and/or changing application version)

It is **mandatory** to sign and protect all specific developments using specific activity codes (starting with **X**, **Y** or **Z**).

- Fields inserted in existing tables or screens
- New blocks in standard screens
- New tabs in standard windows
- As a general rule, all new elements in the development dictionaries (All elements under the *Development* menu)

It is **not necessary** to protect customisation elements that are considered as parameterisation.

- Some of the object parameters such as selection parameters (*Object Personalisation* function)
- New requesters, workflow rules, statistical parameters etc. or modifications to standard ones
- As a general rule, all elements under the *Parameters* menu.





CREATING THE DATA STRUCTURE

- LAB1: Domain management

Exercice 1.1: Activity Code

Exercice 1.2: Local Menu

Exercice 1.3: Table



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DATA STRUCTURE

2.1.4 Miscellaneous Table

Miscellaneous Tables

● Miscellaneous Tables

Miscellaneous tables are *logical* tables used to store a small sets of records without creating a physical table for them:

- Incoterms
- Payment Terms
- Tax Codes
- ...

All miscellaneous table data are stored in one physical table, **ATABDIV**.
Miscellaneous table definitions are stored in table **ATABTAB**.

● Miscellaneous table definition

Miscellaneous tables are identified by a **number**.

They store a code, short description and long description by default for each record.

Additional columns with various data types may be added to a miscellaneous table.



Miscellaneous Table Hierarchies

- Miscellaneous tables may be dependent, in which case their data is hierarchical.

Parent table is defined in child table record

Child table records reference the parent record.

Table 440 – Customer Stat Group 1	
Code	Designation
TYP	Type
REV	Revenue
LOC	Location

Table 441 – Customer Stat Group 2		
Code	Designation	Linked to Table 440 Record...
PER	Personal	TYP
COM	Company	TYP
GRP	Group	TYP
LRG	+ 10 000 K\$	REV
MED	+ 1 000 K\$	REV
SML	+ 100 K\$	REV
EUR	Europe	LOC
AFR	Africa	LOC
MEA	Middle East	LOC
ASI	Asia	LOC

Using Miscellaneous Tables

Using miscellaneous tables

A miscellaneous table may be attached to a field using data type **ADI**, with the following parameters:

- The table number as a data type parameter in (**Table Number** parameter).

Miscellaneous table dependency is defined by specifying the parent table data as a data type parameter (**Dependency Table** parameter):

- Field data will be controlled according to the expression entered against that parameter.
- For more details on miscellaneous table dependency, please review the Sage X3 Supervisor training course.



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GRAPHICAL STRUCTURE & INTERFACE

2.2.1 Screens

Sage X3 Screens

- Sage X3 screens are the building blocks for windows that are used to edit data. Screens may be window headers window tabs or standalone forms.
- Screens are described in the *Screen Dictionary*. When a screen is validated, its description file is created in a directory on the server.
- Screens are made of one or several **blocks**.



General Information

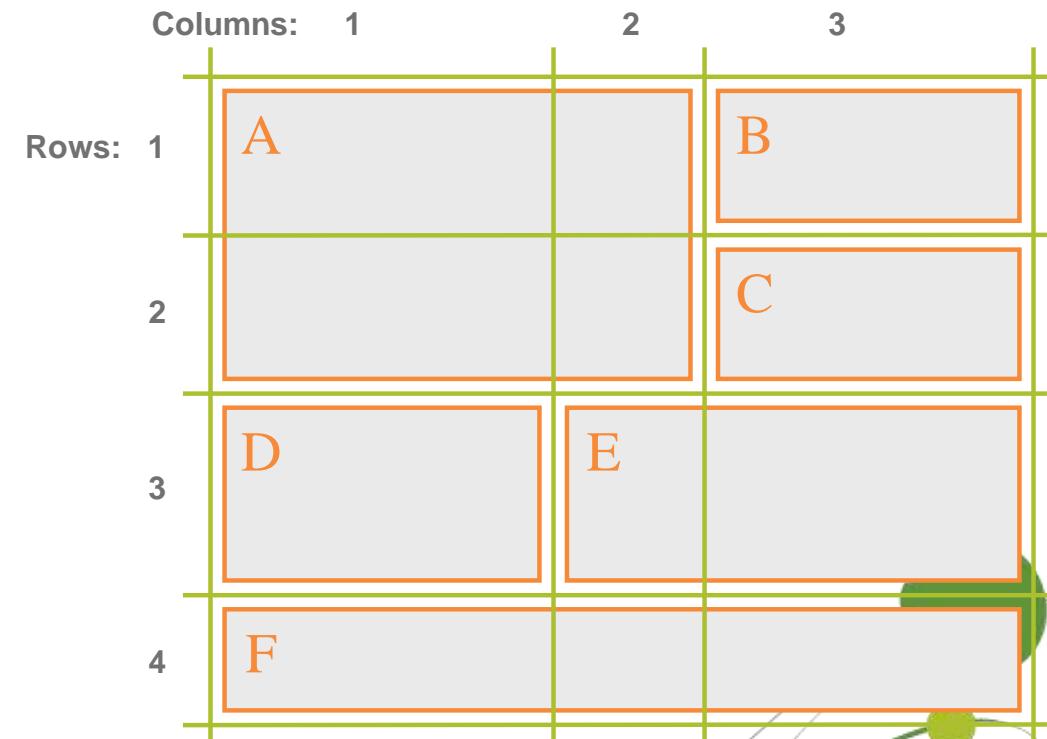
- A screen's **Size** may be initialised with default values by selecting a screen type. Sizes may be changed manually.
- *Template Screen*: Used to define non-usable screens that serve as templates or cache structures.
- Block types:
List: Normal block with individual fields
Table: Cell block that contains arrayed fields (dimension > 1)
Text: Contains one text (or rich text) field
Hidden: Invisible normal block
- Block definition:
The block **Row** identifies the block in the screen. It may be used in Sage X3 code instructions to point to the block.
Length is the total width reserved for field titles.
Line identifies the number of lines for table blocks
Bottom of Page contains the name of the variable that holds the total number of lines for table blocks, typically NBLIG.



Block Layout

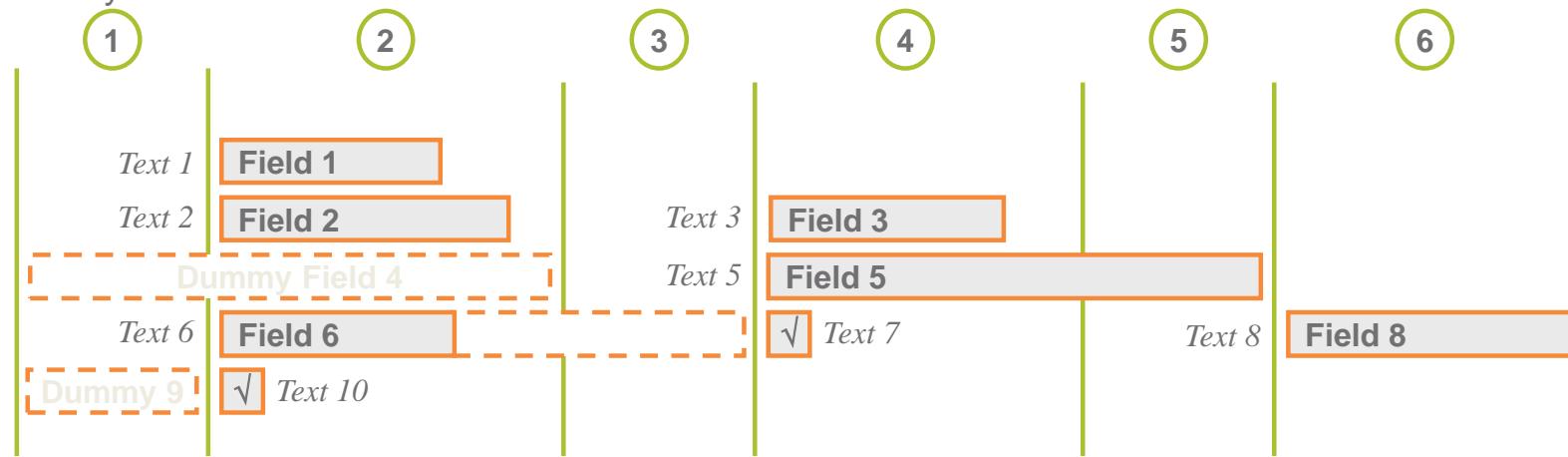
- Blocks are ordered in a screen using a grid that adapts to block boundaries.
Each block is placed by specifying its row/column on the grid.
The number of cells occupied by each block is specified in rows and columns.
The grid is flexible and blocks will extend or retract if the screen size is reduced.

Block Type	Position	Line	Col.
A	List	1,1	2
B	List	1,3	1
C	Table	2,3	1
D	List	3,1	1
E	Text	3,2	2
F	List	4,1	3



Screen Fields

- Fields are placed in the block by specifying a row/column position. Exact arrangement of the fields is managed automatically.
- The width of a field may be specified in number of columns: This means the field ‘books’ a number of columns for itself, even if does not physically occupy them all.
- Field layout:



Clob And Blob Fields

- Clobs (**Character Long Objects**) contain rich text data and are stored directly in the database.
- Data type: **ACB** or **AC0**.
- Graphical object: *Multi-line Text*.
- Parameters:
 - Number Of Lines* (height of text box)
 - Physical Columns* (width of text box)
 - Text Type*: Rich text (RTF), plain text (TXT), undetermined (Chosen during entry via context menu)
- Blobs (**Binary Long Objects**) contain binary data and are stored directly in the database.
- Data Type: **ABB** or **AB0**.
- Graphical object: *Photo*.
- Parameters:
 - Number Of Lines* (height of text box)
 - Physical Columns* (width of text box)
 - Photo Type*: Normal, Stretched, Proportional.
- A *Photo* object has default context menus:
 - Select...*
 - Save As...*



Icon Fields

- An icon is a character field with length = 3. It displays as a normalised square button anywhere in the block.
- The field value indicates the icon to be displayed.
- An icon may be clicked to trigger an event/action.

Development > Processes > Screens > Screens (GESAMK)

- Option > Icons



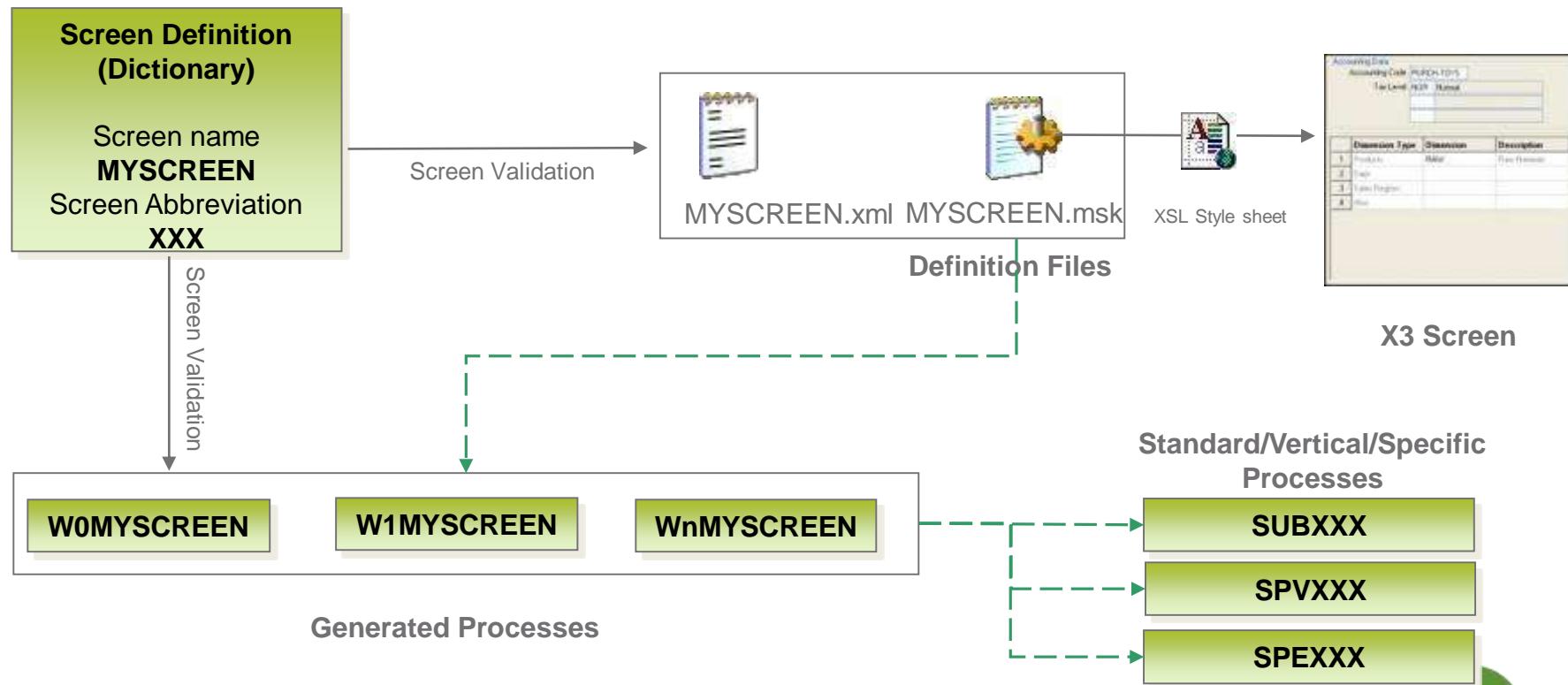
Table Blocks

- Table blocks contain arrayed fields (Dimension > 1) in a cell form (Columns).
- They are managed by a *Grid Control* variable, typically **NBLIG**.
 - Referenced in the block definition
 - Data type: **ABS** (Absolute integer)
 - Mandatory field placed first in the block
 - At any time, that field contains the total number of lines in the block
 - Field *Entry Type* defines the entry mode for the whole block: *Entered*, *Displayed*, *Hidden*, *Technical*
- Various options may be added to a table block. They define cell and line behaviour:
 - A:** Cancellation (Line deletion)
 - I:** Insertion (Line insertion)
 - #** (Any digit): Number of fixed columns...
- Fields in the block are referenced by their index: FIELD(0) for line 1, FIELD(1) for line 2, FIELD(2) for line 3 etc.



Screen Validation

- > Screen validation creates the actual screen definition file (XML) and all generated processes that are linked to the screen.





CREATING THE GRAPHICAL STRUCTURE & INTERFACE

- LAB1: Domain management

Exercice 2.1: Screens



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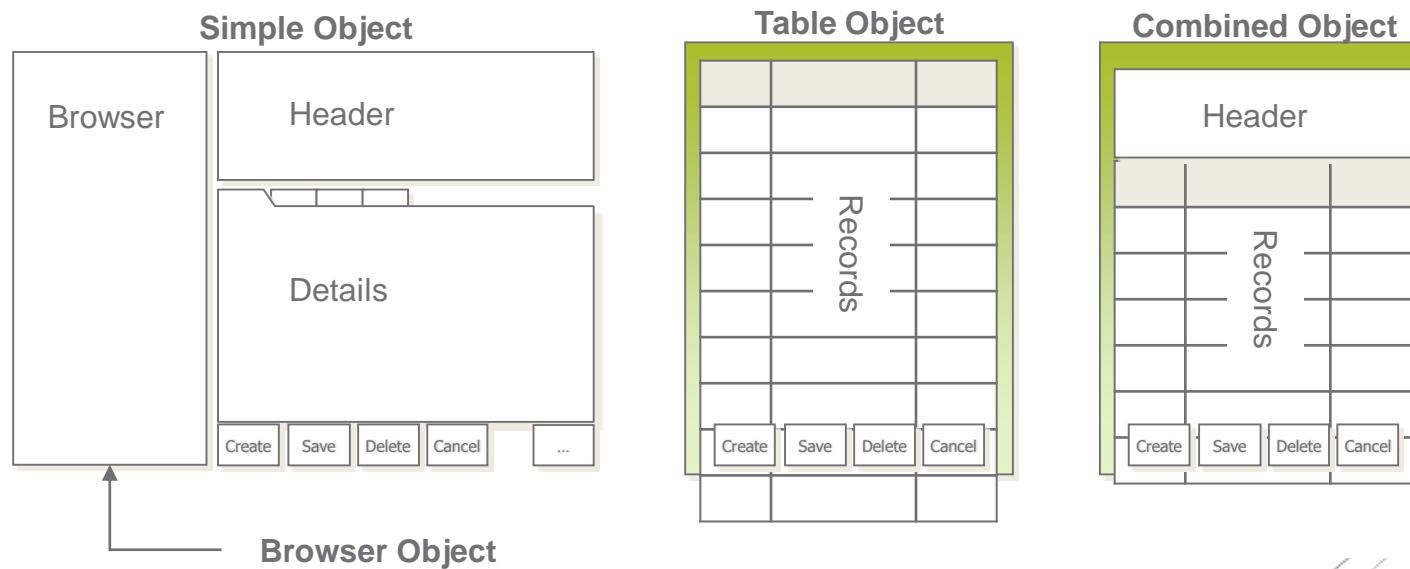


GRAPHICAL STRUCTURE & INTERFACE

2.2.2 Objects

Objects

- Objects represent the core of Sage X3 X3 data maintenance. An *Object* manages one main table and defines the general behaviour of the data for that table.
- There are three types of object interfaces:
 - Simple:** Header/Tab management, record by record.
 - Table:** All records are viewed in one shot, in a table screen.
 - Combined:** First N parts of index is viewed in header screen; Last part is viewed in cell block (equivalent to viewing record groups for a *Table* object).
- Browser** objects are used to define left lists (browsers).



Objects

- An object manages a single **main table**, or reference table. Other tables may be linked to it (See below) but must be managed by code.
- **Selection** parameters define

A number of **Selection Options** that may be used as filters when linking data to the object.

The columns that should be used to display selection boxes for records managed by that object.



Object Environment Tab

- The Environment tab includes additional tables that should be opened by the system

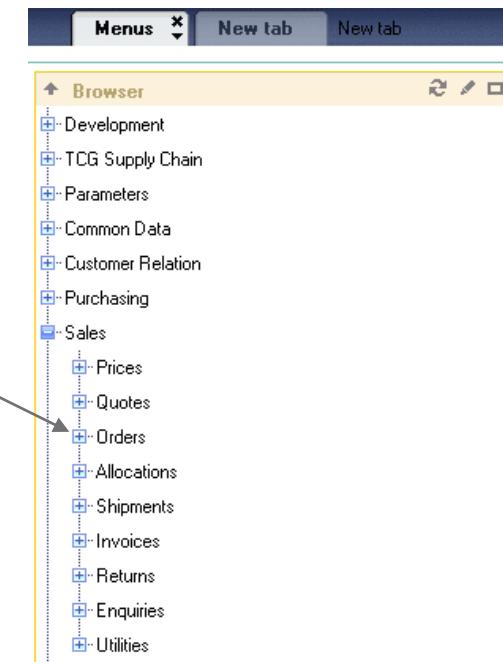
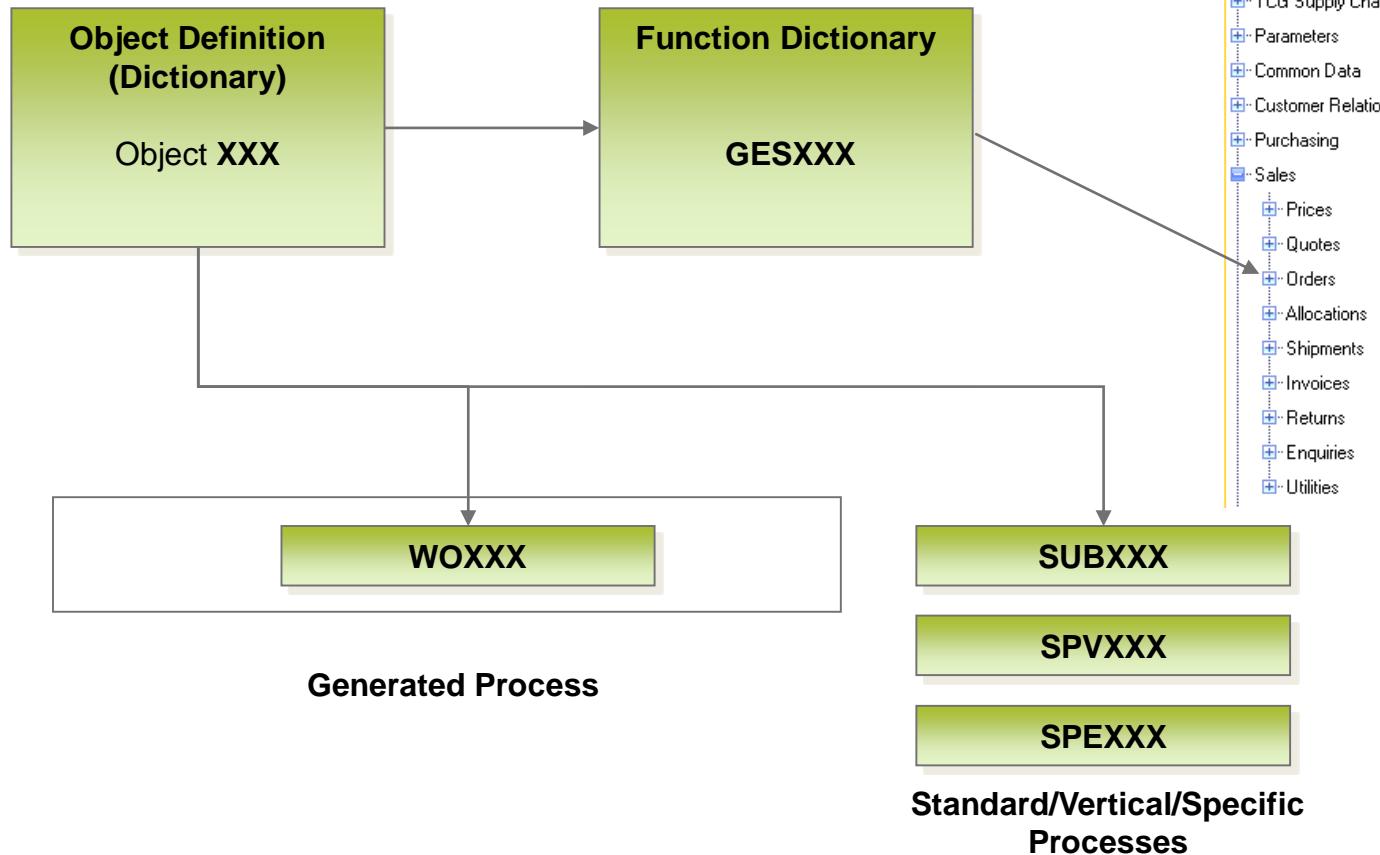
Automatic joins are possible through the Link Expression column.

Linked tables must be updated by code. The object does not manage them automatically.



Object Validation

- Object validation





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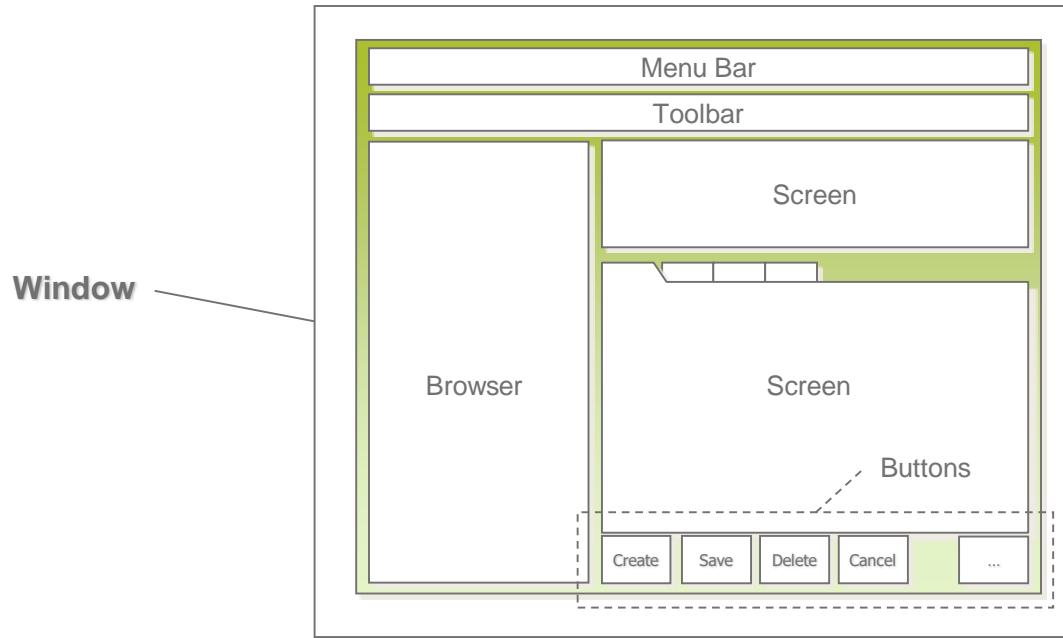


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2.2.3 Windows

Windows

- > **Windows** group a number of screens together with a browser, toolbar, menu bar and buttons to form a full-fledged Sage X3 function. Windows linked to objects are usually named OXXX where XXX is the object code.



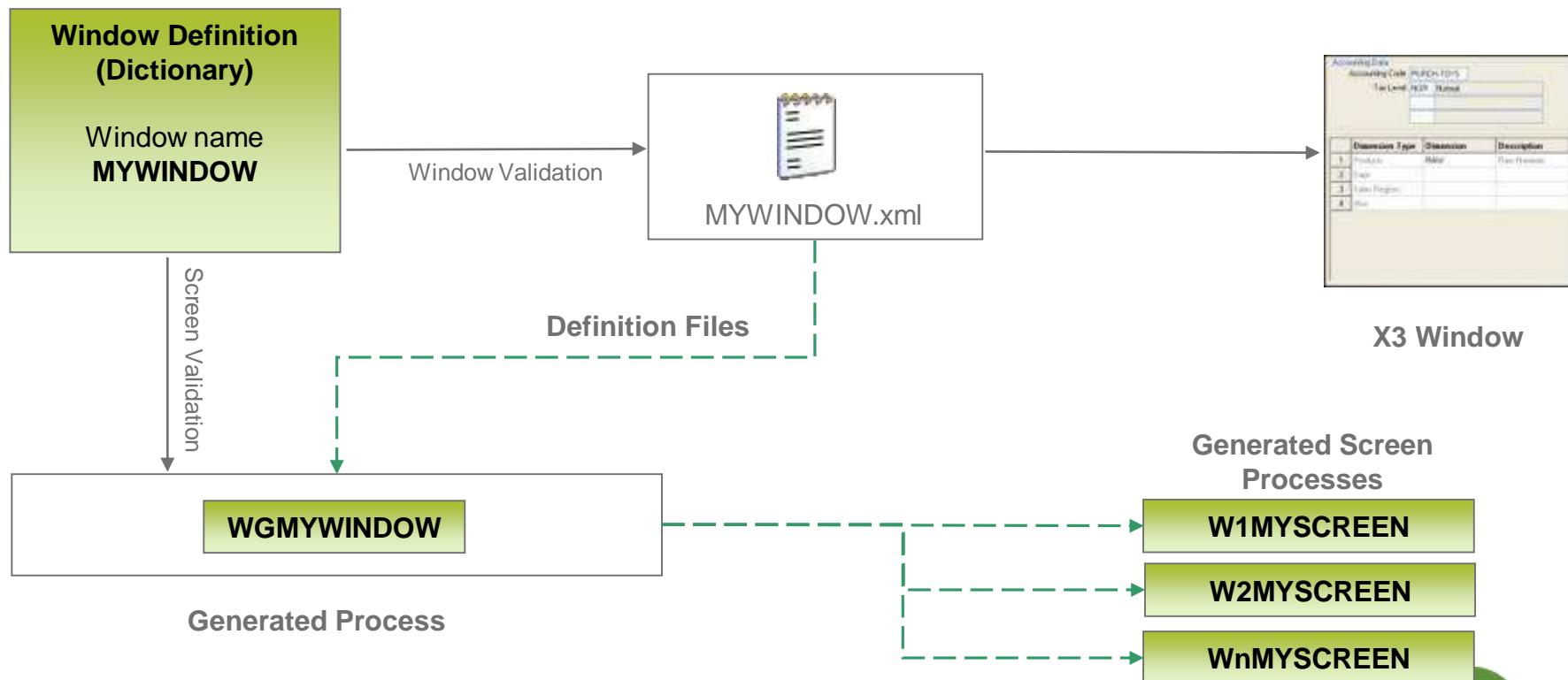
Window Definition

- A window contains one or more **Screens**:
 - A unique header screen (optional)
 - One or more tabs
- The **Buttons/Menus** tab contains the list of user-defined buttons and menu items
 - Menu items and buttons are identified by a code letter
 - They are attached to actions from the Action Dictionary or directly handled by code
- **Predefined** buttons may be enabled/disabled
 - Predefined buttons depend on the Window's use (Development Template)
- The **Browsers** tab includes a list of the window's left browsers
 - Identified by the browser object code
 - Options to view/hide the Last Read browser
 - Browser types:
 - Simple and hierarchical lists: Display information in flat or hierarchical arrangements
 - Picking lists: Used to pick a number of records from the browser (Additional actions and indicators)
 - Recursive lists: Data is accessed by drilling in from the top to lower levels



Window Validation

- > Window validation creates the actual screen definition file (XML) and all generated processes that are linked to the window.





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2.2.4 Functions

Functions

● Functions

Functions links Sage X3 home page menus to

- Sub-menus
- Sage X3 code, through the Action Dictionary and development templates.

Functions also encapsulate access right management, help definitions and other parameters.

Process type functions must be linked to an action from the Action Dictionary

- The Action defines which development template is to be run and which programs will be executed.
- This is the main type of functions, that links an Sage X3 menu to an actual functionality.





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3.1 – Variables And Variable Classes

Variable Declaration

- Sage X3 variables represent memory values (classical variables), table fields or screen fields.
- Variable declaration syntax:

Global Local	Integer (-2^31+1 to 2^31-1) Shortint (-2^15 to 2^15-1) Decimal (< -2^255 to 2^255) Char (30 by default,255 max) Date Clbfile (512Ko max) Blbfile (512Ko max)	Variable_name (64 char max)	(Nb) or (Nb1..Nb2) (Nb) or (Nb1..Nb2) (Nb) or (Nb1..Nb2) (Nb) (Nb) (Nb)	Defines a variable of the corresponding type. Initialises the variable to a null (or zero) value Indexes start with 0 unless otherwise specified. Starting and ending indexes may be specified.
	File	Table_Code (12 char max)		Opens a table with the specified abbreviation.
	Mask	Screen_Code (12 char max)		Opens a screen with the specified abbreviation.

Local Date MYDATE	Declares a Date variable [DD/MM/YYYY]
Local Integer XMYINT(10)	Declares an array of 10 integers (0 to 9)
Local Integer XMYINT(1..10)	Declares an array of 10 integers (1 to 10)
Global Char YMYGLOBAL(250)	Declares a string variable with length = 250
Local Mask ZSCREEN [ZSC]	Opens a screen with abbreviation ZSC
Local File XTABLE [XTB]	Opens a table with abbreviation XTB
Local File XTABLE	Opens a table with default abbreviation



Variable Classes

- Variables are grouped into *classes* identified by the [*] prefix where * is the class identifier

Variable Class	Syntax	Examples	Returns
Table Field (value for the current record)	[F:ABV] FLD ABV = Table abbreviation FLD = Field name	[F:BPC] BPCNUM	Value contained in the table field
Screen Field (visible or not)	[M:ABV] FLD ABV = Screen abbreviation FLD = Field name	[M:SIH0] BPCINV	Value contained in the screen field
Global Variable	[V] VAR VAR = Variable name (class is not mandatory)	GVERSION GUSER GFONCTION GWINDOW	Variable value (Names usually start with 'G')
System Variable	[S] VAR VAR = Variable name (class is not mandatory)	Datesyst nomap adxtcp	Variable value
Local Variable (depending on the context)	[L] VAR VAR = Variable name (class is not mandatory)	XMYINT(8) [L] MYDATE	Variable value



Table Class Declaration

- A table may be opened with additional options specifying
Record filters (*Where* clause)
Sort orders/indexes (*Order By* clause)

```
[Local] File <Table_Name> [<Abbreviation>] [, <Table Name> [Abbreviation]]...
&           Where <Where_Condition>
&           Order By [Key <Index_Code> | <Field_Name> [Asc | Desc] ]
```

- Table Close

```
Close [Local] File [<Abbreviation>] [, <Abbreviation>] [, <Abbreviation>]...
```



Screen Class Declaration

- Opening a screen:

```
[Local] Mask <Screen_Name> [<Abbreviation>] [, <Screen_Name> [<Abbreviation>]] ...
```

- Closing a screen:

```
Close [Local] Mask [<Abbreviation>] [, <Abbreviation>] [, <Abbreviation>] ...
```

- **Note:** Screens are usually automatically opened by the function template (See ad hoc chapters in this course) and should not be opened manually unless used as invisible working screens.



The Clalev Instruction

- The **Clalev** instruction shows if a class is accessible or not

Return value = 0: The class is not accessible

Return value positive: The class is accessible

```
# Is my table opened?  
Local File BPCUSTOMER [BPC]  
...  
If Clalev([BPC]) > 0  
    # We can close the table  
    Close Local File [BPC]  
Endif
```

```
# Is my screen opened?  
Local Mask WRKSCREEN [WRK]  
...  
If Clalev([WRK]) > 0  
    # We can close the screen  
    Close Local Mask [WRK]  
Endif
```

Indexed Variables (Arrays)

```
# Declaration of local integer array with 8 elements (From 0 to 7)
# TABLNG(5) contains the value of the 6th element in the array
Local Integer TABLNG(8)

# Declaration of local integer array with 8 elements (From 1 to 8)
# TABCOL(5) contains the value of the 5th element in the array
Local Integer TABCOL(1..8)

# Declaration of local string with 5 characters
Local Char STRING(5)

# Declaration of array of strings with 8 elements, each having 10 characters
# STR_ARRAY(5) contains the 6th string in the array
Local Char STR_ARRAY(10) (8)

# Declaration of array of strings with 8 elements, each having 10 characters
# STR2_ARRAY(5) contains the 5th string in the array
Local Char STR_ARRAY(10) (1..8)

# Declaration of a 2 dimensional string array
Local char STR_ARRAY_2(10) (10,10)

# Declaration of 3-dimensional array of short integers
Local Shortint INT_ARRAY(10,100,100)

# Arrays can be declared dynamically, by range of 128.
Local Integer DYN_ARRAY(1..)
DYN_ARRAY(20) = 5 # Segment 1..128 is allocated
DYN_ARRAY(300) = 5 # Segment 256..384 is allocated. Segments 128..256 are empty
```

Indexed Screens (Grid Blocks)

- Screens with Grid Blocks contain arrays of fields

Field indexes start with 0

Line numbers start with 1

The screenshot shows a software interface with the following details:

- Header Fields:**
 - Number: SIHEVE0000002
 - Type: INV Invoice
 - Sales Site: EVE
 - Date: 20/08/04
 - Currency: GBP
 - Reference: (empty)
 - Bill-to: C0002
 - Actual Reality: (empty)
- Navigation:** Controls, Invoicing, Lines, Valuation.
- Grid Block (Lines):** A table with columns: Product, Standard Description, SAL, Qty Invoiced, SAL-STK Conversion. It contains 5 rows labeled Line 1 through Line 5. The data is as follows:

	Product	Standard Description	SAL	Qty Invoiced	SAL-STK Conversion
Line 1	BOA100	Red Remote-controlled Boat	EA	5	1,00
Line 2	CUB200	Building Blocks - 2 yr old	EA	10	1,00
Line 3	MEU11	Plastic Coffee Table	EA	2	1,00
Line 4	SCO100	Red Electric Tricycle	EA	1	1,00
Line 5					
- Annotations:** Arrows point from "Line 1" to the first row of the grid, and from "Line 4" to the fourth row. To the right of the grid, four labels are aligned vertically: [M:SIH3]QTY(0), [M:SIH3]QTY(1), [M:SIH3]QTY(2), and [M:SIH3]QTY(3).

- The **nolign** variable indicates the current line number. Field indexes are referred to using expression **nolign-1**.

Assigning Values To Variables

```
# Assigning December 31, 2007 to a date variable
Local Date ENDDAT
ENDDAT = [31/12/2007]

# Assigning values to integers or decimals
Local Integer DAYS
Local Decimal HOURS
DAYS = 7
HOURS = DAYS*24

# Assigning values to a string
Local Char MESSAGE(250)
MESSAGE = "This operation is not allowed."
MESSAGE += " Please check with the system administrator"

# Assigning a value to a table field
Local File BPCUSTOMER [BPC]
[...]
[F:BPC]BPCNAM = "Sage Group"
[F:BPC]CREDAT = [01/01/2006]

# Assigning a value to a screen field
[M:BPC1]BPCNAM = "Sage Group"
[M:SIH3]DISCRGVAL(nolign-1) = 2.0
```



Clob And Blob Variables

- Clob: Long text object, may be rich or plain text
- Blob: Long binary objects (e.g. images)
- Sizes (Dimensions) are expressed in powers of 2

```
# Declaration of text Clob with default size
Local Clbfile WCLOB1

# Declaration of text Clob with size = 32k
Local Clbfile WCLOB2(5)

# Declaration of Blob with size = 64k
Local Blbfile WBLOB(6)

# Array of 8k Clobs
Local Clbfile WCLOBARRAY(3)(10)

# Assigning a Clob to another Clob
[M:XXX]CLOB = [F:XXX]CLOB
[M:XXX] = [F:XXX] :# Class transfer also works with binary objects

# Transferring a Clob into an array of strings
Local Char TEXT(250)(50)
Setlob TEXT With [M:XXX]CLOB

# Transferring an array of strings into a Clob
Setlob [F:XXX]CLOB With TEXT(0..49)
```



3.2 – Operators

Common Operators

- Numerical:

+ - / * ^

- Logical:

| (Or) - & (And) - ! (Not) - ? (Xor)

- Date:

Date1 + N (Adds a number of days to a date)

Date1 - Date2 (Computes difference between two dates in number of days)

Date1 - N (Subtracts a number of days from a date)

- String:

String1 + String2 (String concatenation without space)

String1 - String2 (String concatenation with space)

```
# Numerical operations
  Local Decimal I, J
  I = 100
  J = I/33  :# This populates J with 100/33 = 30.0303...

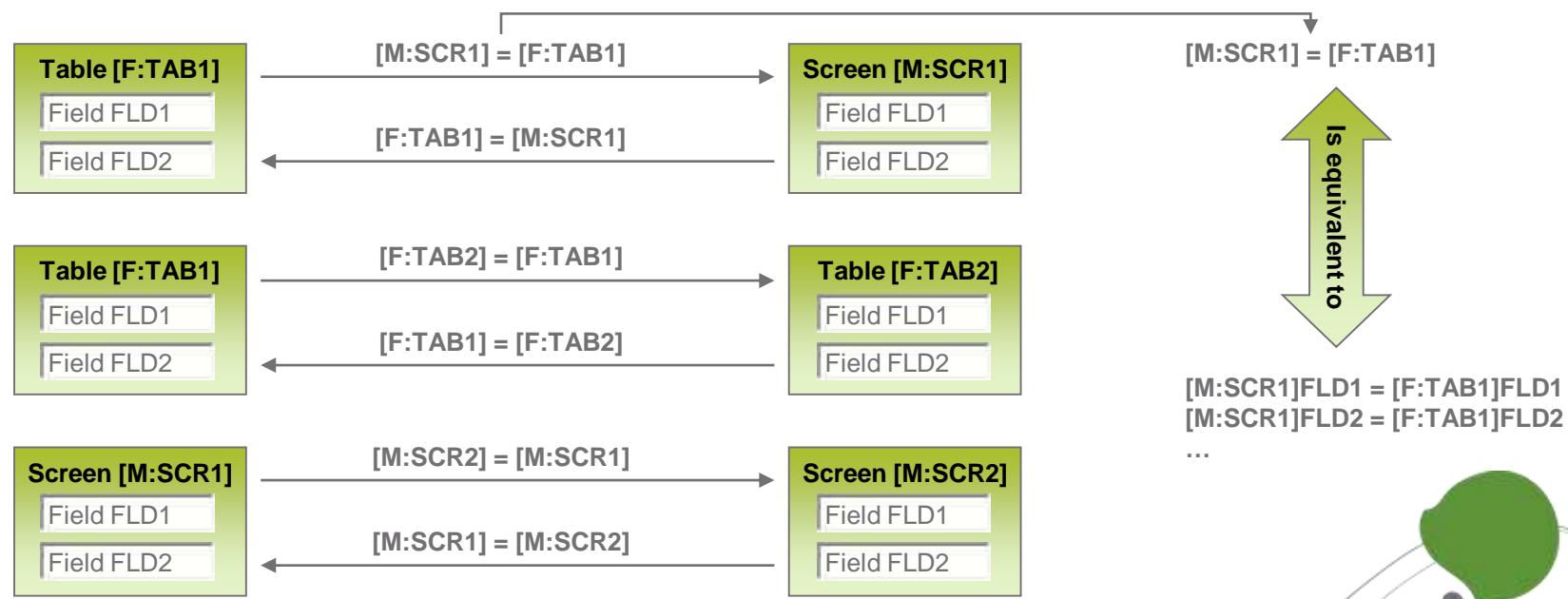
# Dates
  Local Date DATE1, DATE2
  DATE1 = [30/01/2007]
  DATE2 = DATE1 + 5  :# This sets DATE2 to 04/02/2007

# Strings
  Local Char STR1(150) : STR1 = "This customer cannot be assigned to site"
  Local Char STR2(250)
  STR2 = STR1 - "SITE01" :# Returns the following string in STR2:
                           # "This customer cannot be assigned to site SITE01"
```



Class Transfers

- Variable values in a class may be transferred in one shot:
 - From a screen to another screen
 - From a table to another table
 - From a screen to a table and vice versa
- Fields in the first class are populated with fields from the second class that have the same name.





3.3 – Instructions

Code Structure

- Sage X3 code is organised into **processes** (programs):
 - Source code is stored as a text file (With .src extension)
 - Compiled as binary p-code (corresponding file with .adx extension)

- Sage X3 processes are structured into three types of code "sections":

Labels

- Identified by the \$ symbol and a name
- Terminated by the **Return** instruction
- Called using the **Gosub** instruction

Subprograms

- Identified by the **Subprog** instruction, a name and optional parameters
- Terminated by the **End** instruction
- Called using the **Call** instruction

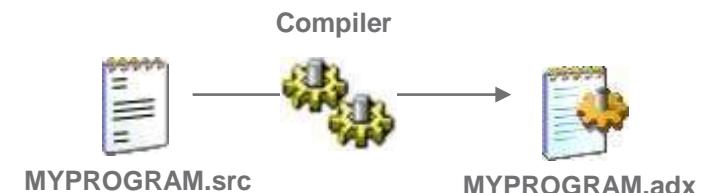
Functions

- Identified by the **Funprog** instruction, a name and optional parameters
- Terminated by the **End** instruction and a return value
- Called using the **Func** instruction

- Code statements are separated by line breaks or by colons (:)

Statements may be continued on a subsequent line by starting that line with the & character.

- Any statement or line starting with # is identified as a comment.



Code Structure

- Labels organise the code into chunks *within the same scope*

EXAMPLE1.src

```
...
Local File BPCUSTOMER [BPC]
Read [BPC]BPC0 = "ADONIX"
Local Decimal WAMOUNT

Gosub READ_AMOUNT
...

End

#####
$READ_AMOUNT
# Get Customer Authorised Credit

# Table [F:BPC] and
# variable WAMOUNT are within scope
WAMOUNT = [F:BPC]OSTAUZ

Return
```

EXAMPLE2.src

```
...
Local File BPCUSTOMER [BPC]
Read [BPC]BPC0 = "ADONIX"
Local Decimal WAMOUNT

WAMOUNT = [F:BPC]OSTAUZ
...

End
```



Code Structure

- Subprograms isolate the code in a new scope

Parameters may be passed to the subprogram by value or by address

- By value: Declared using keyword **Value**. May not be modified.
- By address: Declared using keyword **Variable**. May be modified.

Subprograms do not return any value


EXAMPLE3.src

```

...
    Local Integer A, B, RESULT
    A = 2 : B = 14

    Call ADD(A, B, RESULT)

    EXAMPLE3::add(A,B,RESULT) # New syntax available from V6.2

    # At this point variables V1 and V2 do not exist anymore
    Infbox "My Result is"-num$(RESULT)
End

#####
Subprog ADD(V1, V2, RES)
Value Integer V1
Value Integer V2
Variable Integer RES
    # At this point variables A and B are out of scope
    RES = V1+V2
End

```

EXAMPLE4.src


```

Local Integer A, B : A = 183 : B = 13
Local Integer RESULT
Call ADD(A, B, RESULT) From EXAMPLE3.src

```

- Subprograms may be called from another process using the **From** keyword

Code Structure

- Same declaration, definition and scope behaviour as subprograms
- Functions** isolate the code in a new scope but have a return value

EXAMPLE3.src

```

...
    Local Integer A, B, RESULT
    A = 2 : B = 14

    RESULT = func ADD(A, B)

    # At this point variables V1 and V2 do not exist anymore
    Infbox "My result is"-num$(RESULT)

    # Or:
    Infbox "My result is"-num$( func ADD(A, B) )

    End

#####
Funprog ADD(V1, V2)
Value Integer V1
Value Integer V2

# At this point variables A and B are out of scope

End V1+V2

Local Integer A, B : A = 183 : B = 13
Local Integer RESULT
RESULT = func EXAMPLE3.ADD(A, B)

```

EXAMPLE4.src

- Functions may be called in another program by adding the program name as a prefix

Code Structure

- Error handling and the **Onerrgo** statement

Onerrgo routes program execution to a specified label when a low level error occurs (Such as a system error or exception)

The error handling section should end with the **Resume** statement

```
# Open a sequential file on the server
# If the file is not there or there is a system error, try
# something else.

Onerrgo ERROR
Openi "E:\Sage X3\Temp\Tempfile.txt"
...
Onerrgo
...
End

$ERROR
    Infbox "Error n."-errn-errmes$(errn)-errm
    Infbox "Error occurred in program"-errp-"line"-errl
    Infbox "Please contact the system administrator."
    ...
    #: Try handling the error
Resume
```

Conditions

● If statement

```
If I=1
    Infbox "I is equal to 1"
Elsif I > 1 Then Infbox "I is greater than 1"
Elsif I > 0
    Infbox "I is between 0 and 1"
Else
    Infbox "I is negative"
Endif
```

● Case statement

```
Case I
When 1 : Infbox "I is equal to 1"
When 3
    Infbox "I is equal to 3"
    I += 1
When 5,7,11 : Infbox "I is a prime number between 5 and 11"
When WAMOUNT+[F:BPR]TAXES : Infbox "I is exactly the +Tax amount!"
When Default
Endcase
```

Loops

For statement

```
Local Integer I
Infbox "These are the even numbers between 1 and 100:"
For I = 1 to 100
    If mod(I,2) = 0 : Infbox num$(I) : Endif
Next I
```

```
Infbox "These are the even numbers between 1 and 10:"
For I = 2 to 10 Step 2
    Infbox num$(I) : Endif
Next
```

```
Infbox "These are the even numbers between 1 and 10:"
J = 10
For I = J-8, J-6, J-4, J-2, J
    Infbox num$(I) : Endif
Next
```

Increments in ranges, using a custom step value or through a value list
Next statement with variable specified or not



Loops

● While statement

Loops while an expression is true

```
While <Expression>
    <Statements>
Wend
```

● Repeat statement

Repeats a loop until an expression becomes true

```
Repeat
    <Statements>
Until <Expression>
```



Loops

• The Break statement

Breaks a loop or several loop levels

Used with **For**, **While** and **Repeat** instructions

```
# Search for value 25 in 2-dimensional matrix
Local Integer MATRIX(10,100)
For I = 0 To dim(MATRIX, 1) - 1
    For J = 0 To dim(MATRIX, 2) - 1
        If MATRIX(I,J) = 25
            Break 2 :# Value found - break out of 2 loops
        Endif
    Next J
Next I
```

```
# Check values in a screen with table block
For I = 0 to 500
    If [M:SIH3]QTY(I) > 100
        # Break out of loop
        Break
    Endif
Next
```



- LAB2: Playing with the X3 language

Exercice 1: Playing with integers

Exercice 2: Playing with Strings

Exercice 3: Playing with Arrays



EXERCICES

Table Instructions

- Opening a table

```
[Local] File <Table_Name> [<Abbreviation>]  
[& Where <Where_Condition> ]  
[& Order By <Sort_Order> ]
```

- Filtering a table

```
Filter <Abbreviation> Where <Where_Condition> [ Order By  
<Sort_Order> ]
```

- Cancelling the filter

```
Filter <Abbreviation>
```

- Closing a table

```
Close [Local] File [<Abbreviation>] [, <Abbreviation>] ...
```

```
# Open Products table with restriction on items with Statistical Family = "TOY"  
Local File ITMMASTER [ITM1] Where TSICOD = "TOY"  
  
# Open Products table and restrict to items with base price > 100  
Local File ITMMASTER [ITM2]  
Filter [ITM2] Where BASPRI > 100  
  
# Close classes  
Close Local File [ITM1], [ITM2]
```

Table Instructions

● The **Where** clause

Syntax 1:

```
... Where <Expression>
```

Syntax 2:

```
... Where Key[(<Index>)] = <Value1>[;<Value2>] [;<Value3>] ...
```

```
# Filter records in table ATABDIV
# Index named CODE is composed of fields CODE and NUMTAB

If !clalev([ADI]) : Local File ATABDIV [ADI] : Endif

# First syntax
Filter [ADI] Where NUMTAB = 9
For [ADI]CODE
    Infbox ( num$( [F:ADI]NUMTAB ) - [F:ADI]CODE )
Next
```

```
# Second syntax with similar result
Filter [ADI] Where Key CODE(1) = 9
For [ADI]CODE
    Infbox ( num$( [F:ADI]NUMTAB ) - [F:ADI]CODE )
Next
```

Table Instructions

The Order By clause

Syntax 1:

```
... Order By Key <Index_Id> [ (<Index_Part>) ] [ Asc | Desc ]
```

Syntax 2:

```
... Order By Key <Index_Id> = <Index_Field>[;<Index_Field>] [;<Index_Field>] ...
```

Syntax 3:

```
... Order By <Field>[;<Field>] [;<Field>] ...
```

Syntax 4:

```
... Order With Key <Index_Id> = <Expression>
```

Syntax 5:

```
... Order With <Expression>
```

```
# Filter table SPD using index SPD0 (Already exists)
Filter [SPD] Where VCRTYP = 4 & VCRNUM = [F:SPH]VCRNUM & PACSEQ = [F:SPH]PACSEQ
& Order By Key SPD0

# Filter table SQH1 using a new index, SQHX
Filter [SQH1] Where BPCORD = [F:SQH]BPCORD
& Order By Key SQHX = BPCORD ; QUODAT

# Filter table SDH using an index constructed from an expression
Local Char INDEX(250), FLD1, FLD2, FLD3
FLD1 = "BPCORD" : FLD2 = "SDHNUM" : FLD3 = "ORDREF"
INDEX = FLD1 + ";" + FLD2 + ";" + "FLD3"

Filter [SDH] Where CREDAT >= date$-30
& Order With Key SDHX = INDEX
```

Table Instructions

• The **Link** instruction (Table joins)

Links join two or more tables based under a unique abbreviation, so that they may be read in one go with a unique **Read** or **For** statement.

```
Link <Class> With <Class><Index> [ (<Index_Part>) ] =  
<Expression> [ , ... ]  
As <Abbreviation>  
[ & Where <Condition> ]  
[ & Order By <Sort_Order> ]
```

```
# Link table ITF to two other tables,  
# read info and populate SBI2 screen  
  
Link [ITF] With [ITV]ITV0=[F:ITF]ITMREF;[F:ITF]STOFCY,  
& [ITM]ITM0=[F:ITF]ITMREF  
& As [LNK]  
& Where [F:ITF]CUNFLG = 2 & [F:ITF]STOFCY = [M:SBI1]FCY  
& Order By Key ITF1  
  
For [LNK]  
  [M:SBI2] = [F:ITM]  
  [M:SBI2] = [F:ITV]  
  [M:SBI2] = [F:ITF]  
Next
```

Database Access

The For instruction

The For statement scans records in a table using a specified index

When no index is specified, the default index is used:

- Last index used with the table in previous code
- First index defined against the table (Primary index) if none

```
For <Class> [ <Index_Id> [ (<Index_Part>) ] ] [ From <Start_Value> To <End_Value> ]
[ & Where <Condition> ]
[ & With Lock | With Stability ]
...
Next [ <Index_Id> ]
```

```
# Process sales order table
Local File SORDER [SOH]

For [SOH] Where ORDSTA = 1 & ORDDAT >= [01/01/2006]
    # Default index used to browse the table: SOH0 (Primary index for SORDER)
    ...
Next
```

```
# Process sales order price details
Local File SORDERP [SOP]

For [SOP]SOP0(1)
    # First loop on first part of index
    For [SOP]SOP0
        # Loop on details
    Next
Next
```

Database Access

• The **Read** and **Look** instructions

Reads records using specified index and corresponding values

The **Read** instruction loads the record into the [F] class

The **Look** instruction reads the record (Tests its existence) but does not load the [F] class with data

Return value **fstat** shows read status (OK / Not found etc.)

```
Read [<Class>] [<Index_ID>] [ (<Index_Part>) ] [First | Curr | Next | Prev | Last]
Look                                     [= <Expression>[;<Expression>]...]
                                         [> | < | >= | <= <Expression>>[;<Expression>]...]
```

```
# Product-Site table
Local File ITMFACILIT [ITF]

# Read first record
Read [ITF] First #: Default index, ITFO = ITMREF+STOFCY is used

# Read precise record
Read [ITF] ITFO = "1INCHSCREW";"S01"

# Read next one
Read [ITF] Next #: Or Read [ITF] ITFO Next
```

Database Access

- The **Read** and **Look** instructions with the \geq / \leq operators, with Multi-part indexes

The following option used with a two-part index, for example:

Read [XXX] KEY \geq VALUE1;VALUE2

Will read the following records:

- Records where Part 1 = VALUE1 and Part 2 \geq VALUE2
- Records where Part 1 > VALUE1, independently from Part 2

```
# Product-Site table
Local File ITMFACILIT [ITF]

# Read first record with index  $\geq$  "B";"S01"
Read [ITF]ITF0  $\geq$  "B";"S01"

# This will find, for example, a record with
#     Product code = "BATCH001"
#     Site code = "S01"
```

Database Access

The Columns instruction

Allows a table columns (fields) to be restricted to those specified

Used to constrain the amount of data transferred from the database to the application

```
# Process products in WIP table

Local File ORDERS [ORD]
Local File ITMMASTER [ITM]

Link [ORD] with [ITM] ITM0=[F:ORD]ITMREF as [ORI]

# Only need item reference and item designation in ITMMASTER table
# Need all the ORDERS table
Columns [ORI] ([ITM]ITMREF,[ITM]ITMDES1,[ORD])
For [ORI]
    # Process records
    ...
Next

# Remove columns filter
Columns [ORI]
```

```
# Populate a details screen [M:SOX] with sales orders data
Local File SORDERQ [SOQ]

# Only need pertinent data to populate the screen
Columns [SOQ] With Mask ([M:SOX])

For [SOQ]
    ...
```

Database Update

- A database table may be updated using the following instructions:

Write / Rewrite

Update

- An update process must be encapsulated inside a **transaction** to guarantee data integrity in case the transaction is aborted

Trbegin

Commit

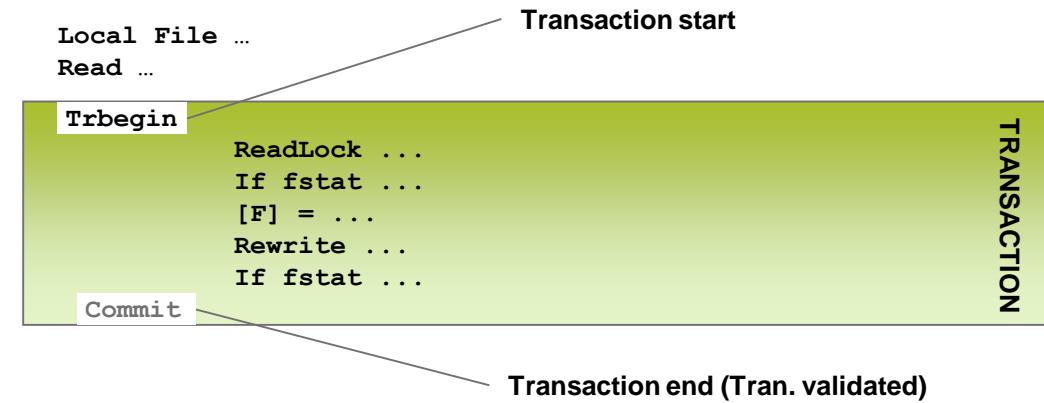
Rollback

- To avoid conflicts, existing records should be **locked** before they are modified

Lock

... With Lock

Readlock



Database Update

- Transaction instructions

Trbegin

- Signals the start of a transaction
- May open tables in Read/Write mode
- A transaction spans multiple tables

```
# Open Customers table and start
transaction
Trbegin BPCUSTOMER [BPC]

# Start transaction on Sales Orders
table
Local File SORDER [SOH]
Trbegin [SOH]

# Start transaction on table name in
variable
MYTABLE = "BPCUSTOMER"
Trbegin =MYTABLE [XXX]
```

Commit

- Instructs the system to validate a transaction and finalise all modified data within the transaction (since the Trbegin statement)
- Releases all locks initiated within the transaction

Rollback

- Aborts a transaction
- All fields modified within the transaction are restored to their initial state
- Releases all locks initiated within the transaction
- When a process aborts before the Commit statement has been executed, the transaction is implicitly rolled back.



Database Update

- **Locking** a record: The **Lock / Unlock** and **Readlock** instructions

The **Readlock** instruction locks a **single record** in a table class

- Syntax is the same as the **Read** statement
- The lock is released by a **Commit**, **Rollback** or **Unlock** statement

The **Lock** instruction locks **all records** in one or several classes

```
Lock <Class>[,<Class>] [,<Class>]... [With Lockwait =  
    <Wait_Time>]
```

The **Unlock** instruction releases all locks on one or several tables

```
Unlock <Class>[,<Class>] [,<Class>]...
```



Database Update

- The **Write** statement

Creates a **new record** in the table from the data contained in the [F] class

```
# Write new customer record
Local File BPCUSTOMER [BPC]

# Populate [F] class from [M:BPX] screen
[F:BPC] = [M:BPX]
[F:BPC]BPCNUM = "MYNEWCUSTOMER"

Trbegin [BPC] :# Transaction start

# Write table
Write [BPC]
If fstat
    # Record already exists
    ...
    Rollback
Else
    Commit
Endif
```

Database Update

• The **Rewrite** statement

Modifies an **existing record** in the table from the data contained in the [F] class

```
# Modify existing customer record
Local File BPCUSTOMER [BPC]

Trbegin [BPC] :# Transaction start

# Read record and lock.
Readlock [BPC]
BPC0 = "SAGE"
If fstat > 1
    # Record not found
    Rollback
    ...
Elsif fstat = 1
    # Record already locked by another user
    Rollback
    ...
Else
    # Modify authorised credit
    [BPC]OSTAUZ = 15000
    # Rewrite table
    Rewrite [BPC]
    Commit
Endif
```

Database Update

● The **Update** statement

Modifies a group of existing records with optional filters

This statement automatically reads, locks, modifies and unlocks the records

```
Update [<Class>] [Where <Condition>] With <Field> = <Value>
[ , <Field> = <Value>] ...
```

```
# Increase all customers' authorised credits by 1000
# For English customers
Local File BPCUSTOMER [BPC]

Trbegin [BPC]

Update [BPC] Where BPCCRY = "GB" With OSTAUZ = OSTAUZ + 1000
Infbox "Records modified:" -num$(adxuprec)

Commit
```

Database Update

The **Delete** statement

Deletes a record or a group of records from the table

- Syntax 1 (Delete one record)

```
Delete [<Class>] [<Index_ID>] [ (<Index_Part>) ] [First | Curr | Next | Prev]
[= <Expression>[ ;<Expression>] . . . ]
[> | < | >= | >= <Expression>]
```

- Syntax 2 (Delete a group of records)

```
Delete [<Class>] [<Index_ID>] [ (<Index_Part>) ] [Where <Condition>]
```

```
Trbegin PPPCUSTOMER [BPC]

# Delete all non-active customers
Delete [BPC] Where BPCSTA = 1
If fstat = 1
    # Locking problem
    Rollback
    ...
Else
    Infbox "Records deleted:"-num$(adxdlrec)
Endif

# Delete one customer
Delete [BPC]BPC0 = "CUST01"

# Delete current customer
Readlock [BPC]BPC0 = "CUST02"
Delete [BPC]

Commit
```

Working With Screens

- Refresh and erase instructions

Affzo Refreshes a screen field (displays the new value if any)
Effzo Erases a screen field (resets the field and un-initialises it)

```
# Working with customer screen BPC3

# Modify value and refresh field
[M:BPC3]TAXRAT = 19.6
Affzo [M:BPC3]TAXRAT

# Refresh several fields
Affzo [M:BPC3]TAXRULE, MODCPT, NBCOPIES

# Erase all fields from TAXRATE to TAXVMP
Effzo [M:BPC3]TAXRAT - TAXVMP

# Erase screen block with rank = 10
Effzo [M:BPC3]10

# Refresh whole screen
Affzo [M:BPC3]
```

Working With Screens

● The Raz instruction

Raz

General RTZ (Reset To Zero) instruction used with all classes
(Screens, Tables, Variables etc.)

```
# Reset whole BPC3 screen
Raz [M:BPC3]

# Reset some fields in BPC1 and refresh
Raz [M:BPC4]BPCGRU, BPCBPSNUM
Affzo [M:BPC4]BPCGRU, BPCBPSNUM

# Reset variable MYINT
Local Integer MYINT
Raz MYINT

# Reset last item in array of decimals
Local Decimal MYARRAY(10)
Raz MYARRAY(9)

# Reset all local variables
Raz [L]
```

Working With Screens

- Field activation and de-activation

Grizo Completely disables a screen field or group of fields

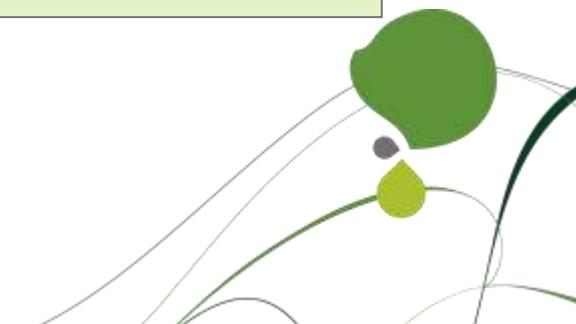
Diszo Locks screen fields (locks field data) but maintains other possibilities

Actzo Activates a screen field or group of fields

```
# Activate fields in BPC1
Actzo [M:BPC1]BPCGRU, BPCBPSNUM

# Disable blocks with ranks 10 to 25 in BPC2 screen
# Field data appear with grey font over grey background
Grizo [M:BPC2]10 - 25

# Lock fields in BPC1
# Field data appear with black font over grey background
# Right-click and function key possibilities remain active
Diszo [M:BPC1]BPCGRU, BPCBPSNUM
```



Working With Sequential Files

- Sequential files may be opened, read from and written to on any machine that is visible from the Sage X3 server on the network.

- Opening a file:

Output mode:

Openo <Filename>, <Option> **Using** [<Abbr>]

Input mode:

Openi <Filename>, <Option> **Using** [<Abbr>]

Both modes:

Openio <Filename>, <Option> **Using** [<Abbr>]

Reading text data:

Rdseq <Variable>[;[<Variable>]...] **Using** [<Abbr>]

Writing text data:

Wrseq <Variable>[;[<Variable>]...] **Using** [<Abbr>]

Reading binary data:

Getseq <Nb_Elements>,<Variable>[,<Variable>]... **Using** [<Abbr>]

Writing binary data:

Putseq <Nb_Elements>,<Variable>[,<Variable>]... **Using** [<Abbr>]

- Format system variables:

instructions

adxirs Record separator (end of line)

adxifs Field separator represented by the ; character with Rdseq and Wrseq

adxium Encoding format (UTF-8, ISO, UCS)



Working With Sequential Files

- Getting path information: The **filepath()** function

filepath returns the full path of a file according to the specified parameters:

```
filepath(<Dir>, <Filename>, <Ext>[, <Application>[, <Vol>[, <Machine>]] ]  
      )
```

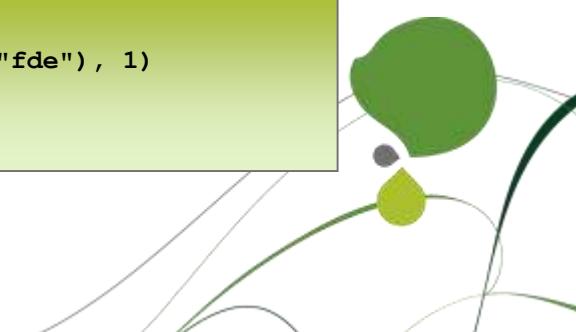
```
# Get file path on server in tmp application directory for current application  
Local Char MYFILE(250)  
MYFILE = filepath("tmp", "myfile", "txt") :# Searching for myfile.txt in tmp directory  
Infbox MYFILE  
  
# Get path of Sage X3 client directory on client workstation  
Infbox filepath("!", "", "", "", "", "#") :# Hash symbol represents client
```

- Getting file information: The **filinfo()** function

filinfo returns one of the properties of the file that is given as an argument to the function. The second argument is the property that **filinfo** is to return:

```
filinfo(<Filename>, <Property_Num>)
```

```
# Get file size  
Local Integer SIZE : SIZE = filinfo(filepath("FIL", "BPCUSTOMER", "fde"), 1)  
If SIZE < 0 :# File does not exist  
...  
...
```





3.4 – Functions

String Functions

String manipulation functions

left\$ (CStr, iNb)	Extracts the first iNb characters from a string CStr
right\$ (CStr, Pos)	Extracts a string's characters from character Pos
mid\$ (CStr, Pos, iNb)	Extracts iNb characters starting from Pos
seg\$ (CStr, Pos1, Pos2)	Extracts the substring between characters Pos1 and Pos2
len (CStr)	Returns the length of a string
val (CStr)	Converts a string representing a number into a numerical value
num\$ (iNum)	Converts a number into a string
tolower (CStr)	Converts the string to lowercase
toupper (CStr)	Converts the string to uppercase
ctrans (CStr [, CIn, Cout])	Filters and/or replaces characters in a string
vireblc (CStr, iOption)	Deletes white space in a string
format\$ (CFmt, CStr)	Formats CFmt using a format string CFmt
pat (CStr, CPattern)	Matches a string to a pattern
instr (Pos, CStr, CSch)	Searches for a substring inside a string
space\$ (iNb)	Generates a string made of spaces
string\$ (iNb, CStr)	Generates a string made of iNb occurrences of CStr
ascii (CStr)	ASCII code of first character in string CStr
chr\$ (iAscii)	Returns the character corresponding to ascii code iAscii
parse (CStr [, btoken])	Parses the string (Returns nonzero value if error)
evaluate (CStr [, btoken])	Evaluates the expression in the string and returns the result
getenv\$ (CStr)	Returns the value of the system variable in string CStr



Date Functions

• Date manipulation functions

date\$ Returns the current server date

time\$ Returns the current server time in the HH:MM:SS format

time Returns the current server time in seconds since 00:00:00

day (Date) Extracts the day number

day\$ (Date) Extracts the day name

month (Date) Extracts the month number

month\$ (Date) Extracts the month name

year (Date) Extracts the year

gdat\$ (iDay, iMon, iYear) Constructs a date from a day, month and year

nday (Date) Returns the number of days since 01/01/1600

nday\$ (iNbDays) Converts a number of days since 01/01/1600 into a date

dayn (Date) Returns the day number in the week (1 to 7)

week (Date) Returns the week number in the year (1 to 52)

aweek (iWeek, iYear) Date of the beginning of the week indicated by iWeek

eomonth (Date) Returns a date corresponding to the end of the month

addmonth (Date, iNb) Adds a number of months to a date

format\$ Date formatting according to a format string



Numerical Functions

● Numerical functions

abs (iNb)	Absolute value
mod (iInt, iDiv)	Modulo – Returns the remainder of a division
rnd (iNb)	Random number between 0 and iNb (excluded)
sgn (iNb)	Returns the sign of a numerical value (-1, 0, 1)
sqr (iNb)	Square root
ar2 (iNb)	Rounds to 2 decimals
arr (iNb, nPrec)	Rounds to a precision of nPrec (e.g. 0.0001)
fix (iNb)	Truncates decimals from iNb
int (iNb)	Integer part of a numerical value
fac (iInt)	Factorial
anp (iN, iP)	Statistics: Arrangements of iP in iN
cnp (iN, iP)	Statistics: Combinations of iP in iN
format\$	Formats a numerical value according to a format string



Miscellaneous Functions

● Miscellaneous Functions

find (Value, List)

uni (List)

min (List)

max (List)

avg (List)

var (List)

sum (List)

prd (List)

sigma([Var=]iStr, iEnd, Expr)

[S]indcum

Searches for a value in a list or array. Returns the rank where found or 0.

Returns index of first duplicate value found in list or array.

Minimum value in a list or array

Maximum value in a list or array

Mean Average of values in a list or array

Variance of a list or array

Sum of a list or array

Product of a list or array

Sum of Expr with Var going from iStr to iEnd

Default loop variable for sigma function if not specified



User Defined Functions

● User defined functions

User defined functions (**Funprog**) may be used in the same way as Sage X3 functions or reserved words

- In the Sage X3 code
- In parameters and expressions throughout the system
- In the calculator

Syntax:

func <TRT>. <FUNCTION> (. . .)

Where TRT is the program name and FUNCTION is the function name

```
# Find cubical root of number
Local Decimal I
Local Decimal CUBROOT

I = 278.456
CUBROOT = func XUTIL.CROOT(I)
Infbox "The cubical root of"-num$(I)-"is"-num$(CUBROOT)
End
```

XUTIL.src

```
# Cubical root function
Funprog CROOT(VAL)
Value Decimal VAL
End VAL^(1/3)
```



3.5 – System Variables

System Variables ([S])

Tables

adxdlrec	Number of records deleted using Delete instruction
adxuprec	Number of records modified using Update instruction
fstat	Return status for all Table instructions (Read, Write, Readlock etc.)
fileabre (5) (101)	Abbreviations of all open tables
filename (255) (101)	Names of all open tables
lockwait	Number of seconds to wait for locking trials

Sequential Files

adxifs	Field separator
adxirs	Record separator
adxium	File type (Ascii, UTF-8, UCS-2)

Dates

datesyst	System date (client workstation)
adxdfs	Base date for 2-digit year numbering (1940 by default)

Application

nomap	Current application folder
adxmother	Parent application folder
adxdir	Sage X3 runtime installation path on the server



System Variables ([S])

● Display and user interface

- currbox** Current active left browser
- indice** Current index for array fields
- nolign** Current line number for table blocks
- mkstat** Error status in field entry
- status** Return status after user action
- adxgtb** Entry or exit status in a datasheet

● Resources

- adxmpr** Maximum number of resident programs
- adxmso** Maximum number of concurrent sequential file channels
- adxmto** Maximum number of concurrent open tables
- adxmbm** Maximum number of message buffers
- adxmxl** Number of elements displayed at a time in left browsers
- maxmem** Maximum allocated memory for each session
- dbgstr** List of default classes (files/screens)





3.6 – Functions, Subprograms And Scope

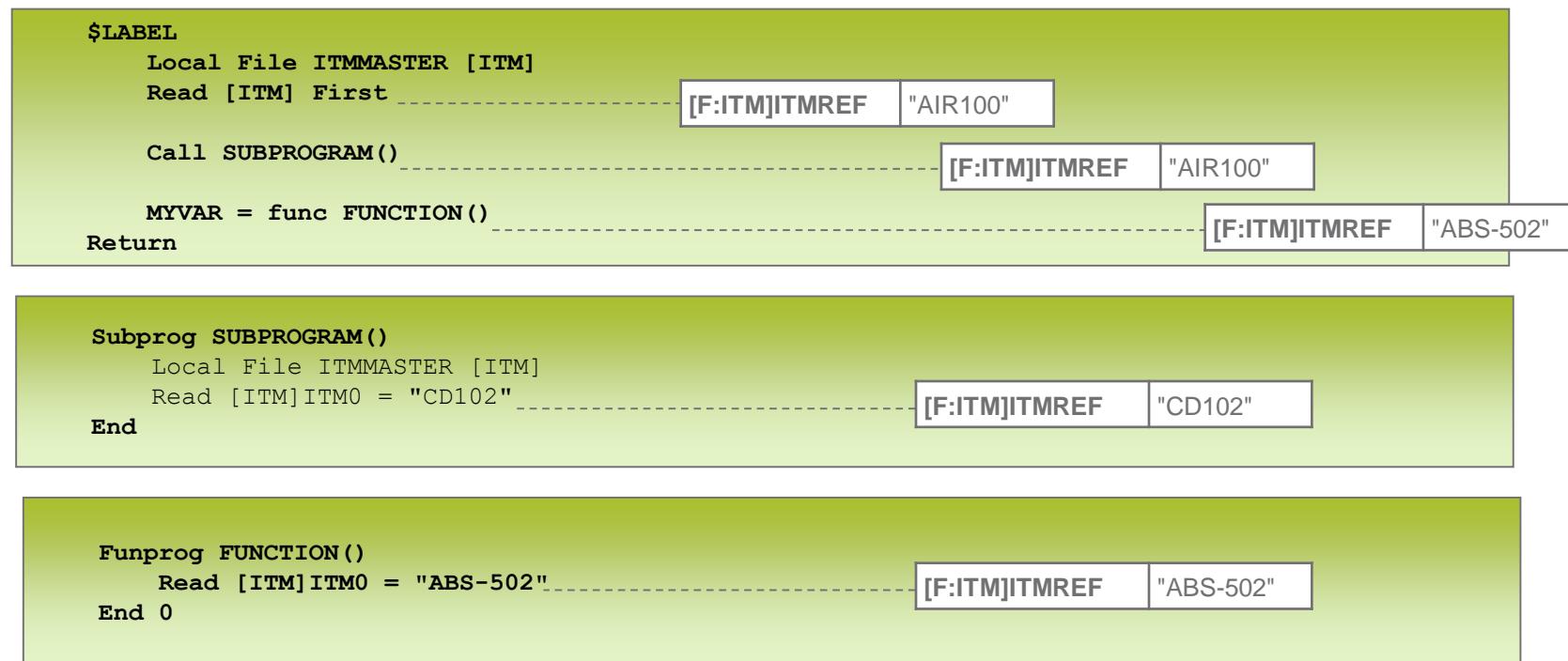
Variable Scope

- Local variables are local to a section, subprogram or function
- Global and system variables span the entire code

	LOCAL VARIABLES [L]	GLOBAL VARIABLES [V]	SYSTEM VARIABLES [S]				
<pre> \$LABEL Local Char WLOCAL : WLOCAL = "Local" Global Char WGLOBAL : WGLOBAL = "Global" Call SUBPROGRAM MYVAR = func FUNCTION() Return </pre>			<table border="1"> <tr> <td>WLOCAL</td><td>"Local"</td></tr> <tr> <td>WGLOBAL</td><td>"Global"</td></tr> </table>	WLOCAL	"Local"	WGLOBAL	"Global"
WLOCAL	"Local"						
WGLOBAL	"Global"						
<pre> Subprog SUBPROGRAM() Local Char WLOCAL : WLOCAL = "Subprog" End </pre>			<table border="1"> <tr> <td>WLOCAL</td><td>"Subprog"</td></tr> <tr> <td>WGLOBAL</td><td>"Global"</td></tr> </table>	WLOCAL	"Subprog"	WGLOBAL	"Global"
WLOCAL	"Subprog"						
WGLOBAL	"Global"						
<pre> Funprog FUNCTION() Local Char WLOCAL : WLOCAL = "Function" End 0 </pre>			<table border="1"> <tr> <td>WLOCAL</td><td>"Function"</td></tr> <tr> <td>WGLOBAL</td><td>"Global"</td></tr> </table>	WLOCAL	"Function"	WGLOBAL	"Global"
WLOCAL	"Function"						
WGLOBAL	"Global"						

Table Scope

- Table classes are global to all sections, subprograms and functions.
- When a table is declared in different scope sections, with the same abbreviation, a different [F] buffer is opened locally.



Screen Scope

- Screen classes are global to all sections, subprograms and functions.
- When a screen is declared in different scope sections, with the same abbreviation, the same [M] buffer is used, which means additional **Mask** statements are disregarded.





3.7 – Reusable Subprograms

Trace File Management

● Trace file management

Opening a trace file:

```
# Open trace file with title  
Call OUVRE_TRACE("Development Course Example") From LECFIC
```

Inserting statements in a trace file:

```
# Information message in trace file  
# If no trace file is opened, message will display on screen as information box  
Call ECR_TRACE("This is a simple message.", 0) From GESECRAN  
  
# Error message in trace file (special formatting)  
# If no trace file is opened, message will display on screen as error box  
Call ECR_TRACE("Error!!", 1) From GESECRAN
```

Closing and viewing trace files:

```
Call FERME_TRACE From LECFIC    :# Close trace file  
Call LEC_TRACE From LECFIC :# Trace view screen opens. User has several choices  
Call SUP_TRACE From LECFIC :# Force deletion after user has viewed the file
```

Message Boxes

Simple message boxes

Information message:

```
# An information message
Call ECR_TRACE("This is an information message", 0) From GESECRAN

# Another way:
Call MESSAGE("This is another info") From GESECRAN
```



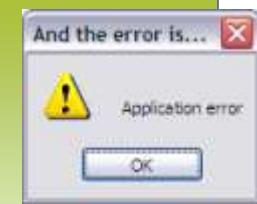
Error messages:

```
# Error message
Call ECR_TRACE("This is an error message", 1) From GESECRAN

# Another way:
Call ERREUR("This is another error message") From GESECRAN

# Error message with custom title:
Call ERRIT("Application error", "And the error is...") From GESECRAN

# Fatal error:
Call ERREND("Fatal error!!") From GESECRAN
```



Question Boxes

Question boxes

Yes/No boxes:

```
# Default value = Yes (2)
Local Integer YESNO : YESNO = 2 :# Yes
Call OUINON("Do you want to continue?", YESNO) From GESECRAN
If YESNO = 2
    ...

```



Ok/Cancel boxes:

```
# Default value = Cancel
Local Integer OKCAN : OKCAN = 1 :# Cancel
Call AVERTIR("Warning:\All records will be deleted", OKCAN) From GESECRAN
If OKCAN = 1
    ...
Else
    ...
Endif
```



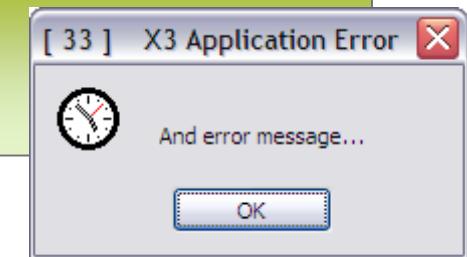
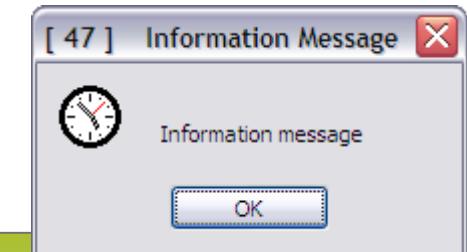
Timeout Subprograms

Timeout subprograms

Information / warning:

```
# Information message
Call ERREURT("Information message", 0) From GESECRAN

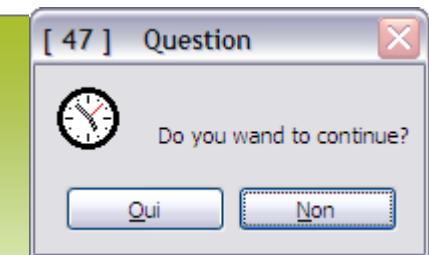
# Error message
Call ERREURT("And error message...", 1) From GESECRAN
```



Question and Ok/Cancel boxes:

```
# Default value = No (1)
Local Integer YESNO : YESNO = 1 :# No
Call OUINONT("Do you want to continue?", YESNO) From GESECRAN
...

# Default value = Ok (1)
Local Integer OKCAN : OKCAN = 1 :# Ok
Call AVERTIRT("This is dangerous.", OKCAN) From GESECRAN
```





- LAB2: Playing with the X3 language

Exercice 4: Playing with trace files

Exercice 5: Playing with boxes

EXERCICES



3.8 – Performances

General rules

- Prefer using the SQL translated instructions and operators
len, ascii, chr\$, toupper, tolower, or, and, not, left\$, right\$, mid\$, seg\$, >,>=,<,<=,<>,=,+,-,,/*

- Specific case of *Find*

For [XXX] Where Find(CHAMP,3,5,9) <> 0

Is translated to

Select ... Where CHAMP in (3,5,9)

For [XXX] Where Find(CHAMP,3,5,9) = 0

Is translated to

Select ... Where CHAMP not in (3,5,9)



Requests optimization

- Send a minimum number of requests to the database
 - Use **Link** instead of several **Read**
 - Use **For** instead of several **Read**
- Prefer using **AND** rather than **OR**

For [XXX] Where MYINT>=3 and MYINT<=5
is better than
For [XXX] Where MYINT=3 or MYINT=4 or MYINT=5
- Limit the data on complex and costly algorithms
 - Use **Columns** before **For** and **Rewrite** to avoid a **Select * From**
 - Use **Update** to update set of data, on a defined number of fields



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4.1 – The Object Template

Introduction

- The Object Template performs standard maintenance (Creation/Modification/Deletion) of Sage X3 records.

It is based on one or several Sage X3 tables.

- The Object Template encapsulates access right management, default left browsers (Selection, picking, links), filtering possibilities, advanced selection etc., and above all database transactions.

- It may be customised (Parameterisation):

Left browsers

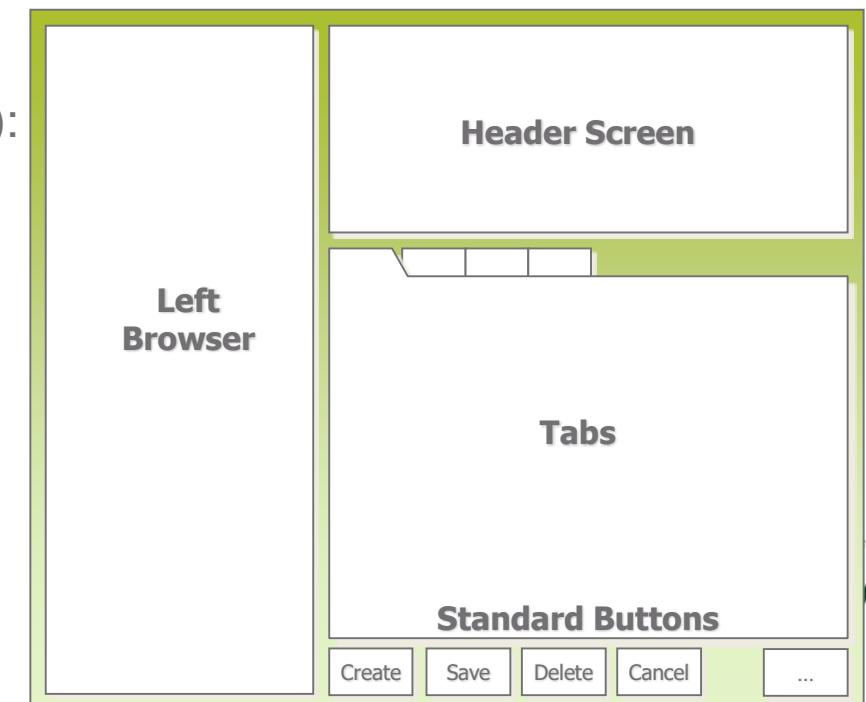
Detail Tab contents (Transactions)

Links to other functions

(Navigation, tunnels,
'File' menu operations etc.)

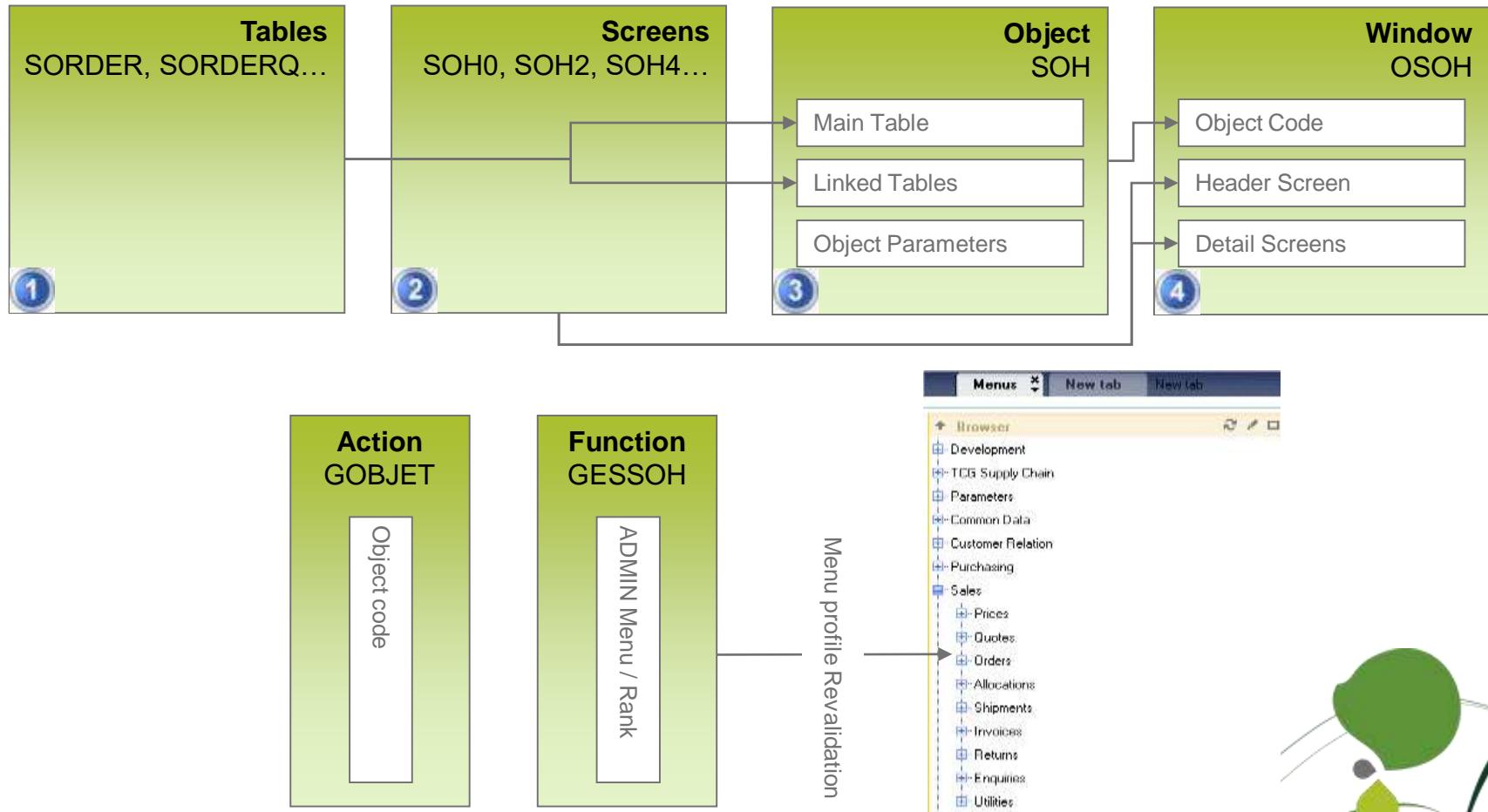
Miscellaneous parameters

(Object properties, reports used etc.)

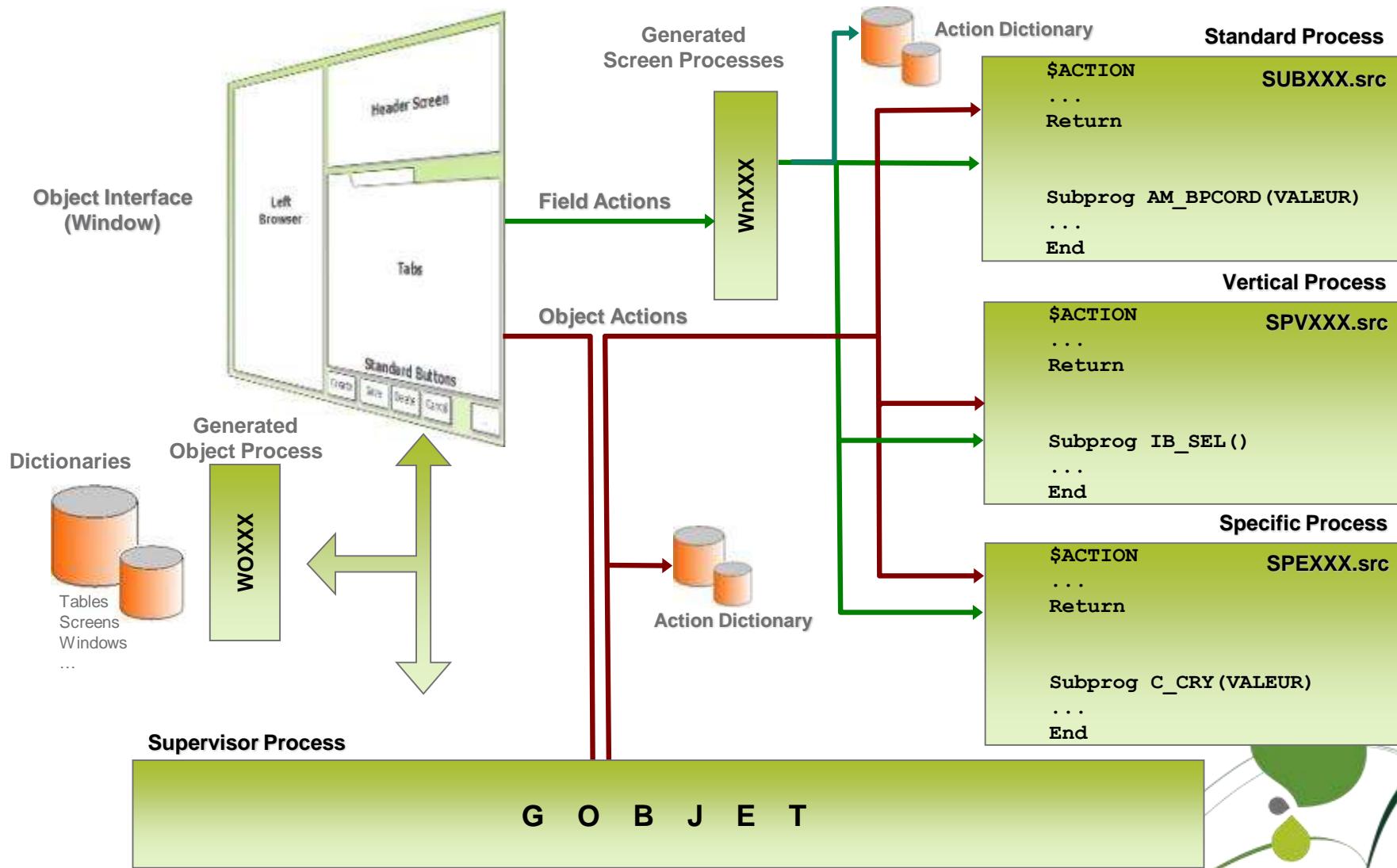


Creating An Object

- Creating a new Object and the function/menus that link to it



Objects: Behind The Scene





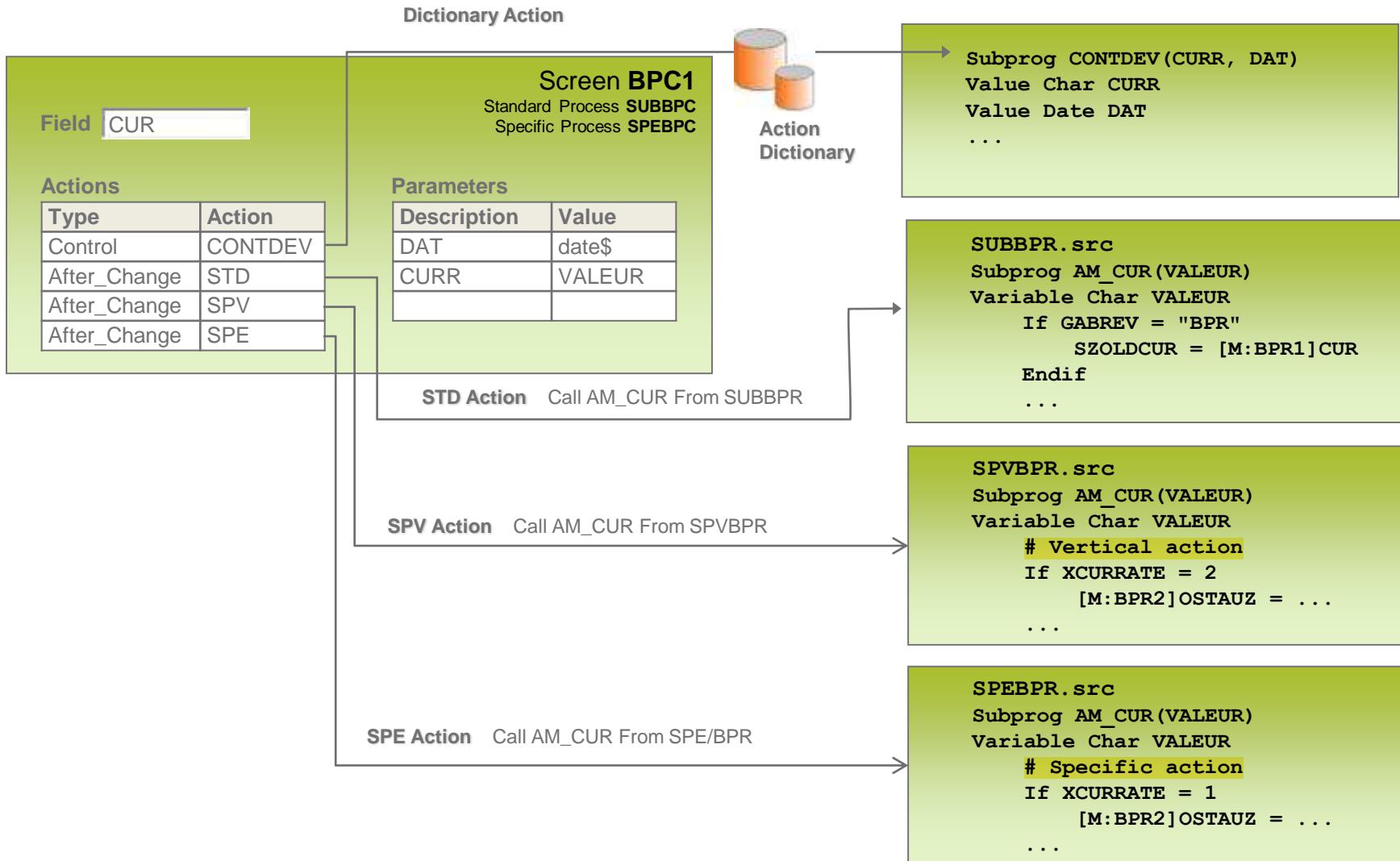
4.2 – Field Actions

Action Types

- Field actions are triggered by different events when the user navigates through screen fields.
- Field actions may be linked to direct code (subprograms in the screen processes) or to actions from the action dictionary.

ACTION TYPE		USER ACTION	SUBPROGRAM
Before_Field	Before the field is displayed	Field being displayed	AV_XXX
Initialisation	Initialisation of field (Create mode only)	Field is displayed	D_XXX
Before_Entry	Before focus enters the field	User enters field	AS_XXX
Control	Before focus exits field (Modification control)	Field is accessed	C_XXX
After_Field	After focus has exited field (Before validation of mod)	User modifies field and tabs out	AP_XXX
After_Change	After focus has exited field (Modification is valid)	Focus exits field. Field modified and valid	AM_XXX
Init_Button	Before context menu is displayed	Right-click in field	IB_XXX
Selection	Selection context menu	Context menu is displayed. User selects menu	S_XXX
Button i	Other context menus ($i=1, i=2$ etc.)		BI_XXX
Click	Click action on icon field (After click action is done)		CL_XXX
Before_Line	Before focus enters line in table block	User enters table block line	AVANT_XXX
After_Line	After focus exits line in table block (To new line or out of table block)	User tabs out of line into another line or exits table block	APRES_XXX

Defining Field Actions



Variable VALEUR

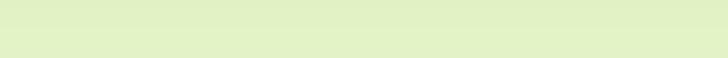
- Local variable **VALEUR**

Contains current field value (modification in progress)

[M] XXX contains the value before the field was modified (For all actions until AM_ included)

After the AM_ action, [M] XXX is then changed to the content of VALEUR

```
#####
# Field BPCORD (Customer)
# in Sales Orders
#
Subprog C_BPCORD(VALEUR)
  Variable Char VALEUR
    If VALEUR = "BERT" & [M]BPCORD = "MARY"
      GMESSAGE = "Changing customer MARY to BERT!"
    Endif
  End
```



Field Access: mkstat

- System variable [S] **mkstat** pilots field access and field value validation.
- It is set inside field actions for the purpose of:
Allowing / preventing the user from accessing the field
Allowing / preventing the user from exiting the field after modifying it.
- Possible values:

mkstat = 0

Normal behaviour

mkstat = 1, 2

Error: Field is locked. User is locked in or out.

```
#####
# Field BPCORD (Customer)
# in Sales Orders
#
Subprog C_BPCORD(VALEUR)
Variable Char VALEUR
    # Check BP country
    Read [BPC]BPC0 = VALEUR
    If [F:BPC]CRY = "US"
        mkstat = 2 :# Lock user in field
        GMESSAGE = "USA orders prohibited."
    Endif
End
```

Enabling / Disabling Fields

- Field status instructions may be used to enable or disable screen fields depending on values in the current field, mainly, in **After_Modification** or **Control** actions for the current field.

- Field status instructions:

Grizo	Completely disables a screen field (Or a complete screen, or a block)
Diszo	Locks a screen field (Preserves context menus and focus)
Actzo	Activates a screen field (Or a complete screen, or a block)

- Additional actions to refresh or reset screen fields:

Raz Deletes a screen field value

Affzo Refreshes a screen field (Necessary to display new values)

Effzo Deletes a screen value and refreshes (**Raz + Affzo**).



Global Variables

- Global variables available during field actions

Variable	Type	Meaning
GREP (1)	Char (1)	Standard action in progress (A / C / D / M)
GIMPORT	Integer	Import mode indicator (0 / 1)
GSERVEUR	Integer	Batch mode indicator (0 / 1)
GCOUL (0..7)	Integer	Field colour
GBOUT (1..20)	Char (35)	Title of context menu item
GBOUTS	Char (35)	Title of selection context menu
GBOUTA	Char (35)	Advanced selection context menu title
GBOUTI	Char (35)	Icon click title (tooltip)
GMESSAGE	Char (250)	Information, warning or error message
GERR	Integer	Message type (Warning, critical error etc.)
GMENLOC (0..123)	Integer	Hides a local menu item
GOK	Integer	Return status <i>inside transactions only</i>



System Variables

- System variables available during field actions ([S] class)

Variable	Type	Meaning
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nolign Integer Current line number in table blocks

indice Integer Current index of array variable (normal blocks)

status Integer Return status at the end of an entry

mkstat Integer Status when exiting a field

fstat Integer Status for table operation (Read, Write, Rewrite, Lock etc.)



Common Field Actions

- **Before_Field**

- Prevent the field from being displayed and entered

- Reset the field and prevent it from being displayed and entered

- Assign a font colour (Table block fields only)

- **Init**

- Initialise the field value

- **Before_Entry**

- Prevent user from entering field (Focus jumps to next field)

- Delete field value and prevent user from entering field

- Disable local menu (Combo box) items

- **Control, After_Field, After_Modification**

- Display an information/warning/error message

- Lock user inside the field

- **After_Field, After_Modification**

- Populate and refresh other fields

- Disable, enable other fields depending on current value

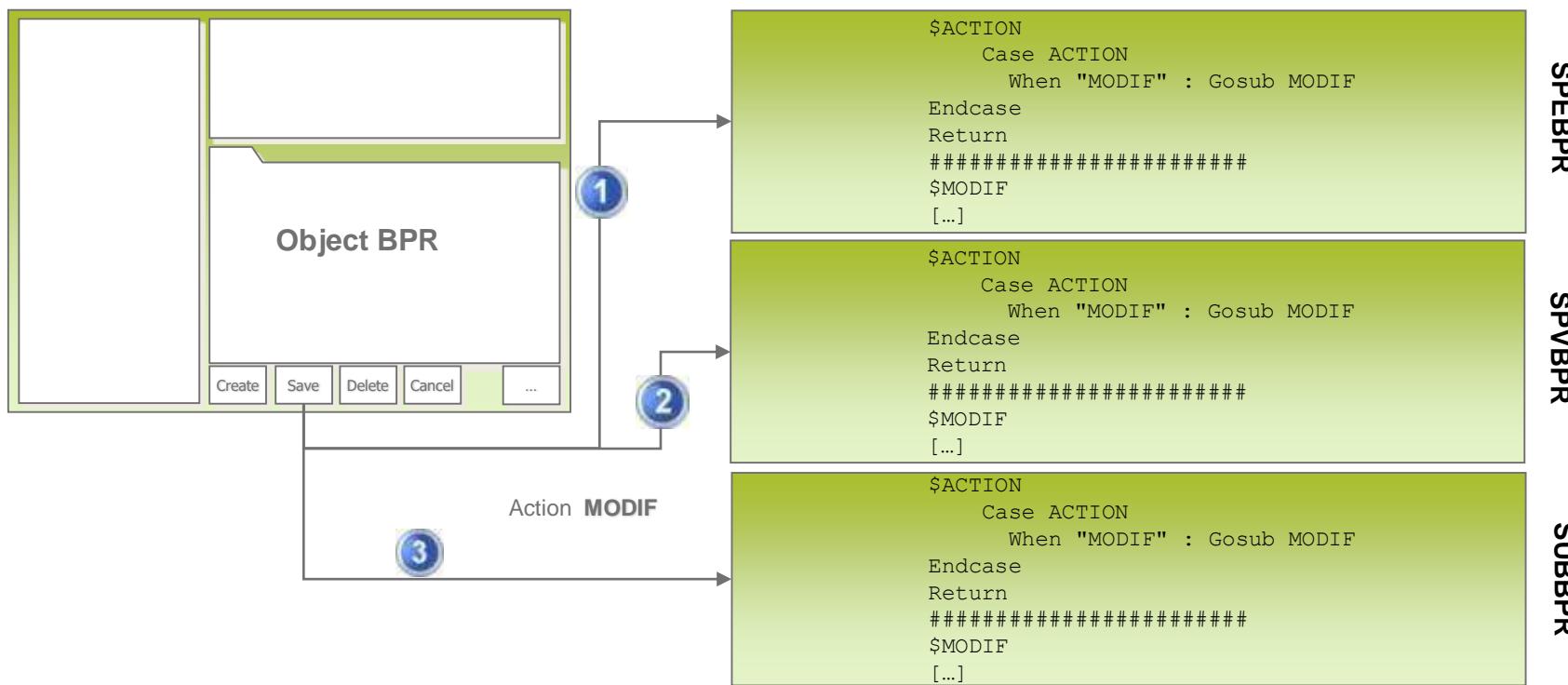




4.3 – Object Actions

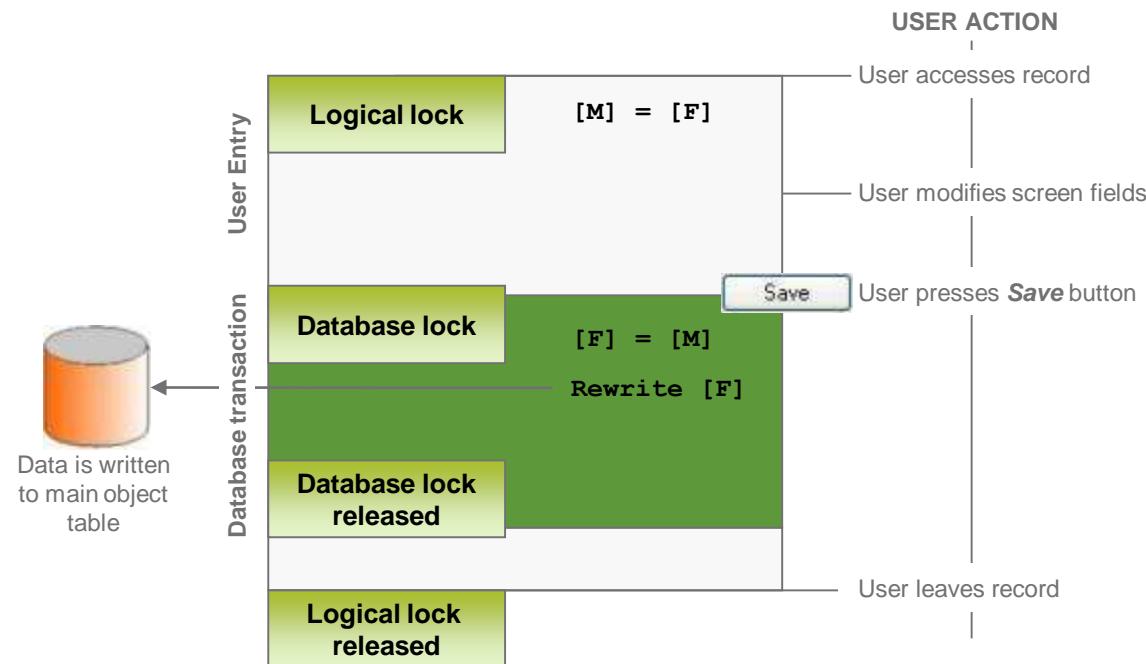
Object Actions

- Object actions are global events that are executed when users maintain or navigate through records in an object.
- They are called via the **\$ACTION** section in the following programs, where **xxx** is the object code. Variable **ACTION** holds the current action code:
 - SUBXXX** for standard actions
 - SPVXXX** for vertical actions (Called before the standard action if the **SPVXXX** program exists)
 - SPEXXX** for specific actions (Called before the vertical action if the **SPEXXX** program exists)



Object Kinematics

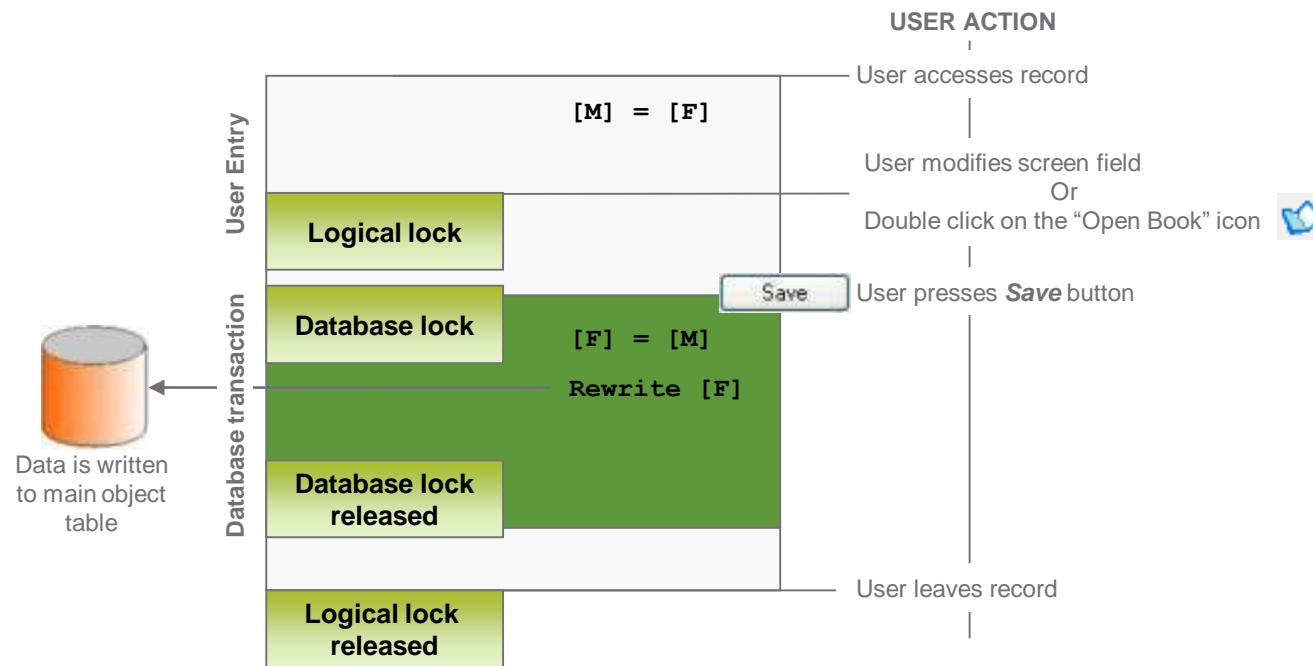
- Object behaviour: Tables and screens



Object Kinematics

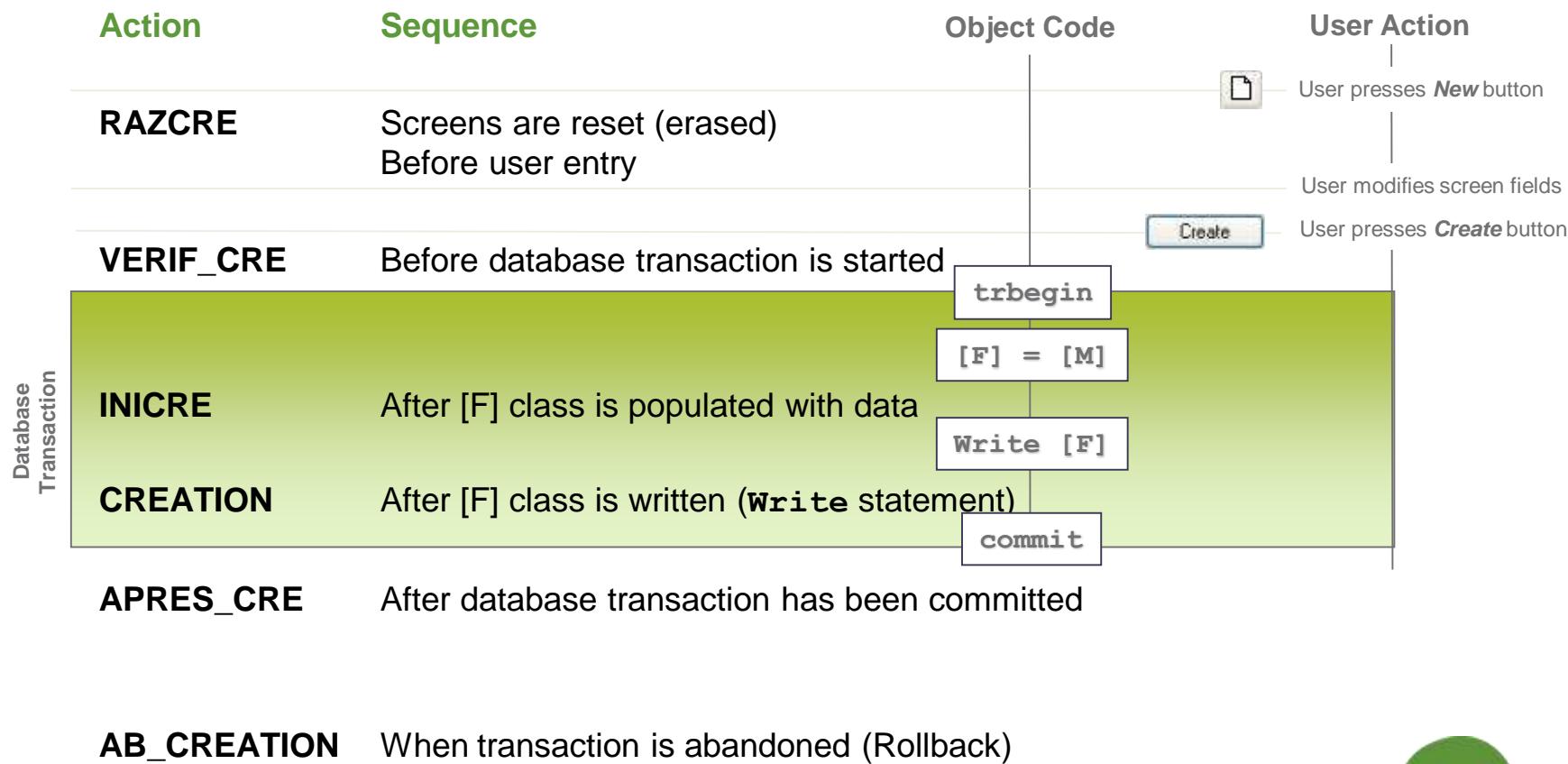


- Object behaviour: Lock in modification



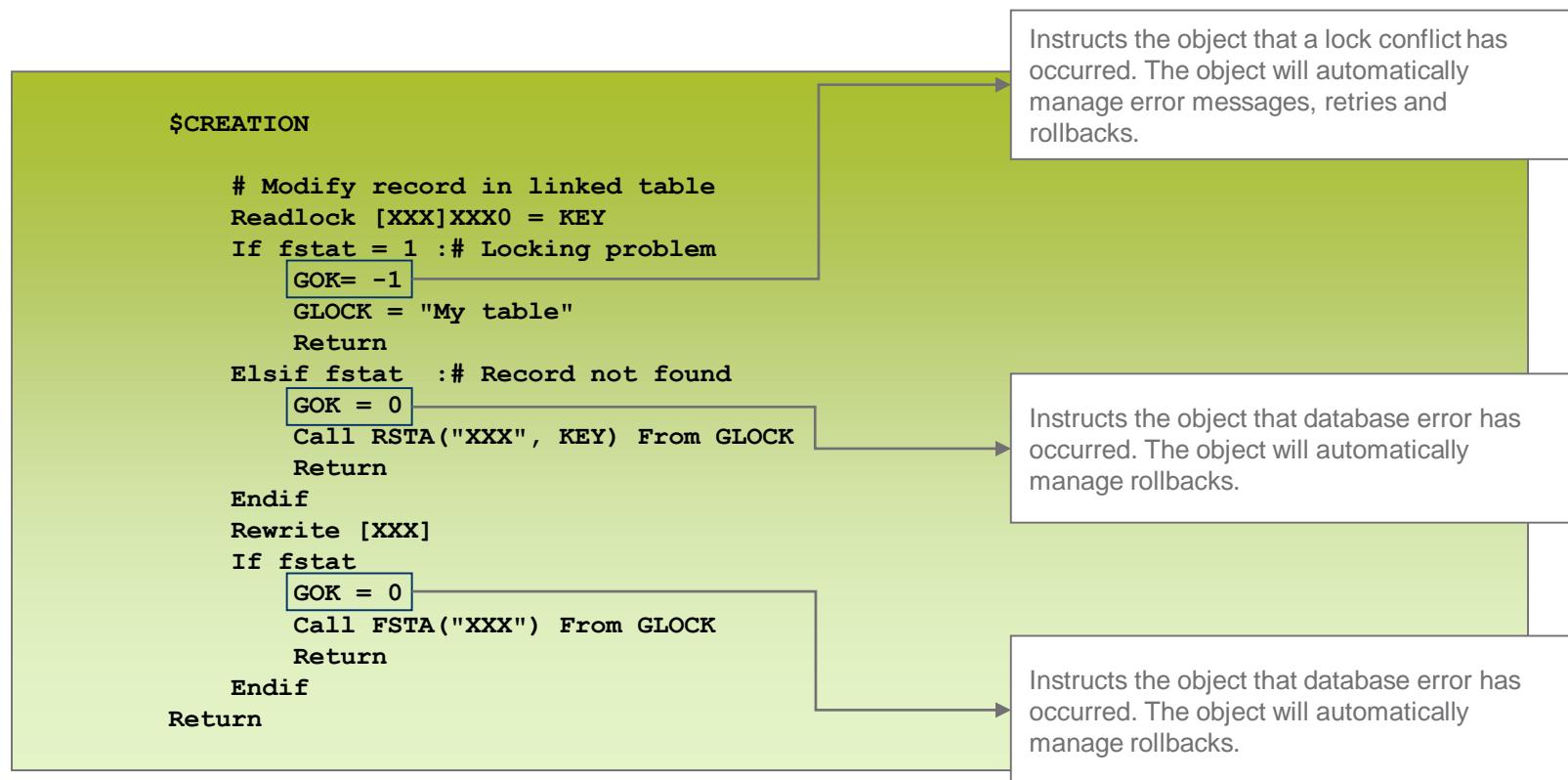
Creation Mode

- Simple objects – **CREATION** mode



Updating Other Tables During CREATION

- The object automatically manages error messages, rollbacks and retries when there is a database error or locking conflict during the transaction.
Database status is communicated to the object using variable **[v]GOK**.



Duplication Mode

- Simple objects – **DUPLICATION** mode

Action	Sequence	Object Code	User Action
RAZDUP	When screens are reset (erased) Before user entry		User modifies key field
VERIF_CRE	Before database transaction is started	<code>Create</code>	User modifies screen fields User presses Create button
INICRE	After [F] class is populated with data	<code>Trbegin</code>	
CREATION	After [F] class is written (Write statement)	<code>[F] = [M]</code>	
		<code>Write [F]</code>	
		<code>commit</code>	
APRES_CRE	After database transaction has been committed		
AB_CREATION	When transaction is abandoned (Rollback)		

Database Transaction

Modification Mode

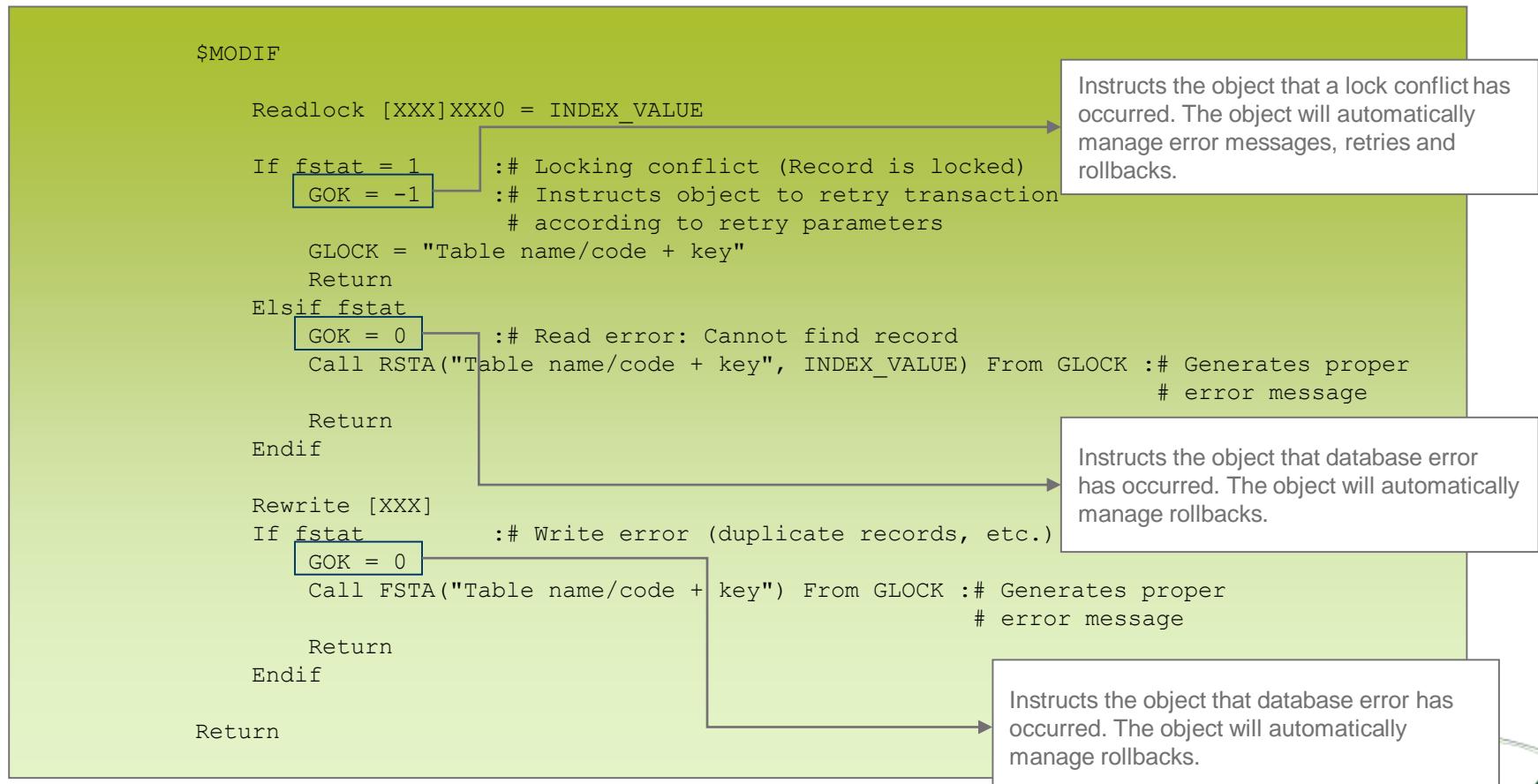
- Simple objects – **MODIFICATION** mode

Database Transaction

Action	Sequence	Object Code	User Action
LIENS	After record is read	[M] = [F]	User modifies 1 st field
AVANT_MOD	After first field modification Before Save button is enabled		User modifies screen fields
VERIF_MOD	Before database transaction is started		Save
AVANT_MODFIC	Before [F] class is populated with data	trbegin	User presses Save button
INIMOD	After [F] class is populated Before Rewrite statement	[F] = [M]	
MODIF	After Rewrite statement	Rewrite [F]	
APRES_MOD	After database transaction has been committed	commit	
AB_MODIF	When transaction is abandoned (Rollback)		

Updating Other Tables During MODIFICATION

- Writing data to linked tables during **MODIF** action



Deletion Mode

- Simple objects – **DELETION** mode

Action	Sequence	Object Code [M] = [F]	User Action
AV_VERF_ANU	Before STD controls have been exec'd		 User presses Delete button
AP_VERF_ANU	After STD controls have been exec'd		
VERF_ANU	Before transaction starts After std controls have been exec'd		
AV_ANNULE	After transaction starts	<code>trbegin</code>	
ANNULE	Before Delete statement	<code>Delete [F]</code>	
		<code>commit</code>	
AP_ANNULE	After deletion transaction has been committed		

Database Transaction



Buttons

- Button actions

SETBOUT

- Button activation/deactivation
- Called whenever the context changes and buttons must be redrawn

AVANTBOUT (Specific buttons)

- Called when a *specific* button is pressed, before the button action/code is executed
- Button code available in variable **BOUT**

AVANT_XXX (Standard buttons)

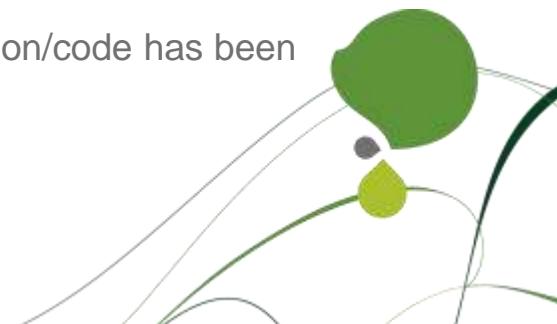
- Called when a *standard* button is pressed, before the button action/code is executed
- Where XXX is the standard button code (**END**, **ABA**, **NEW** etc.)

EXEBOUT (Specific buttons)

- Called when a *specific* button is pressed, after the button action/code has been executed
- Button code available in variable **BOUT**

XXX (Standard buttons)

- Called when a *standard* button is pressed, after the button action/code has been executed
- Where XXX is the standard button code (**END**, **E**, **C**, **S** etc.)



Menus

- Menu actions (Menu bar)

SETBOUT

- Button activation/deactivation
- Called whenever the context changes and buttons must be redrawn

AVANTBOUT

- Called when a menu item is selected, before executing the action/code attached to the menu
- Menu code available in variable `BOUT`

STATUT

- Called after the menu action/code has been executed
- Menu code available in variable `BOUT`



The GOK Variable

- The [v] GOK variable

GOK is used to manage transaction status *inside object transactions*

GOK = -1

- Lock in progress on another workstation
- Transaction is rolled back and retried

GOK = 0

- Read/Write or other critical error
- Transaction is abandoned

GOK = 1

- Normal value (No error)



The OK Variable

- The [L]OK variable

OK is used for some of the object actions to manage return status *outside transactions*

OK = 1

- Normal value (No error)

OK = 0

- Error status
- Object will react in various ways depending on context and action in progress



The APRES_MODIF Action

- The **APRES_MODIF** action

This object action is executed when a field is modified

- After the field AM_ (After Change) action
- Before the [M] class is updated with the new value

Available variables

- **COUZON**: Name of current field
- **cz**: Current value of field
- **COUIND**: Current index (Array fields)



General Object Actions

- Object being opened

AVANT_OUVRE Before object is opened

DEFTRANS Before entry transaction is chosen (For objects with more than one active window)

VARIANTE Analysis of each active entry transaction for object

SETTRANS After entry transaction has been chosen (For objects with more than one active window)

OUVRE After tables linked to object have been opened

BOITE Before object window is opened

TITRE Before active tab is selected and window / browser titles are displayed

OUVRE_BOITE After window has been opened

AFFMASK After screens and tables are opened, before populating the screens

FILTRE Before table records are filtered

DROIT Before access rights to current record are checked

CLE_GAUCHE Before left browser (Simple or picking) is displayed (Except for Last Read)

VERROU After current record has been locked by current user (Symbolic lock)

LIENS After linked tables have been read

STYLE Before fields are displayed (Used for display styles)

SETBOUT When window/buttons are redrawn (After user action or refresh)



General Object Actions

- Object being closed

User presses END or closes

APRES_CHOI After user has selected window option / Before the action is executed

FIN END button pressed (See XXX button action)

AVANT_DEVERROU Before unlocking the record

DEVERROU After unlocking the record

Record unlocked

FERME After object has been closed

Object window is closed



General Object Actions

● Menu item selected

APRES_CHOI After user has selected window option / Before the action is executed

AVANTBOUT Before menu item or button is executed

User selects menu item

STATUT After menu item action is executed

FIN_ACTION End of user action (Button, menu, left list record selection etc.)

SETBOUT When window/buttons are redrawn (Window is refreshed)

Menu action is executed

Window menus refreshed

● Button pressed

APRES_CHOI After user has selected window option / Before the action is executed

AVANTBOUT Before menu item or button is executed

User selects menu item

EXEBOUT After button action is executed

SETBOUT When window/buttons are redrawn (Window is refreshed)

Menu action is executed

Window menus refreshed

General Object Actions

- ‘Save’ button pressed

APRES_CHOI

AVANT_ACT

EXEACT

VERIF_MOD

AVANT_MODFIC

INIMOD

MODIF

APRES_MOD

FIN_MOD

DEGRISE

FIN_ACTION

SETBOUT

Std button has been activated (*Create, Save etc.*)

Before standard action is executed

Standard
modification mode
actions

After transaction has been committed

After object key field has been enabled

After standard button action has been executed

General Object Actions

- Screen field modified (First modification)

APRES_MODIF

AVANT_MOD

Called for first modification, before object enters
modification mode

GRISE

After object key field has been disabled

SETBOUT



HEADER and DETAIL Handling

- The Object manager only handles one table.
- If you want to manage header and detail tables, the supervisor provides you with some library calls to handle this situation.

Prerequisites:

In the detail screen, you have to add a line counter. (type L , hidden)

This variable should exist in the detail table, and be part of the index for this table. On the grid variable, 2 events should be added:

Control : **DIVLINCONT**

After_Line : **DIVLINNUM**

They require one parameter : <LIG> , which should point to the line counter variable.

In the grid, 2 extra (hidden) variables should be added: **CREFLG** and **UPDFLG**, both of type C.



HEADER TABLE
Code: XHEADER
Abbreviation: [F:XXH]
Primary key: PRIMKEYH

1

PRIMKEYH

n

DETAILS TABLE
Code: XDETAIL
Abbreviation: [F:XXD]
Primary key : PRIMKEYH + XXXLIN

DETAILS SCREEN [M:XXX1]

NBLIG (bottom table variable)

XXXLIN : L, hidden
CREFLG : C, hidden
UPDFLG : C, hidden

OBJECT [XXX1]

ACTIONS ON FIELD

CONTROL : DIVLINCONT
AFTER_LINE : DIVLINNUM

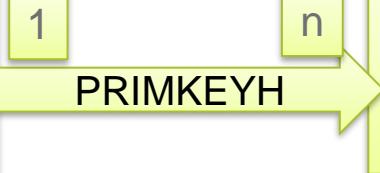
•PARAMETERS

IE
LIG : «XXXLIN»

PROCESS : SPEXXX

ACTION TO USE	CODE TO USE
OUVRE	GOSUB DECLARE FROM TABLEAUX
FILTRE	Default File [XXH]
LIENS	GOSUB LIENS FROM TABLEAUX
CREATION	GOSUB CREATION FROM TABLEAUX
MODIF	GOSUB MODIF FROM TABLEAUX
ANNULE	GOSUB ANNULE FROM TABLEAUX
APRES_CRE	GOSUB LIENS FROM TABLEAUX
APRES_MOD	GOSUB LIENS FROM TABLEAUX
INICRE_LIG	[F:XXD]PRIMKEYH = [M:XXX0]PRIMKEYH
DEFLIG	See next slide

HEADER TABLE
Code: XHEADER
Abbreviation: [F:XXH]
Primary key: PRIMKEYH



DETAILS TABLE
Code: XDETAIL
Abbreviation: [F:XXD]
Primary key : PRIMKEYH + XXXLIN

DETAILS SCREEN [M:XXX1]

NBLIG (bottom table variable)

XXXLIN : L, hidden
CREFLG : C, hidden
UPDFLG : C, hidden

ACTIONS ON FIELD

CONTROL : DIVLINCONT
AFTER_LINE : DIVLINNUM

•PARAMETERS

LIG : «XXXLIN»

PROCESS : SPEXXX

ACTION TO USE	CODE TO USE
DEFLIG	Default Mask [XXX1] #The screen holding your detail information Default File [XXD] #The table holding your detail information #Filtering expression to read all detail lines related to one header CRIT = 'PRIMKEYH='+[M:XXX0]PRIMKEYH+'' FICLIG = "XDETAIL" #The name of the detail Table ABLIG = "XXD" #It's abbreviation ZONLIG = "XXXLIN" #The line counter field



HEADER AND DETAIL MANAGEMENT

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EXERCICES



4.4 – STD snippet: Database transaction management

Transactions

- **Transactions** as they are managed by the standard object template

Transaction main procedure:

```
# Update customer ACETEX credit +1000

Local File BPCUSTOMER [BPC]

Call DEBTRANS From GLOCK                      #: Set global variables

$TR1
[V]GOK = 1                                     #: All OK
Trbegin [BPC]                                    #: Start transaction
Readlock [BPC]BPC0 = "ACETEX"
If [S]fstat=1
  [V]GOK=-1
  [V]GLOCK = "BPCUSTOMER"--"ACETEX"
  Goto ROL_TR1                                  #: Rollback and retry
Elsif [S]fstat
  [V]GOK=0
  Call RSTA("BPC", "ACETEX") From GLOCK      #: Display proper error mess
  Goto AB_TR1                                   #: Abandon transaction
Endif

[BPC]OSTAUZ += 1000
Rewrite [BPC]
If [S]fstat
  [V]GOK=0
  Call FSTA("BPC") From GLOCK                #: Display proper error mess
  Goto AB_TR1                                   #: Abandon transaction
Endif
Commit
Return
```

Transactions

- **Transactions** as they are managed by the standard object template

Retry procedure:

```
$ROL_TR1
  Rollback
  Call ROLL From GLOCK                      #: See how many retries until now
  If [V]GROLL
    Call ECR_TRACE(mess(17,107,1),1) From GESECRAN :# Max number of retries reached
  Else
    Goto TR1                                    #: Can still retry one more time
  Endif
Return
```

Abandon procedure:

```
$AB_TR1
  Rollback                      #: Roll back
  Call ECR_TRACE(mess(17,107,1),1) From GESECRAN :# Proper error message
Return
```



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5 – DEBUGGING SAGE X3 CODE



5.1 – The Debugger

The Sage X3 Debugger

- The Sage X3 debugger is accessible from the *Tools* menu or by code:
Debugger menu item + user action
Toggle Debug to directly open the debugger
`Dbgaff` instruction by code.
- User parameter value **DBG** enables/disables debugger access from the *Tools* menu.



The Sage X3 Debugger

● Debugger features

Debugging the code:

- Step-in (*Line* button)
- Step-over (*Continue* button)
- Breakpoints (Breakpoint expression or code line + *Continue* button)

Variable spy:

- Up to 20 variables or expressions to evaluate
- Automatic display of subprogram parameters and of their value

Global spy (**Detail** button):

- Memory state
- Details of all variable classes including tables, screens and global variables
- Modification of class values by right-click item *Change*.

Trace file option:

- The debugger may be run in the background and print its results in a log file.
- **Log** checkbox + log file path (by default *user.dbg* in the TMP application directory)





THANK YOU

End of the Fundamental Training Course