

# vdsf API Reference Manual

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### 5.1 API functions for vdsf read-only hash maps.

#### 5.1.1 Detailed Description

Hash maps use unique keys - the data items are not sorted.

#### Functions

- VDSF\_EXPORT int `vdsFastMapClose` (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle)  
*Close a Hash Map.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int `vdsFastMapDefinition` (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, vdsObjectDefinition \*\*definition)  
*Retrieve the data definition of the hash map.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int `vdsFastMapDelete` (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, const void \*key, size\_t keyLength)  
*Remove the data item identified by the given key from the hash map (you must be in edit mode).*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int `vdsFastMapEdit` (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle, const char \*hashMapName, size\_t nameLengthInBytes, VDS\_HANDLE \*objectHandle)  
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- VDSF\_EXPORT int `vdsFastMapGet` (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, const void \*key, size\_t keyLength, void \*buffer, size\_t bufferLength, size\_t \*returnedLength)  
*Retrieve the data item identified by the given key from the hash map.*

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFastMapGetFirst](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, void \*key, size\_t keyLength, void \*buffer, size\_t bufferLength, size\_t \*retKeyLength, size\_t \*retDataLength)

*Iterate through the hash map.*

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFastMapGetNext](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, void \*key, size\_t keyLength, void \*buffer, size\_t bufferLength, size\_t \*retKeyLength, size\_t \*retDataLength)

*Iterate through the hash map.*

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFastMapInsert](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, const void \*key, size\_t keyLength, const void \*data, size\_t dataLength)

*Insert a data element in the hash map (you must be in edit mode).*

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFastMapOpen](#) (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle, const char \*hashMapName, size\_t nameLengthInBytes, VDS\_HANDLE \*objectHandle)

*Open an existing hash map read only (see [vdsCreateObject](#) to create a new object).*

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFastMapReplace](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, const void \*key, size\_t keyLength, const void \*data, size\_t dataLength)

*Replace a data element in the hash map (you must be in edit mode).*

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFastMapStatus](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, vdsObjStatus \*pStatus)

*Return the status of the hash map.*

## 5.1.2 Function Documentation

### 5.1.2.1 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsFastMapClose (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle)

Close a Hash Map.

This function terminates the current access to the hash map in shared memory (the hash map itself is untouched).

#### Warning:

Closing an object does not automatically commit or rollback data items that were inserted or removed (if the map was open with [vdsFastMapEdit](#)). You still must use either [vdsCommit](#) or [vdsRollback](#) to end the current unit of work.

**Parameters:**

← *objectHandle* The handle to the hash map (see [vdsFastMapOpen](#) or [vdsFastMapEdit](#)).

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

### 5.1.2.2 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsFastMapDefinition ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) *objectHandle*, [vdsObjectDefinition](#) \*\* *definition*)

Retrieve the data definition of the hash map.

**Warning:**

This function allocates a buffer to hold the definition (using `malloc()`). You must free it (with `free()`) when you no longer need the definition.

**Parameters:**

← *objectHandle* The handle to the hash map (see [vdsFastMapOpen](#) or [vdsFastMapEdit](#)).

→ *definition* The buffer allocated by the API to hold the content of the object definition. Freeing the memory (with `free()`) is the responsibility of the caller.

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

### 5.1.2.3 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsFastMapDelete ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) *objectHandle*, `const void *` *key*, `size_t` *keyLength*)

Remove the data item identified by the given key from the hash map (you must be in edit mode).

The removals only become permanent after a call to [vdsCommit](#).

**Parameters:**

← *objectHandle* The handle to the hash map (see [vdsFastMapEdit](#)).

← *key* The key of the item to be removed.

← *keyLength* The length of the *key* buffer (in bytes).

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

**5.1.2.4** `VDSF_EXPORT int vdsFastMapEdit (VDS_HANDLE sessionHandle, const char * hashMapName, size_t nameLengthInBytes, VDS_HANDLE * objectHandle)`

Open a temporary copy of an existing hash map for editing.

The copy becomes the latest version of the map when a session is committed.

**Parameters:**

- ← *sessionHandle* The handle to the current session.
- ← *hashMapName* The fully qualified name of the hash map.
- ← *nameLengthInBytes* The length of *hashMapName* (in bytes) not counting the null terminator (null-terminators are not used by the vdsf engine).
- *objectHandle* The handle to the hash map, allowing us access to the map in shared memory. On error, this handle will be set to zero (NULL) unless the *objectHandle* pointer itself is NULL.

**Returns:**

- 0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

**5.1.2.5** `VDSF_EXPORT int vdsFastMapGet (VDS_HANDLE objectHandle, const void * key, size_t keyLength, void * buffer, size_t bufferLength, size_t * returnedLength)`

Retrieve the data item identified by the given key from the hash map.

**Parameters:**

- ← *objectHandle* The handle to the hash map (see [vdsFastMapOpen](#) or [vdsFastMapEdit](#)).
- ← *key* The key of the item to be retrieved.
- ← *keyLength* The length of the *key* buffer (in bytes).
- *buffer* The buffer provided by the user to hold the content of the data item. Memory allocation for this buffer is the responsibility of the caller.
- ← *bufferLength* The length of *buffer* (in bytes).
- *returnedLength* The actual number of bytes in the data item.

**Returns:**

- 0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

**5.1.2.6** `VDSF_EXPORT int vdsFastMapGetFirst (VDS_HANDLE objectHandle, void * key, size_t keyLength, void * buffer, size_t bufferLength, size_t * retKeyLength, size_t * retDataLength)`

Iterate through the hash map.

Data items retrieved this way will not be sorted.

**Parameters:**

- ← *objectHandle* The handle to the hash map (see [vdsFastMapOpen](#) or [vdsFastMapEdit](#)).
- *key* The key buffer provided by the user to hold the content of the key associated with the first element. Memory allocation for this buffer is the responsibility of the caller.
- ← *keyLength* The length of the *key* buffer (in bytes).
- *buffer* The buffer provided by the user to hold the content of the first element. Memory allocation for this buffer is the responsibility of the caller.
- ← *bufferLength* The length of *buffer* (in bytes).
- *retKeyLength* The actual number of bytes in the key
- *retDataLength* The actual number of bytes in the data item.

**Returns:**

- 0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

**5.1.2.7** `VDSF_EXPORT int vdsFastMapGetNext (VDS_HANDLE objectHandle, void * key, size_t keyLength, void * buffer, size_t bufferLength, size_t * retKeyLength, size_t * retDataLength)`

Iterate through the hash map.

Evidently, you must call [vdsFastMapGetFirst](#) to initialize the iterator. Not so evident - calling [vdsFastMapGet](#) will reset the iteration to the data item retrieved by this function (they use the same internal storage). If this cause a problem, please let us know.

Data items retrieved this way will not be sorted.

**Parameters:**

- ← *objectHandle* The handle to the hash map (see [vdsFastMapOpen](#) or [vdsFastMapEdit](#)).
- *key* The key buffer provided by the user to hold the content of the key associated with the data element. Memory allocation for this buffer is the responsibility of the caller.
- ← *keyLength* The length of the *key* buffer (in bytes).



- *buffer* The buffer provided by the user to hold the content of the data element. Memory allocation for this buffer is the responsibility of the caller.
- ← *bufferLength* The length of *buffer* (in bytes).
- *retKeyLength* The actual number of bytes in the key
- *retDataLength* The actual number of bytes in the data item.

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

#### 5.1.2.8 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsFastMapInsert ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) *objectHandle*, const void \* *key*, size\_t *keyLength*, const void \* *data*, size\_t *dataLength*)

Insert a data element in the hash map (you must be in edit mode).

The additions only become permanent after a call to [vdsCommit](#).

**Parameters:**

- ← *objectHandle* The handle to the hash map (see [vdsFastMapEdit](#)).
- ← *key* The key of the item to be inserted.
- ← *keyLength* The length of the *key* buffer (in bytes).
- ← *data* The data item to be inserted.
- ← *dataLength* The length of *data* (in bytes).

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

#### 5.1.2.9 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsFastMapOpen ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) *sessionHandle*, const char \* *hashMapName*, size\_t *nameLengthInBytes*, [VDS\\_HANDLE](#) \* *objectHandle*)

Open an existing hash map read only (see [vdsCreateObject](#) to create a new object).

**Parameters:**

- ← *sessionHandle* The handle to the current session.
- ← *hashMapName* The fully qualified name of the hash map.
- ← *nameLengthInBytes* The length of *hashMapName* (in bytes) not counting the null terminator (null-terminators are not used by the vdsf engine).
- *objectHandle* The handle to the hash map, allowing us access to the map in shared memory. On error, this handle will be set to zero (NULL) unless the *objectHandle* pointer itself is NULL.

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

**5.1.2.10** `VDSF_EXPORT int vdsFastMapReplace (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, const void * key, size_t keyLength, const void * data, size_t dataLength)`

Replace a data element in the hash map (you must be in edit mode).

The replacements only become permanent after a call to [vdsCommit](#).

**Parameters:**

- ← *objectHandle* The handle to the hash map (see [vdsFastMapEdit](#)).
- ← *key* The key of the item to be replaced.
- ← *keyLength* The length of the *key* buffer (in bytes).
- ← *data* The new data item that will replace the previous data.
- ← *dataLength* The length of *data* (in bytes).

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

**5.1.2.11** `VDSF_EXPORT int vdsFastMapStatus (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, vdsObjStatus * pStatus)`

Return the status of the hash map.

**Parameters:**

- ← *objectHandle* The handle to the hash map (see [vdsFastMapOpen](#) or [vdsFastMapEdit](#)).
- *pStatus* A pointer to the status structure.

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

## 5.2 API functions for vdsf folders.

**Functions**

- `VDSF_EXPORT int vdsFolderClose (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle)`

*Close a folder.*

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFolderCreateObject](#) (VDS\_HANDLE folderHandle, const char \*objectName, size\_t nameLengthInBytes, [vdsObjectDefinition](#) \*pDefinition)

*Create a new object in shared memory as a child of the current folder.*

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFolderCreateObjectXML](#) (VDS\_HANDLE folderHandle, const char \*xmlBuffer, size\_t lengthInBytes)

*Create a new object in shared memory as a child of the current folder.*

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFolderDestroyObject](#) (VDS\_HANDLE folderHandle, const char \*objectName, size\_t nameLengthInBytes)

*Destroy an object, child of the current folder, in shared memory.*

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFolderGetFirst](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, [vdsFolderEntry](#) \*pEntry)

*Iterate through the folder - no data items are removed from the folder by this function.*

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFolderGetNext](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, [vdsFolderEntry](#) \*pEntry)

*Iterate through the folder.*

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFolderOpen](#) (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle, const char \*folderName, size\_t nameLengthInBytes, VDS\_HANDLE \*objectHandle)

*Open an existing folder (see [vdsCreateObject](#) to create a new folder).*

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFolderStatus](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, [vdsObjStatus](#) \*pStatus)

*Return the status of the folder.*

### 5.2.1 Function Documentation

#### 5.2.1.1 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsFolderClose ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) *objectHandle*)

Close a folder.

This function terminates the current access to the folder in shared memory (the folder itself is untouched).

#### Parameters:

← *objectHandle* The handle to the folder (see [vdsFolderOpen](#)).

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

### 5.2.1.2 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsFolderCreateObject ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) *folderHandle*, const char \* *objectName*, size\_t *nameLengthInBytes*, [vdsObjectDefinition](#) \* *pDefinition*)

Create a new object in shared memory as a child of the current folder.

The creation of the object only becomes permanent after a call to [vdsCommit](#).

This function does not provide a handle to the newly created object. Use [vdsQueueOpen](#) and similar functions to get the handle.

**Parameters:**

- ← *folderHandle* Handle to the current folder.
- ← *objectName* The name of the object.
- ← *nameLengthInBytes* The length of *objectName* (in bytes) not counting the null terminator (null-terminators are not used by the vdsf engine).
- ← *pDefinition* The type of object to create (folder, queue, etc.) and the "optional" definition.

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

### 5.2.1.3 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsFolderCreateObjectXML ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) *folderHandle*, const char \* *xmlBuffer*, size\_t *lengthInBytes*)

Create a new object in shared memory as a child of the current folder.

The creation of the object only becomes permanent after a call to [vdsCommit](#).

This function does not provide a handle to the newly created object. Use [vdsQueueOpen](#) and similar functions to get the handle.

**Parameters:**

- ← *folderHandle* Handle to the current folder.
- ← *xmlBuffer* The XML buffer (string) containing all the required information.
- ← *lengthInBytes* The length of *xmlBuffer* (in bytes) not counting the null terminator.

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

**5.2.1.4 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsFolderDestroyObject (VDS\_HANDLE *folderHandle*, const char \* *objectName*, size\_t *nameLengthInBytes*)**

Destroy an object, child of the current folder, in shared memory.

The destruction of the object only becomes permanent after a call to [vdsCommit](#).

**Parameters:**

- ← *folderHandle* Handle to the current folder.
- ← *objectName* The name of the object.
- ← *nameLengthInBytes* The length of *objectName* (in bytes) not counting the null terminator (null-terminators are not used by the vdsf engine).

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

**5.2.1.5 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsFolderGetFirst (VDS\_HANDLE *objectHandle*, vdsFolderEntry \* *pEntry*)**

Iterate through the folder - no data items are removed from the folder by this function.

Data items which were added by another session and are not yet committed will not be seen by the iterator. Likewise, destroyed data items (even if not yet committed) are invisible.

**Parameters:**

- ← *objectHandle* The handle to the folder (see [vdsFolderOpen](#)).
- *pEntry* The data structure provided by the user to hold the content of each item in the folder. Memory allocation for this buffer is the responsibility of the caller.

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

**5.2.1.6 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsFolderGetNext (VDS\_HANDLE *objectHandle*, vdsFolderEntry \* *pEntry*)**

Iterate through the folder.

Data items which were added by another session and are not yet committed will not be seen by the iterator. Likewise, destroyed data items (even if not yet committed) are invisible.

Evidently, you must call [vdsFolderGetFirst](#) to initialize the iterator.

**Parameters:**

- ← *objectHandle* The handle to the folder (see [vdsFolderOpen](#)).
- *pEntry* The data structure provided by the user to hold the content of each item in the folder. Memory allocation for this buffer is the responsibility of the caller.

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

**5.2.1.7** `VDSF_EXPORT int vdsFolderOpen (VDS_HANDLE sessionHandle, const char * folderName, size_t nameLengthInBytes, VDS_HANDLE * objectHandle)`

Open an existing folder (see [vdsCreateObject](#) to create a new folder).

**Parameters:**

- ← *sessionHandle* The handle to the current session.
- ← *folderName* The fully qualified name of the folder.
- ← *nameLengthInBytes* The length of *folderName* (in bytes) not counting the null terminator (null-terminators are not used by the vdsf engine).
- *objectHandle* The handle to the folder, allowing us access to the folder in shared memory. On error, this handle will be set to zero (NULL) unless the *objectHandle* pointer itself is NULL.

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

**5.2.1.8** `VDSF_EXPORT int vdsFolderStatus (VDS_HANDLE objectHandle, vdsObjStatus * pStatus)`

Return the status of the folder.

**Parameters:**

- ← *objectHandle* The handle to the folder (see [vdsFolderOpen](#)).
- *pStatus* A pointer to the status structure.

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

## 5.3 API functions for vdsf hash maps.

### 5.3.1 Detailed Description

Hash maps use unique keys - the data items are not sorted.

#### Functions

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsHashMapClose](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle)  
*Close a Hash Map.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsHashMapDefinition](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, [vdsObjectDefinition](#) \*\*definition)  
*Retrieve the data definition of the hash map.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsHashMapDelete](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, const void \*key, size\_t keyLength)  
*Remove the data item identified by the given key from the hash map.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsHashMapGet](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, const void \*key, size\_t keyLength, void \*buffer, size\_t bufferLength, size\_t \*returnedLength)  
*Retrieve the data item identified by the given key from the hash map.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsHashMapGetFirst](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, void \*key, size\_t keyLength, void \*buffer, size\_t bufferLength, size\_t \*retKeyLength, size\_t \*retDataLength)  
*Iterate through the hash map.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsHashMapGetNext](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, void \*key, size\_t keyLength, void \*buffer, size\_t bufferLength, size\_t \*retKeyLength, size\_t \*retDataLength)  
*Iterate through the hash map.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsHashMapInsert](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, const void \*key, size\_t keyLength, const void \*data, size\_t dataLength)  
*Insert a data element in the hash map.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsHashMapOpen](#) (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle, const char \*hashMapName, size\_t nameLengthInBytes, VDS\_HANDLE \*objectHandle)  
*Open an existing hash map (see [vdsCreateObject](#) to create a new object).*

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsHashMapReplace](#) ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) objectHandle, const void \*key, size\_t keyLength, const void \*data, size\_t dataLength)  
*Replace a data element in the hash map.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsHashMapStatus](#) ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) objectHandle, [vds-ObjStatus](#) \*pStatus)  
*Return the status of the hash map.*

### 5.3.2 Function Documentation

#### 5.3.2.1 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsHashMapClose ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) objectHandle)

Close a Hash Map.

This function terminates the current access to the hash map in shared memory (the hash map itself is untouched).

##### Warning:

Closing an object does not automatically commit or rollback data items that were inserted or removed. You still must use either [vdsCommit](#) or [vdsRollback](#) to end the current unit of work.

##### Parameters:

← *objectHandle* The handle to the hash map (see [vdsHashMapOpen](#)).

##### Returns:

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

#### 5.3.2.2 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsHashMapDefinition ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) objectHandle, [vdsObjectDefinition](#) \*\* definition)

Retrieve the data definition of the hash map.

##### Warning:

This function allocates a buffer to hold the definition (using malloc()). You must free it (with free()) when you no longer need the definition.

##### Parameters:

← *objectHandle* The handle to the hash map (see [vdsHashMapOpen](#)).



→ **definition** The buffer allocated by the API to hold the content of the object definition. Freeing the memory (with `free()`) is the responsibility of the caller.

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

**5.3.2.3 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsHashMapDelete ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) *objectHandle*, const void \* *key*, size\_t *keyLength*)**

Remove the data item identified by the given key from the hash map.

Data items which were added by another session and are not yet committed will not be seen by this function and cannot be removed. Likewise, destroyed data items (even if not yet committed) are invisible.

The removals only become permanent after a call to [vdsCommit](#).

**Parameters:**

- ← ***objectHandle*** The handle to the hash map (see [vdsHashMapOpen](#)).
- ← ***key*** The key of the item to be removed.
- ← ***keyLength*** The length of the *key* buffer (in bytes).

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

**5.3.2.4 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsHashMapGet ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) *objectHandle*, const void \* *key*, size\_t *keyLength*, void \* *buffer*, size\_t *bufferLength*, size\_t \* *returnedLength*)**

Retrieve the data item identified by the given key from the hash map.

Data items which were added by another session and are not yet committed will not be seen by this function. Likewise, destroyed data items (even if not yet committed) are invisible.

**Parameters:**

- ← ***objectHandle*** The handle to the hash map (see [vdsHashMapOpen](#)).
- ← ***key*** The key of the item to be retrieved.
- ← ***keyLength*** The length of the *key* buffer (in bytes).
- ***buffer*** The buffer provided by the user to hold the content of the data item. Memory allocation for this buffer is the responsibility of the caller.

- ← *bufferLength* The length of *buffer* (in bytes).
- *returnedLength* The actual number of bytes in the data item.

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

**5.3.2.5** `VDSF_EXPORT int vdsHashMapGetFirst (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, void * key, size_t keyLength, void * buffer, size_t bufferLength, size_t * retKeyLength, size_t * retDataLength)`

Iterate through the hash map.

Data items which were added by another session and are not yet committed will not be seen by the iterator. Likewise, destroyed data items (even if not yet committed) are invisible.

Data items retrieved this way will not be sorted.

**Parameters:**

- ← *objectHandle* The handle to the hash map (see [vdsHashMapOpen](#)).
- *key* The key buffer provided by the user to hold the content of the key associated with the first element. Memory allocation for this buffer is the responsibility of the caller.
- ← *keyLength* The length of the *key* buffer (in bytes).
- *buffer* The buffer provided by the user to hold the content of the first element. Memory allocation for this buffer is the responsibility of the caller.
- ← *bufferLength* The length of *buffer* (in bytes).
- *retKeyLength* The actual number of bytes in the key
- *retDataLength* The actual number of bytes in the data item.

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

**5.3.2.6** `VDSF_EXPORT int vdsHashMapGetNext (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, void * key, size_t keyLength, void * buffer, size_t bufferLength, size_t * retKeyLength, size_t * retDataLength)`

Iterate through the hash map.

Data items which were added by another session and are not yet committed will not be seen by the iterator. Likewise, destroyed data items (even if not yet committed) are invisible.

Evidently, you must call [vdsHashMapGetFirst](#) to initialize the iterator. Not so evident - calling [vdsHashMapGet](#) will reset the iteration to the data item retrieved by this function (they use the same internal storage). If this cause a problem, please let us know.

Data items retrieved this way will not be sorted.

#### Parameters:

- ← *objectHandle* The handle to the hash map (see [vdsHashMapOpen](#)).
- *key* The key buffer provided by the user to hold the content of the key associated with the data element. Memory allocation for this buffer is the responsibility of the caller.
- ← *keyLength* The length of the *key* buffer (in bytes).
- *buffer* The buffer provided by the user to hold the content of the data element. Memory allocation for this buffer is the responsibility of the caller.
- ← *bufferLength* The length of *buffer* (in bytes).
- *retKeyLength* The actual number of bytes in the key
- *retDataLength* The actual number of bytes in the data item.

#### Returns:

- 0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

#### 5.3.2.7 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsHashMapInsert ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) *objectHandle*, const void \* *key*, size\_t *keyLength*, const void \* *data*, size\_t *dataLength*)

Insert a data element in the hash map.

The additions only become permanent after a call to [vdsCommit](#).

#### Parameters:

- ← *objectHandle* The handle to the hash map (see [vdsHashMapOpen](#)).
- ← *key* The key of the item to be inserted.
- ← *keyLength* The length of the *key* buffer (in bytes).
- ← *data* The data item to be inserted.
- ← *dataLength* The length of *data* (in bytes).

#### Returns:

- 0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

**5.3.2.8** `VDSF_EXPORT int vdsHashMapOpen (VDS_HANDLE sessionHandle, const char * hashMapName, size_t nameLengthInBytes, VDS_HANDLE * objectHandle)`

Open an existing hash map (see [vdsCreateObject](#) to create a new object).

**Parameters:**

- ← *sessionHandle* The handle to the current session.
- ← *hashMapName* The fully qualified name of the hash map.
- ← *nameLengthInBytes* The length of *hashMapName* (in bytes) not counting the null terminator (null-terminators are not used by the vdsf engine).
- *objectHandle* The handle to the hash map, allowing us access to the map in shared memory. On error, this handle will be set to zero (NULL) unless the *objectHandle* pointer itself is NULL.

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

**5.3.2.9** `VDSF_EXPORT int vdsHashMapReplace (VDS_HANDLE objectHandle, const void * key, size_t keyLength, const void * data, size_t dataLength)`

Replace a data element in the hash map.

The replacements only become permanent after a call to [vdsCommit](#).

**Parameters:**

- ← *objectHandle* The handle to the hash map (see [vdsHashMapOpen](#)).
- ← *key* The key of the item to be replaced.
- ← *keyLength* The length of the *key* buffer (in bytes).
- ← *data* The new data item that will replace the previous data.
- ← *dataLength* The length of *data* (in bytes).

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

**5.3.2.10** `VDSF_EXPORT int vdsHashMapStatus (VDS_HANDLE objectHandle, vdsObjStatus * pStatus)`

Return the status of the hash map.

**Parameters:**

- ← *objectHandle* The handle to the hash map (see [vdsHashMapOpen](#)).  
→ *pStatus* A pointer to the status structure.

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

**5.4 API functions for vdsf processes.****Functions**

- VDSF\_EXPORT void [vdsExit](#) ()  
*This function terminates all access to the VDS.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsInit](#) (const char \*wdAddress, int protectionNeeded)  
*This function initializes access to a VDS.*

**5.4.1 Function Documentation****5.4.1.1 VDSF\_EXPORT void vdsExit ()**

This function terminates all access to the VDS.

This function will also close all sessions and terminate all accesses to the different objects.

This function takes no argument and always end successfully (even if called twice or if [vdsInit](#) was not called).

**5.4.1.2 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsInit (const char \* wdAddress, int protection-Needed)**

This function initializes access to a VDS.

It takes 2 input arguments, the address of the watchdog and an integer (used as a boolean, 0 for false, 1 for true) to indicate if sessions and other objects (Queues, etc) are shared amongst threads (in the current process) and must be protected. Recommendation: always set protectionNeeded to 0 (false) unless you cannot do otherwise. In other words it is recommended to use one session handle for each thread. Also if the same queue needs to be accessed by two threads it is more efficient to have two different handles instead of sharing a single one.

[Additional note: API objects (or C handles) are just proxies for the real objects sitting in shared memory. Proper synchronization is already done in shared memory and it is best to avoid to synchronize these proxy objects.]

Upon successful completion, the process handle is set. Otherwise the error code is returned.

#### Parameters:

- ← ***wdAddress*** The address of the watchdog. Currently a string with the port number ("12345").
- ← ***protectionNeeded*** A boolean value indicating if multi-threaded locks are needed or not.

#### Returns:

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

## 5.5 API functions for vdsf FIFO queues.

### 5.5.1 Detailed Description

A reminder: FIFO, First In First Out.

Data items are placed at the end of the queue and retrieved from the beginning of the queue.

#### Functions

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsQueueClose](#) ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) objectHandle)  
*Close a FIFO queue.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsQueueDefinition](#) ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) objectHandle, [vdsObjectDefinition](#) \*\*definition)  
*Retrieve the data definition of the queue.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsQueueGetFirst](#) ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) objectHandle, void \*buffer, size\_t bufferLength, size\_t \*returnedLength)  
*Iterate through the queue - no data items are removed from the queue by this function.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsQueueGetNext](#) ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) objectHandle, void \*buffer, size\_t bufferLength, size\_t \*returnedLength)  
*Iterate through the queue - no data items are removed from the queue by this function.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsQueueOpen](#) ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) sessionHandle, const char \*queueName, size\_t nameLengthInBytes, [VDS\\_HANDLE](#) \*objectHandle)  
*Open an existing FIFO queue (see [vdsCreateObject](#) to create a new queue).*

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsQueuePop](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, void \*buffer, size\_t bufferLength, size\_t \*returnedLength)  
*Remove the first item from the beginning of a FIFO queue and return it to the caller.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsQueuePush](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, const void \*pItem, size\_t length)  
*Insert a data element at the end of the FIFO queue.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsQueueStatus](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, [vdsObjStatus](#) \*pStatus)  
*Return the status of the queue.*

### 5.5.2 Function Documentation

#### 5.5.2.1 VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsQueueClose](#) (VDS\_HANDLE *objectHandle*)

Close a FIFO queue.

This function terminates the current access to the queue in shared memory (the queue itself is untouched).

##### Warning:

Closing an object does not automatically commit or rollback data items that were inserted or removed. You still must use either [vdsCommit](#) or [vdsRollback](#) to end the current unit of work.

##### Parameters:

← *objectHandle* The handle to the queue (see [vdsQueueOpen](#)).

##### Returns:

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

#### 5.5.2.2 VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsQueueDefinition](#) (VDS\_HANDLE *objectHandle*, [vdsObjectDefinition](#) \*\* *definition*)

Retrieve the data definition of the queue.

##### Warning:

This function allocates a buffer to hold the definition (using `malloc()`). You must free it (with `free()`) when you no longer need the definition.

**Parameters:**

- ← *objectHandle* The handle to the queue (see [vdsQueueOpen](#)).
- *definition* The buffer allocated by the API to hold the content of the object definition. Freeing the memory (with `free()`) is the responsibility of the caller.

**Returns:**

- 0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

### 5.5.2.3 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsQueueGetFirst ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) *objectHandle*, void \* *buffer*, size\_t *bufferLength*, size\_t \* *returnedLength*)

Iterate through the queue - no data items are removed from the queue by this function.

Data items which were added by another session and are not yet committed will not be seen by the iterator. Likewise, destroyed data items (even if not yet committed) are invisible.

**Parameters:**

- ← *objectHandle* The handle to the queue (see [vdsQueueOpen](#)).
- *buffer* The buffer provided by the user to hold the content of the first element. Memory allocation for this buffer is the responsibility of the caller.
- ← *bufferLength* The length of *buffer* (in bytes).
- *returnedLength* The actual number of bytes in the data item.

**Returns:**

- 0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

### 5.5.2.4 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsQueueGetNext ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) *objectHandle*, void \* *buffer*, size\_t *bufferLength*, size\_t \* *returnedLength*)

Iterate through the queue - no data items are removed from the queue by this function.

Data items which were added by another session and are not yet committed will not be seen by the iterator. Likewise, destroyed data items (even if not yet committed) are invisible.

Evidently, you must call [vdsQueueGetFirst](#) to initialize the iterator. Not so evident - calling [vdsQueuePop](#) will reset the iteration to the last element (they use the same internal storage). If this cause a problem, please let us know.

**Parameters:**

- ← *objectHandle* The handle to the queue (see [vdsQueueOpen](#)).



- *buffer* The buffer provided by the user to hold the content of the next element. Memory allocation for this buffer is the responsibility of the caller.
- ← *bufferLength* The length of *buffer* (in bytes).
- *returnedLength* The actual number of bytes in the data item.

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

#### 5.5.2.5 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsQueueOpen ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) *sessionHandle*, const char \* *queueName*, size\_t *nameLengthInBytes*, [VDS\\_HANDLE](#) \* *objectHandle*)

Open an existing FIFO queue (see [vdsCreateObject](#) to create a new queue).

**Parameters:**

- ← *sessionHandle* The handle to the current session.
- ← *queueName* The fully qualified name of the queue.
- ← *nameLengthInBytes* The length of *queueName* (in bytes) not counting the null terminator (null-terminators are not used by the vdsf engine).
- *objectHandle* The handle to the queue, allowing us access to the queue in shared memory. On error, this handle will be set to zero (NULL) unless the *objectHandle* pointer itself is NULL.

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

#### 5.5.2.6 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsQueuePop ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) *objectHandle*, void \* *buffer*, size\_t *bufferLength*, size\_t \* *returnedLength*)

Remove the first item from the beginning of a FIFO queue and return it to the caller.

Data items which were added by another session and are not yet committed will not be seen by this function. Likewise, destroyed data items (even if not yet committed) are invisible.

The removals only become permanent after a call to [vdsCommit](#).

**Parameters:**

- ← *objectHandle* The handle to the queue (see [vdsQueueOpen](#)).
- *buffer* The buffer provided by the user to hold the content of the data item. Memory allocation for this buffer is the responsibility of the caller.

- ← *bufferLength* The length of *buffer* (in bytes).
- *returnedLength* The actual number of bytes in the data item.

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

#### 5.5.2.7 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsQueuePush ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) *objectHandle*, const void \* *pItem*, size\_t *length*)

Insert a data element at the end of the FIFO queue.

The additions only become permanent after a call to [vdsCommit](#).

**Parameters:**

- ← *objectHandle* The handle to the queue (see [vdsQueueOpen](#)).
- ← *pItem* The data item to be inserted.
- ← *length* The length of *pItem* (in bytes).

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

#### 5.5.2.8 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsQueueStatus ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) *objectHandle*, [vdsObjStatus](#) \* *pStatus*)

Return the status of the queue.

**Parameters:**

- ← *objectHandle* The handle to the queue (see [vdsQueueOpen](#)).
- *pStatus* A pointer to the status structure.

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

## 5.6 API functions for vdsf sessions.

**Functions**

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsCommit](#) ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) *sessionHandle*)  
*Commit all insertions and deletions (of the current session) executed since the previous call to vdsCommit or vdsRollback.*

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsCreateObject](#) (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle, const char \*objectName, size\_t nameLengthInBytes, [vdsObjectDefinition](#) \*pDefinition)  
*Create a new object in shared memory.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsDestroyObject](#) (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle, const char \*objectName, size\_t nameLengthInBytes)  
*Destroy an existing object in shared memory.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsErrorMsg](#) (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle, char \*message, size\_t msgLengthInBytes)  
*Return the error message associated with the last error(s).*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsExitSession](#) (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle)  
*Terminate the current session.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsGetInfo](#) (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle, [vdsInfo](#) \*pInfo)  
*Return information on the current status of the VDS (Virtual Data Space).*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsGetStatus](#) (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle, const char \*objectName, size\_t nameLengthInBytes, [vdsObjStatus](#) \*pStatus)  
*Return the status of the named object.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsInitSession](#) (VDS\_HANDLE \*sessionHandle)  
*This function initializes a session.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsLastError](#) (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle)  
*Return the last error seen in previous calls (of the current session).*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsRollback](#) (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle)  
*Rollback all insertions and deletions (of the current session) executed since the previous call to vdsCommit or vdsRollback.*

### 5.6.1 Function Documentation

#### 5.6.1.1 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsCommit (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle)

Commit all insertions and deletions (of the current session) executed since the previous call to vdsCommit or vdsRollback.

Insertions and deletions subjected to this call include both data items inserted and deleted from data containers (maps, etc.) and objects themselves created with `vdsCreateObj` and/or destroyed with `vdsDestroyObj`.

Note: the internal calls executed by the engine to satisfy this request cannot fail. As such, you cannot find yourself with an ugly situation where some operations were committed and others not. If an error is returned by this function, nothing was committed.

**Parameters:**

← *sessionHandle* Handle to the current session.

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

**5.6.1.2 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsCreateObject (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle, const char \* objectName, size\_t nameLengthInBytes, vdsObjectDefinition \* pDefinition)**

Create a new object in shared memory.

The creation of the object only becomes permanent after a call to [vdsCommit](#).

This function does not provide a handle to the newly created object. Use `vdsQueueOpen` and similar functions to get the handle.

**Parameters:**

← *sessionHandle* Handle to the current session.

← *objectName* The fully qualified name of the object.

← *nameLengthInBytes* The length of *objectName* (in bytes) not counting the null terminator (null-terminators are not used by the vdsf engine).

← *pDefinition* The type of object to create (folder, queue, etc.) and the optional definitions (as needed).

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

**5.6.1.3 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsDestroyObject (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle, const char \* objectName, size\_t nameLengthInBytes)**

Destroy an existing object in shared memory.

The destruction of the object only becomes permanent after a call to [vdsCommit](#).

**Parameters:**

- ← *sessionHandle* Handle to the current session.
- ← *objectName* The fully qualified name of the object.
- ← *nameLengthInBytes* The length of *objectName* (in bytes) not counting the null terminator (null-terminators are not used by the vdsf engine).

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

#### 5.6.1.4 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsErrorMsg ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) *sessionHandle*, char \* *message*, size\_t *msgLengthInBytes*)

Return the error message associated with the last error(s).

If the length of the error message is greater than the length of the provided buffer, the error message will be truncated to fit in the provided buffer.

Caveat, some basic errors cannot be captured, if the provided handles (session handles or object handles) are incorrect (NULL, for example). Without a proper handle, the code cannot know where to store the error...

**Parameters:**

- ← *sessionHandle* Handle to the current session.
- *message* Buffer for the error message. Memory allocation for this buffer is the responsibility of the caller.
- ← *msgLengthInBytes* The length of *message* (in bytes). Must be at least 32 bytes.

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

#### 5.6.1.5 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsExitSession ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) *sessionHandle*)

Terminate the current session.

An implicit call to [vdsRollback](#) is executed by this function.

Once this function is executed, attempts to use the session handle might lead to memory violation (and, possibly, crashes).

**Parameters:**

- ← *sessionHandle* Handle to the current session.

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

#### 5.6.1.6 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsGetInfo (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle, vdsInfo \* pInfo)

Return information on the current status of the VDS (Virtual Data Space).

The fetched information is mainly about the current status of the memory allocator.

##### Parameters:

- ← *sessionHandle* Handle to the current session.
- *pInfo* A pointer to the [vdsInfo](#) structure.

##### Returns:

- 0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

#### 5.6.1.7 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsGetStatus (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle, const char \* objectName, size\_t nameLengthInBytes, vdsObjStatus \* pStatus)

Return the status of the named object.

##### Parameters:

- ← *sessionHandle* Handle to the current session.
- ← *objectName* The fully qualified name of the object.
- ← *nameLengthInBytes* The length of *objectName* (in bytes) not counting the null terminator (null-terminators are not used by the vdsf engine).
- *pStatus* A pointer to the [vdsObjStatus](#) structure.

##### Returns:

- 0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

#### 5.6.1.8 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsInitSession (VDS\_HANDLE \* sessionHandle)

This function initializes a session.

It takes one output argument, the session handle.

Upon successful completion, the session handle is set and the function returns zero. Otherwise the error code is returned and the handle is set to NULL.

This function will also initiate a new transaction.

Upon normal termination, the current transaction is rolled back. You MUST explicitly call `vdseCommit` to save your changes.

**Parameters:**

→ *sessionHandle* The handle to the newly created session.

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

**5.6.1.9 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsLastError ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) *sessionHandle*)**

Return the last error seen in previous calls (of the current session).

Caveat, some basic errors cannot be captured, if the provided handles (session handles or object handles) are incorrect (NULL, for example). Without a proper handle, the code cannot know where to store the error...

**Parameters:**

← *sessionHandle* Handle to the current session.

**Returns:**

The last error.

**5.6.1.10 VDSF\_EXPORT int vdsRollback ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) *sessionHandle*)**

Rollback all insertions and deletions (of the current session) executed since the previous call to vdsCommit or vdsRollback.

Insertions and deletions subjected to this call include both data items inserted and deleted from data containers (maps, etc.) and objects themselves created with vdsCreateObj and/or destroyed with vdsDestroyObj.

Note: the internal calls executed by the engine to satisfy this request cannot fail. As such, you cannot find yourself with an ugly situation where some operations were rolled-back and others not. If an error is returned by this function, nothing was rolled-back.

**Parameters:**

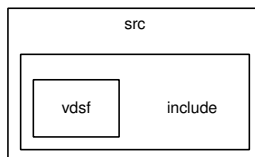
← *sessionHandle* Handle to the current session.

**Returns:**

0 on success or a [vdsErrors](#) on error.

## 6 vdsf API Directory Documentation

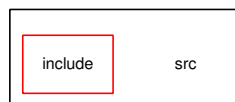
### 6.1 /home/project/VDSF/vdsf/trunk/src/include/ Directory Reference



#### Directories

- directory [vdsf](#)

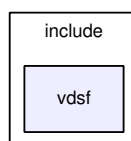
### 6.2 /home/project/VDSF/vdsf/trunk/src/ Directory Reference



#### Directories

- directory [include](#)

### 6.3 /home/project/VDSF/vdsf/trunk/src/include/vdsf/ Directory Reference





## Files

- file [vds.h](#)
- file [vdsCommon.h](#)
- file [vdsErrors.h](#)
- file [vdsFastMap.h](#)

*This file provides the API needed to access read-only VDSF hash maps.*

- file [vdsFolder.h](#)

*This file provides the API needed to access a VDSF folder.*

- file [vdsHashMap.h](#)

*This file provides the API needed to access a VDSF hash map.*

- file [vdsProcess.h](#)

*This file provides the API functions for vdsf processes.*

- file [vdsQueue.h](#)

*This file provides the API needed to access a VDSF FIFO queue.*

- file [vdsSession.h](#)

*This file provides the API needed to create and use a session.*

## 7 vdsf API Data Structure Documentation

### 7.1 vdsFieldDefinition Struct Reference

```
#include <vdsCommon.h>
```

#### 7.1.1 Detailed Description

Description of the structure of the data (if any).

This structure is aligned in such a way that you can do:

```
malloc( offsetof(vdsObjectDefinition, fields) + numFields * sizeof(vdsFieldDefinition) );
```

#### Data Fields

- char [name](#) [VDS\_MAX\_FIELD\_LENGTH]

- enum [vdsFieldType](#) type
- size\_t [length](#)
- size\_t [minLength](#)
- size\_t [maxLength](#)
- size\_t [precision](#)
- size\_t [scale](#)

### 7.1.2 Field Documentation

#### 7.1.2.1 size\_t [vdsFieldDefinition::length](#)

#### 7.1.2.2 size\_t [vdsFieldDefinition::maxLength](#)

#### 7.1.2.3 size\_t [vdsFieldDefinition::minLength](#)

#### 7.1.2.4 char [vdsFieldDefinition::name](#)[VDS\_MAX\_FIELD\_LENGTH]

#### 7.1.2.5 size\_t [vdsFieldDefinition::precision](#)

#### 7.1.2.6 size\_t [vdsFieldDefinition::scale](#)

#### 7.1.2.7 enum [vdsFieldType](#) [vdsFieldDefinition::type](#)

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- /home/project/VDSF/vdsf/trunk/src/include/vdsf/[vdsCommon.h](#)

## 7.2 vdsFolderEntry Struct Reference

```
#include <vdsCommon.h>
```

### 7.2.1 Detailed Description

This data structure is used to iterate through all objects in a folder.

Note: the actual name of an object (and the length of this name) might vary if you are using different locales (internally, names are stored as wide characters (4 bytes)).

### Data Fields

- [vdsObjectType](#) type  
*The object type.*
- int [status](#)  
*Status (created but not committed, etc.*
- size\_t [nameLengthInBytes](#)  
*The actual length of the name of the object.*
- char [name](#) [VDS\_MAX\_NAME\_LENGTH]  
*The name of the object.*

#### 7.2.2 Field Documentation

##### 7.2.2.1 char [vdsFolderEntry::name](#)[VDS\_MAX\_NAME\_LENGTH]

The name of the object.

##### 7.2.2.2 size\_t [vdsFolderEntry::nameLengthInBytes](#)

The actual length of the name of the object.

##### 7.2.2.3 int [vdsFolderEntry::status](#)

Status (created but not committed, etc.

) - not used in version 0.1

##### 7.2.2.4 [vdsObjectType](#) [vdsFolderEntry::type](#)

The object type.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- /home/project/VDSF/vdsf/trunk/src/include/vdsf/[vdsCommon.h](#)

### 7.3 vdsInfo Struct Reference

```
#include <vdsCommon.h>
```

### 7.3.1 Detailed Description

This data structure is used to retrieve the status of the virtual data space.

#### Data Fields

- `size_t` [totalSizeInBytes](#)  
*Total size of the virtual data space.*
- `size_t` [allocatedSizeInBytes](#)  
*Total size of the allocated blocks.*
- `size_t` [numObjects](#)  
*Number of API objects in the vds (internal objects are not counted).*
- `size_t` [numGroups](#)  
*Total number of groups of blocks.*
- `size_t` [numMallocs](#)  
*Number of calls to allocate groups of blocks.*
- `size_t` [numFrees](#)  
*Number of calls to free groups of blocks.*
- `size_t` [largestFreeInBytes](#)  
*Largest contiguous group of free blocks.*

### 7.3.2 Field Documentation

#### 7.3.2.1 `size_t` [vdsInfo::allocatedSizeInBytes](#)

Total size of the allocated blocks.

#### 7.3.2.2 `size_t` [vdsInfo::largestFreeInBytes](#)

Largest contiguous group of free blocks.

#### 7.3.2.3 `size_t` [vdsInfo::numFrees](#)

Number of calls to free groups of blocks.

#### 7.3.2.4 `size_t vdsInfo::numGroups`

Total number of groups of blocks.

#### 7.3.2.5 `size_t vdsInfo::numMallocs`

Number of calls to allocate groups of blocks.

#### 7.3.2.6 `size_t vdsInfo::numObjects`

Number of API objects in the vds (internal objects are not counted).

#### 7.3.2.7 `size_t vdsInfo::totalSizeInBytes`

Total size of the virtual data space.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- `/home/project/VDSF/vdsf/trunk/src/include/vdsf/vdsCommon.h`

## 7.4 vdsKeyDefinition Struct Reference

```
#include <vdsCommon.h>
```

### 7.4.1 Detailed Description

Description of the structure of the hash map key.

#### Data Fields

- enum `vdsKeyType type`
- `size_t length`
- `size_t minLength`
- `size_t maxLength`

### 7.4.2 Field Documentation

#### 7.4.2.1 `size_t vdsKeyDefinition::length`

#### 7.4.2.2 `size_t vdsKeyDefinition::maxLength`

#### 7.4.2.3 `size_t vdsKeyDefinition::minLength`

#### 7.4.2.4 enum `vdsKeyType` `vdsKeyDefinition::type`

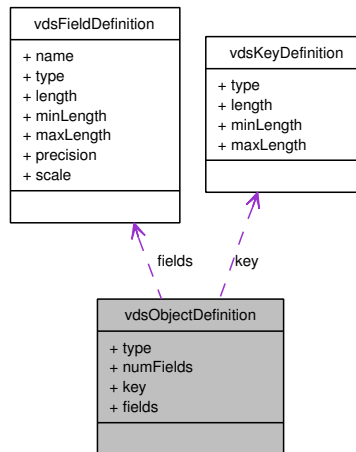
The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- `/home/project/VDSF/vdsf/trunk/src/include/vdsf/vdsCommon.h`

## 7.5 vdsObjectDefinition Struct Reference

```
#include <vdsCommon.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for `vdsObjectDefinition`:



### 7.5.1 Detailed Description

This struct has a variable length.

#### Data Fields

- enum `vdsObjectType` `type`
- unsigned int `numFields`
- `vdsKeyDefinition` `key`  
*The data definition of the key (hash map only).*
- `vdsFieldDefinition` `fields` [1]  
*The data definition of the fields.*

### 7.5.2 Field Documentation

#### 7.5.2.1 [vdsFieldDefinition](#) [vdsObjectDefinition::fields\[1\]](#)

The data definition of the fields.

#### 7.5.2.2 [vdsKeyDefinition](#) [vdsObjectDefinition::key](#)

The data definition of the key (hash map only).

#### 7.5.2.3 `unsigned int` [vdsObjectDefinition::numFields](#)

#### 7.5.2.4 `enum` [vdsObjectType](#) [vdsObjectDefinition::type](#)

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- `/home/project/VDSF/vdsf/trunk/src/include/vdsf/vdsCommon.h`

## 7.6 vdsObjStatus Struct Reference

```
#include <vdsCommon.h>
```

### 7.6.1 Detailed Description

This data structure is used to retrieve the status of objects.

#### Data Fields

- [vdsObjectType](#) `type`  
*The object type.*
- `int` [status](#)  
*Status (created but not committed, etc).*
- `size_t` [numBlocks](#)  
*The number of blocks allocated to this object.*
- `size_t` [numBlockGroup](#)  
*The number of groups of blocks allocated to this object.*
- `size_t` [numDataItem](#)  
*The number of data items in this object.*

- `size_t freeBytes`  
*The amount of free space available in the blocks allocated to this object.*
- `size_t maxDataLength`  
*Maximum data length (in bytes).*
- `size_t maxKeyLength`  
*Maximum key length (in bytes) if keys are supported - zero otherwise.*

## 7.6.2 Field Documentation

### 7.6.2.1 `size_t vdsObjStatus::freeBytes`

The amount of free space available in the blocks allocated to this object.

### 7.6.2.2 `size_t vdsObjStatus::maxDataLength`

Maximum data length (in bytes).

### 7.6.2.3 `size_t vdsObjStatus::maxKeyLength`

Maximum key length (in bytes) if keys are supported - zero otherwise.

### 7.6.2.4 `size_t vdsObjStatus::numBlockGroup`

The number of groups of blocks allocated to this object.

### 7.6.2.5 `size_t vdsObjStatus::numBlocks`

The number of blocks allocated to this object.

### 7.6.2.6 `size_t vdsObjStatus::numDataItem`

The number of data items in this object.

### 7.6.2.7 `int vdsObjStatus::status`

Status (created but not committed, etc.

) - not used in version 0.1



### 7.6.2.8 `vdsObjectType vdsObjStatus::type`

The object type.

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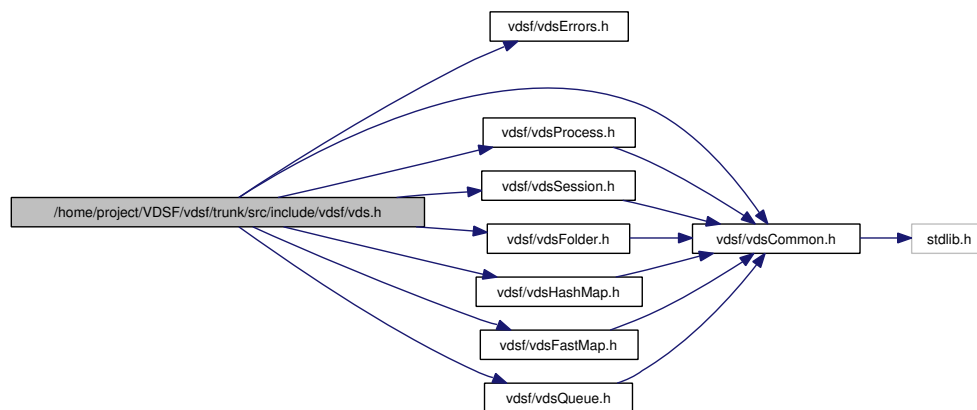
- `/home/project/VDSF/vdsf/trunk/src/include/vdsf/vdsCommon.h`

## 8 vdsf API File Documentation

### 8.1 `/home/project/VDSF/vdsf/trunk/src/include/vdsf/vds.h` File Reference

```
#include <vdsf/vdsErrors.h>
#include <vdsf/vdsCommon.h>
#include <vdsf/vdsProcess.h>
#include <vdsf/vdsSession.h>
#include <vdsf/vdsFolder.h>
#include <vdsf/vdsHashMap.h>
#include <vdsf/vdsFastMap.h>
#include <vdsf/vdsQueue.h>
```

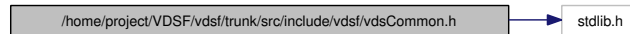
Include dependency graph for vds.h:



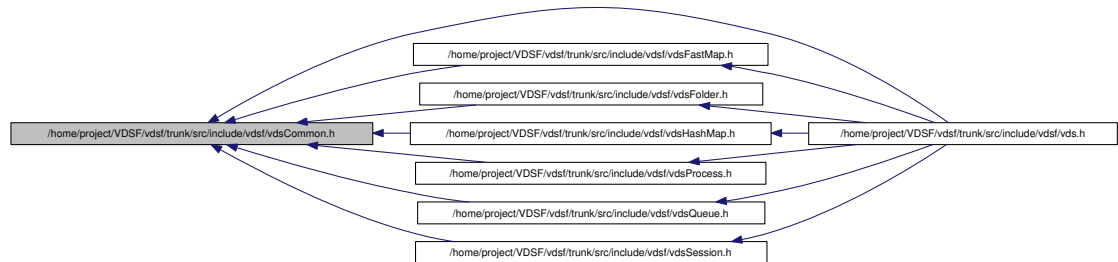
## 8.2 /home/project/VDSF/vdsf/trunk/src/include/vdsf/vdsCommon.h File Reference

```
#include <stdlib.h>
```

Include dependency graph for vdsCommon.h:



This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



### Data Structures

- struct [vdsKeyDefinition](#)  
*Description of the structure of the hash map key.*
- struct [vdsFieldDefinition](#)  
*Description of the structure of the data (if any).*
- struct [vdsObjectDefinition](#)  
*This struct has a variable length.*
- struct [vdsFolderEntry](#)  
*This data structure is used to iterate through all objects in a folder.*
- struct [vdsObjStatus](#)  
*This data structure is used to retrieve the status of objects.*
- struct [vdsInfo](#)  
*This data structure is used to retrieve the status of the virtual data space.*

## Defines

- `#define VDSF_EXPORT`  
*Uses to tell the VC++ compiler to export/import a function or variable on Windows (the macro is empty on other platforms).*
- `#define VDS_MAX_NAME_LENGTH 256`  
*Maximum number of bytes of the name of a vds object (not counting the name of the parent folder(s)).*
- `#define VDS_MAX_FULL_NAME_LENGTH 1024`  
*Maximum number of bytes of the fully qualified name of a vds object (including the name(s) of its parent folder(s)).*
- `#define VDS_MAX_FIELD_LENGTH 32`  
*Maximum number of bytes of the name of a field of a vds object.*
- `#define VDS_MAX_FIELDS 65535`  
*Maximum number of fields (including the last one).*
- `#define VDS_FIELD_MAX_PRECISION 30`

## Typedefs

- `typedef void * VDS_HANDLE`  
*VDS\_HANDLE is an opaque data type used by the C API to reference objects created in the API module.*
- `typedef enum vdsObjectType vdsObjectType`
- `typedef enum vdsIteratorType vdsIteratorType`
- `typedef vdsKeyDefinition vdsKeyDefinition`
- `typedef vdsFieldDefinition vdsFieldDefinition`
- `typedef vdsObjectDefinition vdsObjectDefinition`
- `typedef vdsFolderEntry vdsFolderEntry`
- `typedef vdsObjStatus vdsObjStatus`
- `typedef vdsInfo vdsInfo`

## Enumerations

- `enum vdsObjectType {`  
    `VDS_FOLDER = 1, VDS_HASH_MAP = 2, VDS_LIFO = 3, VDS_FAST-`  
    `MAP = 4,`  
    `VDS_QUEUE = 5, VDS_LAST_OBJECT_TYPE }`

*The object type as seen from the API.*

- enum `vdsIteratorType` { `VDS_FIRST` = 1, `VDS_NEXT` = 2 }
- enum `vdsFieldType` {  
    `VDS_INTEGER` = 1, `VDS_BINARY`, `VDS_STRING`, `VDS_DECIMAL`,  
    `VDS_BOOLEAN`, `VDS_VAR_BINARY`, `VDS_VAR_STRING` }

*VDSF supported data types.*

- enum `vdsKeyType` {  
    `VDS_KEY_INTEGER` = 101, `VDS_KEY_BINARY`, `VDS_KEY_STRING`,  
    `VDS_KEY_VAR_BINARY`,  
    `VDS_KEY_VAR_STRING` }

*VDSF supported data types for keys.*

### 8.2.1 Define Documentation

#### 8.2.1.1 `#define VDS_FIELD_MAX_PRECISION 30`

#### 8.2.1.2 `#define VDS_MAX_FIELD_LENGTH 32`

Maximum number of bytes of the name of a field of a vds object.

#### 8.2.1.3 `#define VDS_MAX_FIELDS 65535`

Maximum number of fields (including the last one).

#### 8.2.1.4 `#define VDS_MAX_FULL_NAME_LENGTH 1024`

Maximum number of bytes of the fully qualified name of a vds object (including the name(s) of its parent folder(s)).

Note: setting this value eliminates a possible loophole since some heap memory must be allocated to hold the wide characters string for the duration of the operation (open, close, create or destroy).

#### 8.2.1.5 `#define VDS_MAX_NAME_LENGTH 256`

Maximum number of bytes of the name of a vds object (not counting the name of the parent folder(s)).

### 8.2.1.6 #define VDSF\_EXPORT

Uses to tell the VC++ compiler to export/import a function or variable on Windows (the macro is empty on other platforms).

## 8.2.2 Typedef Documentation

### 8.2.2.1 typedef void\* VDS\_HANDLE

VDS\_HANDLE is an opaque data type used by the C API to reference objects created in the API module.

### 8.2.2.2 typedef struct vdsFieldDefinition vdsFieldDefinition

### 8.2.2.3 typedef struct vdsFolderEntry vdsFolderEntry

### 8.2.2.4 typedef struct vdsInfo vdsInfo

### 8.2.2.5 typedef enum vdsIteratorType vdsIteratorType

### 8.2.2.6 typedef struct vdsKeyDefinition vdsKeyDefinition

### 8.2.2.7 typedef struct vdsObjectDefinition vdsObjectDefinition

### 8.2.2.8 typedef enum vdsObjectType vdsObjectType

### 8.2.2.9 typedef struct vdsObjStatus vdsObjStatus

## 8.2.3 Enumeration Type Documentation

### 8.2.3.1 enum vdsFieldType

VDSF supported data types.

Enumerator:

*VDS\_INTEGER*

*VDS\_BINARY*

*VDS\_STRING*

*VDS\_DECIMAL*

*VDS\_BOOLEAN*

*VDS\_VAR\_BINARY* Only valid for the last field of the data definition.

*VDS\_VAR\_STRING* Only valid for the last field of the data definition.

#### 8.2.3.2 enum [vdsIteratorType](#)

Enumerator:

*VDS\_FIRST*

*VDS\_NEXT*

#### 8.2.3.3 enum [vdsKeyType](#)

VDSF supported data types for keys.

Enumerator:

*VDS\_KEY\_INTEGER*

*VDS\_KEY\_BINARY*

*VDS\_KEY\_STRING*

*VDS\_KEY\_VAR\_BINARY* Only valid for the last field of the data definition.

*VDS\_KEY\_VAR\_STRING* Only valid for the last field of the data definition.

#### 8.2.3.4 enum [vdsObjectType](#)

The object type as seen from the API.

Enumerator:

*VDS\_FOLDER*

*VDS\_HASH\_MAP*

*VDS\_LIFO*

*VDS\_FAST\_MAP*

*VDS\_QUEUE*

*VDS\_LAST\_OBJECT\_TYPE*

### 8.3 /home/project/VDSF/vdsf/trunk/src/include/vdsf/vdsErrors.h File Reference

This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



#### Typedefs

- typedef enum [vdsErrors](#) [vdsErrors](#)

#### Enumerations

- enum [vdsErrors](#) {  
    [VDS\\_OK](#) = 0, [VDS\\_INTERNAL\\_ERROR](#) = 666, [VDS\\_ENGINE\\_BUSY](#) = 1,  
    [VDS\\_NOT\\_ENOUGH\\_VDS\\_MEMORY](#) = 2,  
    [VDS\\_NOT\\_ENOUGH\\_HEAP\\_MEMORY](#) = 3, [VDS\\_NOT\\_ENOUGH\\_RESOURCES](#) = 4, [VDS\\_WRONG\\_TYPE\\_HANDLE](#) = 5, [VDS\\_NULL\\_HANDLE](#) = 6,  
    [VDS\\_NULL\\_POINTER](#) = 7, [VDS\\_INVALID\\_LENGTH](#) = 8, [VDS\\_PROCESS\\_ALREADY\\_INITIALIZED](#) = 21, [VDS\\_PROCESS\\_NOT\\_INITIALIZED](#) = 22,  
    [VDS\\_INVALID\\_WATCHDOG\\_ADDRESS](#) = 23, [VDS\\_INCOMPATIBLE\\_VERSIONS](#) = 24, [VDS\\_SOCKET\\_ERROR](#) = 25, [VDS\\_CONNECT\\_ERROR](#) = 26,  
    [VDS\\_SEND\\_ERROR](#) = 27, [VDS\\_RECEIVE\\_ERROR](#) = 28, [VDS\\_BACKSTORE\\_FILE\\_MISSING](#) = 29, [VDS\\_ERROR\\_OPENING\\_VDS](#) = 30,  
    [VDS\\_LOGFILE\\_ERROR](#) = 41, [VDS\\_SESSION\\_CANNOT\\_GET\\_LOCK](#) = 42, [VDS\\_SESSION\\_IS\\_TERMINATED](#) = 43, [VDS\\_INVALID\\_OBJECT\\_NAME](#) = 51,  
    [VDS\\_NO\\_SUCH\\_OBJECT](#) = 52, [VDS\\_NO\\_SUCH\\_FOLDER](#) = 53, [VDS\\_OBJECT\\_ALREADY\\_PRESENT](#) = 54, [VDS\\_IS\\_EMPTY](#) = 55,  
    [VDS\\_WRONG\\_OBJECT\\_TYPE](#) = 56, [VDS\\_OBJECT\\_CANNOT\\_GET\\_LOCK](#) = 57, [VDS\\_REACHED\\_THE\\_END](#) = 58, [VDS\\_INVALID\\_ITERATOR](#) = 59,  
    [VDS\\_OBJECT\\_NAME\\_TOO\\_LONG](#) = 60, [VDS\\_FOLDER\\_IS\\_NOT\\_EMPTY](#) = 61, [VDS\\_ITEM\\_ALREADY\\_PRESENT](#) = 62, [VDS\\_NO\\_SUCH\\_ITEM](#) = 63,  
    [VDS\\_OBJECT\\_IS\\_DELETED](#) = 64, [VDS\\_OBJECT\\_NOT\\_INITIALIZED](#) = 65, [VDS\\_ITEM\\_IS\\_IN\\_USE](#) = 66, [VDS\\_ITEM\\_IS\\_DELETED](#) = 67,

```
VDS_OBJECT_IS_IN_USE = 69, VDS_OBJECT_IS_READ_ONLY =  
70, VDS_NOT_ALL_EDIT_ARE_CLOSED = 71, VDS_A_SINGLE_  
UPDATER_IS_ALLOWED = 72,  
VDS_INVALID_NUM_FIELDS = 101, VDS_INVALID_FIELD_TYPE = 102,  
VDS_INVALID_FIELD_LENGTH_INT = 103, VDS_INVALID_FIELD_  
LENGTH = 104,  
VDS_INVALID_FIELD_NAME = 105, VDS_DUPLICATE_FIELD_NAME =  
106, VDS_INVALID_PRECISION = 107, VDS_INVALID_SCALE = 108,  
VDS_INVALID_KEY_DEF = 109, VDS_XML_READ_ERROR = 201, VDS_  
XML_INVALID_ROOT = 202, VDS_XML_NO_SCHEMA_LOCATION =  
203,  
VDS_XML_PARSER_CONTEXT_FAILED = 204, VDS_XML_PARSE_  
SCHEMA_FAILED = 205, VDS_XML_VALID_CONTEXT_FAILED = 206,  
VDS_XML_VALIDATION_FAILED = 207 }
```

### 8.3.1 Typedef Documentation

#### 8.3.1.1 typedef enum **vdsErrors** **vdsErrors**

### 8.3.2 Enumeration Type Documentation

#### 8.3.2.1 enum **vdsErrors**

##### Enumerator:

**VDS\_OK** No error.

..

**VDS\_INTERNAL\_ERROR** Abnormal internal error.

It should not happen!

**VDS\_ENGINE\_BUSY** Cannot get a lock on a system object, the engine is  
"busy".

This might be the result of either a very busy system where unused cpu cycles  
are rare or a lock might be held by a crashed process.

**VDS\_NOT\_ENOUGH\_VDS\_MEMORY** Not enough memory in the VDS.

**VDS\_NOT\_ENOUGH\_HEAP\_MEMORY** Not enough heap memory (non-  
VDS memory).

**VDS\_NOT\_ENOUGH\_RESOURCES** There are not enough resources to cor-  
rectly process the call.

There are not enough resources to correctly process the call. This might be  
due to a lack of POSIX semaphores on systems where locks are implemented  
that way or a failure in initializing a pthread\_mutex (or on Windows, a critical  
section).



**VDS\_WRONG\_TYPE\_HANDLE** The provided handle is of the wrong type (C API).

This could happen if you provide a queue handle to access a hash map or something similar. It can also occur if you try to access an object after closing it.

If you are seeing this error for the C++ API (or some other object-oriented interface), you've just found an internal error... (the handle is encapsulated and cannot be modified using the public interface).

**VDS\_NULL\_HANDLE** The provided handle is NULL.

**VDS\_NULL\_POINTER** One of the arguments of an API function is an invalid NULL pointer.

**VDS\_INVALID\_LENGTH** An invalid length was provided as an argument to an API function.

This invalid length will usually indicate that the length value is set to zero.

**VDS\_PROCESS\_ALREADY\_INITIALIZED** The process was already initialized.

One possibility: was [vdsInit\(\)](#) called for a second time?

**VDS\_PROCESS\_NOT\_INITIALIZED** The process was not properly initialized.

One possibility: was [vdsInit\(\)](#) called?

**VDS\_INVALID\_WATCHDOG\_ADDRESS** The watchdog address is invalid (empty string, NULL pointer, etc.).

**VDS\_INCOMPATIBLE\_VERSIONS** API - memory-file version mismatch.

**VDS\_SOCKET\_ERROR** Generic socket error.

**VDS\_CONNECT\_ERROR** Socket error when trying to connect to the watchdog.

**VDS\_SEND\_ERROR** Socket error when trying to send a request to the watchdog.

**VDS\_RECEIVE\_ERROR** Socket error when trying to receive a reply from the watchdog.

**VDS\_BACKSTORE\_FILE\_MISSING** The vds backstore file is missing.

The name of this file is provided by the watchdog - if it is missing, something really weird is going on.

**VDS\_ERROR\_OPENING\_VDS** Generic i/o error when attempting to open the vds.

**VDS\_LOGFILE\_ERROR** Error accessing the directory for the log files or error opening the log file itself.

**VDS\_SESSION\_CANNOT\_GET\_LOCK** Cannot get a lock on the session (a pthread\_mutex or a critical section on Windows).

**VDS\_SESSION\_IS\_TERMINATED** An attempt was made to use a session object (a session handle) after this session was terminated.

**VDS\_INVALID\_OBJECT\_NAME** Permitted characters for names are alphanumerics, spaces (' '), dashes ('-') and underlines ('\_').  
The first character must be alphanumeric.

**VDS\_NO\_SUCH\_OBJECT** The object was not found (but its folder does exist).

**VDS\_NO\_SUCH\_FOLDER** One of the parent folder of an object does not exist.

**VDS\_OBJECT\_ALREADY\_PRESENT** Attempt to create an object which already exists.

**VDS\_IS\_EMPTY** The object (data container) is empty.

**VDS\_WRONG\_OBJECT\_TYPE** Attempt to create an object of an unknown object type or to open an object of the wrong type.

**VDS\_OBJECT\_CANNOT\_GET\_LOCK** Cannot get lock on the object.  
This might be the result of either a very busy system where unused cpu cycles are rare or a lock might be held by a crashed process.

**VDS\_REACHED\_THE\_END** The search/iteration reached the end without finding a new item/record.

**VDS\_INVALID\_ITERATOR** An invalid value was used for a vdsIteratorType parameter.

**VDS\_OBJECT\_NAME\_TOO\_LONG** The name of the object is too long.  
The maximum length of a name cannot be more than VDS\_MAX\_NAME\_LENGTH (or VDS\_MAX\_FULL\_NAME\_LENGTH for the fully qualified name).

**VDS\_FOLDER\_IS\_NOT\_EMPTY** You cannot delete a folder if there are still undeleted objects in it.  
Technical: a folder does not need to be empty to be deleted but all objects in it must be "marked as deleted" by the current session. This enables writing recursive deletions

**VDS\_ITEM\_ALREADY\_PRESENT** An item with the same key was found.

**VDS\_NO\_SUCH\_ITEM** The item was not found in the hash map.

**VDS\_OBJECT\_IS\_DELETED** The object is scheduled to be deleted soon.  
Operations on this data container are not permitted at this time.

**VDS\_OBJECT\_NOT\_INITIALIZED** Object must be open first before you can access them.

**VDS\_ITEM\_IS\_IN\_USE** The data item is scheduled to be deleted soon or was just created and is not committed.  
Operations on this data item are not permitted at this time.

**VDS\_ITEM\_IS\_DELETED** The data item is scheduled to be deleted soon.

Operations on this data container are not permitted at this time.

**VDS\_OBJECT\_IS\_IN\_USE** The object is scheduled to be deleted soon or was just created and is not committed.

Operations on this object are not permitted at this time.

**VDS\_OBJECT\_IS\_READ\_ONLY** The object is read-only and update operations (delete/insert/replace) on it are not permitted.  
at this time.

**VDS\_NOT\_ALL\_EDIT\_ARE\_CLOSED** All read-only objects open for updates (as temporary objects) must be closed prior to doing a commit on the session.

**VDS\_A\_SINGLE\_UPDATER\_IS\_ALLOWED** Read-only objects are not updated very frequently and therefore only a single editing copy is allowed.

To allow concurrent editors (either all working on the same copy or each working with its own copy would have been possible but was deemed unnecessary.

**VDS\_INVALID\_NUM\_FIELDS** The number of fields in the data definition is invalid - either zero or greater than VDS\_MAX\_FIELDS (defined in [vdsf/vdsCommon.h](#)).

**VDS\_INVALID\_FIELD\_TYPE** The data type of the field definition does not correspond to one of the data type defined in the enum vdsFieldType ([vdsf/vdsCommon.h](#)).

or you've used VDS\_VAR\_STRING or VDS\_VAR\_BINARY at the wrong place.

Do not forget that VDS\_VAR\_STRING and VDS\_VAR\_BINARY can only be used for the last field of your data definition.

**VDS\_INVALID\_FIELD\_LENGTH\_INT** The length of an integer field (VDS\_INTEGER) is invalid.

Valid values are 1, 2, 4 and 8.

**VDS\_INVALID\_FIELD\_LENGTH** The length of a field (string or binary) is invalid.

Valid values are all numbers greater than zero and less than 4294967296 (4 Giga).

**VDS\_INVALID\_FIELD\_NAME** The name of the field contains invalid characters.

Valid characters are the standard ASCII alphanumerics ([a-zA-Z0-9]) and the underscore ('\_'). The first character of the name must be letter.

**VDS\_DUPLICATE\_FIELD\_NAME** The name of the field is already used by another field in the current definition.

Note: at the moment field names are case sensitive (for example "account\_id" and "Account\_Id" are considered different). This might be changed eventually so this practice should be avoided.

**VDS\_INVALID\_PRECISION** The precision of a VDS\_DECIMAL field is either zero or over the limit for this type (set at 30 currently).

Note: precision is the number of digits in a number.

**VDS\_INVALID\_SCALE** The scale of a VDS\_DECIMAL field is invalid (greater than the value of precision).

Note: scale is the number of digits to the right of the decimal separator in a number.

**VDS\_INVALID\_KEY\_DEF** The key definition for a hash map is either invalid or missing.

**VDS\_XML\_READ\_ERROR** Error reading the XML buffer stream.

No validation is done at this point. Therefore the error is likely something like a missing end-tag or some other non-conformance to the XML's syntax rules.

A simple Google search for "well-formed xml" returns many web sites that describe the syntax rules for XML. You can also use the program xmllint (included in the distribution of libxml2) to pinpoint the issue.

**VDS\_XML\_INVALID\_ROOT** The root element is not the expected root, <folder> and similar.

**VDS\_XML\_NO\_SCHEMA\_LOCATION** The root element must have an attribute named schemaLocation (in the namespace "http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance") to point to the schema use for the xml buffer stream.

This attribute is in two parts separated by a space. The code expects the file name of the schema in the second element of this attribute.

**VDS\_XML\_PARSER\_CONTEXT\_FAILED** The creation of a new schema parser context failed.

There might be multiple reasons for this, for example, a memory-allocation failure in libxml2. However, the most likely reason is that the schema file is not at the location indicated by the attribute schemaLocation of the root element of the buffer stream.

**VDS\_XML\_PARSE\_SCHEMA\_FAILED** The parse operation of the schema failed.

Most likely, there is an error in the schema. To debug this you can use xmllint (part of the libxml2 package).

**VDS\_XML\_VALID\_CONTEXT\_FAILED** The creation of a new schema validation context failed.

There might be multiple reasons for this, for example, a memory-allocation failure in libxml2.

**VDS\_XML\_VALIDATION\_FAILED** Document validation for the xml buffer failed.

To debug this problem you can use xmllint (part of the libxml2 package).

## 8.4 /home/project/VDSF/vdsf/trunk/src/include/vdsf/vdsFastMap.h File Reference

### 8.4.1 Detailed Description

This file provides the API needed to access read-only VDSF hash maps.

The features are very similar to the ordinary hash maps except that no locks are required to access the data and special procedures are implemented for the occasional updates:

1) when a map is open in read-only mode ([vdsFastMapOpen\(\)](#)), the end-of-this-unit-of-work calls ([vdsCommit/vdsRollback](#)) will check if a new version of the map exists and if indeed this is the case, the new version will be used instead of the old one.

2) when a map is open for editing a working copy of the map is created in shared memory and the map can be updated (no locks again since only the updater can access the working copy). When the session is committed, the working version becomes the latest version and can be open/accessed by readers. And, of course, the same procedure applies if you have a set of maps that must be changed together.

If [vdsRollback](#) is called, all changes done to the working copy are erased.

Note: the old versions are removed from memory when all readers have updated their versions. Even if a program is only doing read access to the VDS data, it is important to add [vdsCommit\(\)](#) once in a while to refresh the "handles" if the program is running for a while.

```
#include <vdsf/vdsCommon.h>
```

Include dependency graph for [vdsFastMap.h](#):



This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



### Functions

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFastMapClose](#) ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) objectHandle)  
*Close a Hash Map.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFastMapDefinition](#) ([VDS\\_HANDLE](#) objectHandle, [vdsObjectDefinition](#) \*\*definition)  
*Retrieve the data definition of the hash map.*

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFastMapDelete](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, const void \*key, size\_t keyLength)  
*Remove the data item identified by the given key from the hash map (you must be in edit mode).*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFastMapEdit](#) (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle, const char \*hashMapName, size\_t nameLengthInBytes, VDS\_HANDLE \*objectHandle)  
*Open a temporary copy of an existing hash map for editing.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFastMapGet](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, const void \*key, size\_t keyLength, void \*buffer, size\_t bufferLength, size\_t \*returnedLength)  
*Retrieve the data item identified by the given key from the hash map.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFastMapGetFirst](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, void \*key, size\_t keyLength, void \*buffer, size\_t bufferLength, size\_t \*retKeyLength, size\_t \*retDataLength)  
*Iterate through the hash map.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFastMapGetNext](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, void \*key, size\_t keyLength, void \*buffer, size\_t bufferLength, size\_t \*retKeyLength, size\_t \*retDataLength)  
*Iterate through the hash map.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFastMapInsert](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, const void \*key, size\_t keyLength, const void \*data, size\_t dataLength)  
*Insert a data element in the hash map (you must be in edit mode).*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFastMapOpen](#) (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle, const char \*hashMapName, size\_t nameLengthInBytes, VDS\_HANDLE \*objectHandle)  
*Open an existing hash map read only (see [vdsCreateObject](#) to create a new object).*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFastMapReplace](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, const void \*key, size\_t keyLength, const void \*data, size\_t dataLength)  
*Replace a data element in the hash map (you must be in edit mode).*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFastMapStatus](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, vdsObjStatus \*pStatus)  
*Return the status of the hash map.*

## 8.5 /home/project/VDSF/vdsf/trunk/src/include/vdsf/vdsFolder.h File Reference

### 8.5.1 Detailed Description

This file provides the API needed to access a VDSF folder.

```
#include <vdsf/vdsCommon.h>
```

Include dependency graph for vdsFolder.h:



This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



### Functions

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFolderClose](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle)  
*Close a folder.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFolderCreateObject](#) (VDS\_HANDLE folderHandle, const char \*objectName, size\_t nameLengthInBytes, [vdsObjectDefinition](#) \*pDefinition)  
*Create a new object in shared memory as a child of the current folder.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFolderCreateObjectXML](#) (VDS\_HANDLE folderHandle, const char \*xmlBuffer, size\_t lengthInBytes)  
*Create a new object in shared memory as a child of the current folder.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFolderDestroyObject](#) (VDS\_HANDLE folderHandle, const char \*objectName, size\_t nameLengthInBytes)  
*Destroy an object, child of the current folder, in shared memory.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFolderGetFirst](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, [vdsFolderEntry](#) \*pEntry)  
*Iterate through the folder - no data items are removed from the folder by this function.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFolderGetNext](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, [vdsFolderEntry](#) \*pEntry)

*Iterate through the folder.*

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFolderOpen](#) (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle, const char \*folderName, size\_t nameLengthInBytes, VDS\_HANDLE \*objectHandle)

*Open an existing folder (see [vdsCreateObject](#) to create a new folder).*

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsFolderStatus](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, vdsObjStatus \*pStatus)

*Return the status of the folder.*

## 8.6 /home/project/VDSF/vdsf/trunk/src/include/vdsf/vdsHash-Map.h File Reference

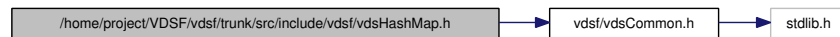
### 8.6.1 Detailed Description

This file provides the API needed to access a VDSF hash map.

Hash maps use unique keys - the data items are not sorted.

```
#include <vdsf/vdsCommon.h>
```

Include dependency graph for vdsHashMap.h:



This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



### Functions

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsHashMapClose](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle)  
*Close a Hash Map.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsHashMapDefinition](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, [vdsObjectDefinition](#) \*\*definition)  
*Retrieve the data definition of the hash map.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsHashMapDelete](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, const void \*key, size\_t keyLength)



*Remove the data item identified by the given key from the hash map.*

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsHashMapGet](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, const void \*key, size\_t keyLength, void \*buffer, size\_t bufferLength, size\_t \*returnedLength)

*Retrieve the data item identified by the given key from the hash map.*

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsHashMapGetFirst](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, void \*key, size\_t keyLength, void \*buffer, size\_t bufferLength, size\_t \*retKeyLength, size\_t \*retDataLength)

*Iterate through the hash map.*

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsHashMapGetNext](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, void \*key, size\_t keyLength, void \*buffer, size\_t bufferLength, size\_t \*retKeyLength, size\_t \*retDataLength)

*Iterate through the hash map.*

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsHashMapInsert](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, const void \*key, size\_t keyLength, const void \*data, size\_t dataLength)

*Insert a data element in the hash map.*

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsHashMapOpen](#) (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle, const char \*hashMapName, size\_t nameLengthInBytes, VDS\_HANDLE \*objectHandle)

*Open an existing hash map (see [vdsCreateObject](#) to create a new object).*

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsHashMapReplace](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, const void \*key, size\_t keyLength, const void \*data, size\_t dataLength)

*Replace a data element in the hash map.*

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsHashMapStatus](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, [vdsObjStatus](#) \*pStatus)

*Return the status of the hash map.*

## 8.7 /home/project/VDSF/vdsf/trunk/src/include/vdsf/vdsProcess.h File Reference

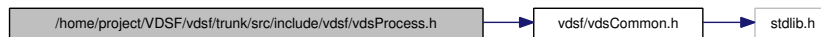
### 8.7.1 Detailed Description

This file provides the API functions for vdsf processes.

```
#include <vdsf/vdsCommon.h>
```

## 8.8 /home/project/VDSF/vdsf/trunk/src/include/vdsf/vdsQueue.h File Reference

Include dependency graph for vdsProcess.h:



This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



### Functions

- VDSF\_EXPORT void [vdsExit](#) ()  
*This function terminates all access to the VDS.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsInit](#) (const char \*wdAddress, int protectionNeeded)  
*This function initializes access to a VDS.*

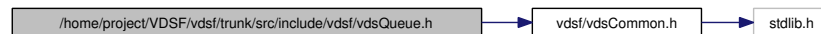
## 8.8 /home/project/VDSF/vdsf/trunk/src/include/vdsf/vdsQueue.h File Reference

### 8.8.1 Detailed Description

This file provides the API needed to access a VDSF FIFO queue.

```
#include <vdsf/vdsCommon.h>
```

Include dependency graph for vdsQueue.h:



This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



### Functions

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsQueueClose](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle)  
*Close a FIFO queue.*

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsQueueDefinition](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, [vdsObjectDefinition](#) \*\*definition)  
*Retrieve the data definition of the queue.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsQueueGetFirst](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, void \*buffer, size\_t bufferLength, size\_t \*returnedLength)  
*Iterate through the queue - no data items are removed from the queue by this function.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsQueueGetNext](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, void \*buffer, size\_t bufferLength, size\_t \*returnedLength)  
*Iterate through the queue - no data items are removed from the queue by this function.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsQueueOpen](#) (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle, const char \*queueName, size\_t nameLengthInBytes, VDS\_HANDLE \*objectHandle)  
*Open an existing FIFO queue (see [vdsCreateObject](#) to create a new queue).*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsQueuePop](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, void \*buffer, size\_t bufferLength, size\_t \*returnedLength)  
*Remove the first item from the beginning of a FIFO queue and return it to the caller.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsQueuePush](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, const void \*pItem, size\_t length)  
*Insert a data element at the end of the FIFO queue.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsQueueStatus](#) (VDS\_HANDLE objectHandle, [vdsObjStatus](#) \*pStatus)  
*Return the status of the queue.*

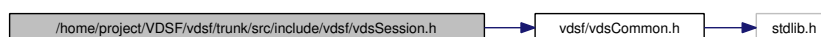
## 8.9 /home/project/VDSF/vdsf/trunk/src/include/vdsf/vdsSession.h File Reference

### 8.9.1 Detailed Description

This file provides the API needed to create and use a session.

```
#include <vdsf/vdsCommon.h>
```

Include dependency graph for vdsSession.h:



This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



## Functions

- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsCommit](#) (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle)  
*Commit all insertions and deletions (of the current session) executed since the previous call to vdsCommit or vdsRollback.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsCreateObject](#) (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle, const char \*objectName, size\_t nameLengthInBytes, [vdsObjectDefinition](#) \*pDefinition)  
*Create a new object in shared memory.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsDestroyObject](#) (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle, const char \*objectName, size\_t nameLengthInBytes)  
*Destroy an existing object in shared memory.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsErrorMsg](#) (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle, char \*message, size\_t msgLengthInBytes)  
*Return the error message associated with the last error(s).*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsExitSession](#) (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle)  
*Terminate the current session.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsGetInfo](#) (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle, [vdsInfo](#) \*pInfo)  
*Return information on the current status of the VDS (Virtual Data Space).*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsGetStatus](#) (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle, const char \*objectName, size\_t nameLengthInBytes, [vdsObjStatus](#) \*pStatus)  
*Return the status of the named object.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsInitSession](#) (VDS\_HANDLE \*sessionHandle)  
*This function initializes a session.*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsLastError](#) (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle)  
*Return the last error seen in previous calls (of the current session).*
- VDSF\_EXPORT int [vdsRollback](#) (VDS\_HANDLE sessionHandle)

*Rollback all insertions and deletions (of the current session) executed since the previous call to `vdsCommit` or `vdsRollback`.*

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