

# Johar “Star” Interface Interpreter Requirements Specification – Behaviour

## 1 Top-Level Behaviour

1. Read the IDF.
2. Create the Main Panel.
  - (a) Every `CommandGroup` should correspond to a menu on the menu bar.
  - (b) The menu item for a command should be the `Label` of the command, followed by “. . .” if selecting the command will result in a `Command Dialog` being created (see below).
3. Initialize the Text Area to empty.
4. Create the `GemSetting` and validate it.
5. Call the application engine’s initialization method.
6. Refresh the tables (see below).
7. Append a horizontal line (this could be just a line of minus characters) to the bottom of the Text Area. (This will separate any initial message from the application engine from the messages that are responses to the commands.)
8. Call the `ActiveIfMethod` method of every command, and make each menu item of each menu active or inactive (greyed out) according to the result of the `ActiveIfMethod` method of the command.

## 2 Selecting a Command from a Menu

When the user selects a command from a menu:

1. Set a `String` field `lastDisplayedString` to the empty string. (Rationale: this will be for displaying the last text that the program shows the user. See below.)
2. If any table selection is *incomplete* (see below) for the command, then pop up a dialog box with an “OK” button telling the user which tables they have to select rows in in order to issue the command, and a description of the bounds of the number of rows to select (e.g., “at least 2”, “between 1 and 5”).
3. Otherwise, if no stage in the command has a queryable parameter (i.e., there are no parameters to any of the stages of the command, or all parameters in all stages of the command are `tableEntry` parameters that are not queryable):
  - (a) Call `gemSetting.selectCurrentCommand(cmdName)`.
  - (b) Call `gemSetting.selectCurrentStage(0)`.
  - (c) For each stage `i` in the command, perform the Stage Loop from the Intl Specification document.
  - (d) For each question in the command, perform the Question Procedure (see below).

- (e) If any Question Procedure returns false, indicating cancellation, then execute the Command Wrapup Procedure (see below) with parameter true (indicating command was cancelled).
- (f) Otherwise:
  - i. Call the command's `CommandMethod`.
  - ii. Execute the Command Wrapup Procedure (see below) with parameter false (indicating command was not cancelled).
- 4. Otherwise (i.e., if no table selection is incomplete for the command, but there are queryable parameters):
  - (a) Call `gemSetting.selectCurrentCommand(cmdName)`.
  - (b) Create the Command Dialog for the command. (The Command Dialog will take over the rest of the processing of the command.)

A table selection is *incomplete for a given command* if it contains at least one stage with a parameter with the following characteristics:

1. The parameter is of type `tableEntry`;
2. The `SourceTable` of the parameter is `Browsable`;
3. The parameter does not have a `ParentParameter`; and
4. The `MinNumberOfReps` for the parameter is greater than the number of rows that are currently selected in the `SourceTable` of the parameter.

### 3 Question Procedure

The Question Procedure takes the name of the question as a parameter, and returns true if the user has not pressed the cancel button, and false if the user has pressed the cancel button.

1. Call the `AskIfMethod` for the question.
2. If the `AskIfMethod` has returned false, then return true.
3. If the question has a `DefaultValue`, set the value of the question in the `CommandModel` to the default value. (Rationale: since the GUI widgets are linked to the `CommandModel`, this should have the effect of updating the value in the GUI.)
4. Otherwise, if the question has a `DefaultValueMethod`, then call it and set the value of (the response to) the question in the `CommandModel` to the default value.
5. Create a question dialog box for the question.
6. If the user presses the Cancel button, then dispose of the question dialog box and return false.
7. If the user presses the OK button:
  - (a) Validate the current value of (the response to) the question as if it is a parameter, as indicated in requirements 26-51 of the `IntI` specification. (A question with no default value, for which the user has not selected a value, should be interpreted as an invalid response.)

- (b) If the value of (the response to) the question does not pass validation:
  - i. Present an error message to the user in a dialog box. The error dialog box should have just an “OK” button.
  - ii. When the user presses OK, dispose of the error dialog box.
- (c) Otherwise, load the current value of (the response to) the question into the Gem, dispose of the question dialog box, and return true.

## 4 Command Wrapup Procedure

The Command Wrapup Procedure is called after the user selects a command from the menu and some processing has been done. It takes one parameter, called `commandWasCancelled`. `commandWasCancelled` should be false only if the application engine method was called before the command wrapup procedure was called. If it is true, this means that the command was cancelled in some way by the user or by Star itself.

1. If there is a Command Dialog, dispose of it.
2. If `commandWasCancelled` is false:
  - (a) Determine whether the application should quit, by checking the `QuitAfter` attribute and/or calling the `QuitAfterIf` method of the command.
  - (b) If the application should quit:
    - i. If `lastDisplayedText` is non-null and not the empty string, then create a dialog box containing `lastDisplayedText` and an “OK” button, and display it. Wait for the user to click “OK”, and then delete the dialog box. (Rationale: if the command executed a `showText` method and then Star exits, it may exit before the user has had time to read the text.)
    - ii. Exit the application, e.g. using `System.exit(0)`.
  - (c) Otherwise:
    - i. Append a horizontal line to the Text Display Area, in order to separate the last command’s output from the output of any future commands.
    - ii. Refresh the tables (see below).
3. Call the `ActiveIfMethod` of every command, and make each menu item of each menu active or inactive (greyed out) according to the result of the `ActiveIfMethod` of the command.

## 5 Refreshing the Tables

To refresh the tables:

1. For each browsable table currently being displayed in the Table Area that is now hidden, delete the corresponding tab.
2. For each browsable table not currently being displayed in the Table Area that is now non-hidden, create a tab in the Table Area. (After this happens, it should be the case that the only tables with tabs in the Table Area are non-hidden tables.)

3. For each non-hidden table which has been updated since the last command execution terminated, update the data on the tab to reflect the contents of the table.
4. If there is a top table now, then place that table's tab on top in the tab pane.

## 6 The ShowTextHandler

The ShowTextHandler for Star handles text according to the prominence of the text.

1. 0-1999: For each line of text in the message:
  - (a) Truncate the line of text, if necessary, to fit in the Status Bar. (Rationale: it should fit all right, but just in case it doesn't, we can show part of it. Because it is low-prominence, it seems OK to just show part of it.)
  - (b) Set the Status Bar to the text.

[Note: This will cause the last line of the most recent message to overwrite anything that was in the Status Bar before. This is OK because these messages are "low prominence".]
2. 2000-2999: Append the text to the text being displayed in the Text Display Area. Append the text also to `lastDisplayedText`.
3. 3000 and higher: Create a dialog box containing the text and an "OK" button, and display it. When the user clicks the "OK" button, the box should be deleted.

## 7 The Command Dialog Box

### 7.1 Creating the Command Dialog Box

1. Call `gemSetting.selectCurrentStage(0)`.
2. Perform an Initialize Stage procedure.
3. While the current stage has no queryable parameters, perform a Next Stage procedure (see below).
4. Update the dialog box to reflect the current stage, as described in the Star GUI Specification document.

### 7.2 Initialize Stage Procedure

1. If the current stage is a stage that has never been initialized so far, then for each parameter in the current stage:
  - (a) If the parameter has a `DefaultValue`, set the value of the parameter in the `CommandModel` to the default value. (Rationale: since the GUI widgets are linked to the `CommandModel`, this should have the effect of updating the value in the GUI.)
  - (b) Otherwise, if the parameter has a `DefaultValueMethod`, then call it and set the value of the parameter in the `CommandModel` to the default value.

### 7.3 Next Stage Procedure

1. Perform a Wrap Up Stage procedure.
2. If the Wrap Up Stage procedure returns true, then (assuming that the current stage is in the variable `currentStage`):
  - (a) Set the current stage to `currentStage+1`.
  - (b) Call `gemSetting.selectCurrentStage(currentStage)`.
  - (c) Perform an Initialize Stage procedure (see above).

### 7.4 Previous Stage Procedure

1. Perform a Wrap Up Stage procedure.
2. If the Wrap Up Stage procedure returns true, then (assuming that the current stage is in the variable `currentStage`):
  - (a) Set the current stage to `currentStage-1`.
  - (b) Call `gemSetting.selectCurrentStage(currentStage)`.
  - (c) Perform an Initialize Stage procedure (see above).

### 7.5 Wrap Up Stage Procedure

This procedure takes no parameters. It returns true if all the tasks that the user had to do in the current stage have been completed, and it returns false otherwise.

1. Validate the current values of the current repetitions of the parameters, as indicated in requirements 26-51 of the IntI specification. (A parameter with no default value, for which the user has not selected a value, should be interpreted as not adding a valid repetition of the parameter.)
2. If any parameter or parameter repetition does not pass validation, then:
  - (a) Collect information in a string about anything that does not pass validation.
  - (b) Present that information to the user in a dialog box. The dialog box should have just an “OK” button.
  - (c) When the user clicks OK:
    - i. If the current stage has no queryable parameters, then perform the Command Wrapup procedure, with the parameter `true`. (Rationale: This might happen in some obscure situations, such as when a `tableEntry` parameter has a parent parameter in another stage which gets set to the parent value. In these situations, there is nothing we can do but cancel the command. The true parameter to the Command Wrapup procedure indicates it has been cancelled.)
  - (d) Return false. (Rationale: the user has not completed everything they have to do for this stage.)
3. (Otherwise:) Load the current values of the current repetitions of the parameters for the current stage into the Gem.
4. Call the `ParameterCheckMethod` of the current stage, if it has one.

5. If the `ParameterCheckMethod` exists and returns a non-null, non-empty string:
  - (a) Show the user the string in a popup with an “OK” button.
  - (b) When the user clicks OK:
    - i. If the current stage has no queryable parameters, then perform the Command Wrapup procedure, with the parameter `true`.
  - (c) Return false.
6. Otherwise, return true.

## 7.6 Next Button Action

When the user presses the Next button (if it is not greyed out):

1. Perform a Next Stage procedure (see above).
2. While the current stage has no queryable parameters, perform a Next Stage procedure (see above).
3. Update the dialog box to reflect the current stage, as described in the Star GUI Specification document.

## 7.7 Previous Button Action

When the user presses the Previous button (if it exists and is not greyed out):

1. Perform a Previous Stage procedure (see above).
2. While the current stage has no queryable parameters, perform a Previous Stage procedure (see above).
3. Update the dialog box to reflect the current stage, as described in the Star GUI Specification document.

## 7.8 OK Button Action

When the user presses the OK button (if it exists and is not greyed out):

1. Perform the Wrap Up Stage procedure.
2. If the Wrap Up Stage procedure returns false, then return.
3. For each stage `i` in the current command, from stage 0 to the last stage:
  - (a) Call `gemSetting.selectCurrentStage(i)`.
  - (b) Perform the Initialize Stage procedure.
  - (c) Perform the Wrap Up Stage procedure.
  - (d) If the Wrap Up Stage procedure returns false, then return.

(Rationale: there may have been some previous stages which have become invalid as a result of the current stage; also, there may be stages with non-queryable parameters whose parameter values have never been loaded.)

4. For each question in the command, perform the Question Procedure (see above).

5. If any Question Procedure returns false, indicating cancellation of the question, then return. (This is the “gentler” design decision. The “harsher” design decision is to cancel the whole command. That would save the user clicks, but may cause them to do extra work if they didn’t expect the whole command to be cancelled.)
6. Call the command’s `CommandMethod`.
7. Perform the Command Wrapup procedure, with the parameter false (indicating the command was not cancelled).

## 7.9 Cancel Button Action

When the user presses the Cancel button:

1. Perform the Command Wrapup procedure, with the parameter `true`.

## 8 The Parameter Section

### 8.1 Add Another Button Action

When the user clicks the Add Another button:

- Add another repetition section to the parameter section for the parameter, at the bottom of the list. You may need to add a repetition to the model as well. (Rationale: This is safe because if the Add Another button exists and is not greyed out, then we are not at the maximum number of repetitions for the parameter yet.)

### 8.2 Move Up Button Action

When the user clicks the Move Up button for repetition  $k$ :

- Exchange the value in repetition  $k$  with the value in repetition  $k - 1$ . This should be done in the model so that the changes will be automatically reflected in the GUI. (Rationale: If the Move Up button exists and is not greyed out, then there is another repetition above the  $k$ th repetition.)

### 8.3 Move Down Button Action

When the user clicks the Move Down button for repetition  $k$ :

- Exchange the value in repetition  $k$  with the value in repetition  $k + 1$ . This should be done in the model so that the changes will be automatically reflected in the GUI. (Rationale: If the Move Down button exists and is not greyed out, then there is another repetition below the  $k$ th repetition.)

### 8.4 Delete Button Action

When the user clicks the Delete button for repetition  $k$ :

- Delete repetition  $k$ . This should be done in the model as well. (Rationale: If the Delete button exists and is not greyed out, then we are not at the minimum number of repetitions for the parameter yet.)