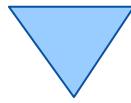


# **"Use Rexx and ooRexx from its Java-based Sibling NetRexx"**

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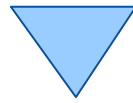
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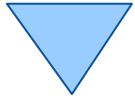
- BSF4Rexx
  - Invoking Rexx/ooRexx programs
  - Supplying argument(s)
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  - Java callbacks to ooRexx
  - Interacting with ooRexx objects
  - Intercepting ooRexx conditions
- Roundup



## Why NetRexx?

## Why [oo]Rexx?

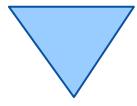
- Using NetRexx
  - Much simpler than Java
  - NetRexx programmers very likely to be acquainted with Rexx
  - Possibly acquainted with ooRexx
- Take full advantage of an external Rexx/ooRexx interpreter
  - Exploit what Rexx/ooRexx supplies
  - Use existing Rexx/ooRexx programs
  - Solve problems hardly solvable in Java/NetRexx



# BSF4Rexx

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- Home: <http://wi.wu-wien.ac.at/rgf/rexx/bsf4rexx/current/>
  - Can be used for any RexxSAA interpreter
- Development started in 2000 (!)
- Allow Java to invoke Rexx programs
- Allow Rexx programs to interact with Java
- Special ooRexx-support makes interacting with Java easier compared to classic Rexx
  - Package "BSF.CLS"
  - Package "UNO.CLS"



# BSF4ooReXX

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- Home: <http://wi.wu-wien.ac.at/rgf/rexx/bsf4oorexx/current/>
  - First available in fall 2009
- Exploits new ooReXX 4.0 kernel
  - Ability for Java callbacks implemented in ooReXX
  - Implement Java interface methods in ooReXX!
  - Adds ability for Java/NetReXX to interact directly with ooReXX objects!
    - Send ooReXX messages to ooReXX objects
  - Adds ability to catch ooReXX runtime errors
    - Makes the ooReXX condition object available to Java/NetReXX

# Java Invoking a Rexx Script

## An Example using `exec()`

```
import org.apache.bsf.*;      // BSF support
import java.io.*;             // exception handling

public class TestSimpleExec {

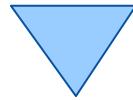
    public static void main (String[] args) throws IOException
    {
        try {
            BSFManager mgr = new BSFManager ();
            BSFEngine rexx = mgr.loadScriptingEngine("rexx");
            String rexxCode = "SAY 'Rexx was here!'"';

            rexx.exec ("rexx", 0, 0, rexxCode);

        } catch (BSFException e) { e.printStackTrace(); }
    }
}
```

### Output:

Rexx was here!



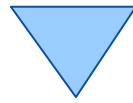
# NetRexx Invoking a Rexx Script

## An Example using `exec()`

```
import org.apache.bsf.  
  
mgr      =BSFManager()  
Rexx     =mgr.loadScriptingEngine("rexx")  
rexxCODE="SAY 'Rexx was here!'"  
do  
    rexxEEngine.exec("rexx",0,0,rexxCODE)  
catch e=BSFException  
    e.printStackTrace  
end
```

### Output:

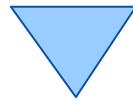
Rexx was here!



## org.apache.bsf.BSFEngine

### Methods to Execute Script Code

- **exec(srcName,lineNo,colNo,script)**
  - Executes script, no arguments, no return value
- **eval(srcName,lineNo,colNo,script)**
  - Evaluates script, no arguments, returns result value
- **apply(srcName,lineNo,colNo,script,names, args)**
  - Executes script with arguments, returns result value
- **call(object,methodName,args)**
  - Executes method in object supplying arguments, returns result value
  - Available only in BSF4ooRexx, see [RexxEngine](#) docs
  - Easier to use RexxProxy-methods instead



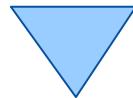
# NetRexx Invoking a Rexx Script, 1

## Executing Rexx script using apply()

```
/* 'Hello world!' with NetRexx */  
parse source . . src; parse version v; say src"/"v": Hello world!  
  
/* 'Hello world!' using a Rexx interpreter */  
rexxCode="parse source . . src; parse version v; say src'/'v': Hello world!'"  
org.apache.bsf.BSFManager().apply("rex",src,0,0,rexxCode,null,null)
```

### Output:

```
rgf_01_runRexx.nrx/NetRexx 2.05 14 Jan 2005: Hello world!  
rgf_01_runRexx.nrx/REXX-ooRexx_4.1.0(MT) 6.03 2 Nov 2010: Hello world!
```



# NetRexx Invoking a Rexx Script, 2

## Supplying an Argument to Rexx

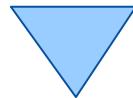
```
parse source . . src

rexxCODE="parse arg str; say 'Rexx received:' str"

vArgs=Vector()
vArgs.addElement("Hello from NetRexx")
org.apache.bsf.BSFManager().apply("rexx",src,0,0,rexxCODE,null,vArgs)
```

### Output:

Rexx received: Hello from NetRexx



# NetRexx Invoking a Rexx Script, 3

## Returning Edited Argument from Rexx

```
parse source . . src

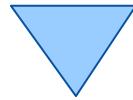
rexxCode="parse arg str; return reverse(str)"

vArgs=Vector()
vArgs.addElement("Hello from NetRexx")
result=org.apache.bsf.BSFManager().apply("rexx",src,0,0,rexxCode,null,vArgs)

say "NetRexx received:" result
```

### Output:

NetRexx received: xxERteN morf olleH



# NetRexx Invoking a Rexx Script, 4

## Querying Process' Environment

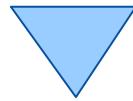
```
parse source . . src

rexxCODE="return value(arg(1),,'ENVIRONMENT')"

vArgs=Vector()
vArgs.addElement("PATH")
result=org.apache.bsf.BSFManager().apply("rexx",src,0,0,rexxCODE,null,vArgs)
say "PATH:" result
```

### Possible Output (Line-breaks by Presentation Program):

PATH:  
E:\jdk1.6.0\_18\bin;E:\rony\dev\bsf\src\bsf4oorexx;D:\Programme\Java\jre6\bin\client;E:\rony\dev\bsf\src\bsf4oorexx;D:\WINDOWS\system32;D:\WINDOWS;D:\WINDOWS\System32\Wbem;e:\cygwin\bin;e:\rony\tools;E:\vslick\win;E:\Programme\GNU\GnuPG\pub;D:\Programme\Gemeinsame Dateien\GTK\2.0\bin;D:\WINDOWS\system32;D:\WINDOWS;D:\WINDOWS\System32\Wbem;D:\Programme\TortoiseSVN\bin;D:\Programme\sK1 Project\UniConvertor-1.1.5\;D:\Programme\sK1 Project\UniConvertor-1.1.5\DLLs;D:\Programme\QuickTime\QTSystem\;D:\Programme\ooRexx;D:\Programme\SSH Communications Security\SSH Secure Shell;E:\jdk1.6.0\_18\jre\bin\client;e:\rony\dev\bsf\src\bsf4oorexx



# NetRexx Invoking a Rexx Script, 5

## Interacting with Process' Environment

```
parse source . . src
envName = "RexxLA"
value=<Rexx Language Association>
rexxCode='if arg()=1 then return value(arg(1),,"ENVIRONMENT");'
         'call value arg(1),arg(2),"ENVIRONMENT"'

rexxEngine=org.apache.bsf.BSFManager().loadScriptingEngine("rex")
vArgs1=Vector()
vArgs1.addElement(envName)
result=rexxEngine.apply(src,0,0,rexxCode,null,vArgs1)
say 'Value of process environment variable "'envName'"': ' '['result']'

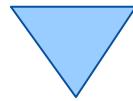
say 'Defining a process environment variable named "'envName'" ...'
vArgs2=Vector()
vArgs2.addElement(envName)
vArgs2.addElement(value)
rexxEngine.apply(src,0,0,rexxCode,null,vArgs2)

result=rexxEngine.apply(src,0,0,rexxCode,null,vArgs1)
say 'Value of process environment variable "'envName'"': ' '['result']'
```

### Output:

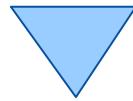
```
Value of process environment variable "RexxLA": []
Defining a process environment variable named "RexxLA" ...
Value of process environment variable "RexxLA": [<Rexx Language Association>]
```

- Numerous examples
  - "BSF4ooRexx/samples"
    - "Nutshell programs"
      - Emphasize different possibilities BSF4ooRexx/Java allows for
      - Executable and should be easy to study/learn from them
    - "BSF4ooRexx/samples/**Java**" showcase
      - Invoke ooRexx from Java, supplying a Java object
        - Fetching Java object via its bean name
        - Fetching Java object as an ooRexx object
      - Sending messages from Java to ooRexx objects
      - Catching ooRexx conditions in Java



# Parse Java Object by BeanName, 1

- BSF4ooRexx invokes ooRexx program
  - Java objects as arguments are supplied by their BeanName (a string)
    - unique index value into the BSFRegistry
  - ooRexx program needs to use the public routine `bsf.wrap()` to create an ooRexx proxy object for the Java object in the BSFRegistry
    - `bsf.wrap()` is defined in the package "BSF.CLS"
    - BeanName needs to have "<O>" prepended to indicate that the string is a reference to a Java object



# Parse Java Object by BeanName, 2

## "nrxRunRexx\_01.nrx"

```
parse source . . src

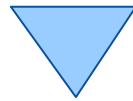
rexxCode= "parse arg beanName          ;"
          "say 'beanName      : ' beanName    ;"
          "java0bj=bsf.wrap('<0>' || beanName) ;" /* Insider-Knowhow */
          "say 'java0bj~class  : ' java0bj~class ;"
          "say 'java0bj~toString:' java0bj~toString ;"
          "::requires BSF.CLS                  ;"

vArgs=Vector()
vArgs.addElement( System.getProperties() )

org.apache-bsf.BSFManager().apply("rexx",src,0,0,rexxCode,null,vArgs)
```

### Possible Output (Line-breaks by Presentation Program):

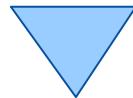
```
beanName      : java.util.Properties@9971ad
java0bj~class : The BSF_REFERENCE class
java0bj~toString: {java.runtime.name=Java(TM) SE Runtime Environment,
sun.boot.library.path=E:\jdk1.6.0_18\jre\bin, java.vm.version=16.0-b13,
java.vm.vendor=Sun Microsystems Inc., java.vendor.url=http://java.sun.com/,
path.separator=;, java.vm.name=Java HotSpot(TM) Client VM,
file.encoding.pkg=sun.io, sun.java.launcher=SUN_STANDARD, user.country=AT,
sun.os.patch.level=Service Pack 3, ...
```



## Use Java Object as an ooRexx Object, 1

### *"nrxRunRexx\_02.nrx"*

- BSF4ooRexx invokes ooRexx program
  - Java objects as arguments are supplied by their BeanName (a string)
    - unique index value into the BSFRegistry
  - If BSF4ooRexx detects that the public routine `bsf.wrap()` is available in the interpreter instance, then it will create an ooRexx proxy object for each Java object argument, then
    - **USE ARG** will fetch directly the ooRexx proxy object
    - **PARSE ARG** would parse the BeanName



# Use Java Object as an ooRexx Object, 2

## "nrxRunRexx\_02.nrx"

```
parse source . . src

rexxEngine=org.apache.bsf.BSFManager().loadScriptingEngine("rexx")
rexxEngine.apply(src,0,0,"::requires BSF.CLS",null,null)

rexxCODE= "use arg java0bj
           "say 'java0bj~class'   :' java0bj~class      ;"
           "say 'java0bj~toString:' java0bj~toString    ;"
           "::requires BSF.CLS                           ;"

vArgs=Vector()
vArgs.addElement( System.getProperties() )

rexxEngine.apply(src,0,0,rexxCODE,null,vArgs)
```

### Possible Output (Line-breaks by Presentation Program):

```
bjava0bj~class   : The BSF_REFERENCE class
java0bj~toString: {java.runtime.name=Java(TM) SE Runtime Environment,
sun.boot.library.path=E:\jdk1.6.0_18\jre\bin, java.vm.version=16.0-b13,
java.vm.vendor=Sun Microsystems Inc., java.vendor.url=http://java.sun.com/,
path.separator=;, java.vm.name=Java HotSpot(TM) Client VM,
file.encoding.pkg=sun.io, sun.java.launcher=SUN_STANDARD, user.country=AT, ...
```

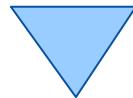


# Sending Messages to ooRexx Objects, 1

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## *"nrxRunRexx\_03.nrx"*

- ooRexx objects can be made available to Java/NetRexx
  - [org.rexxla.bsf.engines.rexx.RexxProxy](#) class
  - Supplies methods to send messages to the ooRexx objects via the Java [RexxProxy](#) objects
    - Modelled after ooRexx 4 kernel APIs e.g.
      - sendMessage0(msgName)
      - sendMessage1(msgName,arg1)
      - sendMessage2(msgName,arg1,arg2) ...
    - Hence easy for Java/NetRexx programmers to send ooRexx objects messages



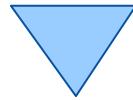
# Sending Messages to ooRexx Objects, 2

## "nrxRunRexx\_03.nrx"

```
import org.rexxla.bsf.engines.rexx.  
parse source . . src  
  
rexxEngine=org.apache.bsf.BSFManager().loadScriptingEngine("rexx")  
  
rexxCode=d=.directory~new  
    "d~ooRexx='Open Object Rexx'  
    "d~BSF4ooRexx='Bean Scripting Framework for Open Object Rexx'  
    "return d  
    "::requires BSF.CLS  
  
rp=RexxProxy rexxEngine.apply(src,0,0,rexxCode,null,null);  
  
say 'rp~ooRexx' = ['rp.sendMessage0("ooRexx")']'  
say 'rp~entry("ooRexx")' = ['rp.sendMessage1("entry", "ooRexx")']'  
say 'rp["OOREXX"]' = ['rp.sendMessage1([], "OOREXX")']\n'  
  
say 'rp~BSF4ooRexx' = ['rp.sendMessage0("Bsf4ooRexx")']'  
say 'rp~entry("BSF4ooRexx")' = ['rp.sendMessage1("entry", "BSF4ooRexx")']"  
say 'rp["BSF400REXX"]' = ['rp.sendMessage1([], "BSF400REXX")']'
```

### Output:

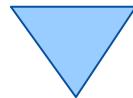
```
rp~ooRexx = [Open Object Rexx]  
rp~entry("ooRexx") = [Open Object Rexx]  
rp["OOREXX"] = [Open Object Rexx]  
  
rp~BSF4ooRexx = [Bean Scripting Framework for Open Object Rexx]  
rp~entry("BSF4ooRexx") = [Bean Scripting Framework for Open Object Rexx]  
rp["BSF400REXX"] = [Bean Scripting Framework for Open Object Rexx]
```



## Catching ooRexx Conditions, 1

### *"nrxRunRexx\_04.nrx"*

- ooRexx conditions (exceptions) can be caught
- Can be raised as a result of
  - Running a Rexx program that raises a condition
  - Sending a message to an ooRexx object
- Specific Java exception class
  - `org.rexxla.bsf.engines.rexx.RexxException` class
  - Method `getRexxConditionObject()` returns the `RexxProxy` condition object
    - Java/NetRexx can send ooRexx messages to it



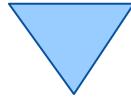
# Catching ooRexx Conditions, 2

```
import org.rexxla.bsf.engines.rexx.  
parse source . . src  
  
rexxEngine=org.apache.bsf.BSFManager().loadScriptingEngine("rexx")  
  
rexxCode= "a=1                                         \n"-  
         "b=0                                         \n"-  
         "say a/b -- cause a syntax error at runtime \n"-  
         "::requires BSF.CLS  
  
do  
    result=rexxEngine.apply(src,0,0,rexxCode,null,null)  
catch re=RexxException  
    System.out.println("Rexx program threw an exception:\n")  
    rp=re.getRexxConditionObject()  
  
    say '      rp.sendMessage0("condition")      : [' rp.sendMessage0("condition")']'  
    say '      rp.sendMessage0("code")          : [' rp.sendMessage0("code")']'  
    say '      rp.sendMessage0("message")       : [' rp.sendMessage0("message")']'  
    say '      rp.sendMessage0("program")       : [' rp.sendMessage0("program")']\n'  
  
    traceBack=RexxProxy rp.sendMessage0("traceback")  
    say '      traceBack.sendMessage0("firstItem"):\n\t[' traceBack.sendMessage0("firstItem")']'  
end
```

## Output:

Rexx program threw an exception:

```
rp.sendMessage0("condition")      : [SYNTAX]  
rp.sendMessage0("code")          : [42.3]  
rp.sendMessage0("message")       : [Arithmetic overflow; divisor must not be zero]  
rp.sendMessage0("program")       : [nrxRunRexx_04.nrx]  
  
traceBack.sendMessage0("firstItem"):  
[      3 -*- say a/b -- cause a syntax error at runtime ]
```



# Roundup and Outlook

- Using BSF4Rexx/BSF4ooRexx is easy
- Allows
  - Executing Rexx and ooRexx programs
  - Submitting arguments to Rexx
  - Fetching return values from Rexx
  - Sending messages to ooRexx objects
  - Catching Rexx conditions
    - Allows referring to the ooRexx condition object
- Powerful !
- Questions ?